



# BSC EDUCATION

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# Welcome to your **University Pathway**

This prospectus features our higher education pathways university preparation programme, the International Foundation Year (IFY), that we run in partnership with NCUK in our Malta college.

At BSC Education, we are passionate about and committed to delivering transformational learning experiences, enabling our students to realise their potential and achieve great things.

NCUK universities include members of the prestigious Russell Group in the UK and establishments of renown in locations across the globe including the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Our IFY programme is a truly exceptional opportunity and one we are proud to offer as an NCUK delivery partner.

A BSC pathways student will benefit from a professionally qualified and experienced academic team, who are not only experts in their subject field, but highly skilled at teaching those whose first language is not English.

Our dedicated Student Experience team are there to help our students settle into life in Malta. They will receive visits from prospective universities and have regular sessions with our trained Student Counsellors to support their search and applications.

To find out more or to apply for any further information please contact your local representative – we hope to see you in Malta soon.

**Jenn Harris**  
Managing Director  
BSC Education



**Successful completion of this programme not only fully prepares our students for undergraduate study, it guarantees them a place on a course at one of over 45 universities, opening a gateway to thousands of degree courses.**



# BSC Malta



Beautiful beaches, delicious food and warm hospitality –  
**a wonderful place to study.**

## Study at our new college in Sliema, Malta!

Boost your future opportunities while exploring this beautiful island and its historic World Heritage sites.

You can enjoy a comfortable study environment with Malta's gorgeous climate and embrace the Mediterranean lifestyle.



Gorgeous climate



World heritage sites



Beautiful beaches







## Great things start at BSC Malta

Experience personalised attention from experienced teachers and lasting friendships within Malta's vibrant, welcoming student community.

Malta is the only Mediterranean country where English is an official language and is spoken by the majority of the population.

## Nearby

Beach	5 mins
Shops, bars and restaurants	5 mins
Balluta Bay	14 mins
Valletta	20 mins

## College facilities



Central location



Collaboration hub



Student Resource centre



Outdoor space



Academic workshops

## Around the college there are plenty of shops, places to eat and a short bus journey away there are fitness centres and nightlife

In Malta there are bus transport cards available to purchase. These are called a Tallinja card, which can be topped up as often as you like and done via the online app. Your college team can help you with this when you arrive.

### Approximate costs

Aside from your course fees, there are additional costs you should take into consideration. It is important to conduct your own research on the cost of living in Malta.



Renting a property  
680-840+ euros per month



Public transport travel card  
up to 26 euros a month



Gym/Fitness  
60 euros a month



Tea/Coffee/soft drinks  
2-3 euros



Cinema Ticket  
6 euros



Pizza  
7-10 euros



Pint of Beer  
4 euros

## Popular Nationalities



Azerbaijan



Mexico



Brazil



Morocco



China



Kazakhstan



Egypt



Kuwait

## Accommodation

Details to be confirmed.

Check our website for updates [bsceducation.com](https://bsceducation.com)

# International Foundation Year (IFY)

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## NCUK and BSC – an ideal partnership

Our partnership with NCUK provides the opportunity to study an International Foundation Year (IFY), leading to Year One of an undergraduate degree at a wide range of universities.

**Successful completion provides a guaranteed place at one of 45+ universities worldwide.**

NCUK Universities include:



# Which International Foundation Year programme is **right for me?**

## International Foundation Year in Business & Social Sciences (with Maths)

**Modules:** EAP, Business Studies, Global Studies, Maths for Business

### Who is it for?

We recommend the IFY with Maths if:

- You would like to study on a business-related programme
- You would like to keep options open to scientific subjects, like computer science or engineering
- You are confident in mathematics

### Examples of degrees students have progressed to:

- Business and Finance
- Business and Management
- Political Science
- Accounting and Finance
- Global Management
- Digital Marketing
- Computer Science
- Fashion Media



## International Foundation Year in Business & Social Sciences (without Maths)

**Modules:** EAP, Business Studies, Global Studies, Economics

### Who is it for?

We recommend the IFY without Maths if:

- You would like to progress to a degree such as Law, Journalism, Literature or Politics after the Foundation Year.
- You are highly literate and have a flair for writing essays.
- You are not as confident in mathematics

### Examples of degrees students have progressed to:

- Law
- Criminology
- Sociology
- History and Archaeology
- Politics
- Business Enterprise Development
- Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Journalism



# Intakes and **programme types**

At BSC we have two different ways of undertaking our NCUK International Foundation Year depending on your current English Level and how intensively you wish to study.



