

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	International Academy		
Course Code(s):	IC020T01UV	Full-time	1 Years
UCAS Code:	L301		
Course Title:	Extended International Foundation Year (4.5) in Social Sciences		
Hierarchy of Awards:	University Statement of Credit Extended International Foundation Year in Social Sciences		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	30/May/2017		
Last Review:	2018/9		
Course Specification valid from:	2015/6		
Course Specification valid to:	2023/4		

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Mr Alistair Macdonald
Head of Department:	Mrs Angela Molinari

Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This closed course is restricted to certain groups of people and not generally available to any suitably qualified candidate.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS)

Entry Requirements

- A pass at High School Certificate (or equivalent)
- UKVI IELTS 4.5 overall with no less than 4.0 in any component

Distinctive Features of the Course:

1. This course will enable you to understand the expectations of studying for a degree in your chosen subject at the University of Wolverhampton.
2. It will help you enhance your capabilities in English within an academic environment and digital environment. The University of Wolverhampton is a mature user of technology in learning and teaching. This course will enable you to develop your skills to be able to work in a digital environment
3. All the general modules will allow you to base your activities on the subject specific content of your course
4. You will recognise, plan and develop your own learning capabilities to enable you to progress to your next level of study
5. The course includes a module from the follow-on degree course, which means that a student will gain 20 credits prior to progression to the follow-on course on successful completion of the module.
6. The International Foundation Year will allow progression onto undergraduate degree courses at the University of Wolverhampton (with the exception of Nursing, Teaching and Pharmacy)

Educational Aims of the Course:

The Extended International Foundation Year will allow you to develop your capabilities to study in a specific subject as well as enhancing your English language skills. You will develop an understanding of the expectations and the academic skills required to study successfully for a degree in the UK. On successful completion of the course, you will then be able to apply for a degree course at the University of Wolverhampton.

You may enter the course at either IELTS 4.5 or IELTS 5.0 and will study the relevant modules to increase your English proficiency.

During the course, you will study a mixture of subject specific modules[e.g. Advanced Mathematical skills or Introduction to Business] and more general modules[e.g. Getting Ahead as an International Student] that will expand your English language and learning skills in preparation for your higher education journey.

You are encouraged to increase the benefit of the various tasks undertaken in the general study skills/language modules by applying them to some of the topics from your chosen academic subject.

To summarise, the course will give you;

- An introduction to your chosen specialist subject
- A solid foundation in the key academic skills like research and referencing that will support degree level study.
- Academic Language Development skills
- A choice of pathways based on your chosen degree course

Intakes:

November
July

Major Source of Funding:

OTHER FUNDING

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2017/8	EU	Full Time	£9500.00
2017/8	Overseas	Full Time	£11000.00
2018/9	Home / EU	Full Time	£8560.00
2018/9	Overseas	Full Time	£11220.00

PSRB:

IC020T01UV (Full-time)

Professional Accreditation Body:
The British Council

Approved	Start	Expected End	Renewal
06/Mar/2018	31/Mar/2022	31/Mar/2022	01/Apr/2022

Course Structure:

July (Full-Time)

Year 1

Full time and Sandwich Undergraduate Honours students normally study 120 credits per academic year; 60 credits semester 1 and 60 credits semester 2.

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
3EG031	Pre-IFY A (IELTS 4.5 - 5.5)	20	CRYRA	Core

3EG007	Language Skills: Grammar, Writing and Speaking	20	SEM1	Core
3EG011	Exploring an Academic Discipline	20	SEM2	Core
3EG034	Getting Ahead as an International Student	20	SEM1	Core
3EG033	Learning in a Digital Environment	20	SEM2	Core

For this option group you must choose a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits

3IM001	Business Decision Making	20	SEM2	
3GK008	Culture and Nationality in Conflict	20	SEM2	

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3MG001	Introduction to Management	20	SEM1	
3GK006	Extended Project	20	SEM1	
3GK007	Wolverhampton and its People	20	SEM1	

October (Full-Time)

Year 1

Full time and Sandwich Undergraduate Honours students normally study 120 credits per academic year; 60 credits semester 1 and 60 credits semester 2.

