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OF THE YEAR**

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2020-21

For undergraduate and postgraduate students

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ABERDEEN

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WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT LIVING AND STUDYING IN ABERDEEN?

“Aberdeen is a very peaceful and friendly environment with a range of diverse cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds. The cost of living was cheaper than I expected and the people I met were nice and kind to me. Aberdeen is a great place to study - it's worth every penny! I love Aberdeen.”

Adesola Opeyemi Adetoye
MSc Renewable Energy
Engineering





WELCOME

EST.
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Aberdeen is the fifth oldest university in the UK but we have an outlook that is truly twenty-first century. We are ranked 28th globally for International Outlook*, ranked 31st overall in the world for societal and environmental impact** - and have a great reputation for world-leading research that attracts outstanding students and academics from across the globe.

Our rich heritage, impactful research and learning excellence has contributed to our association with five Nobel Prize winners and more recently being named 'Scottish University of the Year 2019' by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide.

In 1495, our founder stated that the University of Aberdeen would be 'Open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others'. We honour this statement by warmly inviting you to join our Aberdeen family and to become part of the next chapter in history.

Edinburgh	128 m / 206 km
Glasgow	146 m / 235 km
Manchester	350 m / 563 km
London	546 m / 879 km



Ancient university *with impact*

Ranked in the
TOP 30 UNIVERSITIES
in the UK

Complete University Guide 2020 and The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019

—Founded—
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2019
**SCOTTISH
UNIVERSITY**
— OF THE YEAR* —

14,500
STUDENTS

130+
NATIONALITIES


**OLYMPIC
STANDARD**
Aberdeen Sports Village

—Associated with—
FIVE
NOBEL PRIZES

—Overall—
31st
IN THE WORLD
*for societal and
environmental impact*


**INTERNATIONAL
GLOBAL NETWORKS**
*Campus in Qatar, Alliance with
Curtin University and Partnership
in Sri Lanka*

—Over—
150
SPORTS CLUBS
—and societies—


**SIR DUNCAN
RICE LIBRARY**
—named one of the—
MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE WORLD**

75%
of research classified as
WORLD LEADING****

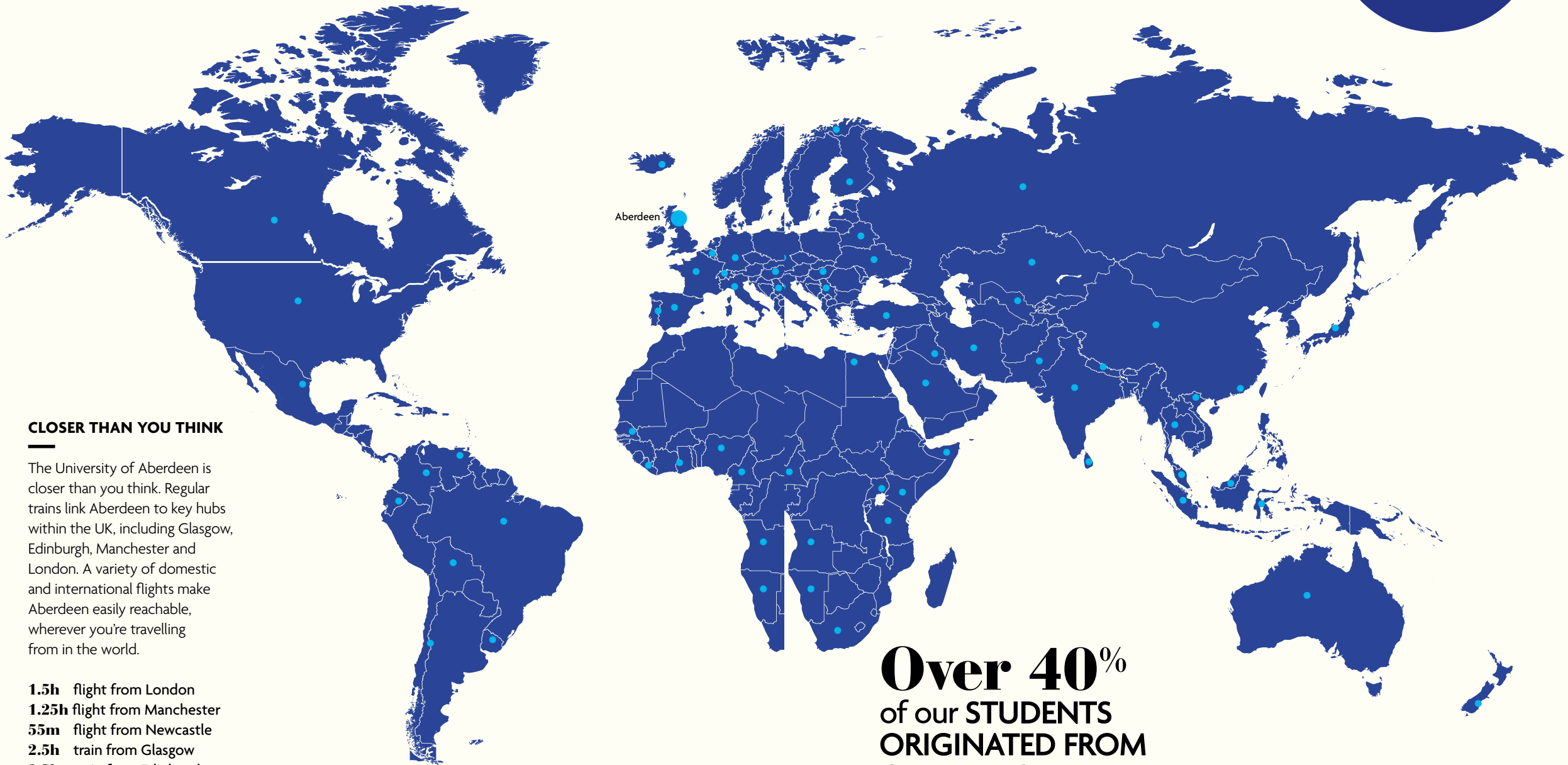
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UNIVERSITIES
IN THE WORLD[◊]