## **STANDARD PROGRAMME**

**Price:** €16,500

**Start date:** September 2024

**Duration:** 9 months (37 weeks total made up of 30 weeks tuition and exam plus induction weeks and holidays)

**Average tuition/wk:** 20 hours plus workshops and tutorials. The course demands at least 20 hours of self-study per week

**Entry requirements:** IELTS 5.5 (no subskill below 5.0) & country specific high school score



## **ACCELERATED PROGRAMME**

**Price:** €14,850

**Start date:** January 2025

**Duration:** 7 months (29 weeks total made up of 26 weeks tuition and exam plus holidays)

**Average tuition/wk:** 25 hours plus workshops and tutorials. The course demands at least 20 hours of self-study per week

**Entry requirements:** IELTS 6.0 (no subskill below 5.5) & country specific high school score





# Course Structure

The International Foundation Year is comprised of four modules: English for Academic Purpose (EAP) plus three subject modules – Business Studies, Global Studies and a choice of either Maths for Business or Economics.



## ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP)

**IFY Streams:** All Streams

**Hours per week:** 8 (Standard Programmes),  
10 (Accelerated Programme)

This module is closely integrated with your subject modules to help you build good practice in academic work.

### Module aims:

- Achieve the English language and academic skills required by UK university programmes.
- Take responsibility for own learning.
- Introduce the planning and organisation skills to develop as independent, autonomous learners.

### Key areas covered in the syllabus:

- Listening – understanding, note taking, summarising
- Reading – annotation of text, paraphrasing, summarising and commenting
- Writing – pre-writing skills, subject specific essays, referencing
- Speaking – presentations, group discussion, reformulating ideas, pronunciation

### Assessment:



# Subject modules

## BUSINESS STUDIES

**IFY Streams:** All

**Hours per week:** 4 (Standard Programmes) or 5 (Accelerated Programme)

This module provides a solid grounding in many aspects of business studies and helps students prepare for an undergraduate course related to business management.

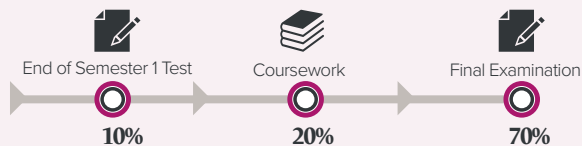
### Module aims:

- Develop the knowledge and understanding required for the successful study of Business Studies and related Social Science disciplines at undergraduate level.
- Gain an understanding of the three key functional areas of business (marketing, accounting & finance and human resource management) as well as the external environment in which UK businesses operate and the topical issues which affect them.

### Key areas covered in the syllabus:

- Business activity and legal structures
- Market Analysis and positioning
- Marketing Strategy
- Business Finance including budgets and managing cash flow
- Management and Leadership
- HR Management

### Assessment:



## GLOBAL STUDIES

**IFY Streams:** IFY without Maths

**Hours per week:** 4 (Standard Programmes) or 5 (Accelerated Programme)

To prepare students for the successful study of Global Studies and related social science disciplines at undergraduate level.

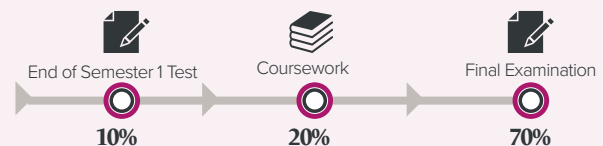
### Module aims:

- To help students understand the world around them by encouraging them to engage with key global events and issues in the 21st century.
- To look at important issues and events from different perspectives and reflect on their global impact.

### Key areas covered in the syllabus:

- Introducing Global Studies
- Global Justice
- Researching Global Events
- Global Inequality
- Global Security
- Theoretical Views of Global Events

### Assessment:



## Choose from one of these subject modules

### MATHS FOR BUSINESS

**IFY Streams:** IFY with Maths

**Hours per week:** 4 (Standard Programmes)  
or 5 (Accelerated Programme)

The overall aim of this course is to equip students with the mathematical knowledge and skills necessary for entry to the first year of any UK/Western undergraduate degree course.

