

International Foundation Year

Direct entry to the 1st year of university

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About NCUK



NCUK is a leading global pathway provider established by universities to help international students from over 120 nationalities access world-class education.

Our programmes are
delivered in

35+

countries worldwide



90%

of students get into their
first-or-second-choice
university



Our students receive

10,000+

university offers each year



We've supported

50,000+

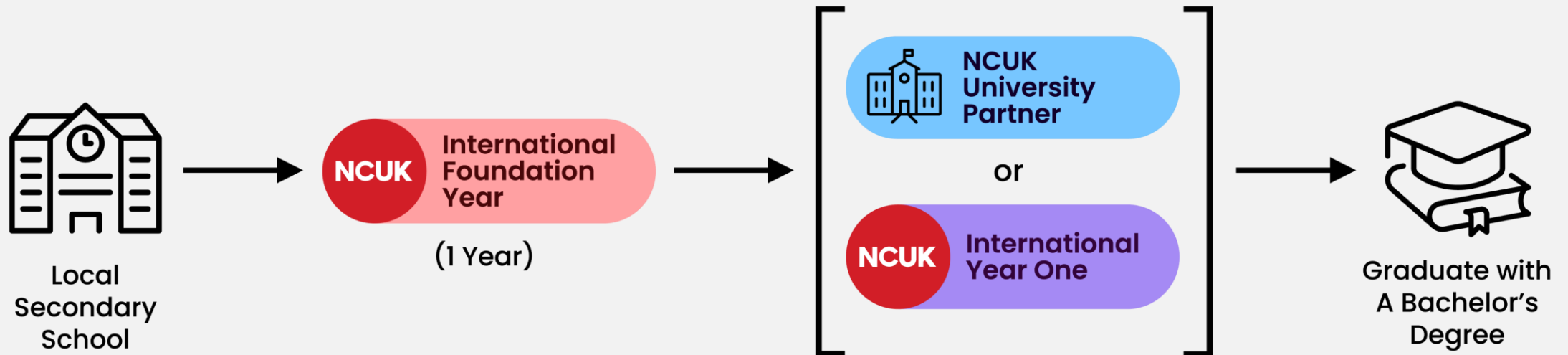
international students
gain entry to leading
universities

What is the International Foundation Year?



Designed for international students, this programme **bridges the gap between secondary education and university study**, equipping you with essential academic and English skills. It provides **direct entry to over 7,500 degree courses** at **60+ NCUK University Partners** worldwide.

The IFY provides direct entry to the 1st year of a university degree (or entry onto the NCUK International Year One).



