

A young man with a beard, wearing a dark blue beanie and a grey long-sleeved shirt, is sitting at a desk in a classroom. He is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression, resting his chin on his hand. In the background, another student is visible, slightly out of focus. A large yellow diagonal graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image.

PATHWAYS 2022/23



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WELCOME TO



We believe that everything starts with our students. Transforming their careers and their lives is what motivates and inspires us.

But what do we do? Well, through our university partnerships we offer pathway programmes, specifically designed for International students who want to study at university level in the UK.

The programmes are delivered by university and QA Higher Education staff, all of whom are experienced in supporting International students adjust to UK university culture.

Each pathway we offer is designed to support you as you prepare to study

a university degree in the UK. From developing your English language level, right through to building your academic study skills ready for your progression programme. Throughout your programme, you will be taught on-campus, with access to all university learning facilities.

This guide introduces each of our university partners, the cities in which they are based, and the progression routes available.

If you have any questions, please contact us and one of our regional representatives can discuss your options with you.



University
of South
Wales

2 hours

from London by train



University of
Roehampton
London

30 minutes

from Central London by train



Northumbria
University
NEWCASTLE

3 hours

from London by train

SOLENT
UNIVERSITY

SOUTHAMPTON

1 hour 20 minutes

from London by train

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH

Want to build your English language skills to successfully study at a UK university? Whether you intend to study at foundation, undergraduate or postgraduate level in the UK, our online Pre-Sessional English course combines academic and social language skills to help you get there.

The Pre-Sessional English programme is ideal if you:

- Want to meet the English language requirements needed for a QA partner university programme
- Want to develop your content-specific vocabulary, academic writing, reading, listening or speaking skills
- Want to develop your confidence in an English-speaking academic environment

Step 1

Choose the degree you wish to progress onto.

The IELTS requirements for your degree may influence whether you need to complete a 5, 10 or 15 week Pre-Sessional English course.

Choose when you want to start your degree. Depending on your English level, choose the correct Pre-Sessional English intake to start your university studies.

Follow the application process to submit your application.

Step 2

Study your Pre-Sessional English programme.

- Depending on your chosen degree and your IELTS, this could be 5, 10 or 15 weeks
- Develop your English language level
- Focus on developing your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, as well as vocabulary grammar and pronunciation in both academic and social settings
- Familiarise yourself with UK academic culture
- Gain the necessary skills to successfully complete a UK university programme

Step 3

Successfully pass your Pre-Sessional English programme and progress onto your chosen degree in either September, January or May. Also available as a standalone programme.

Find out more:

qahighereducation.com/PSE

PROGRESSION COURSES

- Accounting and Finance
- Applied Sciences
- Architecture/Architectural Design
- Arts (Performance and Visual)
- Built Environment
- Business
- Communication and Media
- Computer Science, IT and Digital Technologies
- Design
- Education
- Engineering
- English
- Fashion
- Geography and Environment
- Journalism
- Law
- Psychology
- Social Sciences
- Sport



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

Develop your academic study skills and English language ready to progress on to an undergraduate degree with a UK university.

International Foundation Programmes are ideal if you:

- Have 12-13 years of schooling, or local equivalent (e.g. 5 GCSEs at A-C)
- Have IELTS 4.5 or above (minimum of 4.0 in each component) from a UKVI Approved Centre
- Want to study an undergraduate degree at a UK university

Step 1

Choose your:

- Undergraduate subject and course
- University

Follow the application process to submit your application

Step 2

Study your International Foundation Programme.

- 2-4 terms depending on your IELTS level
- Develop your English language level
- Study pathway-specific content to build your subject understanding
- Familiarise yourself with UK academic culture
- Prepare for undergraduate study
- Study on campus and benefit from access to all of the university facilities and services that you can expect throughout the duration of your studies

Step 3

Successfully pass your International Foundation Programme and progress on to Year One of your undergraduate degree.*

Find out more:

qahighereducation.com/IFP

*In some instances there may be additional entry requirements for your chosen undergraduate degree.