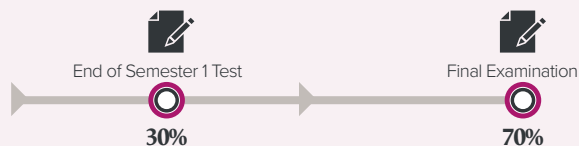
#### Module aims:

- To develop abilities to think logically, to recognise incorrect reasoning and to express ideas clearly.
- To develop an enthusiasm for the subject and the skills required to apply the knowledge to both the further study and application of mathematics.
- To develop an understanding of how theory and application work together and skills in modelling and the interpretation of results.

#### Key areas covered in the syllabus:

- Trigonometry
- Linear and quadratic equations
- Simple probability
- Binomial expansions, sequences and series
- Calculus
- Functions
- Vectors

#### Assessment:



### ECONOMICS

**IFY Streams:** All

**Hours per week:** 4 (Standard Programmes)  
or 5 (Accelerated Programme)

An introduction to basic economic concepts and principles, mostly focused on UK experiences in preparation for university. The first semester will deal with “micro” economic issues and the second semester will deal with “macro” economic issues.

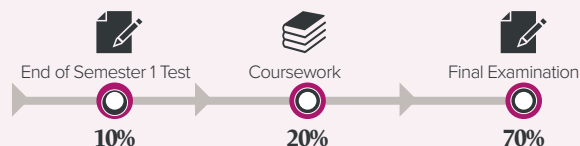
#### Module aims:

- To develop key knowledge and understanding of economic concepts and principles in a national and global economic environment.
- To encourage students to analyse, explain and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the market economy and the role of government within it.

#### Key areas covered in the syllabus:

- Supply and demand
- The functions of price and price determination
- Inter relationship between markets
- Production in the long and short run
- Monopolies and oligopolies
- Macroeconomics
- Inflation
- Fiscal policy

#### Assessment:



# Admission Criteria and Intake

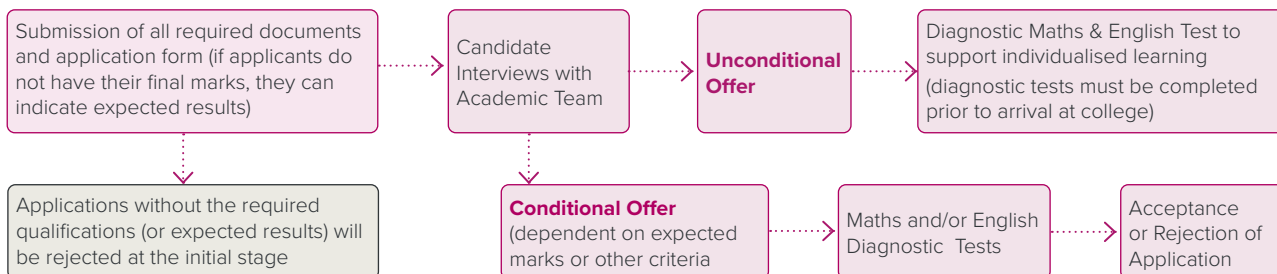
English Language Requirements									
Intake	IELTS	Pass-word	PTE Academic	Language Cert International ESOL	TOEFL iBT	Skills for English	Oxford Test of English (OTE)	Linguaskill	Equivalent CEFR level
<b>Standard IFY (9 months)</b>	5.5 overall (no subskill less than 5.0)	5.5	42	B2	46	B2 Pass	B1+/B2	160	B1+/B2
<b>Accelerated IFY (7 months)</b>	6.0 overall (no subskill less than 5.5)	6.0	50	B2	60	B2 Pass	B2	169	B2

For IFY with Maths: depending on your academic qualifications, you may be required to take a Maths test on application.

Course Start Date	September	January
<b>English level (minimum)</b>	IELTS 5.5 with no subskill less than 5.0, or equivalent (see comparison table above)	IELTS 6.0 with no subskill less than 5.5, or equivalent (see comparison table above)
<b>Age (at course start)</b>	18+	18+
<b>Academic Qualifications</b>	Academic completion of 12 years of schooling (or local equivalent) Please contact us for specific academic entry requirements for your country of education/qualification type For IFY with Maths: depending on your academic qualifications, you may be required to take a maths test on application A personal statement may be required if 3 years or more since last period of study	

**If the application meets the requirements for the course we will conduct an academic interview, which will result in:**

- 1 An unconditional offer (accepted with no further requirements)
- 2 A conditional offer based on expected results (we will test their English and/or Maths with our own internal testing).
- 3 Rejection of application





# Teaching and Learning

## A new way of learning

This programme is designed to prepare you for life at an NCUK university. This means teachers will use methods and styles that may be very different from how you are used to learning in your home country.

