

Go Beyond Boundaries





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18TH IN THE UK

Guardian University Guide 2026



**3RD IN SCOTLAND, WALES
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

Student Satisfaction

National Student Survey 2025



**10TH IN THE UK /
2ND IN SCOTLAND**

University of the Year

WHATUNI? Student Choice Awards 2025



57TH IN THE WORLD

Sustainability

QS World University Rankings:
Sustainability 2026

**At Aberdeen, we've been
going beyond boundaries,
beyond expectation and
beyond tradition since 1495.**

Global challenges are waiting for new ways of thinking - bright minds with even brighter solutions. Using your passion as your north star, you can create solutions for a more inclusive and sustainable world at a city open to all, a university forever evolving.

**At Aberdeen, there are no boundaries for
your ideas and their impact.**

Find your true north

No matter where you've come from, you'll find home, and your purpose, here in Aberdeen



Scotland's alternative city

A city alive with culture, history and natural beauty – Aberdeen is the ideal place to discover, create, and find a community that feels like home.



Students under 22
can travel by bus
for free



**Aberdeen is UK's most
affordable city for students**
QS Best Student Cities Rankings 2026



Aberdeen is the only city in Scotland
to hold Purple Flag status for safety
and vibrancy of its city centre

From outdoor adventures and nights filled with live music, to cosy coffee and matcha catch-ups, Aberdeen offers something for everyone. To give you a head start, check out our top picks of things to see and do in and around the city.

Arts

If the arts are your thing, Aberdeen is a cultural hub. From catching a play or musical at the iconic His Majesty's Theatre to getting hands-on at a pottery painting class with your friends, there's something for everyone. The city is plastered with art, with Nuart bringing a stunningly eclectic mix of art and graffiti to life on the outside of Aberdeen's granite buildings. Take a walk around the city and you're sure to spot some amazing pieces, whether you are looking out for them or not!

Food

Bit of a foodie? The culinary scene in Aberdeen is hard to beat. From cosy cafes to award-winning restaurants, you'll find yourself spoilt for choice, with an ever-growing list of spots to try. Many places offer discounts for students, so you'll never struggle to find somewhere to eat. Plus, Aberdeen Restaurant Week runs regularly, with great deals and tasting menus at selected restaurants across the city, a fantastic way to taste new foods and try new places.

Music

Whether you're vibing to international bands and artists at the P&J Live, being moved by an orchestra at the Music Hall, or dancing the night away to your favourite DJ at the Tunnels, you're sure to be in for a good time. There's an abundance of local musicians who play regularly, with live acoustic music happening most nights of the week in cafes and bars across the city. If you fancy yourself a bit of a singer, there's plenty of open mic nights too!

Sports

Whether you're passionate about sports or keen to try out a new activity, Aberdeen is brimming with options. From swimming to rock climbing, table tennis to archery, there's tons of sports teams, clubs and societies you can get involved in, right here on campus and at the Aberdeen Sports Village. For football fans, head along to Pittodrie Stadium to watch Aberdeen FC play. And if you feel like braving the North Sea, head down to the beach where you can learn to surf and paddleboard.

Travel

Situated in the North-East, Aberdeen is only a couple of hours away from Inverness, Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh, if city breaks are your thing. There are easy travel links to explore the north and west of Scotland too. The North Coast 500 is an unmissable road trip. Aberdeen's airport, located a short bus ride from the city centre, means you are just a short flight from London, Manchester, Belfast, Dublin, and other cities in the UK and abroad.

Explore beyond boundaries



Aberdeen's location nestled between miles of golden coastline and the Cairngorms National Park means you don't have to go very far to push your boundaries.

Discover more and step outside your comfort zone with wild swimming, surfing, snowboarding and trail cycling right on your doorstep.



From Aberdeen to...