Entry Requirements

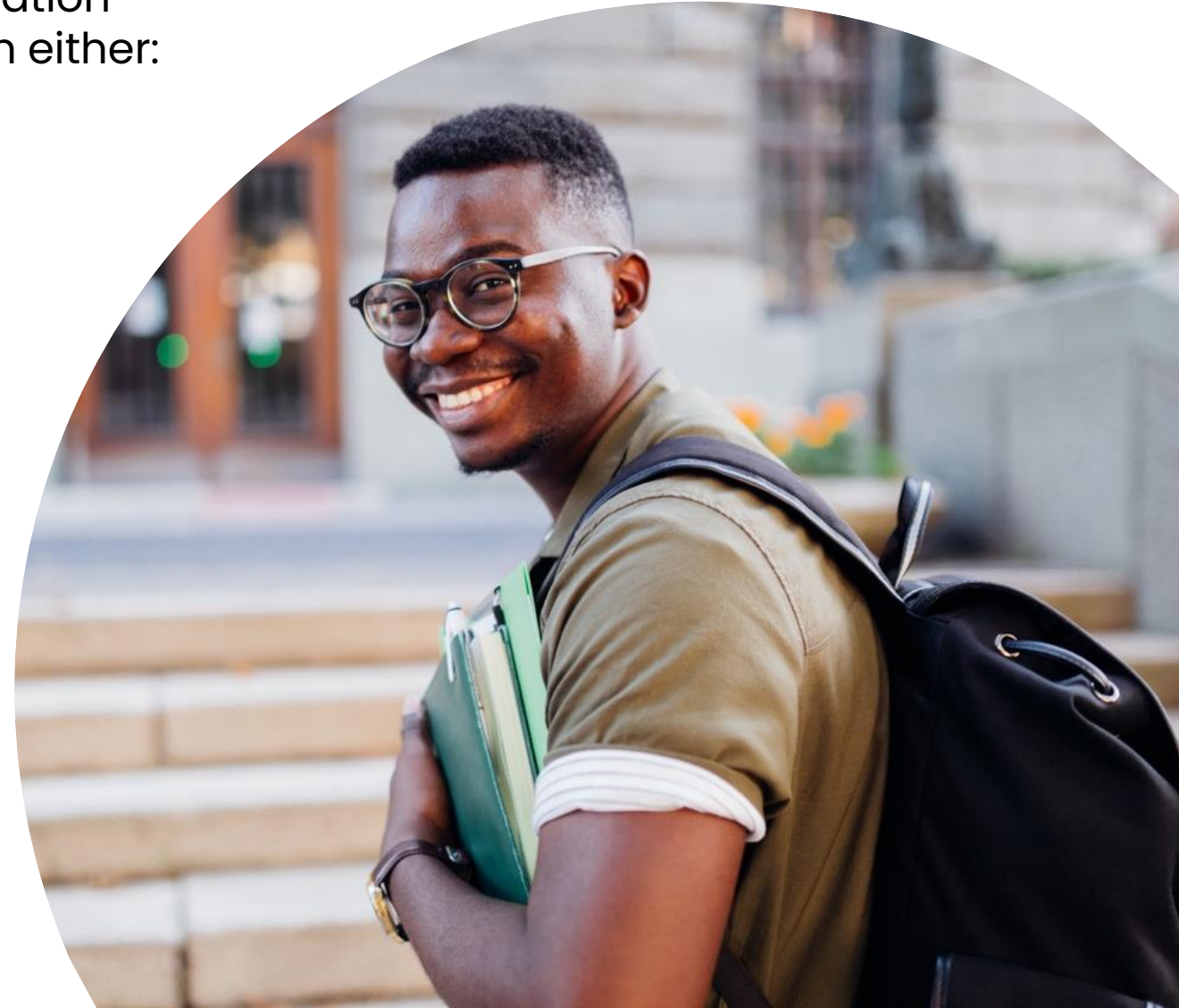
To gain entry onto the NCUK International Foundation Year, you must meet the entry requirements with either:

- Completion of local high/secondary school
- Completion of IGCSE/O Levels/GCSE's with 5 modules at grade 4 or above (normally to include English and Maths)
- You are also required to hold an English language qualification equivalent to IELTS 5.0

NCUK can provide an English test for students to take prior to the course, if they do not already have a result.*

**UK based centres will require a UKVI IELTS test for visa purposes.*

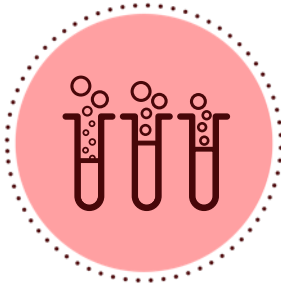
For full details of the entry requirements for your country, please visit the NCUK website: <https://www.ncuk.ac.uk/ncuk-programmes/international-foundation-year/>



How does it work?

Choose 3 modules to study

3 subject modules



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Plus 1 of the following

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) module

English for Academic Purposes

or

English for Academic Purposes for Proficient Users

or

Research and Communication Skills (RCS)

The EAP module that you study will depend on your English language level when you start the programme.

Choose 3 subjects linked to your university study preferences and boost your academic English – all to help you gain entry to university and help you succeed when you get there.

What modules will I study?



