



FindEducation
Pathways

**International
Foundation Diploma**

in Business, Finance,
Computing and Engineering

Oxford, UK
2020-2021



Programme Overview

The International Foundation Diploma (IFD) has been specifically designed for international students who want to study for an undergraduate degree but do not have British A-level qualifications.

If you have completed your secondary school education in your own country and you are looking for a programme that will equip you with the English language skills and subject knowledge to embark upon an undergraduate course overseas, we have got you covered.

Participating in the IFD programme will also increase your cultural awareness and prepare you for living and studying in a truly multi-cultural environment.



Pathways

There are a range of undergraduate degree courses you can progress to from the IFD in four main subject areas:

	Examples of courses you can apply to:
Business	Business Economics, Business Studies and Marketing, PR & Marketing, Business and Management, Tourism and Hospitality Management
Finance	Accounting and Finance, Banking and Finance, Financial Economics, Accounting and Banking
Computing	Business Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Games Technology, Digital Media Technology, Cyber Security, Data Science
Engineering	Automotive Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Electronic & Computer Engineering, Civil Engineering

Accreditation

NCC Education is a leading awarding body in Computing and Business, providing assessment and certification through recognised British qualifications throughout the world. Find Education is proud to be a part of NCC Education's global network of Accredited Partner Centres.



The International Foundation Diploma is accredited by NCC Education and is an Ofqual regulated qualification (Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies).



9-month course

The first 3-month (September to December) of the IFD programme is focused on academic English only and will be delivered online. After the first 3 months the students automatically progress to the Fast Track Foundation at the O'Regan Centre, Oxford Brookes University, Wheatley Campus in Oxford.

The course consists of **six core units** and a **further two units** must be taken from a **choice of elective units** listed below.

Core units: Developing English Language Skills, Advanced English Language Skills, English for Academic Purposes, Study and Communication Skills, Cultural Studies, Foundation Mathematics

Pathway	Two elective units
Business	Introduction to Business
	Introduction to Accounting and Economics
Finance	Further Mathematics
	Introduction to Accounting and Economics
Engineering	Further Mathematics
	Physics
Computing	Introduction to Computer Science
	Introduction to Programming

Entry requirements

- Successful completion of secondary education
- Minimum IELTS 4.5 or equivalent level (checked by our academic staff)

6-month Fast Track

11th January 2021 – 14th June 2021

The Fast Track course consists of **five core units** and a **further two units** must be taken from a **choice of elective units** listed above.

Core units: Advanced English Language Skills, English for Academic Purposes, Study and Communication Skills, Cultural Studies, Foundation Mathematics

