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Over 150 SPORTS CLUBS AND SOCIETIES
Welcome to the University of Aberdeen Business School, a leading international provider of excellence in undergraduate and postgraduate education. Our base at the historic King’s College campus in Old Aberdeen consists of an international faculty of world-leading academics with strong professional links with the business community. The Business School is nationally and internationally renowned for its research in Energy and Environment, Finance and Governance, Work, Health and Wellbeing and Property Market Analysis.

Through our location in Aberdeen - a key international business centre - the University has forged contacts with global companies and boasts an impressive track record for employability, which means that our graduates are consistently among the most targeted in the UK by leading employers.

As well as producing graduates who are ready to hit the ground running in the workplace, we provide working executives who wish to enhance their career prospects access to academic expertise through our Aberdeen Executive Education Network, which is a unique network between academia and business that exists to help companies and individuals realise their potential.

Here is our story
We hope you will enjoy reading just a few of our student and Alumni stories. There is so much on offer at the University of Aberdeen and we hope you will join us and one day give us your story.
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STRONG LINKS WITH INDUSTRY
At the University of Aberdeen we have a number of clubs and societies you can join for social or professional purposes, or both! The Business School is home to the biggest societies on campus.

**Economics & Business Society (EBS)**
The Economics & Business Society hosts an array of events throughout the year including: pub quizzes, seasonal socials, pizza nights and the annual Business and Charity balls. Students also have the opportunity to attend debates and presentations from industry speakers to make important connections with potential employers.

**Trading and Investment Club (AUTIC)**
AUTIC’s goal is to provide its members with an in-depth understanding of finance, giving hands on experience with investment evaluation and decision making. Students gain exposure to experienced and successful professionals from the wider world of finance. The society also runs an education programme which covers fundamental and technical analysis, as well as a macro-outlook section and investment process which results in proficient stock pitches towards the end of the semester. Knowing the value of real world experience and input, AUTIC attempts to further complement this process by inviting industry experts to speak at networking events where their experience can be related to either the current AUTIC programme or to existing issues, events and trends in the finance realm.

**Aberdeen Consultancy Group (ACG)**
Aberdeen Consultancy Group aims to provide students with hands on experience in consultancy, where they can consult and assist real businesses and develop in their journey to become an analytical thinker and proactive leader within their career.

**Aberdeen Political Economy Group (APEG)**
This society aims to create an interdisciplinary forum to critically discuss matters of Economics, Politics and society. Students can take part in socials, reading groups, movie nights, as well as debates and the annual Shifting Paradigms conference. The Society aims to bring together an international network of students, academics and professionals to build a better understanding of economics in society and the classroom.

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**The Societies are a great way to meet new people and make the most of the University experience**
Having a very international background, Aberdeen University, with its multicultural environment was the clear choice. It also appealed to me that the course is taught on the University’s main campus. This has allowed me to meet students with different degrees, in different years of their studies, all with unique backgrounds, from all over the world. I am also very fortunate to have the opportunity to combine degrees after the first year, by having the option of choosing modules outside the course. This allows students to study subjects that they are interested in, but do not want a degree in, or that they then realize they would like to combine degree with. As the library is right in the middle and the Sports Village is just minutes from campus, I enjoy going to the gym or library between classes, ensuring an efficient study life.
The best memories of my time at University come from a variety of activities during my time as a student. Getting an internship at BP during my third year was as satisfying as winning a medal in a sporting championship. I have good memories from all the sports competitions I have taken part in, especially the ones were I won a medal or got a personal best. The most memorable was the very first medal I won, which was a bronze in the 200m at the Scottish University Championships in 2016. It was a huge achievement to be in the top ten at the Scottish nationals with 2 personal records while holding a full time internship and a part time job in Summer 2017. This is where I proved to myself that being mentally strong and positive can help you achieve anything you set your mind to. I am also really grateful for the Aberdeen University awarding me with a Half Blue Award for my sporting achievements.
My experience at the University of Aberdeen has been an eventful story filled with interesting interactions with people from all over the world. The diversity of cultures and backgrounds at the University, as well as the academic teaching, has meant my experience at the University has gone far beyond what I initially expected.