There are 13 subject modules available for students to study upon choosing the NCUK International Foundation Year including:



Art & Design



Economics



**Mathematics
(Engineering)**



Biology



Further Mathematics



**Mathematics
(Science)**



Business Studies



Global Studies



Physics



Chemistry



**Mathematics
(Business)**



Sociology



**Computer
Science**



Please check with your NCUK Study Centre on the modules available to you.

English for Academic Purposes

NCUK's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) modules develop your skills in speaking, listening, writing, and reading, with tailored levels based on your current English proficiency.

NCUK's EAP shows that you:

- ✓ can communicate effectively orally and in writing in an academic environment
- ✓ understand academic integrity and can demonstrate it in your work
- ✓ have a level of English that enables you to meet the challenges of disciplinary study at university



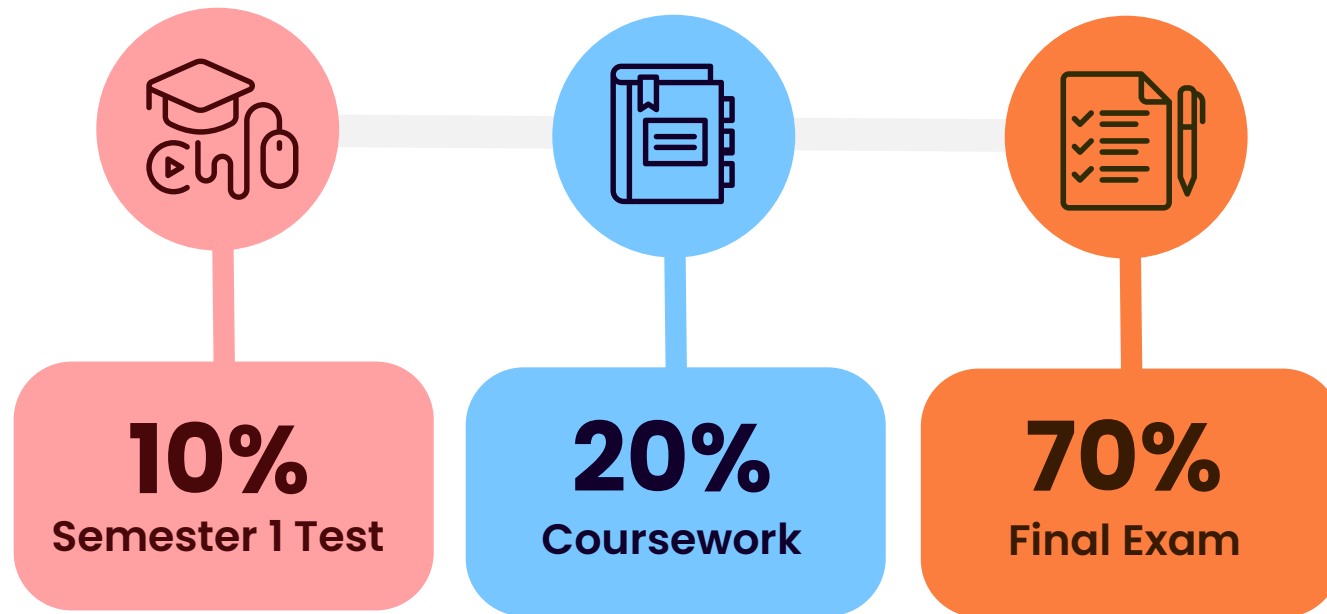
Did you know?

NCUK's English for Academic Purposes is widely accepted by NCUK University Partners as proof of English proficiency, removing the need for additional IELTS tests.

How will I be assessed?

You'll be supported by your teachers and receive feedback throughout the programme to help you do your best. You will be assessed as follows:

Subject modules



English for Academic Purposes



Exceptions: Art and Design is 100% coursework. Maths and Further Maths is 30% End of Semester 1 Test, 70% Final Exam

Grading



You will be awarded a grade for each subject module and an overall grade for your EAP module, with grades for each language component.