LOCATIONS & PROGRESSION OPTIONS

Subjects you can progress onto:

	Northumbria University	Solent University	University of Roehampton	University of South Wales
Accounting and Finance	✓	✓	✓	✓
Applied Sciences	✓	✓	✓	✓*
Architecture/ Architectural Design	✓	✓	✓	✓
Arts (Performance and Visual)	✓	✓		✓
Built Environment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business	✓	✓	✓	✓
Communication and Media	✓	✓	✓	✓
Computer Science, IT and Digital Technologies	✓	✓	✓	✓
Design	✓	✓		✓
Education			✓	✓
Engineering	✓	✓		✓
English	✓		✓	
Fashion	✓	✓		✓
Geography and Environment	✓			
Journalism	✓		✓	✓
Law	✓		✓	✓
Psychology	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Sciences	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sport	✓	✓	✓	✓*

*Subject to approval

INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE

Equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree, these programmes fully prepare you for joining the second year of your chosen degree.

International Year One is ideal if you:

- Have good High School grades, or equivalent
- Have IELTS 5.5 overall (with a minimum of 5.0 in each individual component) from a UKVI Approved Centre
- Want to study an undergraduate degree at a UK university

Step 1

Choose your:

- Undergraduate subject and course
- University

Follow the application process to submit your application

Step 2

Study your International Year One

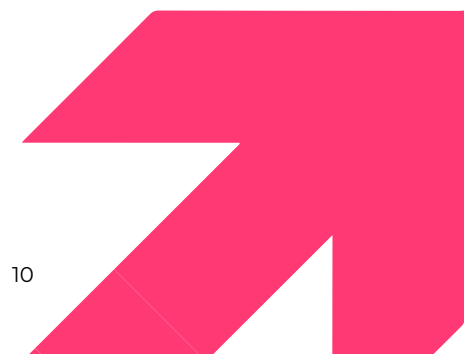
- 2 or 3 terms, depending on your IELTS
- Study subject-specific content to build your knowledge and understanding
- Develop your confidence and study skills to fully prepare for the second year of UK undergraduate study
- Familiarise yourself with UK academic culture
- Study on campus and benefit from access to all of the university facilities and services that you can expect throughout the duration of your studies

Step 3

Successfully pass your International Year One and progress on to Year Two of your chosen undergraduate degree.

Find out more:

qahighereducation.com/IY1



LOCATIONS & PROGRESSION OPTIONS

Subjects you can progress onto:

	Northumbria University	University of Roehampton	University of South Wales
Accounting		✓	
Business Management	✓*	✓	✓
Economics		✓	
Entrepreneurship		✓	
Finance		✓	
Human Resource Management	✓	✓	✓
International Business		✓	
Logistics, Procurement and Supply Chain Management			✓
Marketing		✓	✓



*Includes an option of a placement year with Northumbria University

A photograph of four students sitting on a modern, light blue modular sofa in a contemporary lounge or study area. The background features a wall with horizontal blue and yellow panels and exposed ceiling pipes. A large blue diagonal graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image.

NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY

Newcastle

pathway.northumbria.ac.uk

Northumbria is a research-rich, business-focused, professional university with a global reputation for academic excellence. It is based in the heart of Newcastle upon Tyne, which is regularly voted the best place in the UK for students.

The university has its origins in the Rutherford College, founded in 1880. Today, by putting students at the heart of an outstanding experience, and with world-leading research and award-winning partnerships, Northumbria is a new kind of excellent university.

Northumbria is top ten in the UK for the number of graduates entering professional employment. Nine out of ten of our graduates are working or studying six months after graduation¹.



**TOP 50
RATED UK
UNIVERSITY**

(Complete University Guide 2022 and the Guardian University Guide 2022)



**FASTEST RISING
UK UNIVERSITY
IN THE WORLD
RANKINGS**

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020)



**TOP 100
GLOBAL
YOUNG
UNIVERSITY**

(Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2021)



**TOP 50 IN THE UK
FOR RESEARCH
POWER**

Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014). The national system for assessing the quality of research in all UK universities.

¹(Destination of Leaders from Higher Education Survey 2015/16)

PROGRESSION OPTIONS

Successfully pass your pathway programme and progress on to an undergraduate degree in one of the following subject areas:

	IFP	IY1
Accounting and Finance	✓	
Applied Sciences	✓	
Architecture	✓	
Arts (Performance and Visual)	✓	
Built Environment	✓	
Business	✓	✓
Communication and Media	✓	
Computer Science, IT and Digital Technologies	✓	
Design	✓	
Engineering (including Automotive, Civil, Electrical & Electronic, and Mechanical)	✓	
English	✓	
Fashion	✓	
Geography and Environment	✓	
Journalism	✓	
Law	✓	
Psychology	✓	
Social Sciences	✓	
Sport	✓	

IFP: International Foundation Programme

IY1: International Year One

Find out more at:
northumbria.ac.uk/pathway



SOLENT UNIVERSITY

Southampton

qa.solent.ac.uk/pathway

Solent University focuses on creating opportunities for its students, staff and partners, while offering expertise and experiences to open doors and make introductions.

