

Foundation / Access Level Courses

One-year fast track to Universities.

University Foundation courses, also known as Access or Bridging courses, offer students a fast track, one-year route to a wide range of British and other university degree courses as an alternative to A Levels. They are of a similar standard to A Levels and are best considered as the first year of a four-year undergraduate degree course.

These courses are specifically designed for overseas students who have a high school certificate or other academic qualifications which may not be recognised by British or other universities. A Level courses may be inappropriate and time-consuming for such students. Foundation Courses not only provide the passport to gain university entry, but also help students to understand any differences in the curriculum, acclimatise to the UK, and improve their English.

The Abbey College was a founder of this system and has run these courses for over 20 years. We are well respected by universities without functioning on a limited partnership basis. The sole exceptions are the Czech Medicine and Dentistry courses, since they represent the only option available for Foundation Course students wanting to study for such recognised courses.

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Students can go on to study a variety of subjects at undergraduate level at a range of universities following a course in one of the Foundation Course disciplines – please see below. Different pathways can be combined to provide the ideal course for each individual, so that for example an Architecture student would add Art to the Engineering pathway.

Each course has two areas: the general core section, forming the basis for all courses, and the subject specific section, which varies according to the discipline chosen. Courses are assessed by coursework and/or examinations. Projects and work experience may form part of the course, always in conjunction with class time, tutorials and self-study.

Keys Facts

Minimum Age	17
Start Dates	September and January. Other times by arrangement.
Course Length	Normally 3 terms. Possibly 2 terms
Hours Per Week	16
Number In Class	15
Course Content	Study Skills, Information Technology, Mathematics and English where necessary, plus subject-specific lessons
Appropriate For	Students who have completed their secondary education in their own country but have not met the entry requirements for their chosen course or university.
Course Progression	University
Deposit	100
Course Cost	17,950

All Subjects	Core Modules: English 1, 2 & 3 Mathematics Information Technology	Examples* of universities that accept Foundation Course students for these specific subject areas
Business	Core Modules PLUS: Economics 1 & 2 Business Studies Accounting	Cardiff, Kings College, Royal Holloway, Lancaster, Essex
Law	Core Modules PLUS: Law 1 & 2 Business Studies Humanities	Nottingham, De Montfort, Warwick, Kingston, Oxford Brookes
Art & Design	Core Modules PLUS: Art Design or Photography	Hertfordshire, St. Martins, Brighton, Reading, Gloucestershire,
Engineering	Core Modules PLUS: Mathematics Applied Mathematics Physics	Southampton, Birmingham, Queen Mary's, Liverpool, Sheffield
Science	Core Modules PLUS: Chemistry 1 & 2 Biology Physics	Bath, Aston, St. Andrews, Coventry, Brunel,
Medicine & Dentistry (Czech Universities)	Core Modules PLUS: Chemistry 1, 2 & 3 Biology Mathematics Physics	First Faculty, Charles, Prague, (exclusively at Abbey), Charles, Hradec Kralove, Charles, Pilsen, Masaryk, Brno, Palacky, Olomouc

* These are EXAMPLES ONLY. Other courses are also available, as well as access to many other universities.

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