Routes to university or college in the UK

KAPLAN Aspect

You have not finished high school in your home country

You have graduated from high school in your home country

You have a college certificate from your home country

You have a college diploma from your home country

A-Levels

Duration: 1-2 years

English level: IELTS 5.5 recommended

Institution: Kaplan Aspect A-level programme at Ringwood School

Start dates: Usually September but sometimes January

Vocational Courses

Duration: 3 months - 2 years

English level: IELTS 4.5 to 6.0

Institution: Further Education (FE) College

Start dates: Usually September but sometimes January

International Foundation Certificate

Duration: 9 months

English level: IELTS 5.0 or take the free Kaplan Aspect test

Institution: Kaplan Aspect London (Leicester Square) and Bournemouth

Start dates: January, April and September

Note: A place is GUARANTEED at university on successful completion

Certificate of Higher Education (Business and Management)

Duration: 30 to 49 weeks

English level: IELTS 5.5 or take the free Kaplan Aspect test.

Institution: Kaplan Aspect London (Leicester Square) and Bournemouth

Start dates: September

Note: Direct entry to university Year 2

Bachelor Degree

Duration: 3-4 years

English level: IELTS 6.0 to 7.0

Institution: College of Higher Education or University

Start dates: usually September and sometimes January/February

NOTE: Prepare for your Bachelor's Degree with the Certificate of Higher Education programme and enter Year 2 or your Bachelor's Degree. This means you will graduate in 3 years instead of 4!

Top-Up courses

Duration: 1 year (ie. final year of a Bachelor's degree)

English level: IELTS 6.5 or 7.0

Institution: University

Note: these courses are usually in Business related subjects only!

Start dates: Usually September

Pre-Masters/PRE-MBA programme

Duration: 10/20/30 weeks

English level: IELTS 6.0/5.5/5.0

Institution: Kaplan Aspect London (Leicester Square) and Bournemouth

Start dates: January, March, June, October

MBA Courses

Duration: 1-2 years

Entry Requirements:
- English level: IELTS 6.5 to 7.5
- GMAT: 500+ for some institutions
- University degree or sometimes diploma
- At least 2 years relevant work experience (usually at management level). More work experience required for diploma qualified students

Institution: University or Business School

Start dates: October or January/February

Masters Degree

Duration: 1-2 years

Entry Requirements:
- English level: IELTS 6.5 to 7.5
- University degree or occasionally diploma

Start dates: Usually October and sometimes January/February

PhD Doctorate Degree

Duration: Normally 3 years

Entry Requirement:
- English level: IELTS 7.0
- Graduate with an in-depth understanding and knowledge of a specialist area

Institution: University

Start dates: October. It may be possible to start at other times of year on arrangement

This document should be used as a guide only and may not apply to all situations.

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