

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

International Foundation Programme



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Welcome



On the International Foundation Programme at the University of Edinburgh, you will study university subjects with expert tutors alongside students from all over the world. There is an exciting range of courses for you to choose from, with philosophy, film studies, social science, psychology and art all available from the start in term one. You will study on your own and in groups, in the classroom and on educational visits. The programme is designed to be challenging and fun.

Based at the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Open Learning, your classes will take place in the heart of the city's Old Town. As a University of Edinburgh student, you can join student societies, live in student accommodation and you will have access to all the student services that the University provides. We will prepare you for a wide range of Arts, Humanities and Social Science degrees, and will help you to decide which degree to apply for after your foundation year.

I look forward to welcoming you to the International Foundation Programme, to the Centre for Open Learning and to the University of Edinburgh.

Dr Caroline Bamford
Director, International Foundation Programme



Edinburgh

Edinburgh is a beautiful, historic city that has regularly been voted as one of the most desirable places to live in the world.

Our city mixes architectural beauty and history with a lively, fun environment. It offers an exciting array of entertainment, history, culture and sport, with the lush Scottish countryside and coastline just a few miles away. It is a safe and prosperous city, with an abundance of parks and green spaces for recreation and reflection.

The city centre also plays host to a carnival atmosphere every August, when the world-famous Edinburgh Festivals take over the town.

The University of Edinburgh

Founded in 1583, the University of Edinburgh is one of the world's top universities.

We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we've provided our students with world-class teaching for 434 years.

Choose to study at Edinburgh and you'll be investing in an education that will help you build a successful future.

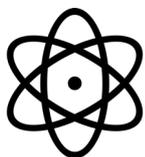
You'll experience the very best in teaching and research. Through our hands-on and innovative approach, we'll equip you with the skills, insights and perspectives to enhance your employability and career prospects.

434 years





We're consistently ranked as one of the world's top 50 universities. We're ranked in the top 25 in the 2017 QS World University Rankings.



We're ranked 4th in the UK for research power, based on the quality and breadth of our research.*



We're ranked 32nd in the world for the employability of our graduates. §



Six months after graduating, 90% of our students are in employment or postgraduate study.



Edinburgh is ranked the second best student city in the UK. †



We're ranked 13th in the world's most international universities. Students from two-thirds of the world's countries study here. ‡

Centre for Open Learning

The IFP programme is hosted at the Centre for Open Learning. We are committed to supporting students and learners of all ages and abilities to realise their full potential. COL is based at Paterson's Land on the University of Edinburgh's Holyrood campus.

The Holyrood Campus is located just off the historic Royal Mile (Canongate) and is within easy walking distance of the Scottish Parliament and Holyrood Palace. Many classes are taught in this area, although some are also held on other campuses, such as the George Square campus.

* Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014

§ Latest Emerging Global Employability University Ranking 2016

† QS Best Student Cities 2016

‡ Times Higher Education: The World's Most International Universities 2017



International Foundation Programme

The International Foundation Programme is a full-time, one-year programme designed to prepare you for undergraduate-level study within the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Edinburgh.

About the Programme

All of the courses within the International Foundation Programme have been designed to ensure you have the best possible start to your university learning experience. As courses progress, their academic, individual study and assessment requirements will gradually become closer to those you will experience in your first year of degree-level study.

The programme provides an entry route to over 150 degrees within the University's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. This includes degrees in business, law, international relations, architecture, economics and English literature.

All teaching takes place in small-group sessions alongside other international students and throughout the programme you will receive dedicated one-to-one and group support from your personal tutor.

English language tuition will be provided by English Language Education at the University. This is one of the largest higher education centres for language teaching in the UK and is also located within the Centre for Open Learning.

Academic Structure and Content

The IFP is comprised of themed courses designed to help you prepare for degree-level study. Each week you will attend around 18 hours of courses across four themes.

Introduction to Art and Design

The Introduction to Art and Design courses will help to prepare students wishing to study degrees with Edinburgh College of Art and will include practical courses such as:

- Introduction to Art and Design Practice
- Ideas and Concepts in Art and Design

Introduction to Humanities

The Introduction to Humanities courses include the areas of philosophy, English literature and history with courses such as:

- Beginning Film Studies
- Introducing Philosophy
- Introducing Cultural Studies
- Reading English Literature
- Medieval Scotland

Introduction to Social Science

The Introduction to Social Science courses explore areas of social science, politics and international relations with courses such as:

- European Politics and Policies
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Social Science
- Introduction to International Relations
- Markets and Crises: The Study of Political Economy
- Challenges in Statistics

Foundation English for Academic Purposes

The English for Academic Purposes course will provide you with the necessary English language skills for undergraduate-level study.

Successful completion of the course will enable students to develop the English language proficiency required to join the first year of an undergraduate degree in the arts, humanities or social sciences. English for Academic Purposes is taught over terms:

Term 1	Developing your academic reading and writing skills and on extending your knowledge of relevant vocabulary within the humanities and social sciences.
Term 2	Development of your critical thinking and presentation skills.
Term 3	Preparation for the four modules of the IELTS exam for students who are required to sit this – reading, listening, speaking and writing.

Living and Learning in Britain

By providing practical knowledge and support, our Living and Learning in Britain course helps you with academic skills and with reflecting critically on your experience of learning in the UK.

