



Business School Undergraduate Guide 2026

Best of both

Studying at the Business School means that you benefit both from our awards and accolades, and those of the wider University.

University of Aberdeen

— Founded —
1495


14,000
STUDENTS


RANKED
18TH IN UK₁

130+ 
NATIONALITIES

Home to
FIVE 
NOBEL PRIZES


SCOTLAND'S **THIRD OLDEST**
UNIVERSITY AND THE
FIFTH OLDEST IN THE UK₂

Business School

6TH
IN UK FOR
ACCOUNTING
& FINANCE₃



EQUIS
ACCREDITED
BUSINESS
SCHOOL

Real-time trading in our 
BLOOMBERG
FINANCE LAB

90+
RESEARCH ACTIVE
STAFF MEMBERS

92.6%
OF OUR GRADUATES ARE IN
EMPLOYMENT AND/OR FURTHER
STUDY 15 MONTHS AFTER
GRADUATION₄

1ST
IN THE UK FOR
POSITIVE RESPONSES
IN BUSINESS STUDIES₅

81% OF OUR RESEARCH
WAS CLASSIFIED AS
WORLD-LEADING &
INTERNATIONALLY
EXCELLENT₆


4TH
IN UK FOR
BUSINESS
STUDIES₇

1. Guardian University Guide 2026 | 2. The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide
3. Guardian University Guide 2026 | 4. Graduate Outcomes Survey 2025 | 5. National Student Survey 2025
6. REF, 2021 | 7. Daily Mail Uni Guide 2026



UG Business Entry Requirements

Year 1 Entry Requirements	Widening Access	Essential Subjects	Year 2 Entry Requirements
SQA Higher*: BBBB A Level: BBC IB: 32 BTEC: DMM in related subjects ILC: Five H3 HNC: Pass in relevant subject.	SQA Higher*: BBC A Level: CCC	National 5 English (Grade C or above), GCSE English (Grade C/4 or above), or equivalent is required. For Accountancy, Economics, and Finance programmes: National 5 Mathematics or Applications of Mathematics, GCSE Mathematics (Grade C/4), or equivalent is also required.	SQA Advanced Higher: AB A Level: ABB IB: 34 HNC: B in relevant subject.

* We do not double count a Higher and Advanced Higher in the same subject, but we do consider that a B grade at Advanced Higher is equivalent to an A grade at Higher. This is a shortened summary of our entry requirements. Visit abdn.ac.uk/ug/business-degrees to find details of our full entry requirements for your programme(s) of choice.

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

The Business School offers programmes in core business subject areas, including Accountancy, Business Management, Economics, Finance, Real Estate and International Business, which is multidisciplinary.

We believe that it's essential to have an appreciation of disciplines other than your own, providing a deeper understanding of the context of your own core discipline. We call the programmes that provide this and other broadening experiences, Enhanced Study. All single honours undergraduate degree programmes include Enhanced Study, and are structured in such a way that this will not increase your overall workload.

Our programmes are designed to be flexible so that students can focus on one specialist area, transfer from one programme to another or study multiple disciplines at the same time. Students can take courses from other parts of the University, so if you have an interest in languages, history, politics, psychology, legal studies or something else, you can sample courses from elsewhere in your first two years to help you decide what best suits you.

However, if you already know that you would prefer to focus on a single discipline, we offer programmes where students can specialise in one area and gain the essential knowledge and core skills for the subject.

To see a full list of our single and joint honours programmes please visit our website:

abdn.ac.uk/business

International Partnerships

The Business School has a number of undergraduate partnerships which allow you to enter in Year 3, for further information please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/business/why-us/internationalisation

With a **flexible approach** to study you can **mix and match** modules during your first years of study giving you the chance to **think, work and innovate** across disciplines.



Societies

At the University of Aberdeen we have many clubs and societies you can join for social or professional purposes, or both! The Business School is home to the biggest societies on campus.

The Economics and Business Society

The Economics and Business Society is the official society of the University of Aberdeen Business School and one of the largest societies on campus, with over 200 members. Students have the opportunity to attend debates and presentations from industry speakers, to make important connections with potential employers.

Aberdeen University 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.

Aberdeen University FinTech and Blockchain Club (AUFBC)

AUFBC is a society aimed at building an understanding of the technological disruption affecting the financial industry and the world itself, with the main focus toward financial and blockchain technology. Every week we aim to discuss topics that are hand-picked to expand knowledge, encourage forward-thinking and broaden horizons.