NCUK International Foundation Year subject module		
Grade	Percentage Grade	NCUK Points
A*	≥80%	56
A	70-79%	48
B	60-69%	40
C	50-59%	32
D	40-49%	24
E	35-39%	16

Example:

Business Studies	A
Maths (Business)	B
Global Studies	B

EAP		EAP equivalency
Percentage	Grade	IELTS
80%+	A*	7.5
70 – 79%+	A	7
60 – 69%+	B	6.5
50 – 59%+	C	6
40 – 49%+	D	5.5
35 – 39%+	E	5
<35% U	U	4.5

Example:

Overall EAP	B
Reading	B
Writing	B
Speaking	C
Listening	B

Certificate & transcript



After completing the NCUK International Foundation Year, you will be awarded a certificate and transcript which is proof of your achievements. These formal documents are recognised by NCUK University Partners and will provide you with entry into the 1st year of your chosen degree (pending you meet the university entry requirements).



This is to certify that
[REDACTED]

has completed the

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR


of The Northern Consortium of
United Kingdom Universities at
[REDACTED]

and has obtained

Biology	A*
Chemistry	A*
Maths Science	A*
EAP	B

For the academic year 2023-2024


Stuart Smith
Chief Executive Officer



TRANSCRIPT

Student Name : [REDACTED] **NCUK Student ID** : [REDACTED]

Programme : INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR **Institution** : [REDACTED]

Period of Study : 2023-2024 **Date Awarded** : 17 January 2025

Subject	Mark (%)	Grade	NCUK Points
IFY Biology	85	A*	56
IFY Chemistry	80	A*	56
IFY Maths Science	96	A*	56
Total Points			168

EAP Components	Grade
Writing	B
Reading	B
Listening	A
Speaking	A
Overall Grade	B
Overall Mark	69

University progression

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Once you have completed the programme, you will have the exciting opportunity to progress to one of 60+ NCUK University Partners in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the USA and more!



9 World
Top 100 and
20 World
Top 200
Universities

(QS World University
Rankings 2025)

Progress to Medicine and Dentistry degrees



The NCUK IFY also offers students worldwide the opportunity to study Medicine or Dentistry at some of the most prestigious universities across the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Malta and the Caribbean, including:

Routes to Medicine only:

Queen Mary University of London (Malta Campus)	The University of Auckland	University of Leicester	St. George's University, Grenada
University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)	The University of Newcastle, Australia	UNSW Sydney	

Routes to Medicine & Dentistry:

University of Bristol	The University of Western Australia	University of Otago
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To be eligible, students must typically study IFY modules: Biology, Chemistry, Maths (Science)



Supporting you every step of the way



Our expert team is here to guide you through your entire journey, from applying to university to settling into student life abroad.



**University
applications**



**Helping to find
accommodation**



**Visa application
guidance**

If you don't get the grades for your chosen university, NCUK's Student Support teams will work with our Global Network of university partners to help you find the best alternative options – so you can still progress to university.

Why study the International Foundation Year?



Trusted programme:

The NCUK IFY is benchmarked by Ecctis and compares to leading global qualifications like A Levels, AP, and more.



Guidance you can rely on:

Expert support throughout the university application process.



Flexibility of study options:

Progress to 60+ universities and 7,500+ degree options worldwide.



Guaranteed* entry to university

Students who achieve at least 96 points (e.g. CCC grades) and a C grade at EAP are guaranteed a place on a degree course at one of NCUK's University Partners.

Proven student success

97%

of graduates are employed after completing their degree

98%

of students successfully pass their university degree

84%

of students achieved a 2:2 or higher

69%








of students achieved a 2:1 or higher



**terms and conditions apply. www.ncuk.ac.uk/guarantee*

NCUK University Scholarships

NCUK University Partners offer a wide-range of attractive scholarship packages for NCUK students on a range of degree subjects. Many of the scholarships are exclusive to NCUK and some are automatically awarded. Some examples of scholarships offered by universities include:

-  **The University of Western Australia** – Up to \$48,000 (over four years) Global Excellence Scholarship.
-  **University of Waikato** – \$15,000 Vice Chancellor's International Excellence Scholarship.
-  **Aston University** – £3,000 Aston – NCUK IFY Award.
-  **University of Salford** – £5,000 NCUK International Excellence Scholarship.
-  **The University of Alberta** – \$5,000 Regional Excellence Scholarship.
-  **Queen Mary University of London** – Up to £12,000 Global Talent Scholarship.
-  **Liverpool John Moores University** – £3,000 International Achievement Scholarship



What our students say...

