

A close-up photograph of a young man with dark hair, smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a blue V-neck t-shirt over a white t-shirt and a brown shoulder strap across his chest. The background shows a building with large windows and a wooden railing.

◆ FOUNDATION  
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## ◆ FOUNDATION COURSES: A PATHWAY INTO DEGREES

Foundation courses help international students who may not initially meet entry requirements to gain entry to undergraduate study at universities and colleges. They also help students adapt to the academic environment and life in a foreign country. Some foundation courses promise a place at university after successful completion of the course.

## ◆ WHO OFFERS FOUNDATION COURSES?

Specialist foundation colleges Technical and universities and all offer foundation courses to international students. Some foundation courses are taught at university (or other institution) campuses, which gives students the advantage of having access to institution facilities such as libraries and computer laboratories, as well as health and housing services, sports centres and student clubs.

## ◆ COURSES AND QUALIFICATIONS

There are two major advantages of studying a foundation course abroad:

- 1 Successful completion of a foundation course may guarantee entry into specific degree courses at some universities.
- 2 Foundation courses allow students to 'settle in' to the education system and life in a foreign country before they start university or college.

Foundation courses are typically intensive one-year preparatory courses, but this timeframe can sometimes be altered according to the student's needs. Students capable of accelerated learning may be able to complete programs in nine months. Other courses are longer to allow students more time to prepare for their degree studies. Some foundation courses have a flexible structure that allows students to enter at different times during the year and at different standards of English language or academic proficiency.

Foundation courses usually offer university-style teaching through lectures and tutorials. This ensures that students become familiar with this way of learning. Foundation courses are generally divided into subject streams, such as business, humanities or science studies, according to the student's choice of undergraduate course. Most foundation courses offer a range of compulsory and elective subjects, and English language support is often a major focus.

## ◆ BRIDGING COURSES

Many institutions also offer 'bridging' courses, which are shorter, more intensive courses designed for students who are about to enter a degree course but do not meet the assumed knowledge requirements or who wish to be better prepared for university study.

## ◆ AVERAGE TUITION COSTS

Please note that course fees can vary widely depending on the course, duration of the program, institution and destination chosen, and you should consult our counsellors for up to date fee information.

## ◆ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To gain entry to a foundation course, students will need to have completed or nearly completed their home country's end-of-school certificate. They will also need to meet standards for written and spoken English. The exact requirements vary between courses, so it's important to contact our counsellors for details. Successful completion of a foundation course may guarantee entry into specific degree courses and may even grant entry into the second year of a related degree.

## GLOBAL NETWORK

We offer you a global reach through our partner network of universities and colleges in Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Ireland, Czech Republic, USA, Canada, Malaysia, India, Singapore, China, Dubai and many more spread across 4 continents.





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