With **over 100** clubs and societies to choose from, including over 50 sports societies **there is something for everyone** at the University of Aberdeen.

AIESEC

Founded in 1948, AIESEC is a global youth-led organisation striving to achieve peace and fulfilment of humankind's potential by activating leadership qualities in youth through learning from practical experiences in challenging environments. Since 2015, we have been collaborating with the UN towards achieving its SDGs, while aiming to develop young people by providing internship opportunities abroad.



Career options

- Trainee Chartered Accountant
- Financial Analyst
- Portfolio Manager
- Risk Management Consultant
- Forensic Accountant
- Business Advisor
- Accounting Technician
- Consultancy
- Actuarial Analyst

MA Accountancy

The MA in Accountancy is designed to provide students with extensive knowledge and understanding of the world of Accountancy and to enable them to succeed as a professional accountant.

Accountancy at the University of Aberdeen Business School will develop a student's intellectual skills through analysing and evaluating accounting information and understanding how it is used in a modern economy. Students will gain a strong foundation in Accountancy and develop the analytical and evaluation skills required.

Our programmes are designed to be flexible, and you can choose to study Accountancy either as a single honours degree, or as part of a joint honours degree. Explore our degree options at abdn.ac.uk/ug/accountancy

This programme is accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS), CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants), ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Why study this programme?

- Ranked 6th in the UK for Accounting and Finance (Guardian University Guide 2026).
- Learn how complex organisations operate, and gain experience from being involved in real-life scenarios.
- Benefit from close links with employers and support from dedicated careers advisors.

What you will study

Course delivery is via a mixture of lectures, seminars and small group tutorials. Assessment is by coursework and examinations.

Year 1

- Accounting & Accountability
- Economics for Business & Society
- Accounting & Entrepreneurship
- Finance 1: Finance, Risk & Investment
- The Global Economy
- Academic Writing for Business

Year 2

- Management Accounting 2
- Finance 2: Business Finance
- Financial Accounting 2
- Understanding Statistics
- Business Law

Year 3

- Financial Accounting 3
- Management Accounting 3
- Audit Practice
- Taxation

Year 4

- Dissertation in Accountancy

Optional Accountancy Courses:

Accounting and Sustainability, Audit Theory and Evolution, Public Sector Accounting, Accounting History, Corporate Governance and Ethics, Contemporary Issues in Accounting

Optional Finance Courses:

Year 3 - Corporate Financial Theory; FinTech and Business Analytics; Empirical Asset Pricing; Fixed Income Securities

Year 4 - Machine Learning in Finance; Green and Sustainable Finance; Derivatives and Treasury Management; Empirical Methods in Finance

Sebastian Maciej, MA Accounting and Finance

"In my first semester of second year I went to study in Hong Kong, where I had the opportunity to study taxation. This has massively helped my career as I was able to secure an internship in business tax later in the summer and I believe my time abroad was a huge selling point."

MA Finance

Our MA in Finance is designed to provide students with an extensive knowledge and understanding of the world of Finance. In particular, the degree explores relevant theory in the business world and how it is applied to the world of Finance.

Students will be exposed to the quantitative techniques used in industry and learn how to apply these theories in practice. This degree is an ideal springboard to a brilliant career in any industry.

Our programmes are designed to be flexible, and you can choose to study Finance either as a single honours degree, or as part of a joint honours degree. Explore our degree options at abdn.ac.uk/ug/finance

Why study this programme?

- Ranked 6th in the UK for Accounting and Finance (Guardian University Guide 2026).
- Focus on crucial areas in business such as financial management, corporate finance, personal finance, financial institutions, derivatives and the stock market.
- Learn in a dynamic research environment, inspired by staff who are internationally known for their leading research in Accountancy, Finance, and Business Management.
- Students will have access to professional training facilities, such as our trading floor, which uses the same platform as major financial service companies across the world.
- Benefit from close links with employers and be supported by dedicated careers advisors.

What you will study

Course delivery is via a mixture of lectures, seminars and small group tutorials. Assessment includes written assignments, presentations, examinations and project work.

Year 1

- Economics for Business & Society
- Finance 1: Finance, Risk & Investment
- Accounting Principles
- The Global Economy
- Academic Writing for Business

Year 2

- Finance 2: Business Finance
- Financial Markets & Regulation
- Understanding Statistics

Year 3

- Corporate Financial Theory
- FinTech and Business Analytics
- Empirical Asset Pricing
- Fixed Income Securities

Year 4

- Dissertation in Finance
- Machine Learning in Finance
- Green and Sustainable Finance
- Derivatives and Treasury Management
- Empirical Methods in Finance

Angus Grelak, MA Economics and Finance

"We were taught a topic about debt and the Lecturer was referring to a paper that she herself had written. When you're learning things that have been discovered by your Lecturer you know you're in very safe hands."