“

Studying abroad has definitely made me more independent, mature, and made me more proactive on working on my future.

”

Hao-Hsi
from Taiwan



IFY Modules studied:

- Chemistry
- Maths (Engineering)
- Physics

Degree Course:

BEng Mechanical Engineering

University:

The University of Manchester

What our students say...

“

I chose to study abroad mainly because I wanted an opportunity to experience other cultures and to develop a sense of independence.

”

Blossom
from Nigeria



IFY Modules studied:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths (Science)

Degree Course:

MD Medicine

University:

St. George's University,
Grenada (Northumbria
Campus)

What our students say...

“

NCUK has shaped me into a better student. I developed many skills during my time as a student at NCUK; such as time management, referencing skills and self-discipline.

”

Agga
from Myanmar



IFY Modules studied:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths (Science)

Degree Course:

BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences

University:

The University of Manchester

What our students say...

“

NCUK was the most supportive pathway for students when it came to applying to international universities.

Charlotte
from South Africa



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IFY Modules studied:

- Biology
- Business Studies
- Maths (Business)

Degree Course:

BA Criminology

University:

Durham University

What our students say...

“

I chose to study abroad as there was a greater scope in the job market abroad for my course in particular than in my home country, and this was a major factor influencing my decision.

”

Lionel
from Kenya



IFY Modules studied:

- Further Mathematics
- Maths (Engineering)
- Physics

Degree Course:

BEng Aerospace Engineering

University:

University of Bristol

Chat to our Ambassadors

Ambassadors are alumni of NCUK who are now studying at an NCUK University Partner.

By visiting www.ncuk.ac.uk/chat-to-our-students you will be able to ask ambassadors any questions that you may have about studying at university and also see what they are getting up to on their study abroad experience...

**"What is it like
to live in
London?"**



**"What societies
can I join at the
university?"**



**"How did you
choose your
university?"**



**"Are there
many shops
and
restaurants?"**



Meet Danial: From Pakistan to a Career in the UK

"NCUK provided me with the platform, essential tools and opportunities to excel and achieve what I have today. It is a journey which sets you out on a new yet rewarding path. Truly a life changing experience."

Danial Haider Tabassum



During his studies at The University of Manchester, Danial undertook a year of work experience at Network Rail, the owner and infrastructure manager of the majority of railway networks in Great Britain.

Following graduation, Danial gained a full-time position at the company.

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The University of Manchester

BEng (Hons)
Electrical and
Electronic
Engineering with
Industrial
Experience

Electrical Engineer
at Network Rail in
Preston, United
Kingdom

Our university destinations. Where will you go?

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UK



Australia



Canada



New Zealand



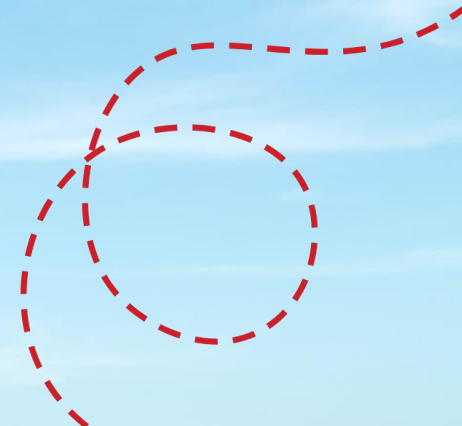
USA



Grenada



Malaysia



Thank you. Any questions?



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