Where our students come from

PLEASE NOTE

This map is for guidance only and should not be taken as a definitive or exhaustive representation of our student body.



CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

The University of Aberdeen is closer than you think. Regular trains link Aberdeen to key hubs within the UK, including Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester and London. A variety of domestic and international flights make Aberdeen easily reachable, wherever you're travelling from in the world.

- 1.5h flight from London
- 1.25h flight from Manchester
- 55m flight from Newcastle
- 2.5h train from Glasgow
- 2.5h train from Edinburgh
- 1.5h flight to Amsterdam
- 2h flight to Paris

Over 40%
of our **STUDENTS**
ORIGINATED FROM
OUTSIDE OF
THE UK in 2018/19

Truly *international*

The University of Aberdeen has a truly international outlook, with staff, partners and alliances working with us from different institutions and countries across the globe.

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen, located in Doha, Qatar, opened its doors in September 2017. By September 2021, phase two will have been fully developed, providing the campus with a capacity for over 4000 students and the ability to offer degrees in engineering, education, medical science and social science.

The campus currently delivers two of the following four degrees:

- MA Business Management
- MA Accountancy & Finance Administration (MBA)
- MSc International Business Management

If you are interested in studying one of the degrees above at our Qatar campus, please visit our dedicated webpages.

abdn.ac.uk/Qatar

Curtin University Alliance

The Aberdeen-Curtin Alliance was established in early 2017, combining 500 years of academic strength, history and tradition at Scotland's University of Aberdeen with the ambition and innovation of the rapidly growing Curtin University, based in Perth, Western Australia.

The alliance has provided many opportunities for staff and students alike, including:

Collaborative PhDs

The alliance offers students the opportunity to undertake a collaborative PhD in projects across a broad range of focus areas including energy and engineering, health and medicine, creative arts and business. You will spend time at each institution and will be supervised by both Aberdeen and Curtin research staff. Further information on current PhDs and scholarships is available online.

aberdeencurtinalliance.org/research/collaborative-phds

MSc Global Subsea Engineering

A Masters degree where students study the first semester at Aberdeen and the other at Curtin before returning to complete their individual project in Aberdeen.

abdn.ac.uk/pgt/global-subsea-eng

For more information on the alliance, please visit our webpages.

aberdeencurtinalliance.org

International exchange and Erasmus study

The Erasmus exchange programme lets you study in another European country as part of your degree whereas our International Exchange Programme provides opportunities to spend a year or semester of study at our International Exchange partners in Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea or the USA.

abdn.ac.uk/go-abroad



OUR STAFF
— are from more than —
82
DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



Sri Lanka Medical Pathway

The University, together with Sri Lanka's International Institute of Health Sciences have created a Medical pathway for those interested in a career in Medicine. Students entering the Medical Pathway will spend the first three years of the programme in Aberdeen, and then upon successful completion, spend the remaining two years gaining clinical experience in Sri Lanka.