The university focuses on the practical side of higher education - giving students the connections, experience and confidence to turn their newfound knowledge into a career with real, meaningful impact.



HOME TO WORLD- LEADING

researching communication, cultural and media studies, and art and design



5 STAR RATED IN TEACHING AND INCLUSIVENESS

(QS World University Rankings, 2019)



4TH FOR NUMBER OF GRADUATE START-UPS

fourth top-ten year in a row. (HE-BCI, 2018/19)



RANKED AMONG THE TOP 25 UNIVERSITIES IN THE UK

for 'Student Voice', Academic Support' and 'Learning Community'. (National Student Survey, 2020)

PROGRESSION OPTIONS

Successfully pass your pathway programme and progress on to an undergraduate degree in one of the following subject areas:

	IFP
Accounting and Finance	✓
Applied Sciences	✓
Architecture	✓
Arts (Performance and Visual)	✓
Built Environment	✓
Business	✓
Communication and Media	✓
Computer Science, IT and Digital Technologies	✓
Design	✓
Engineering (including Automotive, Civil, Electrical & Electronic, and Mechanical)	✓
Fashion	✓
Psychology	✓
Social Sciences	✓
Sport	✓

IFP: International Foundation Programme

Find out more at:
qa.solent.ac.uk/pathway

A photograph of four students walking along a gravel path in an autumnal setting. The students are dressed in casual attire, including coats and jeans. In the background, there is a large, light-colored building with many windows and a tree with yellowing leaves. The ground is covered with fallen leaves. An orange diagonal graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image.

UNIVERSITY OF ROEHAMPTON

London

qa.roehampton.ac.uk/pathway

The University of Roehampton has a proud history stretching back to 1841 and are the only campus-based collegiate university in London. Their four colleges provide a strong sense of community, and their size means you will get to know those that teach you and those you study with.

Roehampton prides itself on helping all students regardless of their background to develop the skills they need for a successful graduate career and fulfilling life.



SINCE 1841

A proud history in Higher Education through four historic colleges



92% OF GRADUATES IN EMPLOYMENT/ FURTHER STUDY

Within 6 months of graduating (DLHE Report 2018)



54 ACRES OF PARKLAND, LAKES AND WOODLAND

at the Campus in south-west London



MOST RESEARCH INTENSIVE MODERN UNIVERSITY IN THE UK

(REF 2014)

PROGRESSION OPTIONS

Successfully pass your pathway and progress on to an undergraduate degree in one of the following subject areas:

	IFP	IY1
Accounting and Finance	✓	✓
Applied Sciences	✓	
Arts	✓	
Business	✓	✓
Communication and Media	✓	
Computer Science, IT and Digital Technologies	✓	
Education	✓	
English	✓	
Journalism	✓	
Law	✓	
Psychology	✓	
Social Sciences	✓	
Sport	✓	

IFP: International Foundation Programme

IY1: International Year One

Find out more at:

qa.roehampton.ac.uk/pathway



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES

Greater Cardiff

qa.southwales.ac.uk

The University of South Wales focuses on creating a positive and collaborative culture for students to join and focus on real-world problems and challenges. Their practical and applied approach to study means students making a difference in practice, not just on paper. With state-of-the-art facilities, each one of their campuses provides students with invaluable hands-on learning. Additionally, their links to industry employers and work experience opportunities ensure that by the time students leave university, they're ready for what the future holds.

Employability is at the heart of everything USW does. They seek to ensure that students will be ready to start a successful career after graduating from university. They have made employability part of the curriculum, with teaching informed by what happens in the real world and what skills students will need for the workplace.



