

International Business Foundation Course

OVERVIEW

This course is specifically designed for international students who are looking to progress to a Business-related Degree or Foundation Degree in Business.

It is a one-year course, starting in September each year. The course combines training in your selected study area with English language tuition. Successful completion provides you with a qualification for entry into Higher Education in many UK universities. Alternatively, students can access a place on a number of **ncn**'s Foundation Degree (FdA) programmes with progression onto the BA (Hons) Top-up Degrees.

COURSE AIMS

- Develop academic study skills such as note-taking and essay writing
- Preparation for IELTS
- Provide further knowledge in key business subject areas
- Introduce the teaching and learning styles associated with university
- Develop your personal study skills in preparation for Higher Education
- Support your university application

ENTRY CRITERIA

To apply for this course you must:

- Have successfully completed senior secondary school or equivalent
- Have a minimum English level of Academic IELTS 5.0 (no component less than 4.5) – equivalent qualifications will be accepted

TOPICS OF STUDY

The syllabus meets the demands of Degree programmes that students are likely to progress to. The course consists of seven compulsory modules:

- Marketing
- Economics
- Business management
- Finance and accounts
- Information technology
- Mathematical approaches to management
- English

COURSE STRUCTURE

- Information and support are provided for university applications
- There are, on average, 15–20 students in each class group

COURSE FEATURES

- Visits to universities
- Visits to historic places of interest
- Guest speaker programmes

ASSESSMENT

The programme is assessed regularly through a variety of methods including exams, coursework and presentations. Your final grade will be based on the total mark from your course assessment. Final grades are awarded as pass, merit, or distinction.

Qualification: Diploma in Business.

PROGRESSION

Our Foundation Degree (FdA) in Business Management is recognised and highly regarded by many universities. Students who choose to pursue their studies through the Foundation Degree route at **ncn** will require a merit grade and an appropriate IELTS score. Students completing the FdA successfully may apply for a place on the BA (Hons) Top-up Degree at **ncn**.

Last year, our business students received offers for places on a wide range of BA (Hons) and BSc (Hons) Degrees at UK universities.

University placements for students completing in June 2009:

- Aston University
- Lancaster University
- Leeds University
- Loughborough University
- Manchester University
- New College Nottingham
- Nottingham Trent University
- Nottingham University
- Royal Holloway

We maintain good relationships with our local universities, including Nottingham University and Nottingham Trent University.

Students applied for the following undergraduate programmes:

■ Business Studies	40%
■ Accountancy and Finance	25%
■ Management	20%
■ Other	15%

STUDENT PROFILES



Lucy joined the Business Foundation course as a mature student. Before coming to the College she was worried that her hopes of going to university were fading, but she says: “**ncn** has opened a new window for me.”

She really enjoys studying finance, economics, and also marketing, and says the tutors get actively involved in helping the students achieve their goals: “The tutors and staff are very friendly and always ready to help.”

“**ncn** is a wonderful place to study, and the Foundation course is a great route to accessing university-level courses.”

Lucy Penama, Malawi



Jun Bin first came to **ncn** to study a full-time English course. He benefitted from the quality teaching at the College and achieved his IELTS, enabling him to progress to the Business Foundation course.

He finds the lessons very interesting, and is especially interested in the accounting and finance topics. He says the tutors are very helpful, and his English has improved even further on the Foundation course: “Choosing **ncn** was the right decision.”

Jun Bin also enjoyed the College’s International Day, organised each year by the Students’ Union to celebrate the diversity of our students’ cultures, traditions, cuisines and even musical talents!

Jun Bin Wang, China



Isabel is originally from Thailand and is a student on the Business Foundation course. She believes it will be an excellent preparation course for her future university study in Business. Her favourite aspects of the course are the management and marketing modules. She has also improved her English language skills on the course, and believes the eight hours of the course devoted to learning English have proved extremely useful for her university preparations.

Isabel would encourage students thinking of joining the course to attend an open day. She believes the great support from tutors and from the International Office staff make **ncn** a great place to prepare for university study: “I have found my time studying at **ncn** very enjoyable; I have made many friends from all over the world, broadened my horizons, and gained invaluable experience for my future.”

Isabel Seip, Germany

HOW TO APPLY

- Contact the International Office to obtain your application form, also available online at www.ncn.ac.uk/international
- Complete the **ncn** application form
- Provide evidence of your English skills eg. IELTS/TOEFL
- Provide evidence of your academic qualifications
- Provide a reference, ideally from your last place of study
- Send this to the International Office
- You will also need to read the information on the Home Office UK Border Agency website, www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk on how to apply under the points based system

If you require further information or an application form, please contact us at the address below:

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