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
3EG007	Language Skills: Grammar, Writing and Speaking	20	SEM3	Core
3EG011	Exploring an Academic Discipline	20	SEM3	Core
3EG034	Getting Ahead as an International Student	20	SEM2	Core
3EG033	Learning in a Digital Environment	20	SEM2	Core
3EG031	Pre-IFY A (IELTS 4.5 - 5.5)	20	INJR	Core

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3IM001	Business Decision Making	20	SEM2
3GK008	Culture and Nationality in Conflict	20	SEM2

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3MG001	Introduction to Management	20	SEM3
3GK006	Extended Project	20	SEM3
3GK007	Wolverhampton and its People	20	SEM3

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

Section 1.2.3 - Exemption for delivery outside the standard University Academic Calendar in order to comply with UKVI requirements and relevant time limits for CAS offers.

Section 4.4.3 - Exemption in accordance with UKVI requirements for demonstrating threshold English language ability. Compensation will not be permitted for the following Level 3 modules (third attempts are permitted);

3EG007 Language Skills: Grammar, Writing & Speaking

3EG011 Exploring an Academic Discipline.

APPROVED by AFRSC on 8/11/2018.

Reference Points:

Common European Framework for Languages [CEF]

QAA Language benchmark statements at NVQ 5

QAA [2010] Foundation Degree qualification Benchmark

QAA – [FHEQ] Framework for higher education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Equality Act 2010.

Learning Outcomes:

UC Course Learning Outcome 1 (UCCL01)

Develop an understanding of key concepts, theories and discourse appropriate to their chosen subject context.

UC Course Learning Outcome 2 (UCCL02)

Select, utilise and critically evaluate appropriate information for given academic tasks.

UC Course Learning Outcome 3 (UCCL03)

Demonstrate the ability to understand and communicate effectively in academic contexts in both written and spoken English to a level commensurate with CEFR B2+/IELTS level 6.

UC Course Learning Outcome 4 (UCCL04)

Present findings using appropriate conventions for academic audiences.

UC Course Learning Outcome 5 (UCCL05)

Demonstrate appropriate competencies to work within a digital environment.

UC Course Learning Outcome 6 (UCCL06)

Understand the challenges of studying internationally and reflect on their own learning and personal development.

Overview of Assessment:

Module	Title	Course Learning Outcomes
3EG007	Language Skills: Grammar, Writing and Speaking	UCCL02, UCCL03, UCCL04
3EG011	Exploring an Academic Discipline	UCCL01, UCCL03, UCCL04, UCCL06
3EG031	Pre-IFY A (IELTS 4.5 - 5.5)	UCCL02, UCCL04
3EG032	Pre-IFY B (IELTS 5.0 - 5.5)	UCCL02, UCCL04
3EG033	Learning in a Digital Environment	UCCL02, UCCL04, UCCL05, UCCL06
3EG034	Getting Ahead as an International Student	UCCL02, UCCL03, UCCL04, UCCL06
3GK006	Extended Project	UCCL01, UCCL03, UCCL04
3GK007	Wolverhampton and its People	UCCL01, UCCL02, UCCL03
3GK008	Culture and Nationality in Conflict	UCCL01, UCCL02, UCCL03, UCCL05
3IM001	Business Decision Making	UCCL01, UCCL02, UCCL03
3MG001	Introduction to Management	UCCL01, UCCL02, UCCL03

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

The learning activities students engage in are:

- Exploration
- Orientation
- Reflection
- Planning
- Developing practical skills for learning
- Developing practical digital literacy skills
- Developing practical information literacy skills
- Scenario based work

Teaching methods include:

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Tutor-led/group-led group discussions
- One to one and group tutorials
- Presentations to peers by individuals or groups
- Workshops:

Student Support:

For independent advice and guidance on all matters related to being a student eg. academic, finance, and housing issues, contact the Students' Union's Advice and Support Centre by telephone or e-mail

Employability in the Curriculum:

The aim of the course is to allow successful candidates to progress onto a degree programme in their chosen subject. It will serve to enhance their employment opportunities in the future.

