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INTERNATIONAL
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PROGRAMME



**Your Gateway to
International Education
In Bahrain**

<https://www.bibf.com/academics/>



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Introduction

The BIBF is a semi-government training institute affiliated with the Central Bank of Bahrain, established in 1981. The Institute plays a vital role in the training and development of human capital in Bahrain and beyond.

The BIBF's commitment to excellence has strengthened its position as the leading educational provider across all major business disciplines. The Institute serves as a partner to numerous world-class institutions; delivering Thought Leadership, Assessment and Training in the areas of Banking, Islamic Finance, Executive Development, Accounting and Finance, Academic Studies, Leadership and Management, Insurance, Digital Transformation and Project Management and Supply Chain Management; resulting in a complete business solution.



Student
Lounge



Global Reach



The BIBF qualifies over 20,000 learners a year across all major business disciplines and economic sectors. Since its establishment, it has provided training and development opportunities in 64 countries giving the institute a global footprint.

The BIBF has delivered training to over

360,000

Students since its inception in 1981





Welcome message from the BIBF

I am delighted to welcome you to the BIBF's International Foundation Programme.

The next year is an opportunity for you to grow and develop a plan that will shape your career path, making it a crucial period of decisive choices, significant plans and firm determinations.

This programme provides you with an opportunity to broaden your horizons, experience leadership opportunities, establish lifelong friendships, gain real-world learning and, of course, have fun.

Now that you have joined to the BIBF, what happens next? This brochure is a useful resource in answering that question and offers some helpful information for you and your family.

The BIBF is a world-class institution having offered training in 64 countries worldwide and has an impressive reputation with employers in Bahrain and the region.

All the forms you need to complete as an incoming student are on the BIBF website. We would be happy to arrange a visit for you to see the BIBF campus, whereby, you may call us on +973 1781 5555.

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

Yours sincerely,
Dr Ahmed Abdul Hameed Al Shaikh
Director, BIBF

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Welcome message from the Academic Studies Team

The Academic Studies Centre team is delighted to welcome you to BIBF, where your energy and excitement enrich our learning environment. You are joining a remarkable community consisting of future leaders – you –, distinctive academics and trainers, competent management and leading bankers and financiers; all are excited to help you develop the skills and experience needed to pursue your career goals.

With a culture of curiosity, critical thinking, and collaboration, you have the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge learning. The BIBF International Foundation is a school-university bridging program. It aims to build the main academic skills and knowledge to prepare you for further studies. The program is spread over two semesters where four modules are taken per semester. A combination of guided learning and self-study is required along with small group sessions, and unlimited access to online resources and Peer-Tutoring Scheme.

As an institution dedicated to educating the next generation of contributors and leaders, we are excited to invest in your future, and to partner with you as you pursue your dreams. We trust you will find unlimited opportunities for growth at BIBF.

The Academic Studies Centre Team

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About the International Foundation Programme (IFP)

The BIBF International Foundation Programme (IFP) is the only programme of its kind in Bahrain that has been formally recognised by UK ENIC – 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 in their home country without losing their chances of joining a UK university of their choice for the degree programme. In fact, more than 21 UK universities have signed direct progression agreements with the BIBF, providing our students a place on selected courses at these universities. The list currently includes universities such as: Cardiff, Leeds, Reading, Warwick, and York and many others. 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.

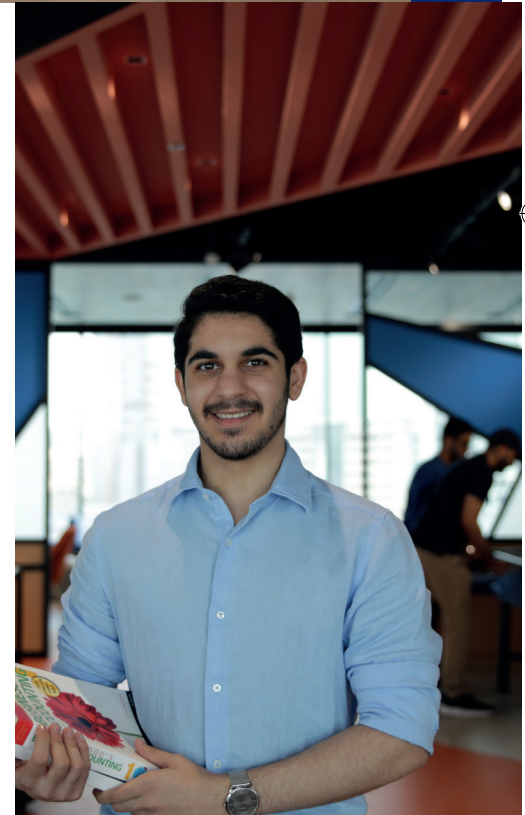
The International Foundation Programme aims to enable students holding a Bahrain High School diploma, or other qualifications below the standard entry requirement for a UK degree programme, to progress to their intended undergraduate degree. The programme consists of a number of subjects that are expected to equip learners with an 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 Bachelor's degree programmes offered at the BIBF.