Career options

- Financial Analyst
- Portfolio Manager
- Risk Management Consultant
- Financial Manager
- Personal Financial Adviser
- Securities and Commodities Agent
- Accounting Technician
- Business Advisor
- Tax Advisor
- Economist

Students will gain real-world experience dealing with stocks and securities through our Bloomberg Terminal, a cutting-edge software package that gives continuously updated information on equities, foreign exchange, commodities and other asset classes along with an in-depth global newsfeed.

Gain the skills required to work productively in the financial services industry, picking up the practical skills required for life at the Stock Exchange before you graduate and gain an in-depth understanding of finance in practice.

Bloomberg



**Zena Marijewko,
MA Business Management**

"With its international background and multicultural environment, Aberdeen was the clear choice for me. It also appealed to me that the programme is taught on the University's main campus. This has allowed me to meet students from different degree programmes, in different years of their studies, all with unique backgrounds, from all over the world."

MA Business Management

Business Management at Aberdeen explores the theory and practice of how people and organisations are managed in a highly competitive global business environment.

You will benefit from real-life scenarios and the input of national and local employers, giving you the skills, experience and attributes for a head start across a wide range of careers in the international business world.

We provide an opportunity for students to study Management as a single honours degree, or alongside one of a large number of other subjects as a dual degree, such as Business Management & Real Estate.

Whether you choose to pursue a single honours degree or to pair Business Management with another subject, you will benefit from the flexibility of tailoring your studies to your interests during your first and second years. Explore our degree options at abdn.ac.uk/ug/business-management

Why study this programme?

- Ranked 4th in the UK for Business Studies. (Daily Mail Uni Guide 2026).
- Taught by staff actively engaged in research and/or consultancy.
- At Aberdeen, we put an emphasis on evidence-based management.

Career options

- Graduate Commercial Manager
- Account Manager
- Recruitment Consultant
- Marketing Executive
- Systems Analyst
- Sales Executive

What you will study

Delivery is by means of lectures, seminars and small group tutorials. On specific modules, these will be supplemented by external speakers.

Year 1

- Academic & Professional Skills
- Economics for Business & Society
- Managing Organisations
- Accounting & Entrepreneurship
- Academic Writing for Business

Year 2

- Human Resource Management
- Contemporary Issues in Business
- Operations Management
- Marketing

Year 3

- Research Methods for Business
- New Venture Development
- Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Understanding the Consumer

Year 4

- Understanding and Managing Change
- Understanding & Managing Behaviour in Organisations
- Business Strategy
- Dissertation in Management Studies

MA Economics

Economics at Aberdeen gets to grips with the global economy and the factors that influence wealth creation and distribution from a social and financial perspective.

Taught by leading economists, you will gain a thorough understanding of economic theories and models, and explore how they work in the real world. You will gain skills that will help you understand what determines income, wealth and wellbeing; global economic policy and its political, social and international impact; as well as business and financial decision making.

We are also home to research centres in energy and labour economics, and Scotland's first experimental economics laboratory.

Our programmes are designed to be flexible, and you can choose to study Economics either as a single honours degree, or as part of a joint honours degree. Explore our degree options at abdn.ac.uk/ug/economics

Why study this programme?

- We offer an excellent teaching environment, which is committed to meeting the needs of the industry.
- You will gain analytical skills that are important in a wide variety of careers.
- Study in a strong, internationally recognised research environment in areas such as labour and energy economics.

Career options

- Business Analyst and Researcher
- Assistant Economist
- Associate Fund Administrator
- Economist
- Financial Risk Analyst
- Forensic Accountant

What you will study

Course delivery is via a mixture of lectures, seminars and small group tutorials. Assessment is by coursework and examinations.

Year 1

- The Economics of Business & Society
- The Global Economy
- Academic Writing for Business

Year 2

- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics

Year 3

- Mathematical & Statistical Methods
- Development Economics
- International Economics
- Economics of Natural Resources & the Environment
- Industrial Economics
- Labour Market Economics
- Econometrics
- Health Economics

Year 4

- Economics Dissertation
- Experimental Economics
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- History of Economic Thought
- Applied Economic Policy Evaluation

Christian Hristov, MA Economics

"The MA Economics degree helped me to get my internship at BP and it is definitely a major selling point when applying for jobs in general. I have most certainly developed strong analytical and quantitative skills along with the ability to critically assess a subject, and can understand pros and cons rather than just having a broad concept knowledge."