abdn.ac.uk/sri-lanka

International careers

Studying at the University of Aberdeen gives our students a competitive advantage because the University has an excellent global network of employers, research institutions and other universities. Students who are looking to have an international career benefit from this as they come in to contact with many different nationalities on campus, collaborate through our networks

and find employment through the Careers service, which works with global organisations.

abdn.ac.uk/careers

RESEARCH IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Arsenic in rice

Led by Professor Jörg Feldmann, a team from the University of Aberdeen developed methodologies for measuring the levels of inorganic arsenic in rice. After implementing tests on products worldwide, the team discovered that levels were significantly higher in the USA than in countries such as Bangladesh, due to the herbicides used by the USA in fields where rice is grown. But although the team's findings attracted significant attention from food groups and federations, it was not until China implemented a maximum permissible level for the first time, and introduced a new import regulation, that major food authorities began to act. Based on China's new benchmark, the research team demonstrated that many European products, including baby rice, did not pass the new regulatory limit.

As a result of this research, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) came together to examine contaminants in rice and consider the team's suggestions for a maximum permissible level of inorganic arsenic. In 2016, these recommendations were implemented when the EU introduced new laws to regulate the levels of inorganic arsenic in rice.



ABERDEEN
Ancient university, inspirational city

Ancient university

Inspirational region

Aberdeen combines city, countryside and coastline to give you a little of everything. The University campus is only thirty minutes walk from the city centre, where its vibrant and creative atmosphere will keep you inspired throughout your studies.

The
SAFEST
city in Scotland

Source: Unbroken Britain Survey,
Provident Financial, 2018



ABERDEEN
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The city of Aberdeen – your new home

Aberdeen is a unique student city, characterised by a mixture of distinctive architecture, cosmopolitan spirit, northern light and its proximity to the sea.

Cosmopolitan Spirit

The city of Aberdeen is a big player in the energy industry and is home to two well recognised universities. As such, Aberdeen has attracted people from all over the world, making it a multi-cultural city, where you can quickly feel at home.

Arts and Culture

From historical venues such as His Majesty's Theatre and the Music Hall, to smaller intimate spaces for live entertainment such as The Lemon Tree or the Blue Lamp, Aberdeen has something to offer everyone. The city also hosts international show tours and festivals across genres including art, live music, opera, theatre and comedy. Find out more at:

- aberdeenperformingarts.com
- aberdeenfestivals.com

Your city



Annual Nuart street art festival

Food and drink

The city offers a fantastic mix of both well-known restaurant chains and quirky independently owned bistros and eateries offering the best local produce. You will find restaurant and cafes that cater for vegan, gluten-free and halal diets across the city. You will also come across many different international themed eateries including American, Brazilian, European, Chinese, Thai, Turkish, West African and Indian.



Shopping

Whether in the city's shopping malls, numerous retail parks, or in the bustling city centre itself, shoppers can find high street and designer stores, as well as independent retailers and international street markets. The city also benefits from next day delivery services from many online sellers.

Health, style and beauty

Aberdeen has a huge choice of hairdressers, barbers and beauticians to keep you looking and feeling your best throughout your time here. You will find everything from extension and braiding salons to traditional Turkish barbershops.

abdn.ac.uk/study/city



City centre to airport in 20mins



One of the most affordable cities for students*



Aberdeen is Scotland's safest city**



Our coastline is one of the world's 20 most iconic landscapes***



The countryside

and beyond



Beaches and Coastline

The North East of Scotland boasts over 150 miles of stunning coastline. As such, the region is home to some of Scotland's most beautiful sandy beaches and the most breath-taking cliffs. There are many walking trails and plenty of opportunities to take part in water sports, such as surfing.

See the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis)

A once in a lifetime experience, the Aurora Borealis is a stunning example of natural beauty that can only be seen from certain spots in the world (we're thrilled to say we're one of them). For hundreds of years Aberdeenshire has been a famous hot spot for this magical light show, attracting visitors from across the world. Look out for Aurora forecasts online, which help you pinpoint the best time and place to see the show.

