



# International Foundation Certificate 2012

in association with

**Kaplan International College (KIC) Bournemouth**



**Bournemouth University (BU) and Kaplan International College Bournemouth are offering you the opportunity to study an International Foundation Certificate (IFC) before you begin your undergraduate degree at BU.**

**Fact File:****Start dates:**

January 2012,  
April 2012,  
October 2012.

**Duration:**

30 weeks.

**Number of lessons:**

30 lessons per week, plus two tutorials per month.

**Class size:**

Maximum 15.

**Entry requirements:**

High School Diploma and IELTS (Academic) 5.0 (5.5 for some pathways) or equivalent).

**Fees:**

£8,500 for January 2012 and April 2012.  
£9,000 for October 2012.

## Is the IFC for you?

If you have less than 13 years of schooling with a High School Diploma or School Leaving Certificate, it is likely that you will need to take a year-long foundation course before you can begin your undergraduate course in the UK.



## Why study the IFC?

- Progression to selected BU undergraduate courses when you achieve the necessary grade on the appropriate IFC pathway
- Annual Scholarships are offered to top IFC graduates who choose to study at BU
- Experience 'taster' sessions at BU
- Make use of BU's Library and learning resources
- Access BU's Student Union, clubs and societies
- Study with like-minded students, from around 35 different countries
- Guaranteed BU-managed accommodation (for international students beginning in October) if you apply before the mid-August deadline. Host family accommodation also available

- Learn the skills you need at university such as how to write essays, make presentations and prepare for examinations
- Study in a college with professional, dedicated tutors who have extensive experience of teaching IELTS and preparing students for university in the UK.

## A student's perspective

**Li Zhi**  
China

"I have enjoyed my time at Kaplan Aspect (now KIC Bournemouth) because of the excellent quality of education and the social life too.

The International Foundation Certificate at KIC was very useful – especially in the third term when we studied the specialist modules. All of the teachers have been very friendly and really motivate us to try our best!

They always try to help us solve our problems and offer advice on how to study. In addition, KIC also offered good social activities – like the great parties and also a number of exciting excursions – to famous towns like Oxford and Cambridge."

## Course information

### Core subjects

The following are compulsory units:

- IELTS
- Academic English
- Language Support
- Numeracy
- Information Technology
- Study Skills.

### Study options

You can choose 3 from a range of 12 specialist academic modules:

- Accountancy
- Law
- Applied Mathematics
- Marketing
- Business
- Media Studies
- Business Information Systems
- Pure Mathematics
- Databases and the Web
- Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Introduction to Programming
- Social Science.



## Bournemouth University (BU)

### Did you know?

- The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) awarded us the highest category of confidence in our academic standards
- Our students have been engaged in a diverse range of work placements at high-profile organisations, including the BBC, Disney and Microsoft, and we have one of the highest graduate employability rates in the UK
- BU has nearly 17,000 students, including over 1,500 international students representing nearly 130 countries from around the world studying with us
- BU's courses are designed in association with industry professionals to reflect the needs of modern business
- BU has been designated as the only Centre for Excellence in Media Practice in the UK by the Higher Education Funding Council for England
- The annual Festival of Design & Innovation at BU sees students display over 170 new designs and prototypes with commercial potential, as well as commercialised designs from previous years
- BU is a Fairtrade university.



## Progression to BU courses

Following successful completion of the International Foundation Certificate, and any other additional entry requirements where applicable, you may progress to the following courses at BU:

### Business and Management

- BA (Hons) Accounting and Business
- BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BA (Hons) Accounting and Law
- BA (Hons) Accounting and Taxation
- BA (Hons) Advertising
- BSc (Hons) Business Computing
- BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology
- BA (Hons) Business Studies
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Economics
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Enterprise
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Finance
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Human Resource Management
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Law
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Marketing
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Operations and Project Management
- BA (Hons) Events Management
- BA (Hons) Finance and Business
- BA (Hons) Finance and Economics

- BA (Hons) Hospitality Management
- BA (Hons) International Business Studies
- LLB (Hons) Law
- LLB (Hons) Law and Taxation
- BA (Hons) Leisure Marketing
- BA (Hons) Marketing Communications
- BA (Hons) Public Relations
- BA (Hons) Retail Management
- BA (Hons) Tourism Management