Belfast: 1hr 5mins
Dublin: 1hr 30mins
London: 1hr 30mins
Manchester: 1hr 15mins
Orkney: 55mins
Shetland: 1hr



Edinburgh: 2hrs 45mins
Glasgow: 2hrs 45mins
Leeds: 5hrs 45mins
Newcastle: 4hrs 15mins





An ancient tradition...

...of modern thinking

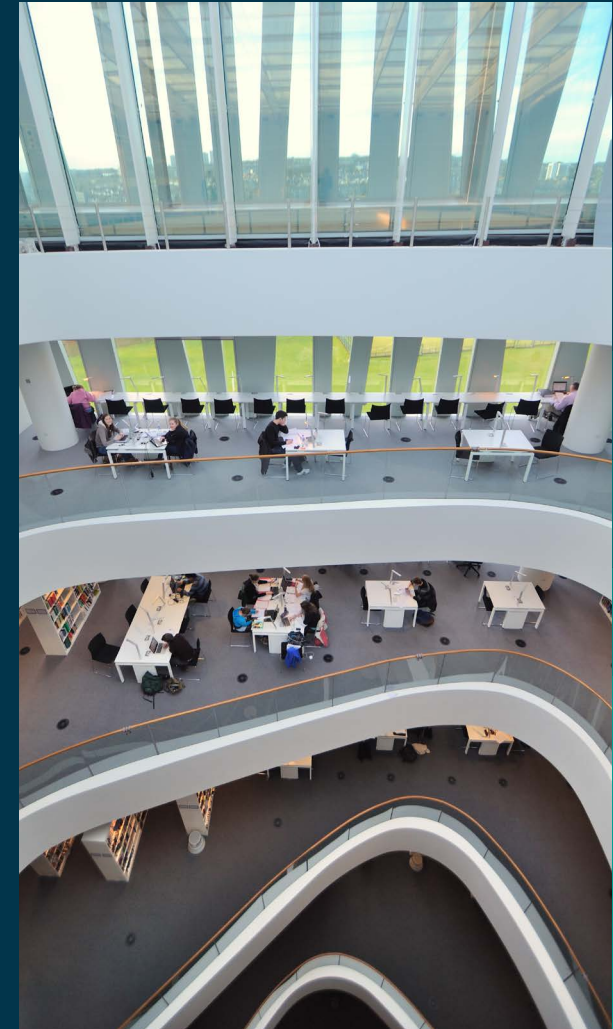
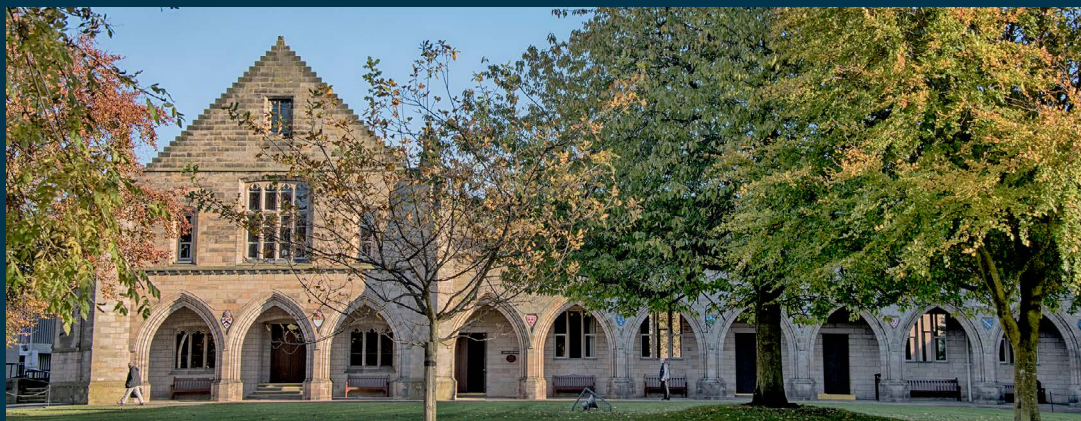


Explore the meeting point of old and new on a campus that has helped shape the modern world.