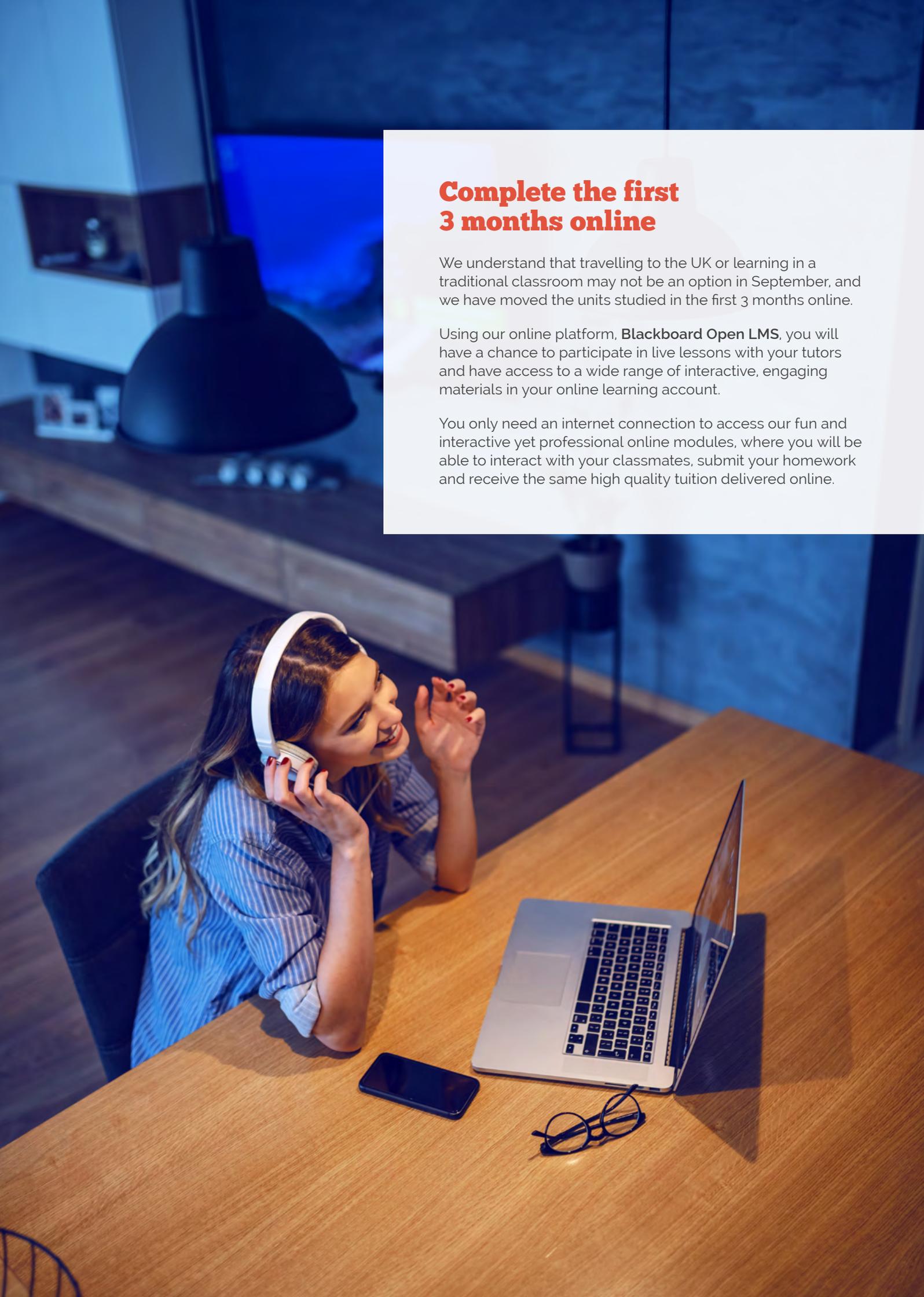
The Developing English Language Skills unit is not required for students on the Fast Track programme as their IELTS score indicates they have already learnt the English language skills taught on this module.

Entry requirements

- Successful completion of secondary education
- IELTS certificate 5.5 or above with at least 5.0 in each component

Location

The Fast Track course from January 2021 and all examinations take place at Find Education in Oxford at the O'Regan Centre, Oxford Brookes University, Wheatley Campus.



Complete the first 3 months online

We understand that travelling to the UK or learning in a traditional classroom may not be an option in September, and we have moved the units studied in the first 3 months online.

Using our online platform, **Blackboard Open LMS**, you will have a chance to participate in live lessons with your tutors and have access to a wide range of interactive, engaging materials in your online learning account.

You only need an internet connection to access our fun and interactive yet professional online modules, where you will be able to interact with your classmates, submit your homework and receive the same high quality tuition delivered online.

Which universities can I apply for?

By studying on the International Foundation Diploma programme you can benefit from NCC Education's extensive network of partner universities. The IFD qualification taught at Find Education is recognised by over 70 Universities worldwide: UK, Ireland, Australia, Canada, and USA, including:

UK Universities

Abertay University	Sheffield Hallam University
Aberystwyth University	Staffordshire University
Aston University	Teeside University
Bangor University*	University of Derby*
Birmingham City University*	University of Central Lancashire
Cardiff University	University of Essex
City University of London	University of Gloucestershire
De Montfort University	University of Greenwich
Glasgow Caledonian University	University of Northampton
Kingston University London	University of Nottingham
Falmouth University	University of Leeds
Leeds Beckett University	University of Liverpool
Liverpool Hope University*	University of London
Liverpool John Moores University	University of Sussex
London Metropolitan University	University of the West of England
Northumbria University	University of the West of Scotland
Nottingham Trent University	University of Westminster
Oxford Brookes University	University of Wolverhampton
Plymouth University	University of Worcester
Royal Holloway, University of London	University of York