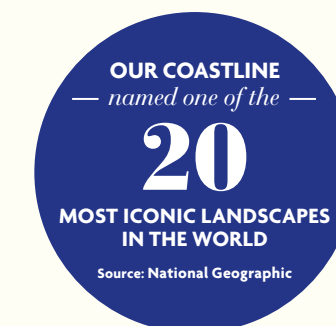
aurorawatch.lancs.ac.uk

Wildlife

The city and surrounding countryside is famously known for many different types of wildlife. Spot dolphins in the North Sea, or see hundreds of seals at the Sands of Forvie National Nature Reserve – less than 20 miles from the city centre. To catch a glimpse of rare animal and plant species, visit the Cairngorms National Park, which is home to 25% of the UK's threatened birds, animal and plant species.

Proud of our history

Evidence of Aberdeenshire's past is still very prominent today, with historical attractions ranging from the Neolithic age to World War II. Stone circles, castles, ruins and other buildings can be found all over the city and surrounding countryside. One of our most well-known castles is Dunnottar Castle, a 13th century castle, beautifully situated beside the dramatic North Sea.



Studying *at Aberdeen*

With scholarship and bursary schemes available, plus professionally accredited degrees and enhanced study options, we have everything in place to help you get the most out of your time here.



Undergraduate subjects of study

ARTS, BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Accountancy

Anthropology

Archaeology

Business Management

Celtic & Anglo-Saxon Studies

Computing

Divinity

Economics

English

Film & Visual Culture

Finance

French

Gaelic Studies

Geography

German

History

History of Art

Politics and International Relations

Language & Linguistics

Mathematics

Music

Music Education

Natural Philosophy

Philosophy

Politics

Psychology

Real Estate

Scottish Studies

Sociology

Spanish and Latin American Studies

Theology and Religion

ENGINEERING

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Engineering (General Entry)

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Petroleum Engineering

LAW

Law (LLB)

Law (LLB - Accelerated 2 years)

Law (LLB) with English Law (LLB Accelerated 2 years)

Legal Studies

LIFE SCIENCES

Animal Behaviour

Behavioural Biology

Biological Sciences

Biology

Conservation Biology

Ecology

Environmental Chemistry

Environmental Science

Marine Biology

Plant and Soil Science

Zoology

MEDICAL SCIENCES AND MEDICINE

Biochemistry

Biomedical Sciences

Biotechnology

Exercise and Health Science

Genetics

Human Embryology and Developmental Biology

Immunology

Medicine Pathway - Sri Lanka

Medicine

Microbiology

Molecular Biology

Neuroscience with Psychology

Pharmacology

Physiology

Sports and Exercise Science

SCIENCES

Archaeology

Chemistry

Computing Science

Geography

Geology

Geology and Geophysics

Geosciences

Mathematics

Oil and Gas Chemistry

Physics

**Many joint
degrees
available.**

Check our website
for full details.

Over
370
DEGREE
programmes



For a full programme list, please visit:
abdn.ac.uk/undergraduate

Postgraduate subjects of study

View our
full selection
of postgraduate
degrees on our
online prospectus.

Over 150 to
choose from.

ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Art and Business
Creative Writing
English Literary Studies
Film and Visual Culture
Global Conflict and Peace Processes
Human Rights
International Relations
International Security
Latin American Studies
Modern History
Music
Person-Centred Counselling
Political Research
Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding
Professional Communication
Religion and Society
Scandinavian Studies
Sex, Gender, Violence
Social Research
Sociology

Sonic Arts
Strategic Studies
TESOL
Translation Studies
Vocal Music

BUSINESS

Accounting and Finance
Business Administration (MBA)
Energy Management (MBA)
Finance and Investment Management
Finance and Real Estate
Financial Mathematics
International Business Management
International Business Finance
International Human Resource Management
International Political Economy
Marketing Management
Petroleum, Energy Economics and Finance
Project Management
Real Estate
Rural Surveying and Rural Property Management

LAW

Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice and Human Rights
Dispute Resolution
Energy and Environmental Law
Energy Law
Energy Politics and Law
Intellectual Property Law
International Commercial Law
International Law
International Trade Law
Oil and Gas Law
Private International Law
Professional Legal Practice
Public International Law
Applied Marine and Fisheries Ecology
Biotechnology, Bioinformatics and Bio-Business
Clinical Pharmacology
Drug Discovery and Development
Ecology and Conservation
Environmental and Forest Management
Environmental Partnership Management
Environmental Science
Genetics
Global Health and Management
Health Psychology
Human Nutrition
Immunology and Immunotherapy

Master of Public Health

Medical Imaging
Medical Physics
Microbiology
Molecular Medicine
Physician Associate Studies
Psychology
Soil Science
Stratified Medicine and Pharmacological Innovation