Founded in 1495, the University of Aberdeen is the UK's fifth oldest university. At the historic heart of our campus, you'll discover centuries of academic heritage and a legacy shaped by generations of scholars, changemakers and boundary breakers.

Iconic landmarks such as King's College, with its chapel and distinctive crown tower, remain central to university life, while the Old Town House preserves elements of our world-famous museum collections. Nearby, the Cruickshank Botanic Garden offers a peaceful green oasis, blending heritage, science and sustainability.

This historic foundation supports a campus designed for the future. The award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library stands as a symbol of modern learning, bringing together cutting-edge study spaces with rare books, manuscripts and archives across eight floors. Purpose-built facilities such as the Science Teaching Hub and the Foresterhill Health Campus enable innovative teaching and research across medicine, science and health, including the world's first full-body MRI scanner. Together, old and new combine to create an environment where tradition fuels innovation and discovery.



Accommodation

Our accommodation is not only a safe and supportive environment, with a dedicated team providing 24 hour support and information, but a place where you'll make friends for life.

At Aberdeen we offer **guaranteed accommodation*** on campus - or within walking distance - to all first-year undergraduate students who apply by the deadline.

You will have your own private bedroom, with study space, ready for you to personalise and make your own.

Our 24/7 study and social spaces support both your academic success and student life. From movie nights with fresh popcorn to arts and crafts workshops and fitness classes, we offer a vibrant calendar of events to make your university experience truly memorable.

In addition to university accommodation, Aberdeen offers a plentiful supply of private accommodation. In fact, despite its cosmopolitan charm and bustling student population, Aberdeen has been named the cheapest place for students to rent private accommodation in the UK by the website StuRents.

Choosing Aberdeen therefore not only means studying at a top ranked UK university but also enjoying a city that lets you focus on what matters most—excelling in your studies while making the most of university life.

Guaranteed accommodation*

Our accommodation offers:

- Accommodation on or within walking distance of the main campus
- Frequent bus service
- 24hr social and study facilities at Hillhead Student Village
- A dedicated team to provide support and information
- 24/7 maintenance support
- Single study bedrooms
- Free WiFi across all areas
- Free car parking and bike storage facilities
- Limited accommodation for couples and families
- Accessible accommodation

*T&Cs apply



Watch our **accommodation** video for a **tour**

youtu.be/P6gFWVAWIqU?

Active Aberdeen



With a world-class sporting facility next to our Old Aberdeen campus you'll have plenty of opportunities to challenge yourself.

Aberdeen Sports Village offers Olympic standard sports and exercise facilities. With a wide range of options available for team sports, group exercise and solo pursuits, the only challenge will be beating your personal best.

aberdeensportsvillage.com

The University of Aberdeen Performance Swimming (UoAPS) is a national performance swimming programme that delivers a world-class training environment through professional coaching and state-of-the-art facilities for competitive student swimming in Aberdeen.

abdn.ac.uk/uoaps

The University offers a range of sports bursaries and scholarships to student performance athletes seeking to combine academic and sporting excellence. Students receive an exciting package of financial and "wrap around" personal support, including academic flexibility.



Watch to find out how BSc Biochemistry student **Faye Rogers** is going beyond boundaries, winning a gold medal at the summer Paralympics.

youtube.com/watch?v=w55QCrhCm2Y



Sports Bursaries and Scholarships

Find out more on our website

abdn.ac.uk/study/sports-scholarships/



STUDENTS' UNION

Who will you meet here?

Going out of your comfort zone takes nerve, but you don't have to do it alone. The community you find in Aberdeen will stay with you forever. Whether you're looking for new things to get involved with, exciting events to attend or want to change the campus around you, the Students' Union is here for you.