*guaranteed progression routes (dependant on exam results)



Qualification Structure

6 core units

To complete the International Foundation Diploma, **you must study and pass eight modules**. The course consists of **six core units** that all students must take:

DEVELOPING ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS* (30 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 (20 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 (20 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 (10 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 (10 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.

2 elective units

A **further two modules** must be taken from a choice of the following **electives**:

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS (10 CREDITS; 100% EXAMINATION)

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 (10 CREDITS; 100% EXAMINATION)

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 (10 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 (10 CREDITS; 50% ASSIGNMENT, 50% EXAMINATION)

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 (10 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 (10 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.

*Module not required for students on the Fast Track programme as their IELTS score indicates they have already learnt the English language skills taught on this module.

Assessment and examinations

The first 3 months of the course can be completed online. The Fast Track course and all examinations take place at Find Education in Oxford at Oxford Brookes University. Wheatley Campus and all assessment will be 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.

DELIVERY METHOD

The International Foundation Diploma 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. Please see Find Education's Student Attendance and Homework Policy for further information.

LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES

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

- **Personal tutor - one-to-one tutorials**
- Monthly attendance and progress reports
- Progress report for parents at the end of terms
- Lectures notes and subject guides
- Regular formative and summative assessment and feedback
- Recommended reading lists
- Access to a Virtual Learning Environment & Digital Library
- Access to the library at Oxford Brookes University, Wheatley & Headington Campuses

Campus

Oxford is a vibrant city, steeped in history and with plenty of places to visit and good quality accommodation for all budgets.

You will be studying just seven miles from Oxford city centre at **Oxford Brookes University, Wheatley Campus** which offers playing fields, library, computer rooms and a shop.

As well as modern, innovative learning spaces, there are social venues and catering outlets to enjoy.

The Hub at Wheatley provides good-quality food and a space to relax during your day. Offering Starbucks coffee, artisan Deli sandwiches, an Asian broth bar and classic British dishes, there's something to please everyone.

In addition, you will also be able to access the library services at Oxford Brookes University's Headington Campus (but will not be permitted to take materials out of the libraries) and you are welcome to join the student gym at the Headington campus (membership fees are not included in your course fees).



Residential Accommodation



If you're studying in Oxford, Slade Park is an ideal choice for you. This residence gives you all you need to feel right at home.

The residence offers modern, fully furnished single en-suite rooms in cluster flats, perfect for international foundation students.

With a large community space (offering a flat-screen TV), games room and central courtyard you

will have everything you need to study, relax and socialise.

The cluster flats are made up of four, five and six en-suite bedrooms, with a shared, modern fully fitted kitchen and lounge area.

Slade Park is located in a residential area, just 30 minutes from Oxford Brookes Wheatley Campus or the centre of Oxford.

Features

- + Modern private en-suite rooms
- + All-inclusive utility bills
- + Free Wi-Fi throughout
- + Variety of communal spaces
- + Games room & study spaces
- + Secure bike storage
- + Free contents insurance
- + On-site laundry facilities
- + Secure bike storage

Homestay Accommodation



Homestay is a fantastic way to experience life like a local whilst studying in Oxford. Living with a host family can also help you improve your English and help settle you into a new city. You will be placed with a trusted, local host family we have met & inspected personally (all of our host families are DBS - UK criminal record checked).

Travel time to school will be no longer than 45 mins.

You will have breakfast and dinner with your host family on weekdays and breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided at the weekends. Please let us know about any special dietary requirements, so that we can make sure they are catered for.

Features

- + Single room
- + Wi-Fi access included
- + Breakfast and lunch (weekdays)
- + Full board at the weekend
- + Experience life like a local
- + Practise speaking English
- + Learn about British culture

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