

International Foundation Diploma

The International Foundation Diploma (IFD) is a course for international students who wish to take an undergraduate degree or Higher National Diploma course in the United Kingdom. It provides intensive study of the English language, combined with an introduction to study skills, to chosen subject studies, and to British life and institutions.

Successful completion of the IFD course guarantees a place on a University of Worcester three year BA/BSc (Honours) undergraduate degree in the Business School.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

You will study modules that will raise your general and academic English level. They will prepare you for an undergraduate course delivered by Worcester Business School by giving you confidence and deeper understanding in the following areas:

- English for academic purposes
- Study and research skills
- British life and culture
- Business (taught by tutors from the Business School)

HOW LONG IS THE COURSE?

The standard course takes two semesters (one year).

If you have a higher level of English there is a fast track option of one semester only (half a year).

WHEN DOES THE COURSE START?

The standard course starts in September. The fast track course starts in January.

Contact Registry Admissions by email: admissions@worc.ac.uk for information on course start dates.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For the standard two semester course:

- Home country qualifications demonstrating an educational level which indicates likely success on the Diploma programme
- and
- An English language IELTS score of 4.5 (with not less than 4.5 in the written test), but less than IELTS 6.0 or an equivalent

For the fast track one semester course:

- A valid school leavers certificate of an exceptionally high standard
- An IELTS score of 5.0 (with not less than 5.0 in the written test), but less than IELTS 6.0 or equivalent

LEARNING RESOURCES

As an IFD student, you will benefit from a range of learning and teaching methods such as lectures, seminars and interactive workshops and e-learning through the internet. The Language Centre has its own purpose-built self access room.

COURSE CONTENT

Modules for Semester One in the standard two-semester course:	Modules for Semester Two in the standard two-semester course:	Modules for the fast track one-semester course:
IFD 1: English Language Skills	IFD 5: Academic Listening and Reading	IFD 2/3: Study Skills for Higher Education/English for Academic Writing
IFD 2: Study Skills for Higher Education	IFD 6: Foundation Project	IFD 5: Academic Listening and Reading
IFD 3: English for Academic Writing	IFD 7: Introduction to British Life and Institutions	IFD 6: Foundation Project
IFD 4: English for Specific Purposes	IFD 8: Subject Study Module	IFD 7: Introduction to British Life and Institutions
		IFD 8: Subject Study Module

A DEGREE FROM WORCESTER

We see the IFD course as the first year of your 4-year BA/BSc degree programme at the University of Worcester. It may also be possible to go on to other universities after attaining the IFD, although so far the majority of the IFD students have continued their studies at Worcester.

THE CITY OF WORCESTER

Worcester is a great place to study. Like the University, the City is big enough to be lively and interesting but small enough to be friendly. Worcester is one of the most beautiful cathedral cities in the UK and because of its central location is easily accessed by air, rail and road. Birmingham, England's modern second city, is less than one hour away, and London is only two hours by car or train. The Malvern Hills, the Cotswolds and Shakespeare's native Stratford-upon-Avon are nearby.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND ACCOMMODATION?

- University halls of residence at St John's campus
- University halls of residence at the City campus
- University managed city centre Halls
- Off campus private rented accommodation, accredited by the University of Worcester

FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE TEAM

You will have a Personal Tutor assigned to you for your IFD course, who can help and advise you on study-related issues. Or, if you just want a chat, the International Centre staff are always there for you. Call us on 01905 855146 or email: international@worc.ac.uk



'I wanted a place I would feel at home and the University of Worcester is ideal - on campus you're near to everything you need. The IFD is helping me to improve my English and is also giving me lots of extra skills for studying, like time management. I would recommend it to anyone.'

- Thato Stimela (Botswana)