Sports, clubs, societies and events

Clubs and societies are a huge part of your student experience and a great way to meet new people and try new things. With over 200 societies and 65 sports clubs to choose from there's something for everyone.

ausa.org.uk

Join the boundary breakers

Our global community
comes together to seek
truth and spark change

Boundary breakers, change makers, risk takers

Go beyond what you thought possible as part of a community that's committed to inclusion and progress.



From Aberdeen to the world...

**Eissa Hassan,
MA Business Management**

"Arriving in the UK as a refugee with nothing but hope, with limited resources, I faced the daunting task of rebuilding my life from the ground up. I sought a place that didn't just offer education – but transformation.

I chose the University of Aberdeen because it embodies opportunity and growth. This institution opened its doors to me at a time I needed it most, nurturing my potential and empowering me to turn hardship into leadership. This University welcomed me with open arms and gave me not just an education, but a community and a future.

Studying Business Management has been both academically enriching and personally empowering. I had the privilege of representing youth voices on climate justice globally, coordinating sustainability programmes and leading community events - all while balancing my studies.

One of the most meaningful highlights was working with climate and refugee networks across the UK and internationally, turning my lived experience into leadership. Of course, there were challenges – financial pressure, culture shock and grief after losing my mother, who passed away four months after I arrived in Aberdeen. But I found strength in my purpose and support from peers and staff who believed in me. Aberdeen gave me more than a degree; it gave me the platform to become the change I want to see in the world.

This achievement is a testament to the power of perseverance, reminding me of my potential and the meaningful impact that dedication and determination can create. My future aspirations are to advance my work in climate justice, with a particular focus on supporting vulnerable communities disproportionately impacted by climate change. I look forward to leading with purpose, guided by the lessons of my past and hope for the future."

Go beyond expectation

Where will your degree take you?

Flex your curiosity and go beyond traditional mindsets with the skills employers are really looking for. Aberdeen graduates are unique – able to think, work and innovate across disciplines, locations and perspectives. And with well-rounded support from day one, you'll not only stand out to employers, but feel empowered to make real, lasting change.

At Aberdeen you'll be supported and inspired by our dedicated Careers and Employability Service. They offer a range of activities to help students develop their skills and maximise employability, including one-to-one appointments and skills development programmes and events.



Explore

Explore our online resources and connect with the careers team to make informed career choices and gain insights into your job options.



Develop

Develop your skills and experience through a variety of employability programmes, mentoring and work experience initiatives that you can undertake alongside your studies.



Connect

Connect with our regional, national and international employer partners and alumni networks through a wide range of fairs and networking events.

More information is available at abdn.ac.uk/careers



TOP 3 IN THE UK
for Work Experience
2025 Rate My Placement Awards



100% RECOMMEND
ABDN Internships
programme
Survey of ABDN Internship
students 2025

The University offers a range of internships and placement opportunities to help you boost your employability and apply your knowledge.

abdn.ac.uk/careers/experience/



Our innovative ABDN Internships programme offers flexible, paid part-time internship opportunities. Open to students of all subjects and years of study, students complete a reflective development plan, develop their skills and boost their confidence whilst working with a local, national or international organisation.

Students can also take a work-based learning course as part of their programme. In one course, available to all students, teams of students work on real employer projects, aligned to the inclusive, sustainable and/or international themes. Some programmes also offer a range of subject related work-based learning opportunities.

Katy MacPhail, Intern at Citymoves Dance

"The internship gave me my first real insight into the world of work, equipping me with transferable skills that I can carry into any future role. The number of hours per week was well balanced, manageable alongside university commitments, yet still allowing me to contribute meaningfully to impactful projects. Most importantly, this experience has boosted my confidence in approaching future internship opportunities, as I now have a clearer understanding of what to expect."



Mateusz Wrobel, MEng Civil Engineering

"Last summer I took part in an internship with an engineering company. My role involved making concrete samples in a cement lab and then performing various tests. This provided crucial scientific data in order to work on a new patented technology for the production of 'green' concrete. It was an amazing experience and I believe my participation in the Engineering Work Experience course was one of the key reasons I was selected for this opportunity."





