



## INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME



Your Gateway to  
**International Education**  
in Bahrain



The BIBF plays a vital role in the training and human capital development in the region.

The BIBF qualifies over **20,000** learners a year across all major business disciplines and economic sectors.

The BIBF has delivered training to over

**360,000**

students in **64 countries** since its inception in 1981



The BIBF International Foundation Programme (IFP) is the only one of its kind in Bahrain that has been formally recognised 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 19 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.

**My dear Students,**

It is my immense desire to welcome you to the BIBF, the world-class institution having offered training in 64 countries worldwide and has an impressive reputation with employers in Bahrain and the region.

I wish to congratulate each one of you, first on having secured your place at the BIBF International Foundation Programme and second, for having the good sense to choose to study in our International Foundation Programme.

The BIBF puts the student at the center of everything it does; your experience here and your success is important to each member of staff who works here.

Your arrival at the BIBF marks a new chapter in the story of your life, where you will have the opportunity to learn new things, acquire new knowledge, develop new skills and enhance your personal attributes in profound ways that will equip for life after university. At the same time, you will make new friends who will become your friends for life, with whom you will share memories of your university days for many years to treasure.

You might be now overwhelmed with details and getting yourself set for the new chapter in the story of your life. This brochure is a useful guide for your academic life at the BIBF, as well as, provides valuable information to your family.

Once again, congratulations. You deserve to be proud of your attainments, and I look forward to welcoming you to the BIBF community.

Your friend, always

**Dr. Raja Bucheery***Head of Academic Centre*

## Study Options:

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



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



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

## Course Structure:

- Takes one academic year to complete
- Two semesters (from September - January and from February - 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)  
The programme consists of two semesters



## Description:

The International Foundation Programme aims to enable students holding a 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 recognised 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?

### Year I

Code	Semester I
BST100	Emerging Business Trends
MAT100	Introduction to Mathematics for Business and Finance I
BEN100	Business English
ACS100	Academic Study Skills

### Code

Semester II
STA100
AWP100
ECO100
ACF100

## The Units at a Glance

### Semester 1

**Emerging Business Trends:** This module provides students with a basic understanding of the business environment, emerging business trends and ethical and social responsibility concepts. It will focus on introducing the students to entrepreneurship, managing and organizing business, employee behaviour and motivation.

#### 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..

#### 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.



## The Units at a Glance

### Semester 2

**Principles of Accounting** The module covers the basic principles of the theory and practice of Financial Accounting, Management Accounting and Financial Management, both for non-specialist students and as a foundation for further study in the area. It covers the basic principles and underlying concepts and the ways in which accounting statements and financial information can be used to improve the quality of decision-making.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## Why Join The BIBF?

1. BIBF's International Foundation Programme is recognized by UK NARIC (21 UK Universities)



Recognising international expertise



2. BIBF Graduates are Employable Internationally & acquire International Competencies



3. Industry-Oriented blend of Academia and Professional Competencies

4. 86.6% employment rate



5. Supporting Students who wish to become Entrepreneurs; connections with accelerators & incubators

6. Dedicated Seats for students-free access to BIBF's major learning events and forums

7. Strong Network of Market connections: Internships & Job Opportunities

8. Access to Financial Simulation Training- 1st Dealing Room in the Middle East

9. Access to 600+ courses, Professional Talks, Conferences and Seminars

**10. Access to attend Tech-Talks.**  
Awareness sessions aligned with market needs: Cyber Security, Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence

**11. Counseling & Preparation for Job Market**

**12. Access to vocational training (including but not limited to exemptions from ACCA)**



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### Entry requirements:

- High School Diploma
- IELTS score of 6

### 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