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English Language & Foundation Provider



# International Foundation Programme 2024/2025

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## **Programme Overview**



<b>Pre Sessional</b> <b>Course</b> Start September 2024	<ul> <li>Entry requirements :</li> <li>A minimum overall grade of IELTS 4.5 or equivalent or take STAR's test.</li> <li>PLUS evidence of a successfully completed secondary school education in an appropriate range of subjects.</li> </ul>
Foundation Programme Start January 2025	<ul> <li>Entry requirements :</li> <li>A minimum overall grade of IELTS 5.5 or equivalent or take STAR's test.</li> <li>PLUS evidence of a successfully completed secondary school education in an appropriate range of subjects.</li> </ul>
Pathways:	Business, Computing & Engineering

• Improve your general and academic English language ability.

- Enhance your study skills and cultural understanding of university life.
- Obtain a guaranteed place on an undergraduate degree programme in the UK, at some universities through our agreed pathways.

The International Foundation Programme (IFP) has been specifically developed for international students who want to study for an undergraduate degree but do not possess British A-Level qualifications (Year 13).

You will have completed your secondary school education in your own country and are looking for a programme that will provide you with the knowledge, skills and confidence to embark upon undergraduate study at an overseas university.





STAR Exeter is a satellite centre for WE Bridge Academy for the IFP Programme

### UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

UWE Bristol





University of South Wales Prifysgol De Cymru







**Carcliff** Metropolitan University

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## **Qualification Structure**











To complete the International Foundation Programme, you must study and pass eight modules.

The programme consists of six core units that all students must take:

### DEVELOPING ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS (11 CREDITS; 100% EXAMINATION)

This module develops your ability to communicate effectively beyond simple everyday contexts. It aims to improve your reading, writing, listening and speaking, and enables you to acquire a broad range of knowledge which you can use to confidently and effectively communicate in English.

#### ADVANCED ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS (11 CREDITS; 100% EXAMINATION)

This module enables you to put into practice the language you have acquired and develop into an advanced user of English. You will make extensive use of the four skills of speaking, reading, listening and writing, as well as extending your knowledge of complex grammar and advanced vocabulary.

### ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (10 CREDITS; 100% ASSIGNMENT)

This module develops your understanding and use of the key linguistic skills necessary to engage effectively in an academic environment.

### STUDY AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS (10 CREDITS; 100% ASSIGNMENT)

This module equips you with the essential study skills needed to succeed at university level. You will learn the basic skills necessary to conduct independent research, write academic papers, give formal oral presentations, and apply what has been taught during your lectures to your studies.

### CULTURE STUDIES (8 CREDITS; 100% ASSIGNMENT)

This module enables you to gain awareness and an increased understanding of other cultures. You will learn about various features of a foreign country and its culture, with a particular focus on student life and studying abroad.

### FOUNDATION MATHEMATICS (22 CREDITS; 100% EXAMINATION)

This module builds upon your existing knowledge in the area of mathematics while introducing new topics that are relevant to a range of academic disciplines and your future career. A further two modules must be taken from a choice of the following six electives:

### INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS (24 CREDITS; 100% ASSIGNMENT BASED)

This module provides you with an introduction to the purpose, types and organisation of businesses. You will also become familiar with a range of business concepts such as basic marketing practices.

#### INTRODUCTION TO ACCOUNTING AND ECONOMICS (24 CREDITS; 100% ASSIGNMENT BASED)

The module introduces you to the key principles of accounting and economics. You will become accustomed to concepts such as market structures and monetary policy and also learn how to produce simple financial statements.

### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING (24 CREDITS; 100% EXAMINATION)

This module provides you with a basic introduction to a range of IT topics including the organisation of a computer system, the relationship between hardware and software, applications of computers, databases, networking, graphics and multimedia.

### INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING (24 CREDITS; 100% ASSIGNMENT)

This module introduces you to extensive practical use of the modern programming language Visual Basic to illustrate the classic programming principles of sequencing, selection and iteration in the context of object-oriented computer programming.

### FURTHER MATHEMATICS (24 CREDITS; 100% EXAMINATION)

This module aims to provide an understanding of different mathematical concepts and ideas, building on the work covered in the Foundation Mathematics unit. It will allow you to develop further algebraic techniques on a broad range of mathematical topics, building towards areas often used in university courses.

### PHYSICS (24 CREDITS; 100% EXAMINATION)

This module aims to build up a fundamental background of the principles of physics. The unit focuses on Newton's mechanics, electrostatics and electrodynamics. The principles of thermal physics and magnetism are also introduced.

