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**International
Foundation
Programme**

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World class. Worldwide.

Join the World Class



1 A mark of excellence
Gain a University of London qualification that will equip you with the skills and knowledge to take your education further.

2 Quality of learning
You'll engage with contemporary issues, using real-world examples, and will be supported by tutors at your local Recognised Teaching Centre.

3 Access a wealth of resources
You receive comprehensive access to a variety of interactive online materials.

4 A trusted name in global education
The University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK, and is internationally regarded as a centre of academic excellence. Our students have gone on to study at prestigious universities in the UK and around the world.

5 A gateway to degree study
On successful completion of the International Foundation Programme, you are guaranteed entry to a number of degrees offered through the University of London taught at Recognised Teaching Centres.

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Key dates

Application deadline:

30 September

Registration deadline:

30 October

Examinations:

April/early May

Results available:

Mid June

A global university centred around you



Lynne Roberts

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'The University of London International Foundation Programme (IFP) equips you with the skills and knowledge to embark on a wide range of demanding undergraduate degrees.'

The IFP is offered at Recognised Teaching Centres in the UK and a growing number of countries globally. We have a long track record of working with Recognised Teaching Centres worldwide that provide local support for your studies.

The programme has been designed to ensure that you achieve high academic standards, learn appropriate subject knowledge and acquire both the skills and intellectual curiosity necessary to succeed at university. We are proud of our IFP graduates who have gone on to study with the University of London distance and flexible learning programmes, on-campus at universities in the UK and Europe and in other countries, such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA.

The IFP courses encourage you to engage with contemporary issues by using real-world examples. Classroom teaching is supported by comprehensive subject guides, textbooks and a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), which includes a variety of interactive online material. The learning experience is strongly focused on the development of academic skills alongside analysis and debate.

You can choose to study the IFP at any of our Recognised Teaching Centres around the world. We hope you will join us by studying with the University of London wherever you want to be.'

A trusted name in global education

Founded in 1836, the University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK and is internationally regarded as a centre of academic excellence. In 1858, we made our programmes available to study anywhere in the world.

London made global

Most UK universities accept the International Foundation Programme for entry to undergraduate degrees.

Students who have completed the IFP have gone on to study with the University of London (via distance and flexible learning or on-campus at a member institution) and at many other universities in the UK and around the world.



Kano Watando

'This programme provided me with a chance to earn a University of London qualification without the demand to study abroad, which is so helpful for me financially. I consider myself lucky because I could get a chance to study high standard materials and to join a global network.'

After completing the IFP, Kano is now studying the BSc in Economics and Management through the University of London.

Why study the International Foundation Programme?



Progression to university

The International Foundation Programme (IFP) provides an ideal entry route to a variety of undergraduate options.

After completing the IFP you can choose to study a University of London degree offered at Recognised Teaching Centres throughout the world or you can apply to other universities in the UK or overseas.

University of London degrees

The IFP provides excellent academic training for your university studies.

On successful completion of the IFP, you are guaranteed entry to a wide range of degrees offered through the University of London and taught at Recognised Teaching Centres worldwide.

These include:

- BSc Accounting and Finance
- BSc Business Administration
- BSc Business and Management
- BSc Computer Science
- BSc in Data Science and Business Management
- BSc Development and Economics
- BSc Economics

- BSc Economics and Politics
- BSc International Relations
- Undergraduate Laws (LLB)
- BSc Psychology

and many other undergraduate degrees with academic direction from London School of Economics (LSE), Goldsmiths, King's College London and Royal Holloway.

Apply to other universities

As an IFP student, you can also apply to study at a wide range of universities in the UK and other countries. The IFP is one of the most widely accepted foundation programmes in the world.

Our students have gone on to study at prestigious universities in the UK, such as Durham, Edinburgh, King's College London, LSE, Manchester, Warwick, and at universities in Australia, Canada and the USA.

Other universities have their own application criteria. Your IFP teaching centre will guide and advise you in making university applications, including choosing the best university for you, checking the specific grades you need to achieve and helping you write a high-quality application. For a sample list of universities that have made offers to IFP students in recent years, please visit: london.ac.uk/ifp

Programme structure

The programme structure for the IFP is comprised of four courses. You can choose from a variety of courses to best prepare you for an undergraduate degree. All of our courses are developed by leading University of London academics.

