



International Foundation Programme - Business and Social Science

About this course

*Subject to validation

Response to Covid-19: Our focus is on providing a safe and welcoming learning environment for our students. We have taken every measure, in line with Government guidance, to ensure continued access to learning.

As part of our response to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, we are intending to teach this course using a mix of on-campus and online learning activities. You can find out more about our **response to Covid-19 and FAQs here.**

The International Foundation Programme (IFP) Business and Social Science prepares you for university study in the UK. It helps you develop your academic skills and improve your ability to use English in an academic context, together with building your subject knowledge.

By studying an International Foundation Programme – Business and Social Science you will have the opportunity to:

- Study in a friendly environment alongside other international students
- Develop your subject knowledge in the Business and Social Science field
- Discover and develop the core skills that are expected at the University
- Prepare you to manage your time and learn independently
- Gradually adjust to academic study at University and life here in the UK
- Explore and learn subject knowledge relevant for your chosen degree and future career
- Experience academic assessments helping you to prepare for undergraduate study

The Pathway College is a partnership between the University of South Wales and QA Higher Education – a UK pathway provider. The pathway programmes are validated by the University and taught by QA Higher Education. The courses are designed to prepare you for the seamless transition to an undergraduate degree.

Course details

What will I study?

Studying on the International Foundation Programme, Business and Social Science Pathway will allow you to explore the subject area which you have chosen for your studies at undergraduate degree level.

English term

For those of you who require additional English language support, you will study a 3-term International Foundation Programme that includes a term of English language preparation. This aims to improve your English language skills with a focus on the development of reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. You will also study vocabulary, grammatical accuracy and oral fluency.

Studying a term of English allows you to:

- Improve your English language skills so that you are better prepared for the modules and assessments you will need to study on the foundation programme
- Develop your self-confidence and team-working skills by working on a group video project based around a current UK issue
- Become accustomed to how English is applied in a University context
- Make friends with other international students from all over the world whilst improving your English

The term of English is also applicable for those of you who have had little opportunity to study in an English institution or are looking for a more gradual introduction into studying at University.

How will I learn?

You will be taught in larger groups for lectures and smaller groups for seminars and workshops. You will also meet with your tutors individually for additional academic support.

To prepare for your lectures and seminars, you will have access to our online learning platform, where you can access course information, content and your weekly reading lists.

In addition to lectures, seminars and workshops, you are expected to spend approximately 15-20 hours per week on self-study.

Independent study activities can include preparatory reading for seminars, research for your assessments, revision quizzes, practice writing tasks, discussions with your classmates in preparation for group presentations.

Contact hours

- 16-20 hours of lectures, seminars and workshops per week
- 20-30 minutes of 1-1 tutorials with your Academic English and/or your Pathway subject tutor per week

Self-study hours

- 15-20 hours per week

Assessment

- Coursework, presentations, portfolios, projects and in-class tests

Modules

All modules are core and worth 20 credits unless stated.

Academic English

This module aims to develop the core language skills (reading, writing, listening & speaking) you need to demonstrate for academic study at the undergraduate level.

The module has been designed to help you develop the type of language used in an academic context and help you engage effectively with the teaching environments you will experience at the undergraduate level, together with the types of materials and sources you will be expected to use.

Module content will include: listening to lectures and note-taking; critical reading of semi-academic and academic texts; production of a variety of writing genres; participation in a variety of speaking tasks. You will also enhance your academic vocabulary and grammatical accuracy.

Academic Language in Context

This module has been designed to help you develop your English language and academic skills in the context of your area of undergraduate study.

You will be introduced to academic reading and listening resources linked to some of the topics covered in the related pathway subject modules. Tasks will focus on developing language and vocabulary related specifically to your subject area.

A team-based learning approach will be adopted in this module and you will work on a group project.

Applied Academic Skills

The main aim of this module is to help you gradually develop as an independent learner- so the scope of the content is wide and varied. A combination of practical, interactive sessions and independent tasks will help you gain and practice skills in:

- Personal and study skills (e.g. time management, assessment planning)
- Digital literacy – basic IT skills including Word, Excel and PowerPoint, email communication, etc.
- Academic seminar discussions
- The importance of good academic conduct, referencing, citation and avoiding plagiarism
- Preparation for assessment

By completing this module, you will have enhanced your existing ICT skills, developed competence in research and study skills, the ability to work independently and with others and you will have learned how to maximise your opportunities as a student at a UK university.

Research Project

The module provides you with an opportunity to select an area of interest related to your target degree and explore this in the context of academic study. You will be given several tasks which help to guide you through each step of the process of developing an academic essay.