RANKED 6TH BEST UNIVERSITY IN EUROPE

based on student experience and opinion (StuDocu World University Rankings 2020)



2,500 STUDENTS WELCOMED

each year from 200 countries



95% OF GRADUATES IN EMPLOYMENT/ FURTHER STUDY

Within 6 months of graduating (DHLE Report 2016/17)



TOP 20 IN THE UK FOR ACCOUNTING & FINANCE

(Guardian University Guide 2022)

PROGRESSION OPTIONS

Successfully pass your pathway and progress on to an undergraduate degree in one of the following subject areas:

	IFP	IY1
Accounting and Finance	✓	
Applied Sciences	✓*	
Arts	✓	
Built Environment	✓	
Business	✓	✓
Communication and Media	✓	
Computer Science	✓	
Design	✓	
Education	✓	
Engineering	✓	
Fashion	✓	
Journalism	✓	
Law	✓	
Psychology	✓	
Social Sciences	✓	
Sport	✓*	

*Subject to approval

IFP: International Foundation Programme
IY1: International Year One

Find out more at:
qa.southwales.ac.uk

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What study option is right for me?

The **Pre-Sessional English programme** is designed to develop students' English skills to meet the language requirements for a degree with one of our partner universities.

The International Foundation Programme is designed to support students with English language levels equivalent to IELTS 4.5 (with no single component below 4.0) or higher. For the minimum component scores, please refer to our website.

The International Year One (IY1) programmes are designed to support students who have IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent). The programme integrates English language development with content comparative to the first year of an undergraduate degree.

What English language level do I need?

If you have IELTS 4.5 (or equivalent), from a UKVI Approved Centre, you will need to study one of the 3 or 4 term programmes to allow enough time for your language skills to develop to the standard needed to study a UK undergraduate degree.

If you have IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent), from a UKVI Approved Centre, you will be able to study one of the 2 or 3 term programmes.

What start dates are available?

We offer multiple start dates throughout the year depending on the programme and your chosen university. Intakes usually occur in the following months:

Pre-Sessional English programme: September, October, February, March, June, July and August

International Foundation Programme: October, January, and March

International Year One: October, January and March

Please refer to our website for information by university partner as intakes do differ between universities to fit with academic calendars.

What are my accommodation options?

Accommodation options vary depending on which university you choose to study with. All of the universities that we partner with for pathway programmes have student halls of residence available. There are also private halls and houses available.

For students under 18, it is our policy for these students to live in homestays unless we receive signed consent from a parent or guardian, notifying us of an alternative accommodation decision.

Are there scholarships or bursaries available?

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries based on academic merit and individual applications. You do not need to submit an additional application for these; they are awarded based on your course application. For more information and to discuss your eligibility, please speak to one of our team.

How long is a term or semester?

The words term and semester are used by universities to define a teaching period, usually between 10 and 12 weeks. Your exact course duration will be confirmed on your offer as this will vary between universities.

What do I need to know about studying in the UK?

In addition to developing your academic and English language skills, the pathway programmes are also designed to help you adjust to studying in the UK and UK university life. You will learn the academic skills which will support you throughout the duration of your studies in the UK, learning how to write assignments, reference, give presentations and undertake group work.

You will be taught by academics who are experienced in helping international students adjust to studying in the UK and adapting to UK culture.

If I study an IFP or IY1 programme, when would I start my undergraduate degree?

This depends on when you start your programme and how long your pathway programme is. The table on the next page shows the typical timeframes of when you may start your programme and when you would progress on to your chosen undergraduate degree.

Your exact start dates and course duration will be confirmed in your offer letter as these will vary between universities.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME START DATES

October	2/3 terms	Start your undergraduate degree in September the next year after a study break over summer
October	3/4 terms	Start your undergraduate degree in September the next year
January	2/3 terms	Start your undergraduate degree in September in the same year
March	2 terms	Start your undergraduate degree in September in the same year



INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE PROGRAMME START DATES

October	4 terms	Start Year Two of your undergraduate degree in September the next year
October	3 terms	Start Year Two in September in the following year after a study break over the summer
January	3 terms	Start Year Two of your undergraduate degree in September the same year



HOW TO APPLY

If a pathway programme is for you, we have tried to make the application process as straightforward as possible.