Go beyond Aberdeen

Join a global community that seeks truth and sparks change. Exploring perspectives and ideas through an international lens will challenge you to think bigger. And it all starts with a warm Aberdeen welcome.



Watch our video for
more information

youtube.com/watch?v=KeanMhgpx4w

Find out more here:

abdn.ac.uk/study/go-abroad

[@abdngoabroad](https://www.instagram.com/abdngoabroad)

Widening access

We want to ensure that students from all backgrounds can join us at the University of Aberdeen. Our friendly team is here to support you with information, advice, and guidance to help you make an informed decision about your study options.

Widening access offer making

Applicants who meet our widening access criteria will qualify for an adjusted offer of admission. Please include any contextual factors on your UCAS application form. Care experienced applicants are guaranteed an offer of entry, or interview, providing they meet the entry requirements.

abdn.ac.uk/study/wa-offer-making



SIMD20 - Free Accommodation

The University of Aberdeen is delighted to be able to offer a year's free accommodation to new undergraduate students from a SIMD20 (Quintile 1) home postcode. This offer applies to students starting at the University in September 2027.

abdn.ac.uk/study/wa-accommodation

Reach programme

Funded by the Scottish Funding Council and hosted at the University of Aberdeen, Reach supports widening access pupils in S4-6 who are interested in Law, Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine. Reach offers events and application support throughout the year.

For more information visit:

abdn.ac.uk/reach

Any students that are entitled to an adjusted offer can receive pre-entry support from the UK Recruitment, Access and Outreach Team.

Find more information on admission processes and entry requirements at:

abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate



Visit our
widening access pages

abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/widening-access/

Scholarships

For more information about our widening access scholarships, up to the value of £5,000, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/funding



Access higher education

ONLINE Access courses

Get the grades you need for university with our flexible online courses.

If you're looking to explore a new subject or improve your grades for entry to an undergraduate degree our online Access courses are here to help.

We offer National 5, Higher, and Advanced Higher-equivalent courses, all of which can be studied at your own pace, fully online. Subjects you can study include Biology, English, Maths and Physics. Complete an Access course and its assessments successfully and you'll receive an Access qualification that is accepted for entry at the University of Aberdeen.

What are Access qualifications?

Access qualifications are awarded by the University of Aberdeen, not Qualifications Scotland (QS). They are not QS qualifications, but they are:

- equivalent to QS qualifications
- designed in accordance with and credit rated by the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)
- accepted for entry to the University of Aberdeen

Flexible online assessments

Our Access courses allow you to sit your assessments online, when you feel ready, at a time that suits you.

How long does it take?

You can start your Access course any time and access materials 24/7 on a computer, tablet or smartphone. We recommend you spend at least 12 weeks on an Access course if you want to study it part-time. As a guide, it takes around 10-15 hours per week to complete over 12 weeks. You have 12 months to complete your course.

Entry to other universities or colleges

If you're applying to study elsewhere, please contact the respective university or college to confirm the acceptability of the course and the grades required.



Ashleigh Fletcher-Pyle, Online student Access Course in English - SCQF 6

"The Access course in English gave me the flexibility to redo my Higher English grade while juggling work and two other college courses. I would recommend the University of Aberdeen because the Access courses are an affordable way to gain qualifications at your own pace, fitting study around your lifestyle without you having to move away from home."



How to apply

Our Access courses have no formal entry requirements,

Visit on.abdn.ac.uk/access to find out more.



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Welcoming college students

The University welcomes applications from students who have studied HNC, HND or SWAP qualifications at college and understands you need as much information as possible to make an informed decision about your future.