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Advanced Engineering: Mechanical/Chemical/Structural
Analytical Chemistry
Artificial Intelligence
Archaeology
Decommissioning
Geographical Information Systems
Geophysics
Information Technology
Integrated Petroleum Geoscience
Oil and Gas Engineering
Oil and Gas Enterprise Management
Petroleum Engineering
Process Safety
Renewable Energy Engineering
Reservoir Engineering
Safety and Reliability Engineering
Subsea Engineering

LIFE SCIENCES AND HEALTH SCIENCES

For more information on each programme,
please visit: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate
abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate



Undergraduate programmes

How to apply

2

CHECK THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entrance requirements vary depending on the degree. Check out the programme/subject section on our online prospectus: abdn.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements



1

CHOOSE YOUR DEGREE

Check out the programme section on our website: abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree-programmes

3

COMPLETE YOUR UCAS APPLICATION OR APPLY DIRECT

Deadline for undergraduate applications can be viewed online at: abdn.ac.uk/study/ug/how-to-apply

4

EDUCATION, MEDICINE AND MUSIC INTERVIEWS

If you have applied for one of these degrees you may be called for an interview or audition.

6

MAKE ABERDEEN YOUR FIRM CHOICE

Make Aberdeen your university of choice before the deadline.

5

YOUR OFFER

We'll be in touch to tell you if you have been made an offer (conditional or unconditional) or been unsuccessful early in the year.

7

YOUR SCHOOL EXAMS

For those still sitting exams: good luck!

8

RESULTS DAY

If you're waiting for results, they are released in July and August. We will confirm your place if all conditions are met.

9

UNIVERSITY STARTS

Get ready to join us. If you would like to visit campus in person before joining, please visit: abdn.ac.uk/visit





Postgraduate taught programmes

How to apply



1

CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME

This guide contains an overview of all our taught programmes, but you can find much more information and all our entry requirements at: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate and abdn.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements



2

SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

All applications should be submitted online through our Applicant Portal: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply

PGDE applications must be made through UCAS: ucas.com/teacher-training



3

RECEIVING A DECISION

You will be sent an email with our decision. If there are conditions attached to the offer, please upload requested documents to the Applicant Portal as soon as possible.



4

IDENTIFY FUNDING OPTIONS

Most funding bodies have application deadlines, so we advise that you submit your funding application as early as possible. It is important that you have an offer from the University before you apply for funding, so you need to get your application to us well before the funding body's closing date: abdn.ac.uk/funding



5

ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

If you wish to accept the offer, please return your completed acceptance and financial guarantee forms as soon as possible. If you are waiting to hear the outcome of a funding application, you can still accept the offer of admission then send the completed financial guarantee form with the letter of sponsorship later.



6

REVIEW YOUR JOINING PACK

Once cleared for admission you will receive a pack of joining instructions which includes a Certificate of Acceptance, information on accommodation, registration, tuition fees etc. International students who declare they require a Tier 4 visa to enter the UK will receive a CAS number so that they may apply.





Postgraduate research programmes

How to apply



1

DEFINE YOUR RESEARCH AREA

Search our online prospectus for a comprehensive list of our research areas: abdn.ac.uk/study/research-areas



2

CONSIDER A PRE-DEFINED PHD PROJECT

You can also apply to a pre-defined PhD. These are projects which the University has identified as strong research opportunities for high calibre applicants. You can find out more information on these PhDs here: abdn.ac.uk/study/phd-opportunities



3

CONTACT POTENTIAL SUPERVISORS

You should contact potential supervisors within your School or Institute of interest to discuss research proposals. If applying for a pre-defined project make contact with your identified supervisor before you apply to introduce yourself and ask any questions.



4

WRITE YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Some students, such as those who are not applying for a pre-defined or funded project, may need to write a research proposal as part of their application. Your prospective supervisor or School can advise if a research proposal is required.



5

SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

All applications should be made using our online application form: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply You will be contacted if further information or documents are required.



6

ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

If you are offered a place and wish to accept your offer, please return your completed acceptance forms as soon as possible. If there are conditions attached to your offer, please upload requested documents to the Applicant Portal as soon as possible. If you are waiting to hear the outcome of a funding application, you can still accept the offer of admission then send the relevant financial forms of sponsorship later.