The campus life circulates a lot around the numerous societies where you can either meet people who share the same passion as you, or alternatively it is an amazing opportunity for you to be inspired by others and explore completely unknown territory to you. To encounter people who can teach you everything from African dances to photography, is the greatest thrill for me personally as a student at the University of Aberdeen.

If you are looking for a University with a combination of academic excellence, a diverse group of students and a wide range of different societies, as well as sports clubs available to you, then the University of Aberdeen is the University for you.
Aberdeen University provides unparalleled linkages to key industry players through its strategic partnerships, providing relevant training enabling me to gain a greater insight into making the right choice in choosing my first job. Through the assignments, I gained technical, analytical and business skills to help me gain a deeper understanding of the capital market world. I have confidence that I will be able to understand clients and adapt to challenging situations in the future.

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Coming to the University of Aberdeen from Spain was definitely a big change in my life. Arriving here was no easy task but just as I walked on to campus I realized how friendly and welcoming everyone was. Staff from the University helped everyone move in, returning students would show new students around and everyone was making new friends. The first week went by quickly and in a matter of days, I felt at home with people that now feel like my closest friends.

After the first couple of weeks of socializing and getting used to Aberdeen, classes started. At first, I was really worried about the size of the classes since I realized that in the introductory lectures there were about 400 students. But I got used to it very quickly since it gives me the freedom to study however I want. It is also very helpful that there were tutorials every few weeks that clarify any questions about the lectures, as well as open office hours where I can just go talk to my tutors directly.

But after all, the easiest way to pass courses is to study. I came to Aberdeen a bit worried about starting University because I’ve never been great at focussing on my studying, but as soon as I saw the library on campus I knew that I wanted to spend a lot of my time there.

The overall vibe in the library is very focused, especially towards exam week, and it really gives me that push to study. If I need a break from studying, I have the Sports facilities right next to campus. I go there a lot for sports training but I can also go to the gym or the swimming pool whenever I need to. I can also go to all of the events organised by the University’s societies like weekly debates or networking events.

Overall, my time in Aberdeen has been amazing and I’m sure that this won’t change for the next three years. Being here has allowed me to completely change my life for the better and make amazing friends.
The thing I have enjoyed most about studying at the University of Aberdeen has been the possibility of getting real hands-on leadership experience as the President of the Economics & Business Society. Being part of a society has given me the opportunity to meet and work with like-minded people and establish long-lasting friendships. Studying at the University of Aberdeen can be a lot more than just academia and offers other ways to truly prepare you for the future!
Being part of the University of Aberdeen Business School is a life changing experience, each class offers in-depth knowledge from experienced professors and tutors and support is always on hand. Additionally, I have had the pleasure of participating in some amazing student led societies and currently am the Vice President of the Economics & Business Society, which has allowed me to take the lead in hosting both academic and social events.

I have also had the opportunity to go on exchanges to both Copenhagen Business School, Denmark and Southwest University of Finance & Economics, China. These gave me great insights into different cultures and languages, whilst also making friends for life.
I am originally from Aberdeen but had been living overseas for many years prior to returning for my studies. The University of Aberdeen has a great reputation, particularly in the energy field with it being located in the heart of Europe’s oil and gas capital. It’s high employment rates after graduating, great industry ties and proximity to family and old friends were main reasons for choosing to study here.

I have spent this year studying International Business Management which has included a wide range of courses from finance, marketing, managing people and more. I believe that gaining a fundamental understanding of different areas within business is important in order to become a successful leader. The International aspect of the course really helped me appreciate different cultures and what can be done to bring people from all over the world together to achieve common goals.
I really enjoyed meeting and working with such a diverse group of students from various different cultures across a range experience levels. It introduced me to different ways of thinking, approaches to learning and generally meeting lots of very interesting new people.