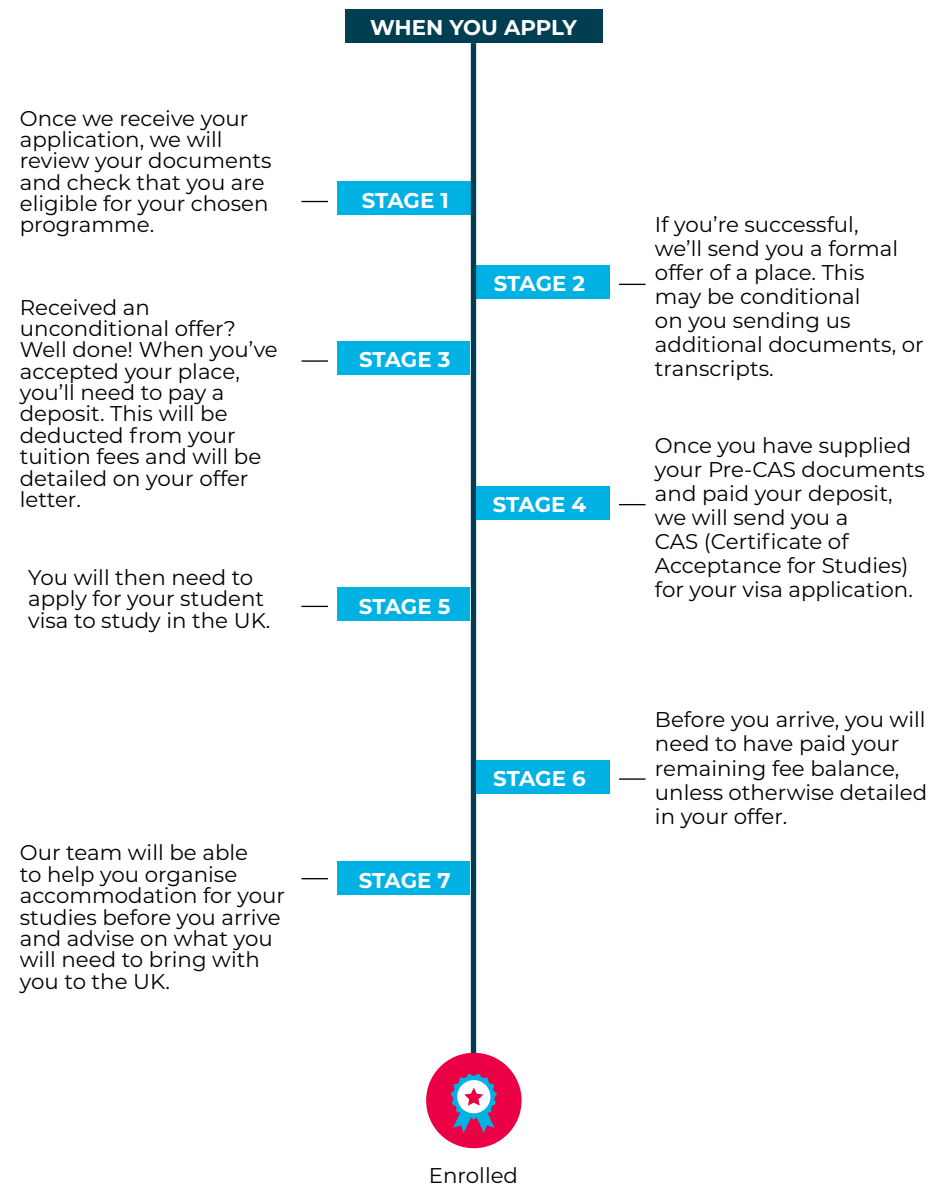
You can find all application forms at: qahighereducation.com/pathway

To process your application quickly, submit the following:

- Application form - completed and signed - you will need to include your intended progression programme on the form
- A copy of your passport
- A copy of your original qualifications and transcripts (and Certified Translation, where applicable)
- References (dependent on your programme choice)
- A personal statement
- Copies of any current and previous UK visas, CAS and copies of exit stamp (if you require a student visa to study in the UK)
- A valid IELTS from a UKVI Approved Centre
- Any previous visa refusals (if applicable)



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU APPLY





qahighereducation.com

All programmes included in this prospectus are delivered as part of a partnership between QA Higher Education and our university partners. All pathway programmes detailed are validated by the University and taught by QA Higher Education and University staff. Together with our partners, QA Higher Education is committed to being an equal opportunities education provider and will therefore make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants and students.

The information given in this publication is accurate at the time of publication in January 2022 and the universities and QA Higher Education will use all reasonable efforts to deliver the programmes as described. QA Higher Education and our partners reserve the right to withdraw or change the programmes or programme combinations included in this prospectus. These changes will only be made as a result of UK legal compliance, minimum student number requirements or for course validation reasons and applicants will be contacted by the University or QA Higher Education at the earliest opportunity in the instance of these changes occurring. Please check the website for up-to-date information on our programmes