### Design

- BSc (Hons) Software Product Design
- BSc (Hons) Design Engineering

### Law

- BA (Hons) Accounting and Law
- LLB (Hons) Business Law
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Law
- LLB (Hons) Entertainment Law
- LLB (Hons) Law
- LLB (Hons) Law and Taxation

### Media and Communications

- BA (Hons) Advertising
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Marketing
- BA (Hons) Business Studies with Operations and Project Management
- BA (Hons) Communication and Media
- BA (Hons) Computer Visualisation and Animation
- BA (Hons) Computer Games Animation
- BA (Hons) Computer Animation Arts
- BA (Hons) Events Management

- BA (Hons) Interactive Media Production
- BA (Hons) Leisure Marketing
- BA (Hons) Marketing Communications
- BA (Hons) Multi-Media Journalism
- BA (Hons) Public Relations
- BA (Hons) Scriptwriting for Film and Television
- BA (Hons) Soundtrack Production
- BA (Hons) Television Production

### Science and Technology

- BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology
- BSc (Hons) Business Computing
- BSc (Hons) Computing
- BSc (Hons) Creative Technology
- BSc (Hons) Digital Media Development
- BSc (Hons) Forensic Computing and Security
- BSc (Hons) Games Technology
- BSc (Hons) Internet Communication Systems
- BSc (Hons) IT Management
- BSc (Hons) Media Technology
- BSc (Hons) Multimedia Business and Entrepreneurship
- BSc (Hons) Multimedia Communication Systems
- BSc (Hons) Music and Audio Technology
- BSc (Hons) Network Systems Management
- BSc (Hons) Psychology
- BSc (Hons) Software Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Software Engineering Management

- BSc (Hons) Software Product Design
- BSc (Hons) Web Systems

### Tourism and Hospitality

- BA (Hons) Hospitality Management
- BA (Hons) Leisure Marketing
- BA (Hons) Tourism Management

Please note that entry to most of the courses listed is dependent on you studying specific options in the International Foundation Certificate and achieving a particular pass grade, as well as an appropriate IELTS score.

If the course you wish to study is not on this list, please contact the BU International Pathways Administrator (see back cover for details) as it may still be possible to consider you for entry on an individual basis.

If BU does not offer the course you want, the International Foundation Certificate is also accepted by many other universities in the UK.

The list is subject to changes. Please visit our website for the latest course information:  
[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ifc](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ifc)

## Students' perspectives

### Altynbek Bukharbayev

Kazakhstan

"When I arrived in Bournemouth, I found it difficult to adapt, but with the help of KIC's support staff and tutors I started to feel comfortable.

During my course I lived in a Bournemouth University Hall of Residence called Cranborne House and I really liked it! I had good relations with English students and made some good friends.

Although Bournemouth is a multicultural place, you will be able to get to know English traditions and customs."

### Tran Thanh Bao Ngoc

Vietnam

"KIC Bournemouth provides a high standard of teaching. Through useful subjects of study, the course prepares students for entry to university.

With the help and support of the staff, my English improved very quickly, and what is more, I could practice my language skills with my host family every day!

After one year of studying in the UK, I have become more confident.

I really enjoyed living in Bournemouth. It is a friendly and safe environment with beautiful beaches!"



The Sir Michael Cobham Library, Talbot Campus, BU

## Key facts

### Where are we?

Less than two hours by train from London, Bournemouth enjoys a stunning seaside location between the UK's newest National Park, beautiful sandy beaches and the largest natural harbour in Europe. The area is served by an international airport and is home to a major financial services sector, the largest concentration of language schools outside London and the national headquarters of several major companies.

KIC Bournemouth is conveniently located in Westbourne, just ten minutes from the beach, and close to the town centre and BU's two campuses.

There is a subsidised bus service that runs from Westbourne to Bournemouth University.



Bournemouth Beach



### KIC Bournemouth resources

- 20 classrooms
- Lecture rooms
- Dedicated IT centre for university preparation students
- Multi-media study centre
- Free wireless internet access
- Student common room
- Outdoor patio area.

### BU Talbot Campus resources and services

- Open-access computer centres available 24 hours a day
- Library and learning support
- Placements and careers
- Shops and cafeterias

- International Students' Orientation Programme
- Medical centre
- Bank
- Sports facilities
- Multi-faith Chaplaincy.

### Accommodation

Students may choose BU-managed accommodation, or living in an apartment with other KIC students, or staying with a host family.

**Please note: accommodation is not included in the fee.**

More details available at:  
[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/accommodation)



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