Become confident in your ability to become a global business leader or pave your own career path and become an entrepreneur as you learn from faculty pioneering in their fields, network with industry experts and practitioners, work on live business cases and benefit from a thriving and diverse community of students and staff.

Heidi Floydd, MA Real Estate

"My experience at Aberdeen has confirmed to me that I know what I want to do. I feel like I'm finishing my final year with a plan. I am in the middle of applying for graduate schemes and I feel my experience at Aberdeen has set me up well. My time studying here has made me a more confident, outgoing person which I'll be able to transfer when going into a new workplace."

Career options

- Portfolio Manager
- Real Estate Developer
- Fund Analyst
- Valuation Surveyor
- Corporate Real Estate Consultant
- Sustainability Advisor

MA Real Estate

Real Estate at Aberdeen investigates real estate markets from the perspectives of investment, business, and society, drawing on the latest research and practice.

With a focus on commercial property, housing and infrastructure, our professionally accredited programmes prepare you for an exciting career in property across investment, asset management, valuation and development.

Our programmes are designed to be flexible, and you can choose to study Real Estate either as a single honours degree, or as part of a joint honours degree. Explore our degree options at abdn.ac.uk/ug/real-estate

Why study this programme?

- The University of Aberdeen has been ranked 3rd in the UK, 6th in Europe and 26th in the world for its real estate research (EduRank 2025).
- You will have the opportunity to take part in international competitions run by prestigious organisations such as Cornell, the Urban Land Institute and the RICS.
- We incorporate real-life elements in the curriculum, including field trips and site visits.
- We work closely with local, national and international professionals to promote industry standards and best practices.

What you will study

Courses involve weekly lectures and small group tutorials/seminars. External speakers give insights into the latest topics from industry and students will also undertake project work. The highlight for many is the residential field trip to London in third year. You may undertake a professional work placement as part of your degree.

Year 1

- The Economics of Business & Society
- Finance, Risk & Investment
- The Global Economy
- Understanding Property
- Academic Writing for Business

Year 2

- Land & Property Economics
- Land & Property Law
- Understanding Statistics
- Principles of Property Valuation

Year 3

- Applied Valuation
- Real Estate Development and International Investment

Year 4

- Real Estate Portfolio Investment
- Responsible Real Estate Asset Management
- Real Estate Dissertation and/or Professional Work Placement



Fully accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

MA/MBus International Business

The MA (four years) and the MBus (five years) in International Business are designed to develop the international business leaders of the future. They provide students with a broad understanding of international business.

These programmes are designed to equip you to be successful in international business, with an exceptional knowledge and understanding of both its operations and its economic, political and social context.

You will have the opportunity to include the study of a language, whether or not you have any prior knowledge of the language. Periods of study or internships abroad are integral parts of these programmes.

You can choose to study International Business either as a single honours degree, or as a major-minor with a chosen language. Explore our degree options at abdn.ac.uk/ug/int-bus

Why study this programme?

- We deliver a learning experience that develops your confidence and equips you with the skills required by employers.
- We draw on our globally recognised excellence in teaching and research to challenge you academically and to connect you with the world of practice.

What you will study

Course delivery is via a mixture of lectures, seminars and small group tutorials. Assessment is by coursework and examinations.

Specialisms: in addition to taking our core courses, you can choose to specialise in at least one of: accountancy, economics, finance, or real estate.

Languages: you will also have the option to study French, Gaelic, German, Mandarin, or Spanish.

Year 1

- International Context for Business 1
- International Context for Business 2
- Optional courses chosen from **one** specialism of choice
- Optional modern language of choice.

Year 2

- Big Data in Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Big Data in Business and Finance
- Optional courses chosen from **one** specialism of choice
- Optional modern language of choice.

Year 3

- Being an International Manager 1
- Being an International Manager 2
- Optional specialism courses to choose from
- Optional modern language of choice.