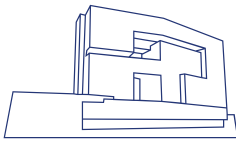


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Study Options:

After completing the International Foundation Programme, students can choose any of the following pathways:



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



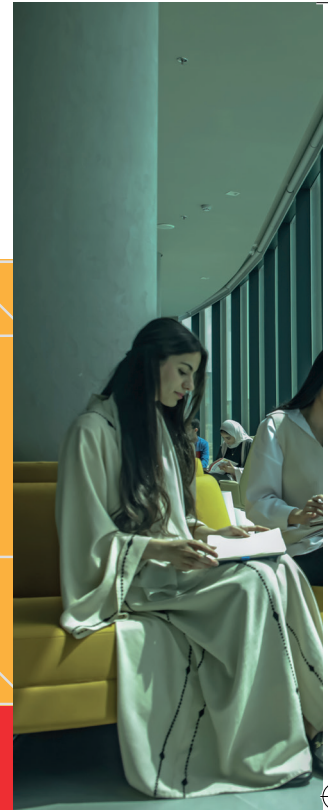
Go to the UK and proceed to a relevant undergraduate programme.

Course Structure:

- One academic required for year for completion
- 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



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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 Smart Card
- Two passport size photographs





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What will you study?

Year I

Code

BST100
MAT100

BEN100
ACS100

Semester I

Emerging Business Trends
Introduction to Mathematics for
Business and Finance I
Business English
Academic Study Skills

Code

STA100
AWP100

ECO100
ACF100

Semester II

Introduction to Statistics
Academic Writing and
Presentation Skills
Introduction to Economics
Principles of Accounting & Finance

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The Units at a Glance

Semester I

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 organising business, employee behaviour, and motivation.

Academic Study Skills:

This unit focuses on a number of topics including understanding yourself as a learner, study techniques, academic reading and 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 proceed effectively and with confidence in an English medium academic environment.

Introduction to Mathematics for Business & Finance I:

The aim is to provide students with a knowledge of mathematical tools and techniques required to solve 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.

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The Units at a Glance

Semester 2

Principles of Accounting:

This 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 specialised introductory microeconomics and macroeconomics modules taken during 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's Dealing Room. The simulation activities will allow students to enhance their understanding of the interaction between macroeconomics, interest rates as well as the demand and supply of money.

Introduction to Statistics:

This 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:

This is 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.