Four courses chosen from

- Accounting and Finance
- Biology*
- Business and Management
- Chemistry*
- Economics
- International Relations
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Politics
- Pure Mathematics
- Social Psychology
- Sociology
- Statistics for STEM*

*New courses for 2021



Professor Michael J. Reiss

UCL Institute of Education

'The IFP Biology syllabus takes a fresh approach to essential biology knowledge and skills. It has been developed in consultation with teachers, university students, academic staff and staff involved in university admissions. The qualification provides a Level 3 basis for moving into Biomedical, Biotechnology, Bioscience, Bio-veterinary and Zoology degree courses and is a suitable foundation for Veterinary courses (when studied together with Chemistry).'

How you study



Study at a Recognised Teaching Centre

The IFP is a taught programme and must be studied at a University of London Recognised Teaching Centre. Studying the IFP provides you with the opportunity to engage with course content designed by academics in London and a university-style approach to learning. You will be taught by teachers who have participated in University of London training. For more information please visit: bit.ly/recognised-centres

Study materials

Your main studies are all undertaken in class at your chosen teaching centre and you will also have access to additional online resources.

The University of London provides:

- a full subject guide for each course
- access to online resources and materials
- sample examination papers and Examiners' commentaries
- a programme handbook containing practical information and advice
- a University of London email account and web area, which you can use to manage your personal information.



Time commitment

The programme can be completed in a minimum of one academic year at most University of London Recognised Teaching Centres. Part-time study is offered at some centres.

Each Recognised Teaching Centre offers its own study schedule. The number of weeks you need to attend classes depends on your teaching centre's timetable.

Assessment

The format and mode of assessment for this programme may change due to events or circumstances beyond

our control. Students will be informed of their assessment arrangements via their Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), once confirmed. For the latest information on examinations, please visit: london.ac.uk/exams

All examinations are marked and verified in London. Candidates who pass all four courses are awarded the University of London International Foundation Certificate with a grade of 'Pass', 'Merit' or 'Distinction'. The University of London will issue you with full official transcripts for the IFP. These transcripts can be sent direct to your universities of choice.

“Taking up the International Foundation Programme has truly been an eye-opener for me. It teaches you how to apply theories that are learned in school to actual life and to focus more on understanding how the lessons can bring out your ability to critically analyse situations.

Overall, the experience has been a stepping stone that prepared me to face not just my further studies, but also the real world.”

Kirsten Chual

SIM student, now studying at LSE

Entrance requirements and further information

To be eligible for the International Foundation Programme, you must:

- normally be aged 17 or over before 31 December in the year of registration.

Applications will be considered from applicants who do not meet the normal minimum age requirement for admission. Each application will be considered on an individual basis, and the decision taken at the discretion of the University of London.

and

- have passed a minimum of at least four separate subjects at GCSE/GCE O level, with grades A-C or the equivalent.

and

- have demonstrated fluency in academic English by passing GCSE/ GCE O level English language at grade C or above, or the equivalent, **OR** have passed a test of proficiency in English, such as IELTS at 5.5 overall (with a minimum of 5.0 in each sub-test).

Recognised Teaching Centre requirements

Some teaching centres have additional and/or higher entry requirements. Please check with your teaching centre for specific requirements before making your application. For more information on teaching centres, please visit: bit.ly/recognised-centres

Computer requirements

The University of London sets minimum basic computer requirements because your study resources are accessed via the Student Portal and it is vital that you can access this regularly.

For more information about computer requirements, please visit: bit.ly/computer-reqs

How to apply

Please refer to the International Foundation Programme web pages for details on how to apply: london.ac.uk/ifp

Fees

The total fee payable to the University of London for 2021–2022 will be published on our website once confirmed. On average, fees incur a five per cent year-on-year increase. For the latest information on programme fees please visit: london.ac.uk/fees

In addition to the fees payable to the University, you should also budget for the cost of any course or tuition you choose to take at a Recognised Teaching Centre and the fee levied by your local examination centre.

Please note: student fees shown on our website are net of any local VAT, Goods and Services Tax (GST) or any other sales tax payable by the student in their country of residence. Where the University is required to add VAT, GST or any other sales tax at the local statutory rate, this will be added to the fees shown during the payment process. For students resident in the UK, our fees are exempt from VAT.



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