One of my favourite experiences was being taught about securitised products by the former Chief Economist at Freddie Mac (who was a market leader in the US mortgage market in creating these new products). It was very interesting to be taught how these new “safe” financial products were going to revolutionise bond markets before bringing the global financial system near to collapse less than three years later. Although the theory was flawed, I feel very lucky to have had an insight from an expert in the field before such a world-defining event.

I would advise all students to prepare for the tutorials - you get so much more out of the seminars reading ahead and joining in with the debates, plus any job afterwards is going to involve that so enjoy the time to practice! You should make the most of Aberdeen - for many it’s a new city with a different culture so try to get out of the library and see as much of it as you can.

My career path has been anything but conventional... after graduating in 2006, I stayed in Aberdeen and worked as a chartered accountant for four years at a Big 4 and a smaller independent firm. After realising accountancy wasn’t for me, I had an internship at a global Asset Manager in Edinburgh (which I loved). After the internship ended, I joined an oil E&P company back in Aberdeen as a business analyst, providing financial support to the operational business units. I always go back to asset management but ended up enjoying oil so much that I decided to stay, ultimately moving through several departments including business improvement and corporate planning. But eventually I wanted to leave Aberdeen and made my way to London, where I joined the Equity Research department of a global Investment Bank, spending my days analysing and making investment recommendations on (you guessed it) oil companies.

My top tip for students is to stay open to new experiences and don’t set a fixed career path as it never works out as planned. I always wanted to work in financial markets and never the oil industry... but after I joined an oil company I really enjoyed it and it ultimately lead me into a career in financial markets at one of the top institutions in the world and then founding my own company.

Life would be boring if you knew exactly what would happen next so pick a role you’ll enjoy and see where it takes you!
When I was deciding which University to attend, being from a small village in the Central belt, both academia and sport were important to me. I knew I wanted to focus on my studies, but still have the sea and mountains to play in on my down time. It made perfect sense that Aberdeen was the right choice because they had a brilliant business school as well as active clubs for snowsports and surfing.

The favourite part for me when I was at Aberdeen was the community of people. As a very active and sociable person, I loved staying in Hillhead halls where you met people from loads of different backgrounds. The lecturers were also brilliant. Having figured out in my 3rd year that I was moderately dyslexic, this could have knocked my confidence going into my dissertation year, with support from the Business School I successfully completed my degree.

There were so many clubs and societies to join at the University. I was President of Aberdeen Snowsports club and also part of the Surf club. Every Tuesday and Thursday I attended a circuits class with other club members.

When I look back at my time at the University, there were so many great memories, I even had two favourite lecturers who I should mention, Mark Whittington, who was a massive support to me during the time when I found out that I was dyslexic and had to choose my dissertation topic. He was a very kind man who was very passionate about his field and his students. The second would have to be Harminder Battu for Economics (although his lectures in first year were at THE WORST TIMES – but he openly said that was on purpose). Harminder had a true passion for economics and a skill for bringing real live examples of current day business issues for students to engage with.
Coming to the University of Aberdeen was definitely the right decision for me. I followed in the footsteps of my cousin Chris MacKenzie who has now moved his way up to be Global Marketing Executive for Samsung.

For me Kings college campus is a magical place to come and study. Not only do you get the historical nods to the past, but you also get a sense of community and togetherness that I have not really seen at any other University. It is an emotive feeling that has followed me ever since and something that Foodstory aims to encapsulate. Studying business at the University of Aberdeen was a great experience for me. The courses were very diverse and covered a wide range of business skillsets and interests. I was even able to link my extracurricular interests with my studies in my final year, when I set up and ran the student radio station ASR (Aberdeen Student Radio). I was able to run it as a business for the year, linking it to my entrepreneurship course to help me make a success of both activities.

Foodstory is now into its 5th year and although it has been my dream to own my own business, some of the happiest days I have are those of my time as a student and sabbatical officer at the University of Aberdeen.
The University of Aberdeen Business School is an international multi-campus School with a partnership with AFG College in Qatar.