You will develop your academic skills and gain knowledge of British culture and society through lectures, seminars, an exam and portfolio work organised around three themes:

- British identity and culture
- Politics in Britain
- Social issues in modern Britain



Why study at the University of Edinburgh?

Guaranteed progression

Successful completion of the programme with very good grades and the required level of English language provides guaranteed progression to degree-level study at the University of Edinburgh.

Access over 150 degree programmes

The programme provides an entry route to over 150 degrees within the University's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Dedicated academic English tuition

You will receive academic English tuition from the University's English Language Education department, one of the largest higher education centres for language teaching in the UK.

Access to facilities and services

You will be a fully enrolled student at the University of Edinburgh and have access to all of the University's facilities – including libraries, sports facilities and societies.

One of the safest and greenest cities in the UK.

Mercer's 2016 Quality of Living report stated that Edinburgh was one of the safest cities in the UK. Esri UK (2016) stated that Edinburgh had the most green space of any city in the UK.



Accommodation

Most of our students studying on the International Foundation Programme live in John Burnett House which is a short walk from the University and only a mile from the heart of Edinburgh's city centre.

Accommodation costs

At John Burnett House you will be offered a choice of a catered single or twin en-suite bedroom accommodation. Fees for John Burnett House can be found [here](#).

The accommodation fee covers:

- your room continuously for the duration of the International Foundation Programme
- 14 meals per week: breakfast Monday to Friday, brunch Saturday and Sunday and dinner seven days a week (excluding Christmas vacation and spring break).

Am I guaranteed a room?

There are a limited number of rooms in John Burnett House and so we would recommend you pay your accommodation deposit as soon as possible and certainly by the deadline given to you by accommodation services.

Private and self-catered accommodation is also available. Please contact the allocations team for more information: accom.allocations@ed.ac.uk.

Student Voices



Name: Ilyas
From: Tanzania
Graduated from IFP: 2015
Currently studying:
MA Economics and Politics

The IFP was a great opportunity to experience what being an undergraduate student at the university would be like, but most importantly, it helped me improve the necessary skills required to excel at an undergraduate level.

The IFP gave me a clearer idea of what I wanted to study after I had completed the course. The various subjects that I studied gave me an idea of what I would be studying at an undergraduate level, as well as the skills that I did and continue to develop over the course of my degree.

The IFP helped me realise how well I can actually work under pressure. Especially at times when multiple assignments or preparations for classes were due on very close dates.



Name: Tina
From: Georgia
Graduated from IFP: 2014
Currently studying:
MA Philosophy and Theology

The IFP offers a wide range of courses, which perfectly introduced different fields of study and made it easier to really understand which course to progress on to.

Apart from the brilliant professors and tutors and the amazing people I got to meet, the best thing about IFP is how you grow as a student and as an individual. The program teaches you all the skills you needed for more advanced degrees and more importantly it teaches you how to become an independent student, develop your thought and take responsibility.

The best thing about studying in Edinburgh is that you might be sitting at the chair where Darwin or Stevenson or Hume used to sit when they were of your age!



Name: Hibiki
From: Japan
Graduated from IFP: 2013
Currently studying:
MA International Relations

The IFP prepares students academically and socially for university, whilst creating a comfortable community that fosters diverse learning. I still keep in close contact with the friends that I made during my time in this course.

The course definitely prepared me for the rigorous academics and the responsibilities that came with independent living. It provided a foundation on which I could confidently begin my first year, enhanced communication skills that I have used throughout my university career, and allowed me to understand how to best amplify my academic potential within the learning environment provided by the university.

Walking through the Edinburgh streets is simply enough to make one smile, and it therefore provides an excellent student experience.

Entry Requirements and Further Information

You must meet the following requirements in order to be considered for entry to the International Foundation Programme.

You must be an international student:

- whose first language is not English.
- who is not eligible for direct entry to the University of Edinburgh's undergraduate degrees because your school qualifications are not accepted.
- whose school qualifications were obtained within the last four years.

Please note that you can check if your qualifications are acceptable for direct entry [here](#).



English language requirements:

You must:

- have a level of proficiency in English language that is equivalent to an overall IELTS band score of 5.5 or above with at least 5.5 in each element.
- take the IELTS for UKVI test at an approved secure English Language test centre.

Academic requirements:

You should be expecting to achieve excellent grades in your high school leaving qualifications, or have achieved excellent grades within the last four years.

You can find more information on the minimum academic qualifications by country by visiting our website [here](#).

Fees and Tuition

If you are selected for an offer of admission to the programme, you will need to secure your offer by paying a deposit. Information about how to pay your deposit will be sent to you by the admissions team. Your deposit will be deducted from the cost of your tuition fee. For more information, please read our [Fees and Finance page](#).

Information to help you estimate how much Accommodation will cost during your time on the International Foundation Programme can be found on our website [here](#).

HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1

Complete the application form [here](#) and gather all supporting documentation

STEP 2

Email a completed copy of the application form with the appropriate scanned supporting documentation to our admissions team at cahssfoundation@ed.ac.uk

STEP 3

Our admissions team will acknowledge receipt of your application and you will be notified when a decision has been made. This would usually be within two weeks of receipt of your completed application.

Applying for a Visa

You may need to apply for a student visa to enter the UK to study on the International Foundation Programme. You will not be able to apply for a visa until you have been made an unconditional offer by our admissions team.

Disabled Students

We welcome applications from disabled students. If you have a disability please indicate this on your application form. We will contact you to discuss your requirements and put any adjustments or further support arrangements in place.



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