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**STUDY CENTRE**

**International Foundation Year**



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## WHAT IS A FOUNDATION

- ◆ A **Foundation** is a **Pre-University** Programme designed to help international students enter UK Higher Education (University)  
- sometimes referred to as a **Pathway** or **University Preparation** Programme



## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- ◆ The **University Access Centre** delivers **NCUK's** International Foundation Year Programme.
- ◆ **NCUK** is a leading global pathway provider established by universities to help international students from over 120 nationalities access world-class education.
- ◆ **NCUK** programmes are delivered in **40+** countries worldwide
- ◆ NCUK's global network of students receive **10000+** university offers a year
- ◆ **90%** of students get their first – or second – choice university
- ◆ **NCUK** have supported **50000+** international students gain entry into leading universities
- ◆ The **University Access Centre** will be hosted by a modern Saudi University in the Eastern Province with the intention of expanding to Central and Western Provinces.



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## WHY TAKE A FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

- ◆ To 'bridge the gap' between Saudi High School and International University
- ◆ The Foundation prepares international students, including Saudi students, for university in several different ways as will be explained in these slides.
- ◆ In the UK, Australia and Canada students complete their high school studies after 13 years of schooling while in most other countries this is completed in 12 years. Therefore, to enter university in these 3 countries most international students must do a one-year pre-university programme called a 'Foundation Year'.



## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

- ◆ 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).



Local  
Secondary  
School



International  
Foundation  
Year

(1 year)



NCUK  
University  
Partner

or



NCUK  
International  
Year One



Graduate with  
A Bachelor's  
Degree



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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

### Subject Modules



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English for Academic  
Purposes (EAP)

or

EAP for  
Proficient Users

or

Research and  
Communication Skills  
(RCS)

&

### Skills-based module



Choose 3 subject modules linked to your university study preferences, boost your academic English and develop key skills – all to help you gain entry to university and help you succeed when you get there.



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



## WHAT MODULES WILL I STUDY?

There are 3 additional subjects required for each students attending the NCUK International Foundation Year. Depending on the choice of Foundation, you will study the following topics:



### Business Foundation

Global studies

Business studies

Integrated Maths



### Computing Foundation

Technical Maths

Computer Science

Chemistry



### Engineering Foundation

Physics

Chemistry

Technical Maths



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## ACADEMIC ENGLISH MODULE

NCUK's Academic English module develops your skills in speaking, listening, writing, and reading, with tailored levels based on your current English proficiency. You will study one of three English language modules based on your English language proficiency.