Entry and English language requirements

Undergraduate entry requirements

Please check the entry requirements of your chosen degree on our online prospectus. For specific entry requirements by country, please also visit:

abdn.ac.uk/my-country

Postgraduate entry requirements

The requirement for most programmes is a second-class UK Honours degree (or equivalent) in an appropriate discipline from an approved university. Some programmes have more specific requirements. Please see our online prospectus for more information. For specific entry requirements by country, please also visit:

abdn.ac.uk/my-country

Undergraduate English language

There is a set minimum entry requirement for your level of English to ensure you have sufficient language skills to cope with your studies. An IELTS Academic overall score of **6.0** is required for admission in to an undergraduate programme. **Medical students** require an IELTS Academic overall score of **7.0**.

Postgraduate English requirements

Our postgraduate English entry requirements can differ depending on the area of study. The baseline requirement for postgraduate study is an IELTS score of **6.5** or above.

To find out more about our English requirements and the other language qualifications we accept, please visit us online at:

abdn.ac.uk/study/international/english-requirements



International Study Centre

If you don't meet the academic entry requirements for your chosen degree, you have the option of taking a foundation pathway. Our International Study Centre is located in the heart of the Old Aberdeen campus, so you'll be studying within the grounds of the university.

Foundation Programme

The centre will provide you with one or two years of study, which upon successful completion can provide entry to year 2 (after the one year foundation programme) or year 3 (after a 2 year foundation programme) of an undergraduate degree respectively.

Pre-Masters Programme

Our Pre-Masters Programme deepens your academic knowledge and improves your English language skills through university-style tuition. You'll also develop your career skills, gain international experience and gain practical tools for professional success. This 12 week programme is delivered on campus, in our International Study Centre.

aberdeen-isc.ac.uk

THE LANGUAGE CENTRE

If you do not meet the University's English language requirement, the language centre can help. The centre provides intensive English language courses that can help you meet the condition of your offer and help develop your knowledge and use of English further.

There are two courses:

Pre-sessional Academic English (short and intense) or Academic English Preparation programme (between 20-40 weeks).

More information on how to apply and fees can be found at:

abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre

Why study with the language centre?

- Successful completion removes the language condition on your offer
- Extremely high pass rates
- Friendly and supportive team on hand to assist
- Prepares you for life and study at the University of Aberdeen
- Make friends and meet other international students



Tuition fees

Fixed fees

Our fixed fee structure means that new international undergraduate (excluding Medicine) and postgraduate research students commencing study from 2020/21 are charged the same tuition fee each year, for the duration of their programme of study.

Many other universities increase their fees between 5% and 9% every year. The University of Aberdeen is committed to ensuring that international students can project their costs in advance of arriving in Aberdeen. Our fixed fee structure will allow you to plan ahead and save money!

Undergraduate tuition fees

Your tuition fees will depend on the degree you have chosen. For 20/21 entry, our undergraduate arts-based programmes start at £17,200 and our undergraduate science-based programmes start at £19,700 (excluding medicine and dentistry). For more information, please visit our website.

abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

Postgraduate tuition fees

Tuition fees will vary depending on your chosen degree. Up-to-date information on all tuition fees for taught and research degree programmes (including part-time study) can be found on our online prospectus. Please be advised that some programmes may also have additional costs. We recommend that you check our tuition fees pages carefully in order to identify these. Further information on fees and funding can be found at:

abdn.ac.uk/tuition-fees

Scholarships and Bursaries

The University of Aberdeen offers a substantial portfolio of scholarships and bursaries aimed at supporting students, some of which are funded by external sponsors. The best place to start your search is on our online funding database which lists all the bursaries and scholarships available each year.

abdn.ac.uk/funding

Alumni Discount Scheme

A 20% discount is available on postgraduate tuition fees for all alumni who have spent time at the University, including Study Abroad or Erasmus placement. The Alumni Discount Scheme applies to both home and overseas students and applies to the self-funding element of the postgraduate tuition fee. For more information visit:

abdn.ac.uk/alumni-discount

Please note: all tuition fees are subject to final approval.

EXAMPLE FEE STRUCTURE

Undergraduate Arts Degree (MA)

An international student starting our undergraduate Master of Arts in Business Management in September 2020 would pay their tuition fees as follows:

Year 1 - £17,200
Year 2 - £17,200 (no increase in fees)
Year 3 - £17,200 (no increase in fees)
Year 4 - £17,200 (no increase in fees)

Total cost of tuition for a four year degree is £68,800.

Undergraduate Engineering Degree

An international student starting our Bachelor of Engineering in September 2020 would pay their tuition fees as follows:

Year 1 - £19,700
Year 2 - £19,700 (no increase in fees)
Year 3 - £19,700 (no increase in fees)
Year 4 - £19,700 (no increase in fees)

Total cost of study for a four year degree is £78,800.