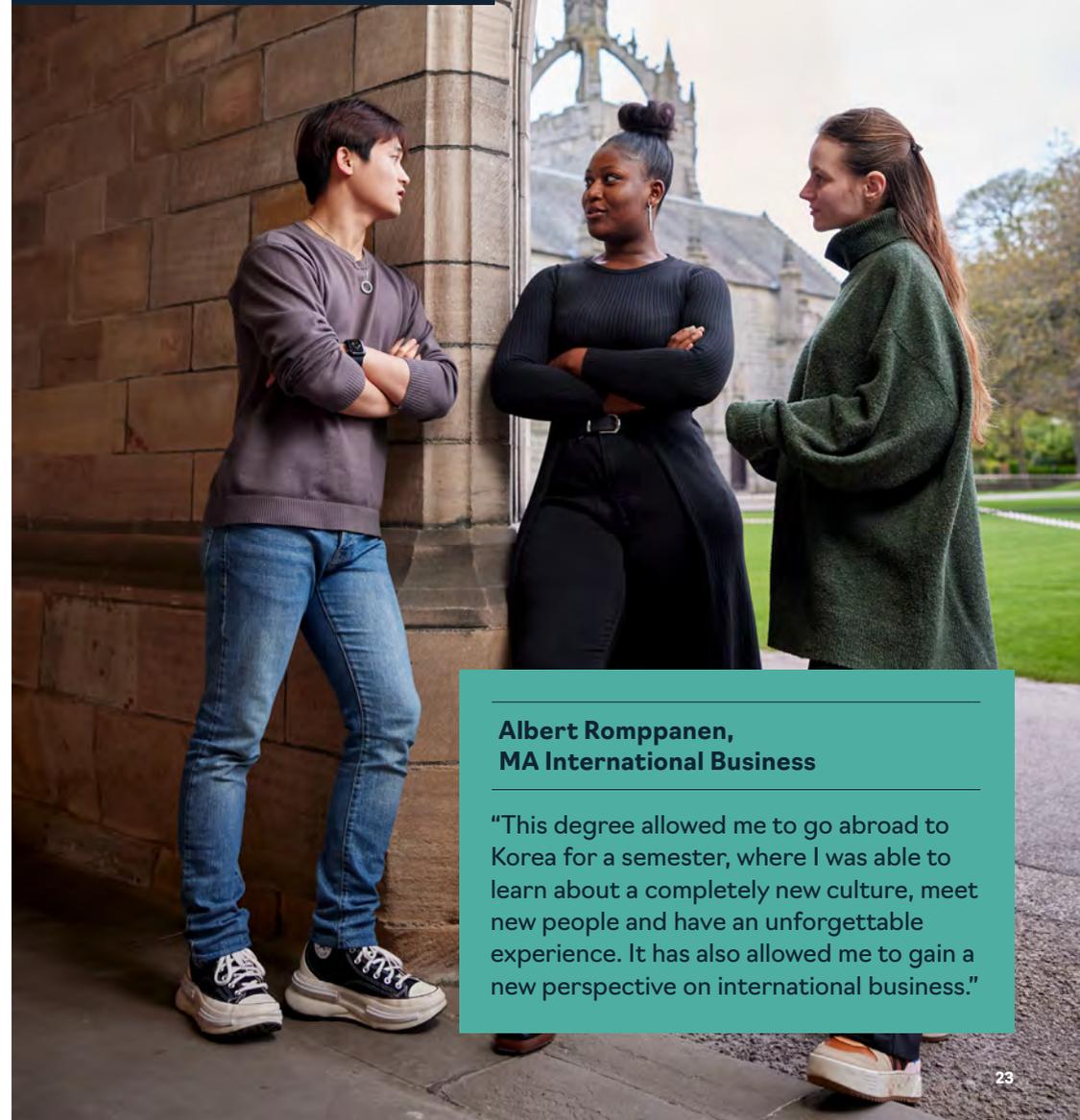
Year 4

Note: MBus students will complete a Professional Practice placement abroad or in the UK in Year 4, and take the following courses in Year 5

- Contemporary Issues in International Business 1
- Contemporary Issues in International Business 2
- Optional specialism courses to choose from
- Optional modern language of choice.

Career options

- Management Consultant
- Sales Manager
- International Trader
- Financial Controller
- Business Development Manager
- Marketing Executive
- Business Consultant
- Strategy Analyst
- Cultural Advisor
- International Recruitment Consultant



Albert Romppanen, MA International Business

"This degree allowed me to go abroad to Korea for a semester, where I was able to learn about a completely new culture, meet new people and have an unforgettable experience. It has also allowed me to gain a new perspective on international business."

We'd love you to join us
...choose the University of
Aberdeen Business School to
plan a better future today!

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