



KINGS Schools UK

Providing access to UK Higher Education

**LINKS
TO OVER 80
UK UNIVERSITIES**



University of
College
Birmingham
Lancashire
Coventry University
Durham University
University - East London
Edinburgh University -
- Exeter University - Europe
School University - Gloucester
University - Goldsmiths (C
(London) - Greenwich University
Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh University
Hertfordshire University - Hull
University - Keele University - Kent
University - King's College London -
Kingston University - Lancaster
University - Leeds University - Leeds
Metropolitan University - Leicester
University - Leicester, De Monfort
University - Lincoln University -
Liverpool University - Liverpool John
Moore's University - LSE - London
Metropolitan University - London,
University of the Arts - Loughborough
University - Luton University -
Manchester University - Manchester
Metropolitan University - Manchester,
UMIST University - Middlesex
University - Newcastle upon Tyne
University - Northumbria at Newcastle
University - Nottingham University -
Nottingham Trent University - Oxford
Brookes University - Portsmouth
University - Plymouth University -
Queen Mary, London - Reading
University - Regents Business School -
Richmond American University -
Roehampton University - Royal
Holloway (London U) University - St
Andrew's University - Sheffield
University - Sheffield Hallam University
- SOAS (London U) University -
Southampton University -
Southampton Solent University -
Southbank University - Staffordshire
University - Stirling University -
Strathclyde University - Surrey
University - Sussex University -
Swansea (U of Wales) University -
Thames Valley University - Warwick
University - Westminster University -
West of England, Bristol University

Pathways to Higher Education





Welcome to Kings

	OUF	UBAC	GCE A-Level
Course Length	One year	One year	Two years
Minimum Age	17 years	17 years	16 years
High School Requirements	11-12 years	11-12 years	10-11 years
Academic Level	Demanding	Above average	Very demanding
Minimum English Level	IELTS 5.5	IELTS 4.5	IELTS 5.5
Maximum Group Size	8 students	14 students	5 students

Choosing a course

A degree from a British university is respected all over the world. Every year tens of thousands of international students complete their education at Britain's universities and open the door to a world of career opportunities.

This literature outlines how a course at one of the Kings Schools can help you enter the British higher education system.

Kings offers three different routes to undergraduate (BA or BSc) courses at university:

- **University Foundation Year (OUF)** - a highly demanding one-year course preparing students for a wide range of subjects at some of the best universities in Britain. Available at Kings Oxford.
- **University Business Access Course (UBAC)** - a practical business-focussed course preparing students for business-related degree courses. Available at Kings Bournemouth.
- **GCE A-level** - a very demanding two-year course preparing students for GCE Advanced Level examinations. These examinations are recognised by all UK universities. Available at Kings Oxford.

Students who do not have the necessary level of English or academic qualifications to join the University Foundation Year or A-Level courses should attend the Pre-Foundation Year at Kings Oxford.

The right course for you will depend on your age, your high school record, your level of English and the subject you want to study at university. Simply use the flow chart at the bottom of the page to guide you to the correct course for your access to a University.

Choosing a university in Britain

There are nearly 200 universities and institutions of higher education in Britain offering literally thousands of possible degree courses. The universities vary in quality and reputation. They also vary in their specialisations. The oldest and best-known names are not always the best in all subjects. The university academic year runs from September to June.

Conditions of entry to university

In England most students complete thirteen years of school before going to university at the age of eighteen or nineteen. For this reason most first degree courses (BA and BSc) are only three years long and the standards required for entry are high.

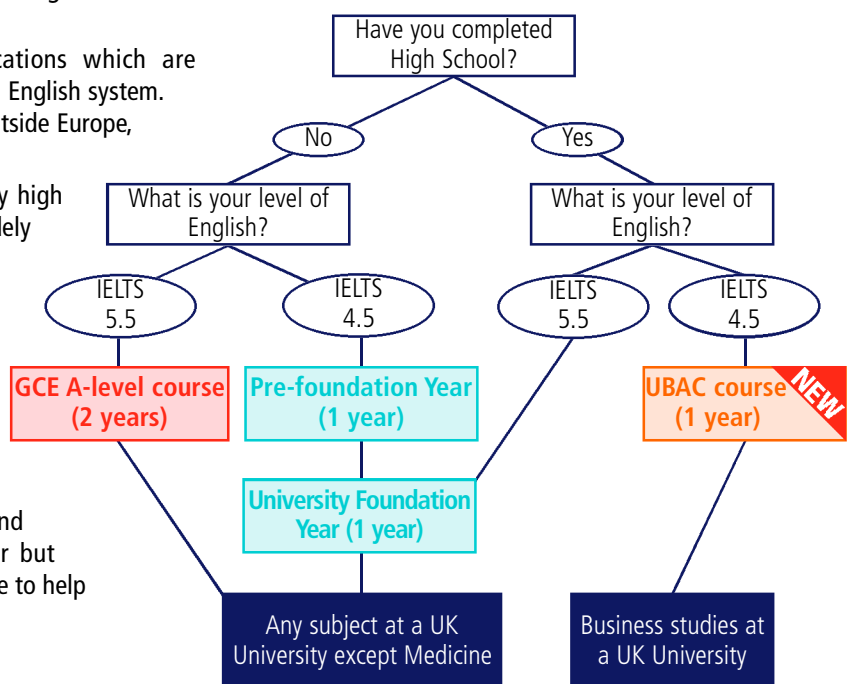
International students must have academic qualifications which are considered equivalent to at least two GCE A-levels in the English system. For most students completing high school in countries outside Europe, this means taking one further year of full-time education.

