STUDYNET GROUP

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27

Programme Overview

International Foundation Programme

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Preparation changes what feels possible.

Build the academic habits, subject knowledge and confidence to approach undergraduate study with purpose.

120	1,200	4
UK CREDITS	NOTIONAL HOURS	PATHWAYS

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ACADEMIC DESIGN Every pathway combines 40 credits of common academic preparation with 80 credits of pathway study. One UK credit represents 10 notional learning hours.

WHO WE ARE

A purposeful bridge to higher education

The StudyNet Group International Foundation Programme is a one-year pre-undergraduate programme designed for international learners preparing to apply for a suitable Year 1 bachelor's degree.

Students complete a shared academic core and one subject pathway. Across both, they develop the knowledge, English, research, communication and independent-learning skills expected in higher education.

DESIGNED FOR LEARNERS WHO

have completed senior secondary education;

need additional preparation before direct undergraduate entry;

want a structured route aligned with an intended degree area;

are ready to become more independent, analytical and reflective learners.

WHY CHOOSE THE IFP

Four advantages that work together

Pathway focus

Choose a subject route aligned with intended undergraduate study.

Academic English

Develop language through authentic academic tasks and evidence use.

University readiness

Practise research, critical thinking, communication and independent study.

Progression guidance

Review destination requirements and prepare well-informed applications.

The programme is designed around progression readiness: not only what students know, but how effectively they can learn, communicate, apply evidence and respond to feedback.

YOUR JOURNEY

Prepare. Build. Apply. Progress.

01 PATHWAY PLANNING

Clarify degree interests and select a route aligned with future study.

02 ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Build subject knowledge, academic English and effective study practice.

03 APPLICATION GUIDANCE

Review current entry requirements and prepare university applications.

04 CONDITIONAL PROGRESSION

Meet the receiving university's academic, English and other conditions.

PROGRAMME ARCHITECTURE

A simple, transparent credit model

40	80	120	1,200
COMMON CORE CREDITS	PATHWAY CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS	NOTIONAL HOURS

The 40-credit core is compulsory for every student. The remaining 80 credits come from the selected pathway. Science and Engineering includes 60 compulsory credits plus one approved 20-credit elective.

Notional learning time includes taught sessions, guided study, practical work, independent learning, reading, research, revision and assessment preparation and completion.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Supported practice that builds independence

Lectures

Focused explanation of concepts and frameworks.

Seminars and workshops

Discussion, analysis, problem-solving and application.

Tutorials

Feedback, clarification and targeted academic support.

Practical and digital activity

Subject tasks, data work, laboratories or technical practice where relevant.

Independent study

Reading, research, practice, revision and assessment preparation.

ASSESSMENT PRINCIPLES Assessments are mapped to learning outcomes and may include written work, controlled assessment, presentations, practical or data activity, projects and reflective evidence.

PATHWAYS

Choose the route that fits your direction

Business and Economics

Commercial, economic and quantitative preparation.

Science and Engineering

Core STEM study plus a destination-aligned elective.

Social Sciences

Multidisciplinary study of people, institutions and society.

Law

Legal awareness, analysis, argument and socio-legal understanding.

SHARED ACADEMIC CORE

Four modules | 40 credits | 400 hours

MODULE	CODE	CREDITS	HOURS	FOCUS
English Language and Study Skills	SNG-IFP-ELS10	10	100	Practical English communication, study habits and confidence for higher education.
English for Academic Purposes	SNG-IFP-EAP10	10	100	Academic reading, writing, listening and speaking, with evidence and accurate referencing.
Integrated Study Skills	SNG-IFP-ISS10	10	100	Research, critical thinking, digital literacy, teamwork, presentation and independent learning.
Social and Cultural Environment	SNG-IFP-SCE10	10	100	Culture, identity and society, plus intercultural awareness and transition to UK study.

WHY IT MATTERS The core supports academic participation across every pathway and develops the practices needed for a confident transition to undergraduate study.

PATHWAY 01

Business and Economics

80 compulsory credits / 800 hours

MODULE	CODE	CREDITS	HOURS	FOCUS
Economics	SNG-IFP-ECN20	20	200	Markets, economic decision-making, policy and contemporary evidence.
Mathematics	SNG-IFP-MTH20	20	200	Algebraic, numerical and problem-solving techniques for quantitative study.
Business Management	SNG-IFP-BMG20	20	200	Organisations, strategy, marketing, people and responsible business practice.
Statistics	SNG-IFP-STA20	20	200	Data presentation, probability, statistical analysis and interpretation.