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

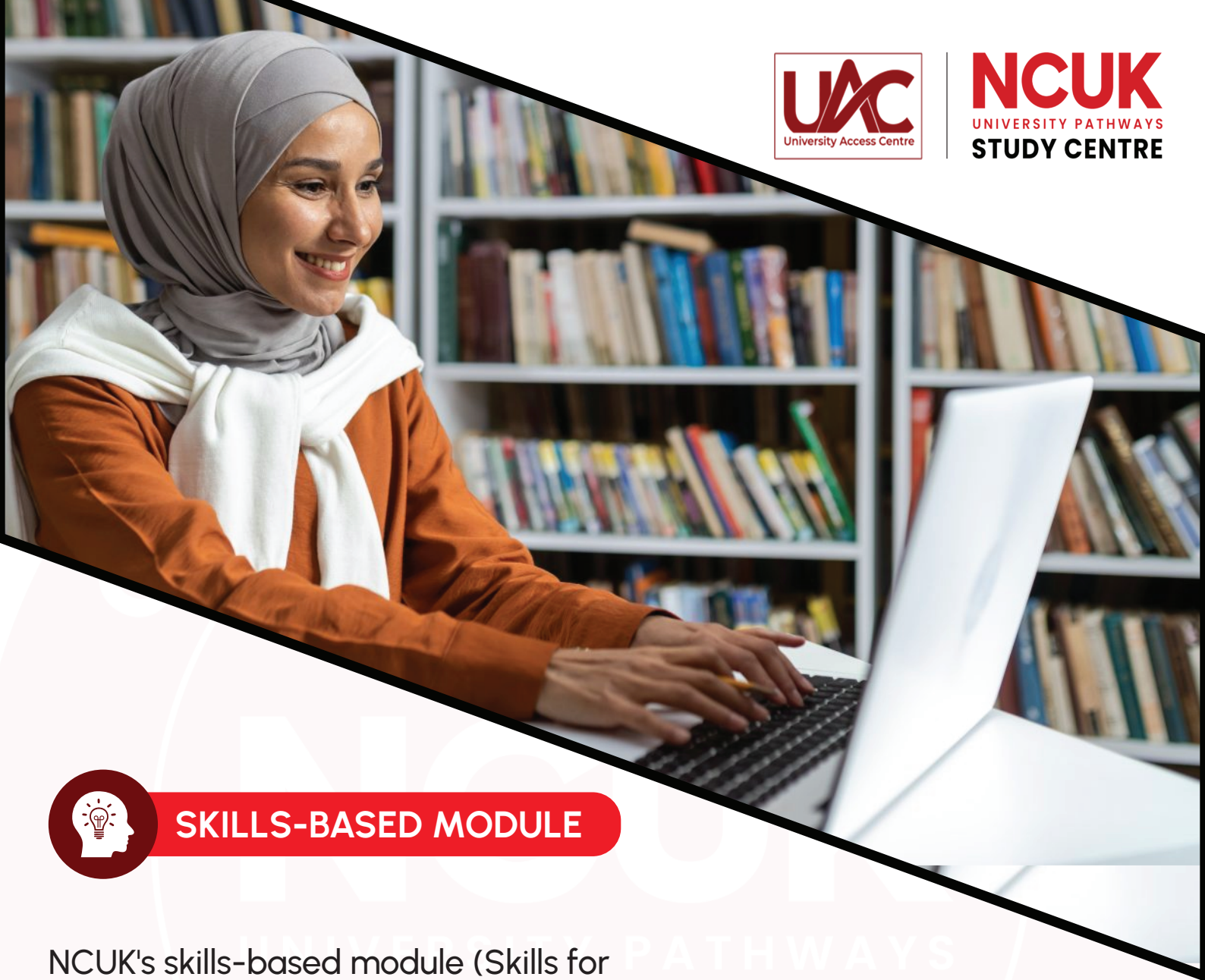


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## SKILLS-BASED MODULE

NCUK's skills-based module (Skills for Success) is fully online and is studied alongside your subject and English language modules. This module will enable you to learn and develop essential academic and transferable skills including:



**Time  
Management**



**Critical  
thinking**



**Academic  
integrity**



**Digital  
literacy**

**Upon completion of  
this module, you will  
receive 5 credits.**



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## UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION OPTIONS

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!



10 World Top 100 and  
21 World Top 200 Universities  
(QS World University Rankings 2026)

Choose a program

Enroll with  
University Access  
Centre

Join the university  
linked to your  
pathway provider

Partner Universities



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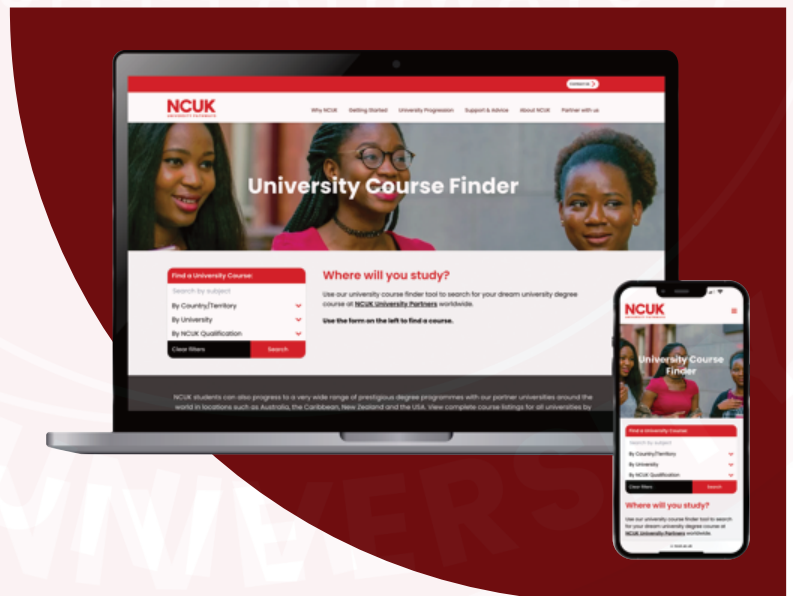
## CHOOSE FROM THOUSANDS OF DEGREE COURSES