- Lessons only delivered in English
- Lesson content from text books, case studies and data response material
- Varied and dynamic class activities
- Individual, pair and group work
- Preparation in advance of lectures and tutorials
- Use of past examination papers to prepare for assessment

## Have an additional learning need?

Get in touch with us and see how BSC and NCUK can help support you and your ultimate university ambitions

NCUK's international programmes have seen:

- over 10,000 university offers
- 87% securing placement at first or second choice university



## Developing independent learners

At NCUK universities, you are expected to take ownership of your own learning and progress. The International Foundation Year at BSC will train you to become an independent and self-regulated learner.

- Regular homework and lesson preparation tasks
- Research skills training
- Goal setting, reflection and self-assessment
- NCUK Skills for Success self-study module

# Student Support

## Academic

- Qualified and professional tutors
- Comprehensive Student Handbook
- Academic calendar including deadlines, breaks and events
- Regular tutorials and goal setting with tutors and Academic Managers
- Regular workshops focussed on study skills and cultural integration
- Access to resource library

## University Progression

- Student Counsellor sessions for university choice and application support
- Sessions on writing personal statements
- Access to NCUK university prospectuses
- Regular visits from NCUK university representatives

## Pastoral

- Friendly and dedicated Student Experience team
- Qualified Mental Health First Aiders on site
- Varied social programme
- Support with settling into life away from home
- Advice on living and working away from home
- Accommodation and travel advice

NCUK works with its university partners to develop their academic content. The organisation also works with its university partners to set clear and transparent entry requirements for its students, to ensure they have the best chance of preparing for and succeeding at university.

This approach delivers results. 2021/22 data shows:

- **81%** of IFY Programme international students passed the qualification, **with 35% achieving AAA.**
- **87%** of International Year One Programme international students passed, with **16% achieving an overall distinction.**

NCUK pathways set international students up for future success at university. 2020/21 graduate data shows:

- **70%** of IFY international students achieved a **2:1 or higher.**
- **89%** of International Year One international students achieved a **2:1 or higher.**
- **78%** of NCUK IY1 students also completed the NCUK IFY

## NCUK University Admissions



# Your University progression

The table below gives you some examples of the possible universities and undergraduate degree subjects that that you can apply for as a participant of the IFY programme at BSC.

It also provides the minimum grades that you would need to achieve along with any other specific requirements to be sure of acceptance and progression. This is just a snapshot of the 1000s of courses available to you through NCUK.

Course	University	Degree	IFY Maths required	IFY Subject Grades	IFY EAP Grade	IFY Notes
<b>Business Management</b>	University of York	BSc	Yes	AAB	B	GCSE equivalent Mathematics at grade B/5
	University of Bradford	BSc	No	BBC	C	GCSE equivalent Mathematics and English at grade C/4
	Leeds Beckett University	BA	No	BBC	C	
	University of Huddersfield	BA	No	BBB	C	
	Liverpool John Moores University	BSc	No	ABB-BBC	C	
<b>Business and Marketing</b>	University of Leeds	BSc	Prefered	AAA	B	GCSE equivalent Mathematics at grade B/5
	Oxford Brookes University	BSc	No	BBB	C	IELTS 6.0 to inc 6 in R and W and 5.5 in L and S
	Manchester Metropolitan University	BA	No	BBC	C	Grade C/5 in High School Maths required
	Sheffield Hallam University	BA	No	BBB-BBC	C	GCSE Maths at grade D or 3
<b>Business Management and Accounting</b>	Keele University	BSc	Prefered	BBB	C	GCSE equivalent Mathematics at grade B/6
	Brunel University	BSc	Yes	BBB	B	GCSE equivalent Mathematics at grade B/6
<b>Hospitality Business Management</b>	Manchester Metropolitan University	BA	No	CCC	C	Grade C/5 in High School Maths required
	Leeds Beckett University	BA	No	BBC	C	
	Sheffield Hallam University	BSc	No	BBB-BCC	C	GCSE Maths at grade D or 3
<b>International Hospitality Management</b>	Robert Gordon University	BA	No	CCC	C	
	University of Central Lancashire	BA	No	BBC-BCC	C	Global Studies and Business Studies prefered at IFY level
<b>Marketing</b>	The University of Kent	BSc	No	ABB-BBB	C	GCSE Maths and English grade C
	University of Huddersfield	BA	No	BBB	C	Scholarships available
	Sheffield Hallam University	BA	No	BBC	C	
	Liverpool John Moores University	BA	No	ABB-BBC	C	

Please note these requirements are subject to change.