International students must show that they have a very high level of English before starting university. The most widely used English test is IELTS (International English Language Testing System). Most universities, for most degree courses, require an overall IELTS score of 6.0 or 6.5 for entry.

Kings pre-university courses help students acquire the academic and language skills to enter university.

Applying for a university place

All applications are made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, UCAS. The system is fair but complicated so Kings provides expert advice and guidance to help students enter a university of their choice.



Providing international students

University Foundation Year (OUF)

KINGS Oxford



A highly-respected academic programme preparing students to study a wide range of subjects at the best universities in Britain. The University Foundation Year (OUF) qualifies students to enter university for undergraduate degree courses. This demanding one-year course has a broad academic curriculum which will develop your full potential for higher education.

The Pre-foundation Programme (below) prepares students, if necessary, for the University Foundation Programme or a GCE A-level course.

Which universities will it take me to?

The University Foundation Year is a well-established course accepted by virtually all universities. This means that, if you have the ability, this course can take you to some of the very best universities in Britain. 100% of students who have graduated from this course since 1997 have secured a place at the university of their choice.

What will it qualify me to study at university?

There are "pathways" to three main types of university course:

Pathway One leads to degree courses in Humanities, Social Sciences and Business-related subjects.

Pathway Two leads to degree courses in Engineering, Mathematical and Computer-related subjects.

Pathway Three leads to degree courses in Architecture, Fashion-related and Design-related subjects.

What will I study on the University Foundation Year?

You will study five academically demanding subjects taken from Economics, Human Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Data Handling with Information Technology, Communications & Study Skills, Government & Law, Art & Design. The best combination of subjects is discussed with you in the first week of the course and chosen to make sure it develops in you all the intellectual skills you will need for success in higher education. The course will also show you how to organise and present your work and how to communicate at the level required for top-level university studies.

How will I be taught?

You will have about 21 hours per week of classes and a lot of private study. Groups are very small - no more than eight students - and you will have lots of personal support from your teachers. You will find you need this as the pressure of work builds up ...

How will I be assessed?

In each of the two semesters you will write five long coursework assignments and take five exams. These twenty pieces of work count equally towards your final assessment. An external Advisory Board, made up of experts from universities, checks and moderates all the marking to make sure your result is fair and accurate.

What are the entrance requirements?

You must be at least seventeen years old and you must have graduated from high school with good results after at least eleven years of school. You must have a level of English equivalent to at least 5.5 on the IELTS test.

When can I join the course?

There are two courses each year, starting in September and January. Both courses finish in time for you to go to university the following academic year.



Pre-Foundation Year

The Pre-Foundation Year is for younger students (age 16) or those who are not yet ready for the University Foundation Year or GCE A-Levels. When combined with the University Foundation Year, it provides a two-year pre-university programme which is an excellent alternative to GCE A-levels.

Pre-Foundation Year students study English language together with four or five academic subjects chosen from Mathematics, Physics, Information Technology, Geography, History, Current Affairs and Art. Assessment is by a combination of progress tests, project course work and examinations. Like the University Foundation Year, this is overseen and moderated by the independent Advisory Board

You must be at least sixteen years old with 10 to 11 years of school and good school results. You must have a minimum English language level equivalent to IELTS 4.5.

with English language courses and

University Business Access Course (UBAC)

KINGS Bournemouth

**NEW
UK UNIVERSITY
ACCESS COURSE**

A one-year business-focussed course preparing international students for business-related undergraduate courses at British Universities.

What are the entrance requirements?

You must be at least 17 years old and have completed high school in your own country. Your English must be equivalent to at least IELTS 4.5

When does the course run?

The course runs for 9 months from September/October to June. The course is divided into 3-month terms. January entry is sometimes possible. Please contact the school.

What will I study?

You will have lessons in English language, IELTS preparation, academic study skills, business subjects (economics, management, finance and marketing), numeracy, IT, and cultural adaptation to life in the UK.

How will I be taught?

You will have an average of 21 hours of class per week in groups of no more than 14 students. In addition you will have supervised study and assignment sessions, regular homework and individual tutorials.