Whatever your interests, you'll find your dream degree at an NCUK University Partners with more than 7,500 courses in a wide range of subjects available across our university partners:

**MARKETING** ART AND DESIGN GLOBAL HEALTH **SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE**  
TOURISM MANAGEMENT **FILM STUDIES** PUBLIC HISTORY HOSPITALITY  
LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND BUSINESS WAR AND CONFLICT HEALTH **DANCE BUSINESS**  
**PHARMACY** **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT** MANAGEMENT  
COMPUTER SCIENCE FINE ART OPTOMETRY ARCHAEOLOGY MUSIC  
CIVIL ENGINEERING **LAW** PHOTOGRAPHY RELIGION  
**NUTRITION** LIBERAL ARTS  
QUANTITY SURVEYING TEACHING AND EDUCATION  
**BIOENGINEERING** DENTISTRY ANIMATION  
TEXTILE PRACTICE MATHEMATICS  
**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING** COMPUTER SCIENCE  
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING REAL ESTATE **MANAGEMENT**  
**THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE** DIGITAL MEDIA  
**ACCOUNTING** **FINANCE**  
LAW AEROSPACE ENGINEERING ZOOLOGY DANCE  
MECHATRONICS & ROBOTICS INTERIOR DESIGN  
**NEUROSCIENCE** DESIGN  
ART AND DESIGN  
PHYSICS  
LAW



Our University Course Finder contains degree courses from NCUK University Partners providing you with an easy way to search for courses in one place.



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## 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 [5.5 for Jan 2026]

*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-approved Secure English Language Test (SELT) e.g. IELTS or equivalent 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/>*



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## WHY STUDY THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR?



terms and conditions apply: [www.ncuk.ac.uk/guarantee](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk/guarantee)

### 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.

Proven student success

### Flexibility of study options:

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

### Guaranteed\* entry to university

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

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

## OUR UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS. WHERE WILL YOU GO?



PLUS  
OPTIONS TO STUDY  
IN THE UAE,  
VIETNAM,  
MALTA AND  
MORE!



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## WHY IN-KINGDOM (KSA)

Category	Typical UK Range	Notes	KSA
Tuition Fee	£15,000- £22,000 = ≈ 75,000-110,000	Varies by course and provider (Science/Medicine higher)	£10,000 (inclusive) ≈ 50,000
Accommodation	£5,000- £12,000 = ≈ 25,000-60,000	Depends on city, room type, and catering	
Living Expenses	£7,000 - £12,000 = ≈ 35,000-60,000	Includes food, transport, personal items	£6,500 - £8,500 ≈ 32,500 - 42,500 (if not with family)
Miscellaneous	£7,000 - £12,000 = ≈ 35,000-60,000	Fights, Visa, Registration, Health Fee, Study Materials etc	

By choosing to study our internationally recognised Foundation Programme here in the Kingdom, students can enjoy the comfort of their culture and family support—while avoiding the risk that affects 12–15% of students who go abroad too soon, many of whom struggle academically and culturally, leading to early dropout.

Significantly  
reduce overall  
costs

SOFT LANDING

Drop Out rates during or post-foundation sits at between 12–15%, with lack of preparedness for the academic and culture shock being the lead reasons.

With exactly the same curriculum, progression routes and university acceptance guarantees as a student studying in the UK, we can use the year to prepare them for the required academic rigor and cultural expectations without the overwhelming shock of directly starting abroad.

Extended  
consideration of  
subject choice

HIGHER ATTAINMENT

KSA University Access Centre	VS	Traditional Pre-University Foundation
Choice of progression universities		One progression university
Study while you choose a university		Choose a university before you study
High-quality academic pathways		High-quality academic pathway
Academic and personal support		Academic and personal support



## 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.

If you don't get the grades for your chosen university, NCUK's Application 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.



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## FEES, SCHOLARSHIPS & PAYMENT PLANS

**Tuition Fees:** Full Course Fee is **60,000 SAR** for the full programme

### Scholarships:

50,000  
SAR

Pay in Full

50,000  
SAR

If you refer someone  
(you will both save 10,000 SAR)

50,000  
SAR

Pay half before  
the start of the programme and  
second half later

Enjoy the convenience of Tabby or Tamara Payment Plans — simply complete the full course fee through your chosen provider and start your journey with us!



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