For a complete and up to date list, please visit: [www.ncuk.ac.uk/ncuk-qualifications/ncuk-entry-directory/](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk/ncuk-qualifications/ncuk-entry-directory/)

# BSC Education's **digital pledge**

From the latest classroom technology to the creation of digital portfolios, BSC Education is committed to providing you with a 21st century learning experience.



**Each step of your journey with BSC will be facilitated through the use of apps, e-books and online learning platforms. Here are the ways that BSC promotes digital literacy for all:**

- Encouraging the use of e-books instead of physical coursebooks in class\*
- Group projects with a digital outcome (podcast, infographic, video, presentation)
- Creation of digital portfolios to demonstrate progress and showcase work
- Free Communication Workshops on using digital tools
- Purchase and prepare for online and computer-based exams

\*e-books from our publishing partners are available at a discounted price through a dedicated portal.

**Here's why we are committed to going digital**

## **For your education**

Known as 'self-regulated learning', research shows that digitalisation gives you more control over your studies and creates an environment where you are more aware of and accountable for your progress. BSC's online learning platform, **myBSC**, allows for personalisation and flexibility; choose what you study and when and track your progress as you work towards your learning goals.

## **For your career**

Improving your English improves your employability. Wherever you are on your professional journey, you will be using digital tools daily to study and work. Knowing how to navigate these tools in English will give you a head start and look great on your CV.

**Free** BSC workshops on how to use Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Canva and other programmes will give you the opportunity to put your language into practice in an authentic and applied way.

## **For your future**

We don't know what the jobs of the future look like, but digital literacy is one of the key skills identified by universities and employers as essential for success. Remote working and changing trends in international business travel will require all of us to develop our digital skills and communication – BSC promises to prepare you for a more successful future, fully equipped for whatever changes may come.

To be able to fully participate in this, we ask that you **bring your laptop or tablet with you.**



# Check whether you will need a Visa to study in Malta

We strongly recommend that you check the Visa and e-Residence permit requirements and procedures that you will need to follow in order to arrive and stay in Malta.

## **D Visa (long stay)**

Allows you to stay in Malta for up to 365 days.

The main reasons for which an authorisation to stay in Malta for more than 90 days may be given include employment, studies, and family reunification.

For more information, visit: <https://identita.gov.mt/central-visa-unit-national-visa-long-stay-visa/>

The government agency offers a public service for matters relating to visas in Malta. For further information on the visa you may require, visit their website:

### **Government Website:**

<https://identita.gov.mt/central-visa-unit-main-page>

### **Central Visa Unit**

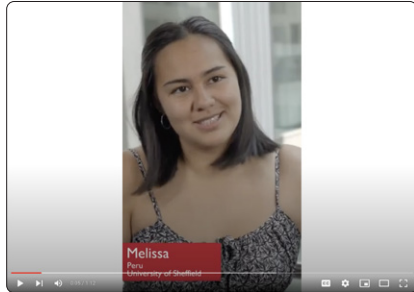
<https://identita.gov.mt/central-visa-unit-visa-extended-service-branches/>

If you do need to apply for a visa we strongly recommend that you do so at the earliest possible opportunity, particularly during the summer months as applications may take longer to be processed.

Non-EU/EEA nationals must have international health insurance to cover your period of stay in Malta. UE/EEA nationals are entitled to free treatment upon presentation of a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

# Student Success Stories

We're here to help you achieve great things...



*Listen* to Melissa's story 

“

It plays a big role, knowing that you're guaranteed a place in one of the UK Universities when you pass your foundation year with NCUK.”

**Melissa**



*Listen* to Bethany's story 

“

English for learning purposes was very helpful and the teachers are engaging.”

**Bethany**





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