INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE GUIDE
POSTGRADUATE PATHWAYS

ENHANCE YOUR FUTURE

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WHY CHOOSE
THE UNIVERSITY
OF ABERDEEN?

5th
OLDEST
UNIVERSITY
in the UK

Scotland’s
safest
UNIVERSITY CITY
Provident - Unbroken Britain Survey, Sep 2017

75% of the University’s research is ranked as either internationally excellent or world leading

Research Excellence Framework 2014
The University of Aberdeen is a world top 160 university* with more than 500 years of academic excellence. It combines a long history with a modern approach to teaching, and a reputation for world-class research.

**WHY STUDY FOR YOUR MASTERS HERE?**

Boost your career potential at a world-ranking university with leading researchers in your field. Cutting-edge resources, links with industry and diverse study options allow you to focus on your interests, make connections and strive for excellence. Start your Masters in January or September, and join a community of more than 130 nationalities.

**LIVING IN ABERDEEN**

An inspiring place to study, Aberdeen is a global centre of excellence and an important UK business hub. As a world-class energy city, it plays a key role in driving the world’s emerging renewable energy industries.

You’ll be living in a small and friendly city with historic buildings and exciting cultural attractions – from theatres and museums to music venues. Just outside Aberdeen, you can experience stunning countryside, coastlines and mountains.

Since 1495, we have offered life changing opportunities for all of our students.

*The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019*
Many Masters degrees offer a January start as well as September, allowing you to arrange your study around your career plans.
The University of Aberdeen International Study Centre provides the skills and support you need to challenge yourself and strive for success in your postgraduate degree.

**WHY STUDY A PRE-MASTERS AT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE?**

Our Pre-Masters Programme prepares you with academic knowledge, study skills and English language training, tailored to your chosen degree.

**Fast-track**
The Pre-Masters Programme is a fast-track to a top-ranking university. Develop or refresh your academic knowledge and English language skills, then progress to your postgraduate degree at the University of Aberdeen.

**Boost your career**
Enhance your career prospects and salary potential, or change career direction completely – with our support, you can build on your existing knowledge, or study a different field to your undergraduate studies.

**Exceptional support**
Our tutors are experts in their fields and are highly experienced in teaching international students. You’ll receive full support from the start, and we’ll monitor your progress through regular assessments.

**Flexible entry**
We offer a choice of flexible start dates, depending on your level of English language. When you complete the Pre-Masters Programme, you will feel confident and ready to succeed in your degree.

**SKILLS FOR SUCCESS**

Each of our Pre-Masters Programme pathways offer an integrated careers service called CareerAhead. Alongside your regular lessons, you will spend time developing your employability skills to ensure you graduate with what you need to succeed. We will work with you to build upon your teamwork, problem solving and communication abilities, helping you both at university and beyond.

**YOUR HOME FROM HOME**

Accommodation for postgraduate students will be on or near the main Old Aberdeen campus. You will have an offer for a single occupancy bedroom with either ensuite or standard facilities as well as a kitchen area.

More than 30% of postgraduate students originate from outside the UK 2018/19

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Progression scholarships are available for students who excel in their postgraduate pathway programme.

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Our Pre-Masters Programme deepens your academic knowledge and improves your English language skills through university-style tuition. You'll also develop your career skills, gain international experience and gain practical tools for professional success.

**WHY CHOOSE A MASTERS DEGREE?**
A postgraduate degree is an excellent way to learn more about your chosen field, or even switch career paths by discovering a new subject. A Masters degree shows potential employers that you are dedicated to learning as much as possible about your subject.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE PRE-MASTERS?**
At the International Study Centre, depending on your English language level, you will study either twelve, seventeen or twenty-two weeks with us. The twelve week Pre-Masters Programme is a combination of academic and English language modules designed to ensure you gain the skills to succeed at a high ranking UK university.

If you need more support in raising your English language levels, the five or ten week Pre-sessional English course will give you intensive English language training so that you are ready to move to the academic part of the programme after five or ten weeks, providing you successfully complete the Pre-sessional course.

**PROGRESSION TO YOUR DEGREE**
Following successful completion of the programme, and achieving the required grades, you can progress to your chosen Masters. For the grades required, visit abdn.ac.uk/isc

**Choose your route from...**
Choose between two Pre-Masters routes at the International Study Centre:
- Business and Law
- Science and Engineering

**YOUR POSTGRADUATE JOURNEY**

[Diagram showing start dates and progression to graduation for 12 week pre-masters and 10 week pre-sessional English courses at different start dates in March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, and January.]
This is your pathway to a choice of Masters degrees in business and law. Develop your research and analysis skills, focus on the academic areas you’re interested in most, and prepare for ongoing success in your career.

**KEY FACTS**

**Programme length:** 12 weeks

**Start date:** June (start Masters in September) or September (start Masters in January)

**Entry requirements:**
- Academic:
  - Business: A good recognised degree or advanced diploma in any discipline. Some programmes e.g. MBA require two years’ post-degree relevant work experience.
  - Law: A good undergraduate degree or advanced diploma in Law (or a related discipline).