How will I be assessed?

You will have weekly and monthly tests, and more formal examinations each term. In addition you will be assessed on coursework and assignments. You will be prepared for the IELTS test, and can sit external public examinations in other subjects.

What qualifications will I receive?

Students completing the course successfully will receive the UBAC Diploma with Distinction, Merit or Pass, according to their final results. All students will also receive an IELTS result, and may obtain additional certificates by sitting external examinations.

What can I then study at University?

Most students will enter university to study for the following types of degree:

BA (Hons) Business Studies

BA (Hons) Business and Management

BA (Hons) International Business Communications

BA (Hons) International Marketing

BA (Hons) International Hospitality and Tourism Management



Which universities can I apply to?

You can apply to any British university after the UBAC course, but Kings School has particularly close connections with the following universities, mostly in the south of England. These institutions are familiar with the UBAC course and welcome applications from our students:

Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge - Bournemouth University - University of Brighton - Exeter University - Leeds Metropolitan University - University of Luton - Oxford Brookes University - Plymouth University - Southampton Solent University - University of Central England, Birmingham - University of Salford, Manchester - University of Wales, Swansea - University of the West of England, Bristol - Winchester University

How do I apply to a university?

Kings School will give you all the information and advice you need to make the correct choice of university course. You will have a chance to visit universities and talk to their staff. We will then help you with your applications, and give you the necessary references.

university preparation since 1957

GCE Advanced Level (GCE A-Level)

KINGS Oxford



Internationally recognised as one of the most prestigious pre-university qualifications, this two-year course is the traditional route to university taken by most English students.

Unlike University Foundation Year and University Business Access Course, the GCE A-level course is an examination course. It prepares you for the General Certificate of Education taken by English students in their 13th year of school.

This is not a course for the faint-hearted: you study three subjects in great depth over two years. However, for the determined and able student this course offers an intellectual training and preparation unlike any other.

Which universities will it take me to?

A-levels are recognised everywhere. However, most students who join our A-level programme are aiming to go to Oxford, Cambridge or one of the top four or five other universities in the UK.

What subjects can I study?

You will study just three academic subjects and you will become very good at them. You can choose from Economics, Politics, Geography, History, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Computing and Art. The right combination will qualify you to enter most degree courses. (Note that we do not prepare students to apply for courses in Medicine.)

How will I be taught?

We teach this course in very small groups from one to five students only. This level of personal attention allows you to develop a really deep understanding of your subjects.

Studying for A-levels teaches you to be very independent in your learning. You will have about twenty hours of classes each week and you should spend about the same amount of time in private study, developing your specialist knowledge of your subjects. You will have progress tests every week to become accustomed to thinking quickly and expressing yourself efficiently.



What about my English?

In your first year you will also study the Communications & Study Skills module of the Foundation Year. In the second year you will have additional language support (if you need it) to reach the language level your university course requires.



When will I take the examinations?

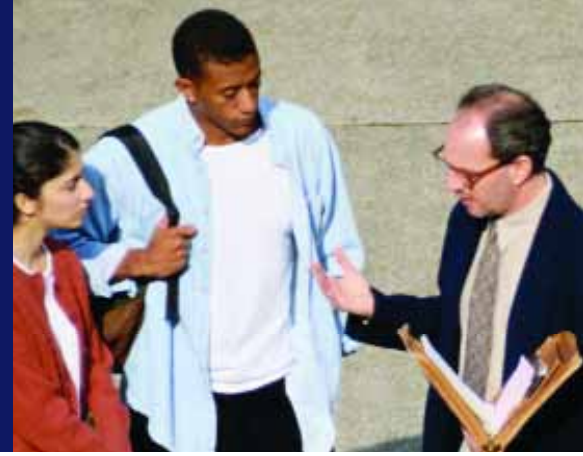
You will take the first part of your exams at the end of your first year (in June) and the second part one year later. You receive your final results in August.

What are the entrance requirements?

You must be at least sixteen years old and must have an excellent high school record. Remember that this is a course for the very best students. You must also have an English language level equivalent to at least 5.5 on the IELTS test.



Making the most of your stay in England



Accommodation

When you book a course at Kings, we are happy to arrange your accommodation for you. We recommend Homestay accommodation (living with a local host family or in a private home), which provides a good blend of security and independence. Students over 18 years may later wish to rent a self-catering apartment but this must be with the agreement of the school and parents.

Travel and transfers

Both schools offer an airport service from the airport to the school or the host family. Please see the website for further details.

Sports, activities and excursions

Each school organises regular sports and social events to complement study programmes and give students an opportunity to meet informally and experience the local leisure facilities. Kings also offers regular weekend excursions throughout the year to give students an opportunity to visit some of England's most famous cities and attractions.



For more information and an application form, please visit our website, contact Kings School Bournemouth or Oxford or speak to your local representative.



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