## **Elective Modules**

**Further Information:** 

### INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1. Understand different types of businesses and their functions
- Understand a range of basic business and management structures
- 3. Be able to demonstrate an understanding of basic marketing principles in business
- 4. Understand the basic concepts of production
- 5. Be able to utilise a number of key business concepts

### INTRODUCTION TO ACCOUNTING AND ECONOMICS LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1. Understand essential aspects of accounting
- 2. Understand essential aspects of economics
- 3. Understand how markets operate
- 4. Understand the role of money, interest rates and inflation within the area of accounting and economics
- 5. Be able to apply a number of key concepts in accounting

#### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand fundamental concepts relating to hardware and software
- 2. Understand the characteristics of hardware components
- Understand how data is represented in a computer system
- 4. Understand the fundamental concepts of computer networks
- 5. Understand cultural, ethical and legal issues relating to computing

### INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1. Create project documentation
- 2. Implement a program that uses data capture and validation
- 3. Implement a program that uses sequential programming with different data types
- 4. Implement a program that uses iteration and selection constructs
- 5. Implement a program that uses file i/o
- 6. Implement a program that uses arrays

### FURTHER MATHEMATICS LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand different techniques to solve cubic equations and write expressions in terms of their partial fractions
- 2. Be able to work with complex numbers, perform arithmetic calculations using complex numbers, solve higher order polynomials with complex roots and sketch regions in the complex plane
- 3. Be able to perform arithmetic operations using matrices, understand basic transformations using matrices and, in addition, understand which matrices represent linear transformations and calculate the inverse of a matrix
- 4. Understand the properties of rational functions and understand conic sections
- 5. Understand how to use sigma notation to calculate the sum of simple finite series, and appreciate the relationship between the roots of polynomials and their coefficients
- 6. Understand further techniques in calculus to differentiate combinations of functions, how to use these techniques to solve problems involving functions given parametrically and how to derive Maclaurin and Taylor series
- 7. Understand further trigonometry and hyperbolic functions
- Understand Euler's relation and De Moivre's theorem and derive relations between trigonometric functions and hyperbolic functions

### PHYSICS LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1. Understand the mechanics of motion
- 2. Understand the mechanics of forces
- 3. Understand the mechanics of energy
- 4. Understand the mechanics of momentum
- 5. Understand the mechanics of periodic motion
- 6. Understand the basic principles of thermal physics
- 7. Understand the fundamentals of electrostatics
- 8. Understand the fundamentals of electrodynamics
- 9. Understand the fundamentals magnetism







## **Assessments and Examinations**

All examinations take place at STAR Exeter and all assessment is conducted in English.

Assessment for all modules are offered in a number of assessment cycles throughout the year.

All modules are assessed by either examination or coursework assignments. If you fail an assessment, you will be provided with opportunities to resit during an eligibility period of one year.

#### **AWARD CONDITIONS**

Students must successfully pass all eight modules. A module is passed when an overall mark of 40% is achieved. However, some universities may require a higher pass mark for entry.

#### **DELIVERY METHOD**

The International Foundation Programme is taught face-to-face through lectures, tutorials, and seminars. You will also be expected to complete extensive private study.

#### STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND HOMEWORK POLICY

You are expected to have an attendance record of at least 90% and above, and complete all homework set. Failure to meet these requirements can result in you being removed from the International Foundation Programme and STAR Exeter. Please see STAR Exeter's Student Attendance and Homework Policy for further information.

#### ACADEMIC HONESTY AND PLAGIARISM

You are expected to read and sign to confirm that you have understood STAR Exeter's policy on plagiarism and academic honesty before you start the programme. STAR Exeter has access to online plagiarism software to help students avoid academic misconduct.

#### LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES

To help you achieve your full potential while studying, the following learning support services are provided for you:

- Personal tutor
- Individual study plans
- Monthly attendance and progress reports
- Lectures notes and subject guides
- · Regular formative and summative assessment and feedback
- Recommended reading lists



## **Guaranteed Entry Routes**

These are universities that guarantee students a place on their chosen course after successful completion of the International Foundation Programme at STAR Exeter.

The following universities do NOT require an IELTS score.

University	Business	Computing	Engineering
University of Plymouth	No module less than 50%	No module less than 50%	No module less than 50%
University of the West England Bristol (UWE)	No module less than 65% EAP 60%	No module less than 65% EAP 60%	No module less than 65% EAP 60%
University of South Wales	No module less than 50%	No module less than 50%	No module less than 50%
Cardiff Metropolitan University	No module less than 50%	No module less than 50%	Not available
Leeds Beckett University	No module less than 50% EAP 60%	No module less than 50% EAP 60%	No module less than 50% EAP 60%
Liverpool John Moores University	No module less than 55% EAP 60%	No module less than 55% EAP 60%	No module less than 55% EAP 60%



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