



INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION
PROGRAMM

International Foundation Programme



Overview

The BIBF International Foundation Programme (IFP) is the only one of its kind in Bahrain that has been formally benchmarked by UK NARIC – the body responsible for determining the equivalence of qualifications in the UK – as equivalent to A Levels and the IB Diploma. The IFP allows participants to spend an extra year at home without losing their chances of joining a UK university of their choice for the degree programme. In fact, more than 17 UK universities have signed direct progression agreements with the BIBF, providing our students a guaranteed place on selected courses at these universities. The list currently include universities such as: Cardiff, Leeds, Reading, Warwick and York. The scope of the programme focuses on providing participants with the key verbal, numerical and study skills required for academic success in a wide range of degrees within the area of social sciences.



Study Options:

After completing the IFP programme, the students can choose any of the following pathways:



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Proceed to the undergraduate degree programmes offered at BIBF in partnership with Bangor University or University of London.



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Go to the UK and proceed to a relevant undergraduate programme.

Course Structure:

- Takes one academic year to complete
- Two semesters (from Sep-Jan & from Feb-June)
- Four modules per semester
- A combination of guided-learning and self-study is required
- Sessions are conducted in small groups allowing for maximum support and interaction
- Access to online resources through "MyLabs"
- Additional academic support through "Peer Tutoring Scheme"
- You will be assessed through a mixture of continuous assessment and written examinations.
- You will complete group projects, presentations, individual essays and problem-solving exercises.

Fees:

BD 2000 per semester (excluding books and lab fees)

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Description:

The International Foundation Programme aims to enable students holding Bahraini High School diploma, or other qualifications below the standard entry requirement for a UK degree programme, to progress to their intended undergraduate degree.

The programme consists of a number of subjects that are expected to equip learners with introductory-level knowledge of specific topics related to economics, business and finance; as well as the essential academic skills required to succeed in higher education, such as critical thinking, academic writing and numeracy. The level of attainment is benchmarked against the UK's Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA)'s 'A' level standard.

Programme Aims:

- Help students coming from different educational systems (public and private schools) to align their existing qualification to the UK education system and become eligible for admission.
- Additional English language support to students.
- Building the main academic skills required to succeed in any course of study including critical thinking, essay writing and presentation skills.
- Interactive learning experience that involves group work and research projects.
- Guaranteed progression to the BSc. programmes offered at BIBF.

What will you study?

ACS100	Academic Study Skills	
BAF100	Introduction to Business and Finance	Semester I
MAT100	Introduction to Mathematics for Business and Finance I	
BEN 100	Business English	
STA100	Introduction to Statistics	
AWP100	Academic Writing and Presentation Skills	
ECO100	Introduction to Economics (with dealing room sessions)	Semester II
MAT101	Introduction to Mathematics for Business and Finance II	



The Units at a Glance

Semester I

Academic Study Skills:

This unit is designed to ensure that students have the necessary academic study skills that will enable them to function efficiently and with confidence in an English medium academic environment. The unit focuses on a number of topics including: understanding yourself as a learner, study techniques, academic reading & writing, academic integrity and avoiding plagiarism.

Introduction to Business & Finance:

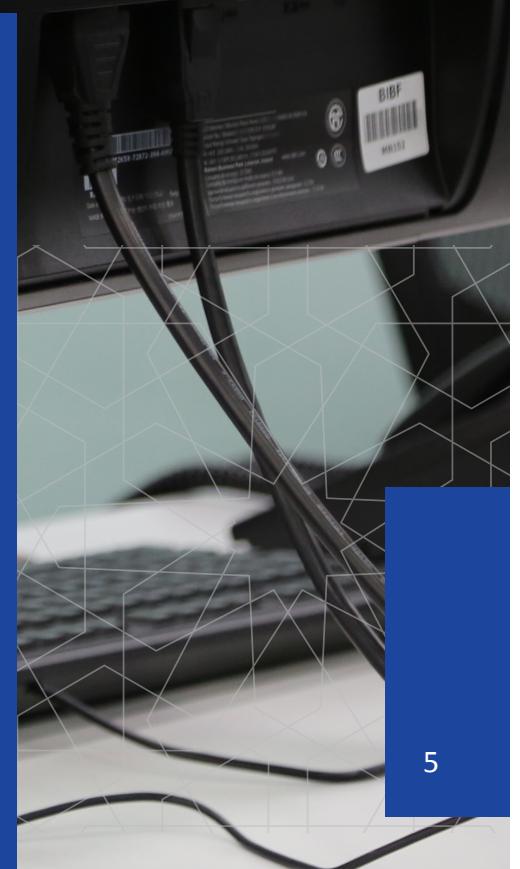
This unit provides students with background knowledge of business, its role, its forms of ownership and a general understanding of business major functions: management, marketing, accounting and finance.

Business English:

This unit is designed to ensure that students have the necessary English language skills, both receptive and productive, to be able to function effectively and with confidence in an English medium academic environment.

Introduction to Mathematics for Business & Finance I:

The aim is to provide students with knowledge of mathematical tools and techniques required for solving business related problems. This module focuses on numerical skills students will need at the next levels of study. The unit focuses on a number of topics including: working with numbers, algebra, linear equations and probability.





Semester 2

The Units at a Glance

Academic Writing & Presentation Skills:

To ensure that students have the ability to produce academic work such as essays, projects and presentations of satisfactory quality and to develop and encourage a proactive, independent approach to academic study. During this unit you will take a journey through the different stages related to writing an extended research paper starting from finding a topic to presenting your findings to an audience.

Introduction to Economics:

This unit provides students with a more general introduction to the concepts and principles of economics, in preparation for the more specialized introductory micro- and macroeconomics modules taken at year one in university. The topics covered in the unit include subjects like: economic problems, market structures, data of macroeconomics and money and monetary systems. Apart from that, students will attend simulation sessions at the BIBF dealing room. The simulation activities will allow students to enhance their understanding of the interaction between macroeconomics, interest rates and the demand and supply of money.

Introduction to Statistics:

This course is intended towards developing the statistical skills students will need to progress to the next levels. The unit focuses on a number of topics including: descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, variables and index numbers.

Introduction to Math for Business & Finance II:

This module aims to provide students with the fundamental knowledge of mathematical tools and techniques required to solve business related problems. It introduces them to the main principles of calculus including integration and differentiation, as well as other related topics, such as arithmetic series and sequences. The module will specifically focus on building the students' ability to apply the different techniques in relevant contexts.



Admission

Entry requirement:

- High School Diploma with an overall average of 75% or equivalent
- IELTS score of 6 (applicants scoring 5.5 can be accepted but will need to enrol in IELTS preparatory course)

How to Apply?

You need to provide the following documents:

- Statement of graduation from Secondary School approved by the Ministry of Education
- Copy of your IELTS score
- Medical report from public health centre
- Copy of your passport and CPR
- Two passport size photographs

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“ I would describe the BIBF as exciting and dynamic. I was initially attracted here by my supervisor, the institution's reputation, and my career goals. There was no doubt in my mind that BIBF was the ideal place that I wanted to spend some of the most important years of my life.

Ali Al Qahtani- Foundation Year

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