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International Foundation Year



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Al-Yamamah University
Al Khobar



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



NCUK 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



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.

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Subject Modules

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

or

EAP for Proficient Users

or

Research and Communication Skills (RCS)

&

Skills-based module



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



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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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ENGLISH LANGUAGE MODULE

**NCUK's English language modules
show that you:**

NCUK's English language 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 English language modules are widely accepted by NCUK University Partners as proof of English proficiency, removing the need for additional IELTS tests.

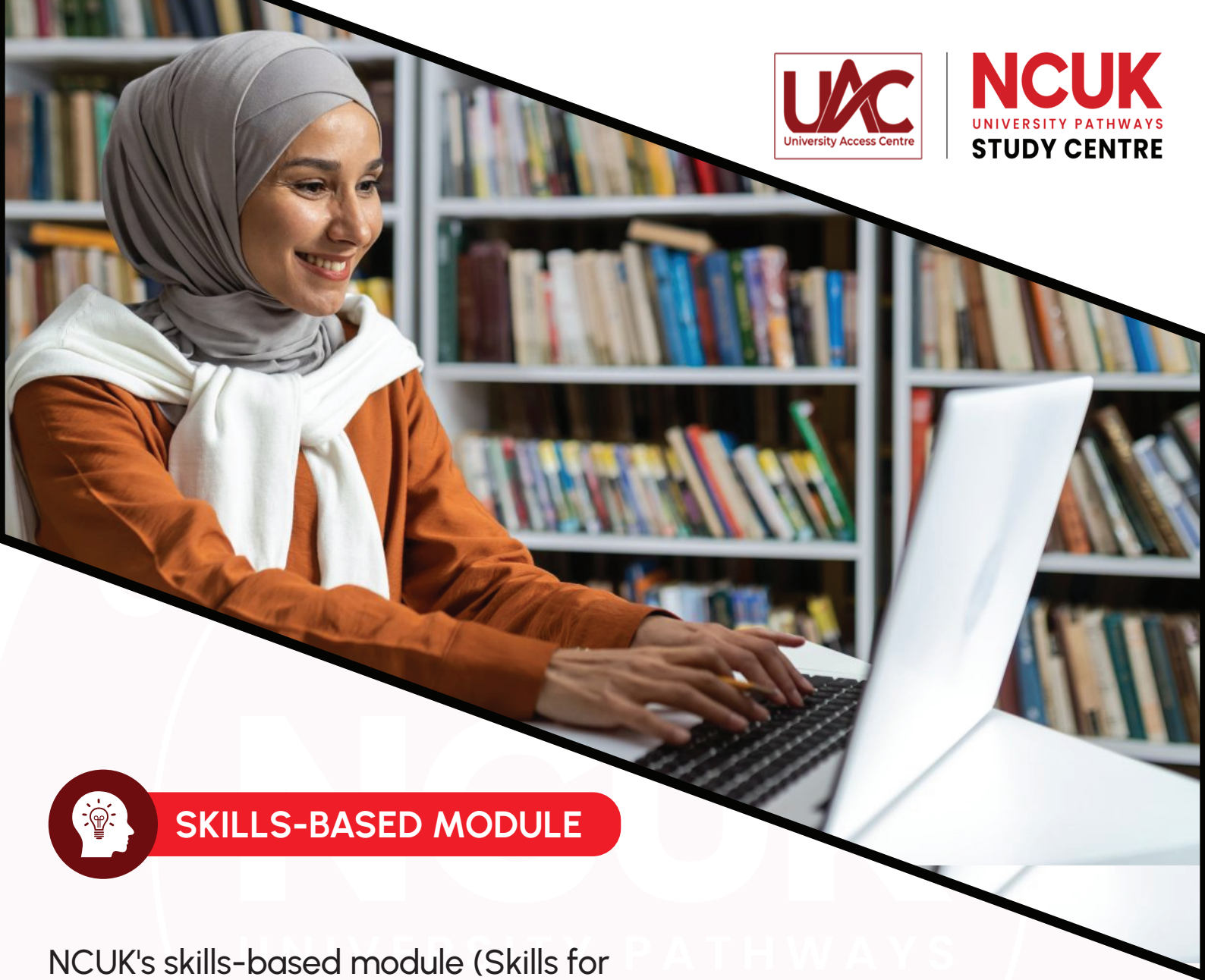
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SKILLS-BASED MODULE

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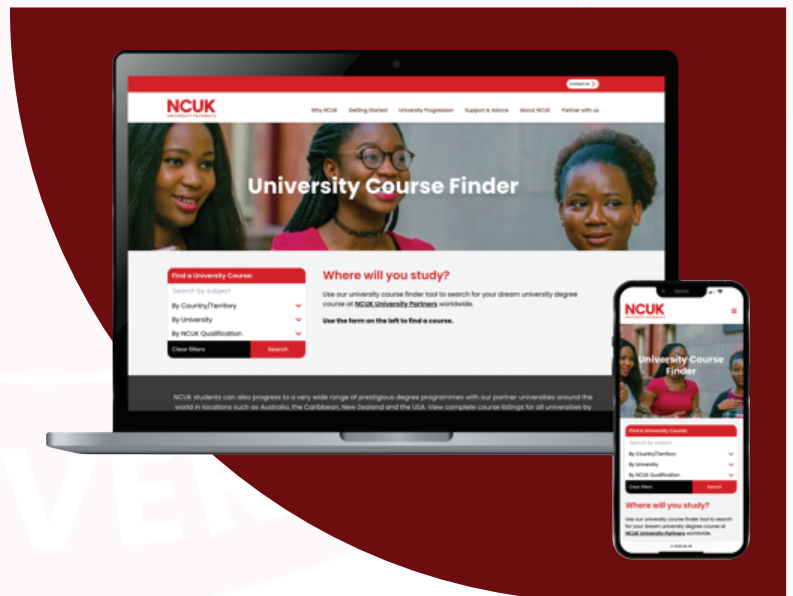
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Whatever your interests, you'll find your dream degree at an NCUK University Partners with more than **7,500** courses in a wide range of subjects available across our university partners:



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?



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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%, which is not insignificant, 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

Payment Options : September entry December entry		
Offer Options	Description	Discount / Benefit
A. Early 'Full' Payment	Full payment made before: 1 Sep. (for September entry) or 1 Nov. (for December entry)	10% Discount
B. Split Payment	28,000 before 1 Sep. (September entry) / 1 Nov. (December entry) Payment 1 28,000 before 1 Dec. (September entry) / 1 Mar. (December entry) Payment 2	6.67% Discount (if punctual)
C. Referral	Apply in pairs - each student receives a 5% discount	5% Discount each (on paid tuition*)
D. Four Payments	15,000 before 1 Sep. (September entry) / 1 Nov. (December entry) Payment 1 15,000 before 1 Dec. (September entry) / 1 Jan. (December entry) Payment 2 15,000 before 1 Feb. (September entry) / 1 Mar. (December entry) Payment 3 15,000 before 1 Apr. (September entry) / 1 May (December entry) Payment 4	Flexible Payment

"Paid Tuition" explained:

54,000 paid tuition (Offer A), less 5% referral (Offer C) · total payment = **51,300** (VAT inclusive)

56,000 paid tuition (Offer B), less 5% referral (Offer C) · total payment = **53,200** (VAT inclusive)

60,000 full list price per student (VAT inclusive)

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As an NCUK Study Centre, UAC students studying the Foundation Year have access to the same Ministry of Education sponsorship opportunities available to students at any NCUK centre worldwide.

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