During this process, you will develop key knowledge and skills that you will need in your undergraduate degree, such as research skills, essay planning, organising ideas in a written format, and using academic sources.

You will also have an opportunity to enhance your presentation skills by delivering a presentation on the topic of your essay.

Humanities & Social Science in Action

This module is designed to introduce you to humanities and social sciences in a UK context. You will gain an understanding of the foundations in areas such as social policy, history, education, literature, psychology, politics, media, gender, and criminology. You will be encouraged to explore current

issues and relevant topics in the subject area to gain an understanding of the issues that affect British society and the wider political, cultural and sociological perspectives.

You will learn how to evaluate information from sources, critically engage with literature, and present your ideas effectively. Success in this module will develop a broad knowledge base necessary to succeed during undergraduate study.

Management Fundamentals

This module is designed to provide you with an opportunity to explore business and management, and to appreciate the extent to which this area of study pervades everyday lives, academia, the workplace and wider society.

You will be encouraged to explore current issues and relevant topics in the subject area and you will learn how to apply the theories and concepts studied in real-world situations.

The module takes a practical approach and content will be relevant in both the UK context and from wider European and global perspectives.

The topics studied will give you a taste of further themes that can be developed during undergraduate study and also the employment opportunities available beyond the University.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have the following:

Academic requirements

- GCSE/iGCSE – 5 Passes at A-C
- Where UCAS tariff is applicable or relevant, applicants should have an equivalent of 30 UCAS tariff points from either 1 A Level and 1 AS or a minimum of 2 AS Level qualifications.

For country-specific entry requirements, please contact our team, who will be happy to assist.

English language entry requirements

- **IELTS 5.0 (with no single element below 4.5) or equivalent from a UKVI Approved Centre** – you can join the International Foundation Programme (2-term IFP)
- **IELTS 4.5 (with no single element below 4.0) or equivalent from a UKVI Approved Centre** – you will need to complete an additional term of English before joining the International Foundation Programme (3-term IFP)

If you have the equivalent of IELTS 5.5 overall with no sub-score below 5.5, you will be able to apply for a joint CAS for the whole of your foundation and undergraduate study at the University of South

Wales. This means you will only need to apply for your Student route visa once for your entire UK study, with no additional English language testing requirements.

Minimum age requirements

- 17 – must turn 18 within 3 of your pathway programme

Fees and finance

Tuition fee 2021/22

- 2-term – £10,500
- 3-term – £13,000

Scholarships and bursaries are available, subject to eligibility, contact us for more information.

Additional costs of your course can include the following:

You will need a laptop or PC (with the Microsoft Office package installed) to prepare your assignments.

You should be prepared to buy any stationery (pens, pencils, notebooks, folders, etc.) you need for your classes as well as specialist materials you may need for your pathway projects. This figure is very dependent on the type of project you decide to complete.

There may occasionally be trips organised, which may form part of your course requirements.

We would suggest allowing an additional £250 to cover these costs.

Progression options

Following the successful completion of your programme, with a pass mark of at least 40% in each module, you will progress on to the undergraduate degree programme you applied for at the University of South Wales.

- **BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance**
- **BA (Hons) Business and Management**
- **BSc (Hons) Childhood Development***
- **BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice**
- **BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice with Psychology**
- **BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice and Sociology**
- **BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice and Youth Justice**
- **BA (Hons) Fashion Business and Marketing**
- **BA (Hons) Forensic Accounting**
- **BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care Management***

- **BA (Hons) Hotel and Hospitality Management**
- **BA (Hons) Human Resource Management**
- **BA (Hons) International Events Management**
- **BA (Hons) International Business and Management**
- **BA (Hons) Journalism**
- **BSc (Hons) Logistics, Procurement and Supply Chain Management**
- **BSc (Hons) Marketing Management**
- **BA (Hons) Media, Culture and Journalism**
- **BA (Hons) Music Business**
- **BSc (Hons) Psychology**
- **BSc (Hons) Psychology with Counselling**
- **BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology and Criminal Justice***
- **BSc (Hons) Psychology with Developmental Disorders***
- **BSc (Hons) Sociology**
- **BA (Hons) Sports Journalism**
- **LLB (Hons) Law**

*Additional entry requirements apply. Please visit the course page for more details.

How to apply and find out more

You can apply online to study this programme by clicking on the Apply Online button for your chosen duration (2- or 3- term).

Next application deadline: 6 September 2021

IELTS level	October 2021	January 2022
IELTS 5.0	<u>Apply for October (2-term)</u>	<u>Apply for January (2-term)</u>
IELTS 4.5	<u>Apply for October (3-term)</u>	Not available