Living here

with diversity

When you start your life in Aberdeen you become part of an international community that welcomes you whoever you are and wherever you come from. We have a hugely diverse student and staff population, with over 40% of our students coming from outside of the UK.



International *support*

Aberdeen has a long tradition of welcoming international students from all over the world. We have a large international community of students and staff drawn from over 130 different countries, making Aberdeen their home away from home.



Meet your International Officer

Our International Officers travel around the world meeting and advising prospective students. Each of our International Officers has a dedicated region and can offer specialised advice and guidance to our international applicants. To find out where they are visiting, check: abdn.ac.uk/my-country

English language support

As a future student, you'll be offered free English language support sessions. You'll receive four 15-minute Skype calls from one of our current students, allowing you to practise your English in preparation for your English language testing, such as IELTS or TOEFL. It also gives you the chance to find out more about student life in Aberdeen.

International Student Advisors

Once you have arrived in Aberdeen, our International Student Advisors can provide guidance on many aspects of international student life, including specialist advice on visa and immigration matters.

International centre

As a leading international university, we recognise the importance of helping our international students fully integrate in to Aberdeen, helping you to live, study and make friends during your time here. We understand that studying here is a huge investment in your future, and we are dedicated to ensuring all of our international students feel part of the University. To help you have the best possible student experience, our International Centre is designed to make you feel welcome and help you as much as possible during your transition to life in the Silver City. The International Centre is for all students, whether you are from Edinburgh, Manchester, Dubai or Texas: we are here to help you have an international experience.



The International Centre is designed to:

- Help integrate new students to the University and city through our orientation and transition programmes.
- Act as a space for students who are on, or are interested in, an exchange or study abroad programme. The Centre has members of staff from our Go Abroad team on hand to advise you.
- Provide a forum for students to meet people from around the world through different activities and events, including trips around Scotland.
- Allow students to practise a variety of languages in an informal and casual atmosphere, including English, Spanish, Japanese and Arabic.
- Give students the opportunity to develop leadership skills through the volunteering programme of the centre activities team.
- Highlight to students with families the many opportunities to meet other families, and ways to get involved in the local community through 'Global Families'.
- Present students with the various tools, maps and tips that will allow their time in Scotland and Aberdeen to be a success.

PREPARING FOR STUDY OVERSEAS

Your visa

Most international students require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK. You can find out more about whether you require a visa by visiting the UK Government website at:

gov.uk/check-uk-visa

Living costs?

Students who require a visa to study in Scotland need to show evidence that they have enough funds to maintain themselves without earnings from work whilst studying. In addition to tuition fees, students require a further £1015 per month to cover their living costs. As part of your Tier 4 visa application students are also required to pay a health surcharge to have access to the National Health Service (NHS). For further information on this, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/study/international

ATAS

Please note that overseas applicants for some science, engineering or technology disciplines may require an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate. The ATAS certificate must be obtained before applying for a student Entry Clearance or VISA. You can submit an ATAS application up to six months before the programme start date, even if the offer is still conditional.

gov.uk/academic/technology/approval/scheme

A home away from home

Living in accommodation with other students will give you a great start at Aberdeen. You will make new friends during the first few weeks and these friends often stay with you throughout your university life and beyond.



We offer:

- **Guaranteed accommodation***
All new students are guaranteed* an offer of accommodation in a single occupancy bedroom within our portfolio or with one of our partner providers, provided your application reaches us by the deadline.
* (Terms and conditions apply)
- **Accommodation on, or within walking distance of, the main campus** – a range of properties are available in, or close to, the main Old Aberdeen campus and the Hillhead Student Village.
- **Frequent Bus Service** – Hillhead Student Village enjoys great transport links with a regular and direct bus service to our King's campus, and the city centre. We also have a dedicated bus route to our Foresterhill campus.
- **Headspace**, the central hub within the Hillhead Student Village, offers extensive social and study facilities with a reception open 24 hours a day. The community space houses a teaching kitchen, music room and TV area, and study rooms are also available for group or individual projects. You can also enjoy a bite to eat in The Works cafe bar, which also hosts regular events throughout the year