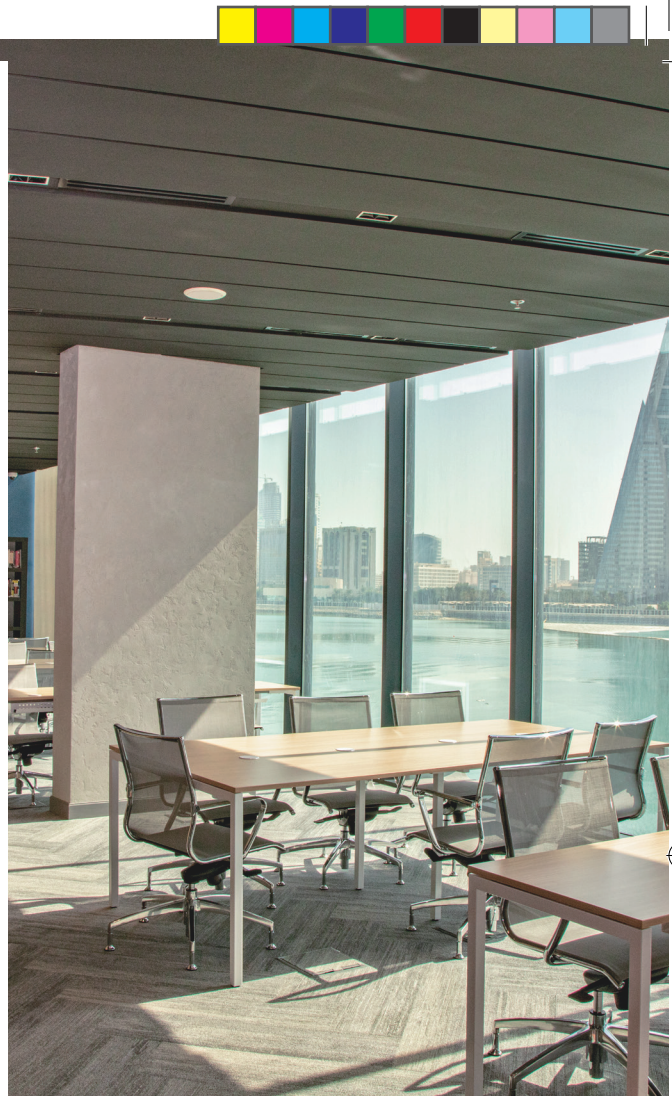




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Why Join The BIBF?

**1. The BIBF's International Foundation Programme is recognised by UK ENIC (21 UK Universities)
(The World's leading providers in the recognition and evaluation of qualifications and skills)**

2. The BIBF graduates are employable internationally and acquire international competencies

3. To benefit from an industry-oriented blend of Academia and Professional Competencies

**4. 89% employment rate
(within 6 months based on a BIBF Survey)**

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

6. Counseling and Preparation for the Job Market

7. Access to vocational training (including but not limited to exemptions from the ACCA)

Once you successfully complete the BIBF's International Foundation Programme and progress to one of our BSc. Programmes (Bangor University Validated Programme or University of London)

8. Your degree will be attested by the Higher Education Council (Bahrain)

9. You will receive an International Degree Locally





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Progression Opportunities

POSSIBLE
PROGRESSION
OPPORTUNITIES
AFTER THE
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OPTION 1



PRIFYSGOL
BANGOR
UNIVERSITY

BSc. in
Accounting & Finance

BSc. in
Banking & Finance

OPTION 2

Awarding Body



Academic Direction



BSc. in Economics
& Management

BSc. in Data Science
& Business Analytics

OPTION 3



Any of our affiliated
Universities

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According to a recent survey (2021), about 66% of the **BIBF's graduates are employed** within 3 months after graduation.

Employability

The BIBF's academic programmes are developed in collaboration with the best-in-class international universities and are recognised by the Bahrain Higher Education Council (HEC). A true testament to the BIBF's efforts in ensuring that these academic programmes are a best fit for the labour market is reflected in the BIBF's employability statistics over the years.

Our recent undergraduate destination survey of 2021 indicates that 66% of the BIBF's Graduates are employed within 3 months after graduation, 89% of our graduates have been employed within 12 months of their graduation. The survey also indicates that most of our graduates are likely to be employed within their fields of Banking & Finance or Accounting & Finance, mainly in banks and auditing firms.

A detailed employability analysis is also available on the BIBF website.



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Employability Survey

Graduates	Within 3+ months of graduation	Within 1+ year of graduation
Employed full time	12%	57%
Employed part time	54%	32%
Not seeking employment	-	4%
Seeking a job	34%	7%
Working & Studying at the time	-	19%
Already Obtained a MSc Professional Certificate	-	5%

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Employers' Feedback

“The BIBF graduates have continuously proven to possess a remarkable balance of strong technical knowledge and interpersonal skills, which add great value to the workplace.”

Mr. Ali Al-Marzooq

Senior Manager, Talent Management
Human Resources



“The BIBF graduates have proven that they are well prepared for the job market. Most of the candidates are extremely professional”

Ms. Sara Bucheeri, Assoc CIPD

Deputy Manager - Human Resources



“The BIBF constantly produces high caliber candidates that are equipped with quality education and skills enabling them to thrive in a professional working environment.”

Mr. Salman Alzayani

Head of Human Resources
Bahrain Bourse

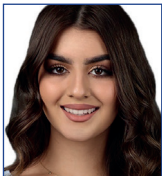


Students Testimonial



"I view the International Foundation Programme at the BIBF as a unique opportunity. The programme has equipped me with the essential skills and knowledge needed before the transition to the degree programme. Although the course was conducted virtually due to the unprecedented COVID-19 situation, the faculty and admin staff at the BIBF made sure that we get the most out of it. They have always shown high professionalism and cooperation. As I am currently pursuing my BSc in Economics and Management at the University of London, I can feel the tremendous impact of the business knowledge I gained during the Foundation Year."