Illustrative degree directions: business, management, economics, finance, accounting and related fields.

PATHWAY 02

Science and Engineering

60 compulsory credits + one 20-credit elective | 800 hours

MODULE	CODE	CREDITS	HOURS	FOCUS
Mathematics	SNG-IFP-MTH20	20	200	Algebraic, graphical and analytical techniques used across STEM disciplines.
Physics	SNG-IFP-PHY20	20	200	Mechanics, energy, waves, electricity and scientific problem-solving.
Chemistry	SNG-IFP-CHE20	20	200	Atomic structure, bonding, reactions, calculations and scientific reasoning.
Biology - elective	SNG-IFP-BIO20	20	200	Cells, genetics, physiology, ecology and biological evidence.
Computer Science and IT - elective	SNG-IFP-CS20	20	200	Computational thinking, programming, data, systems and responsible technology.
Introduction to Engineering - elective	SNG-IFP-IEN20	20	200	Engineering design, materials, systems, modelling and practical problem-solving.

Elective approval should reflect the intended degree course and any destination-specific requirements.

PATHWAY 03

Social Sciences

80 compulsory credits / 800 hours

MODULE	CODE	CREDITS	HOURS	FOCUS
Economics	SNG-IFP-ECN20	20	200	Economic choices, markets, policy and evidence about social outcomes.
Politics and International Relations	SNG-IFP-PIR10	10	100	Political institutions, ideas, power, global relations and policy debates.
Psychology	SNG-IFP-PSY10	10	100	Behaviour, cognition, development and psychological research.
Mathematics	SNG-IFP-MTH20	20	200	Quantitative reasoning for economics, research and social data.
Sociology	SNG-IFP-SOC20	20	200	Social structures, identities, inequalities, institutions and evidence.

Illustrative degree directions: economics, politics, international relations, psychology, sociology and related social-science fields.

PATHWAY 04

Law

80 compulsory credits / 800 hours

MODULE	CODE	CREDITS	HOURS	FOCUS
Law	SNG-IFP-LAW20	20	200	Legal systems, sources of law, legal reasoning, cases and statutes.
Law and Society	SNG-IFP-LAS20	20	200	Law, social institutions, rights, justice, policy and current issues.
Sociology	SNG-IFP-SOC20	20	200	Social structures, identities, inequalities and institutions relevant to legal study.
Psychology	SNG-IFP-PSY20	20	200	Behaviour, cognition and research evidence relevant to decision-making and justice.

Illustrative degree directions: law, criminology, socio-legal studies and related disciplines.

PROGRESSION

From pathway study to degree direction

Business

Business management | Economics | Finance and accounting

STEM

Engineering | IT and computer science | Medical and biomedical science

Society

Politics | International relations | Psychology | Sociology

Law and creative fields

Law | Architecture and design | Media and communication | Fashion

Degree availability and pathway suitability must be confirmed for the intended university, course and intake.

UNIVERSITY NETWORK

24 progression universities represented

Research-intensive and established

University of York *

University of Liverpool *

Cardiff University *

University of Nottingham *

Royal Holloway, University of London

SOAS University of London

Goldsmiths, University of London

University of Reading

University of Sussex

University of Essex

University of Aberdeen

Applied, metropolitan and specialist

Oxford Brookes University

Northumbria University

Coventry University

Regent's University London

University of Westminster

Middlesex University

Ravensbourne University London

University of Sunderland

London South Bank University

University for the Creative Arts

University of Hertfordshire

International and multi-location

Heriot-Watt University - UK / UAE

University of Stirling - UK

* Russell Group member

24 universities represented

4 Russell Group universities

UK and UAE progression locations

Institutional descriptions and campus locations were reviewed against official university information in August 2026.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A clear starting point

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Senior secondary qualification, normally averaging 70% or above.

Examples include five IGCSE/GCSE/O-Level passes at grade 4/C, 24 UCAS points from A/AS Levels, or the stated IB equivalent.

Country-specific qualifications are reviewed individually.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Minimum level: B2.

Accepted evidence may include Academic IELTS for UKVI, Trinity ISE, Pearson PTE Academic, LanguageCert ESOL SELT, PSI Skills for English UKVI or Oxford ELLT.

Evidence should normally be no more than 24 months old.

IMPORTANT Applicants should obtain current written confirmation of entry criteria, module availability, progression recognition and destination requirements before enrolling.

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FOUNDATION ENQUIRIES

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Academic Year 2026/27

Admission and progression remain subject to current programme and university requirements and final decisions.