**English:**
- Pre-Masters
  - 12 weeks: overall Academic IELTS for UKVI 6.0 (minimum 6.0 in writing and no skills below 5.5)
- Pre-sessional English
  - 5 weeks: overall Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum 5.5 in all skills)
  - 10 weeks: overall Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in all skills)

**Age:** 20+

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**CORE MODULES**

- Academic English Skills

**DESIGNATED MODULES BY ROUTE**

- **Finance**
  - Mathematics and Statistics for Business (Quantitative Methods)
  - Business Economics
  - Accounting and Finance

- **Law**
  - Law: the UK Context
  - Fundamentals of Contract Law
  - Contemporary Issues in Law

**PROGRESSION DEGREES**

**ONE YEAR TAUGHT MASTERS**

**SEPTEMBER START**

- **Finance route**
  - MScEcon Accounting and Finance
  - MScEcon Finance and Investment Management
  - MScEcon Finance and Real Estate

- **Management route**
  - MSc International Business and Finance
  - MSc International Business Management
  - MSc Marketing Management
  - MSc International Human Resource Management
  - MBA
  - MBA Finance

- **Energy route**
  - MScEcon Petroleum, Energy Economics and Finance
  - MBA Energy Management

**Law route**

- LLM Business Law and Sustainable Development
- LLM Criminal Justice
- LLM Criminal Justice and Human Rights
- LLM Energy Law
- LLM Energy and Environmental Law
- LLM General Law
- LLM Human Rights
- LLM Human Rights and Criminal Justice
- LLM Intellectual Property Law
- LLM International Commercial Law
- LLM International Law
- LLM International Law and International Relations

**JANUARY START**

- **Management route**
  - MSc International Business and Finance
  - MSc International Business Management
  - MBA

- **Energy route**
  - MBA Energy Management

- **Law route**
  - LLM Criminal Justice
  - LLM Criminal Justice and Human Rights
  - LLM Energy Law
  - LLM Energy and Environmental Law
  - LLM General Law
  - LLM Human Rights and Criminal Justice
  - LLM Intellectual Property Law
  - LLM International Commercial Law
  - LLM International Law
  - LLM International Trade Law
  - LLM International Trade Law and Treaty Negotiation
  - LLM Natural Resources Law
  - LLM Oil and Gas Law
  - LLM Public International Law
  - LLM International Law and Strategic Studies
  - LLM International Law and International Relations

**WHY STUDY BUSINESS OR LAW AT ABERDEEN?**

**Professional accreditation and experience**

The city of Aberdeen has links to local and global businesses. whilst Masters degrees at the University are recognised by industry leading bodies. Business degrees are recognised by the Chartered Institute of Marketing and the Chartered Management Institute, with Law degrees accredited by the Law Society of Scotland and Society of Advocates.
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

This Pre-Masters Programme leads to a choice of postgraduate science and engineering degrees. You’ll study a range of core and specialist modules that give you the knowledge and skills for postgraduate study and career success.

KEY FACTS

Programme length: 12 weeks
Start date: June (start Masters in September) or September (start Masters in January)
Entry requirements: 
Academic: A good, recognised undergraduate degree or advanced diploma in Engineering or Science. Applicants who do not meet this requirement may also be considered if they can demonstrate significant relevant work experience, in addition to a good degree.
English: 
Pre-Masters – 12 weeks: overall Academic IELTS for UKVI 6.0 (minimum 6.0 in writing and no skills below 5.5)
Pre-sessional English – 5 weeks: overall Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum 5.5 in all skills) – 10 weeks: overall Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in all skills)
Age: 20+

WHY STUDY SCIENCE OR ENGINEERING AT ABERDEEN?
World-class teaching and research
Students at Aberdeen benefit from a range of world-class facilities. Our University laboratories allow you to dedicate yourself to important areas of work. Whilst our University staff have won national awards for their work.

Our experience of delivering energy-related degree programmes, coupled with world-class energy-related research, and our geographical location in “Europe’s Energy Capital” means we can truly bring our students closer to energy.

CORE MODULES

• Academic English Skills
• Quantitative Skills for Science and Engineering: (Mathematics and Statistics)

DESIGNATED MODULES BY ROUTE

• Engineering
  Advanced Engineering Methods
  Research Project for Engineering
• Computer Science and Mathematics
  Computational Mathematics
  Business Economics
• Geoscience
  Research Methods in Geosciences
  Introduction to Mathematical Analysis
• Science
  Computational Mathematics
  Introduction to Mathematical Analysis

PROGRESSION DEGREES
ONE YEAR TAUGHT MASTERS

SEPTEMBER START
Engineering route
MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering
MSc Advanced Structural Engineering
MSc Decommissioning
MSc Offshore Engineering
MSc Oil & Gas Engineering
MSc Petroleum Engineering
MSc Renewable Energy Engineering
MSc Safety & Reliability Engineering
MSc Subsea Engineering

Science route
MSc Data Science
MSc Artificial Intelligence
MSc Information Technology
MSc Financial Maths

Geoscience route
MSc Integrated Petroleum Geoscience
MSc Geographical Information System
MSc Oil & Gas Enterprise Management

JANUARY START
Engineering route
MSc Advanced Structural Engineering
MSc Oil & Gas Engineering
MSc Petroleum Engineering

Science route
MSc Information Technology
Geoscience route
MSc Geographical Information Systems
MSc Oil & Gas Enterprise Management

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FOR A PRE-MASTERS PROGRAMME

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION FORM
To apply for a Pre-Masters Programme at the University of Aberdeen International Study Centre, you need to complete an application form and submit the relevant documentation.

APPLY VIA YOUR LOCAL EDUCATION AGENT OR OUR WEBSITE
You can apply through your local education agent or directly via our website.
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HERE TO HELP
Our Student Enrolment Advisors are happy to answer any questions you have about studying with us and coming to the UK. They speak a variety of languages and understand several more.

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Lynette Otit, Kenya
MSc Finance and Investment Management
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