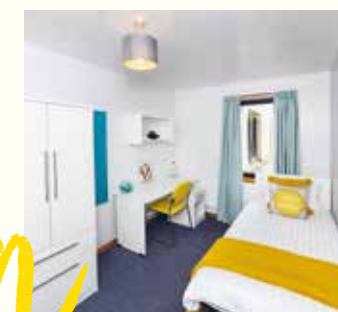
- **A dedicated team to provide support and information** to enhance the student experience while you live in university accommodation. As well as providing advice and guidance, the team run a variety of social events throughout the year.
- **24/7 maintenance support**
- **Single study bedrooms** with both ensuite and standard facilities available to suit all budgets. The majority of the accommodation is within five bedroom cluster flats. In addition to this, there are also large traditional halls with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities.
- **Wireless network throughout**
- **Car parking and bike storage facilities**
- **The University also has limited accommodation for couples and families**

Costs and additional information

- Up-to-date information on the various accommodation offered by the University (including the all-important costs) is available on the accommodation website.
abdn.ac.uk/accommodation

When to apply

- Applicants who have firmly accepted an unconditional or conditional offer of admission will be able to apply online for accommodation up to the application deadline. The application process allows you to make up to five choices. We endeavour to allocate first choice where possible, but this is not guaranteed.



FAQ

What are my options if my accommodation requirements are less than a full academic year?

Limited short-term lets are available, for example for one semester. Please contact us for further information
abdn.ac.uk/accommodation

Are part-time students entitled to accommodation?

Full-time students are given priority but it is often possible to accommodate part-time students too.

How do I pay my rent?

Rent is normally paid at the start of each term. Alternatively, arrangements may be made by individual agreement to pay on a monthly basis.

Will I be housed with other first year undergraduates?

The University has dedicated undergraduate accommodation and we aim to place all first year students together where possible.

Is there a deadline for accommodation applications?

Yes, usually in August, although we recommend that you book as early as possible. Unfortunately, accommodation applications received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed.

For more Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

For more FAQs please visit the accommodation website.
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Accommodation

Campus resources

As a student of the University, you will have access to a wide range of support services and world-class teaching and learning facilities.



- **Sir Duncan Rice library** – An architecturally significant, Award Winning Library
- **Special libraries and archives** which hold over 200,000 rare books printed mostly before 1840, and over 4,000 unique and manuscript collections.
- **24/7 computer lab access**
- **Language learning resources**, through our dedicated language centre
- **Careers Service** – A dedicated team who can help both undergraduate and postgraduate students develop skills, work experience and mentoring.
- **Researcher Development** – A group who support research student's personal and professional development by working to enhance transferable skills; stimulate creativity and maximise career potential
- **Museum collections**, which include, Anatomy, Archaeology, Anthropology, Art, Geology, Herbarium, History, Pathology, Scientific Instruments & Zoology
- **Student portal** – A secure web-based portal through which you can view and check your personal details, course enrolments, timetable, accommodation fees, library loans and exam results
- **Disability provision** – A range of specialist software on all classroom PCs, and several individual occupancy Assistive Technology Booths, dedicated IT Service Desk, student learning support and services
- **A range of food outlets offering EVERYTHING from halal to vegan options**



Sport at the university

Reach your full potential with our Olympic standard sports facilities.



AUSA sports union

Whether your interest in sport has just begun or is well-established, the opportunities to get involved in sport at the University of Aberdeen are endless. As part of the Aberdeen University Students' Association (AUSA), the Sports Union runs more than 50 sports clubs. The Union has an elected body with a full-time Sport Officer and Sports Administrator. Our clubs often compete against many of the universities across the United Kingdom.

Aberdeen Sports Village, located just across the road from the main campus, provides outstanding sports and exercise facilities, including:

- More than 150 exercise stations
- Over 100 group exercise classes
- A 50 metre Olympic swimming pool
- A 25 metre Olympic diving pool
- Full-size 3rd generation FIFA approved indoor football pitch
- Full-size grass football pitch
- An eight lane 400m running track
- A six lane indoor running straight
- Four squash courts
- Exclusive memberships for UoA students
- Personal trainer induction with every membership
- Training plans
- Two health and relaxation suites

And if that's not enough for you... There are numerous other sports facilities available across the University:

- Two rugby pitches
- A lacrosse pitch
- An artificial cricket wicket
- Outdoor tennis courts
- Floodlit football training areas
- The Balgownie Playing Fields, for football, rugby and shinty teams
- The Hillhead Centre has a full-size grass football pitch, a full-size sand-dressed synthetic pitch and a grandstand
- The River Dee boathouse rowing club
- Royal Deeside climbing bothy

 aberdeensportsvillage.com

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