Mr. Taha Al Baqali



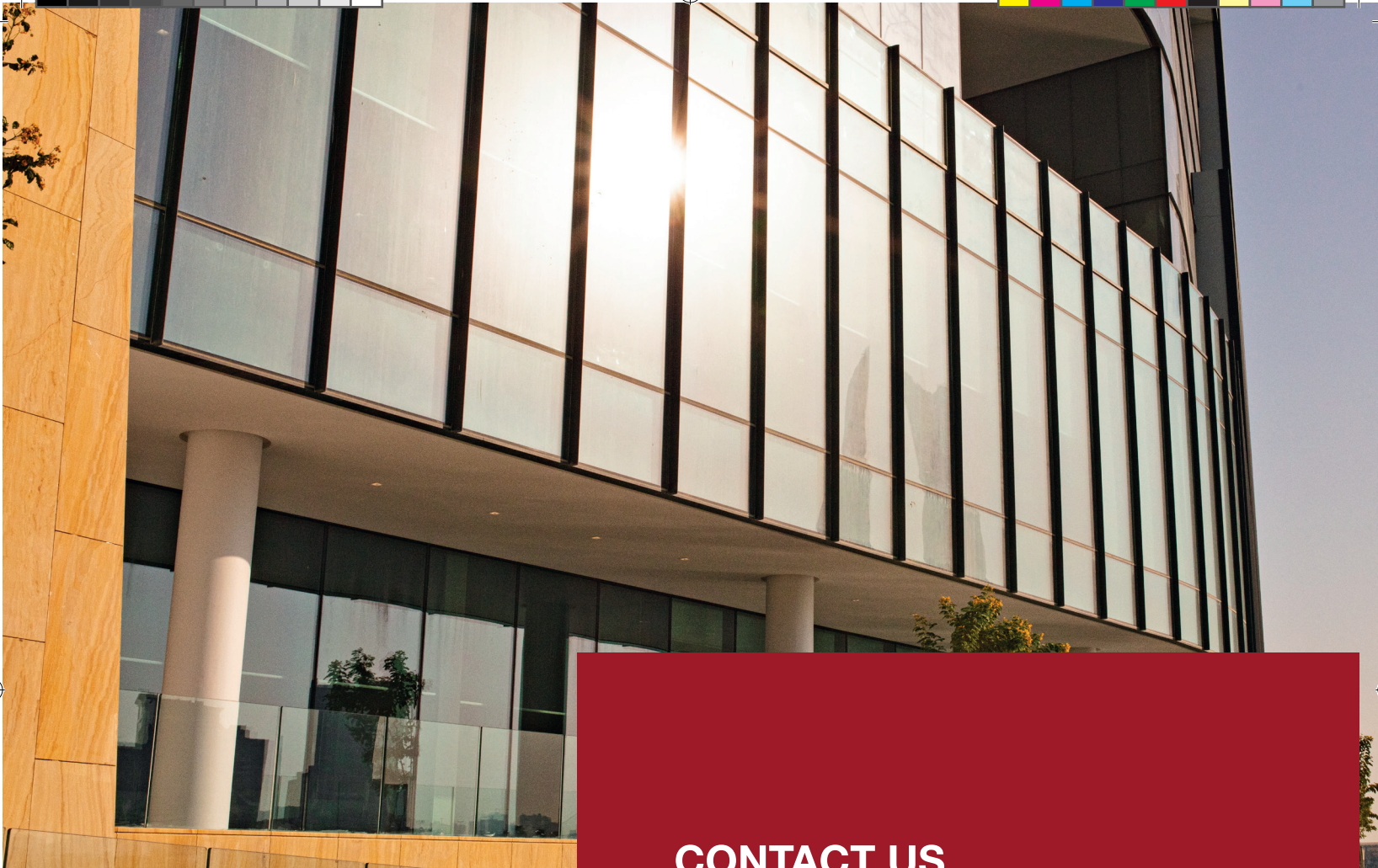
"As a student enrolled in the BSc degree in Islamic Finance at the BIBF, completing the BIBF Foundation Programme was an incredible opportunity. The diverse courses in the programme helped me expand, develop, and build the skills and knowledge I need for my degree study. Moreover, the supportive and encouraging learning environment, admin members, and lecturers gave me the confidence and courage to pursue my degree study."

Ms. Fatema Kazerooni



"A great and unforgettable experience during the International Foundation Programme, I enjoyed every moment I spent during the year with the new people I met, The IFP was much more than a programme to enrich my academic knowledge and skills, It was one that emphasised my personal growth and development and prepared me for the upcoming years personally and professionally."

Ms. Maryam Al Khawaja



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