Articulation pathways

Articulation is the process whereby your college qualifications map onto the teaching of a university degree in the same subject, so you are given full credit for your previous studies. An articulation pathway means from an HNC (15 credits) you can enter into year 2 of a degree and from HND you can enter into year 3 of a degree. You can find out more information on our Entry Requirements ([page 40](#)) or in the Articulation Pathways Policy 25-26 PDF which you can find at abdn.ac.uk/study/pathways-policy/

Scholarships

The University is committed to attracting the very best of students regardless of financial circumstances which is why we offer a number of scholarships to undergraduate students. See [page 30](#) for more information.

Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP)

SWAP is a partnership between colleges and universities in Scotland that work together to support access to higher education for adult learners. We accept SWAP courses for entry to most of our degree programmes. You can find out about programmes available which allow you to transition to university at swapsurvey.org/progression/east

Associate status

If you are studying on an articulation pathway with one of our partner colleges you will get the opportunity to be an Associate Student and can access the University of Aberdeen library. To apply for Associate Student Status visit abdn.ac.uk/study/associate-students/

Advanced Entry Toolkit

Created by students, for students, our toolkit contains a range of materials including blogs, vlogs and handy guides to begin your university journey. You can access the Advanced Entry Toolkit at abdn.ac.uk/study/advanced-entry/

Progression

Even if you haven't studied on an articulation pathway we may still be able to offer you entry to a degree programme. Contact our friendly team to ask for more information accessaberndeen@abdn.ac.uk



Over 125 College Pathways Available!



Our boundary breaking alumni

With a warm and inspiring community backing them at every turn, our alumni know no limits – going on to break boundaries in a range of industries and professions. Whether it's working across disciplines to fight inequality, or proactively pushing for a cleaner energy future, Aberdeen graduates are not about staying in their lane. Instead they use skillsets honed from on-the-ground experience at university, and a unique, multi-disciplinary mindset to spark lasting change.



Dr Lorna Ewart
BSc (Hons)
Pharmacology, 1995

*From
Aberdeen
to...*

**Chief
Scientific Officer**

"My Pharmacology degree gave me the perfect foundation to study drug action in practice during my PhD and ultimately helped me transition into Pharma. A sound knowledge of what goes into drug discovery and how to improve clinical candidates' success led me to where I am now.

Now, I oversee research and development of new organ-chip models and support biology for new chip consumables. I also lead a small team that provides fee-for-service studies."

*From
Aberdeen
to...*

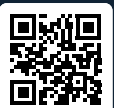
**International
Policy Advocacy**

"My degree at the University of Aberdeen was certainly important in shaping the career path I have taken. It provided me with a strong academic foundation in politics and international relations, equipping me with critical thinking skills and a deep understanding of global issues.

Now, I work as an International Affairs Analyst at Drax Group Plc in London. In this role, I provide support in developing global strategies and assist decision makers in making informed choices."



Robert Culligan
MA Politics & International
Relations, 2018



From Aberdeen to... see the risk-taking, boundary-breaking pursuits of some of our most inspiring alumni here.

abdn.ac.uk/alumni/our-alumni/from-aberdeen-to/

Support that goes beyond

With the cost-of-living crisis and the future so uncertain, we know you need our support more than ever. Voted as one of the **safest and most affordable cities***, and with the University voted 3rd in the UK for value for money**, when you come to Aberdeen, you'll be well looked after, and part of a close-knit community known for its outstanding support.

Student support

The Student Advice and Support Office offers impartial, confidential assistance to students across a wide range of issues including finance, disability and specific learning differences, mental health and wellbeing and more.

For students staying in University of Aberdeen Halls of Residence there is access to Student Resident Assistants who work to make your time in halls as fun and safe as possible.

Academic support

All students are allocated a Personal Tutor (or Regent) to provide support throughout your studies. Your Personal Tutor can provide general support and will be your first point of contact if you have any queries.

Health support

Aberdeen city offers a fully comprehensive NHS service including two medical practices within walking distance to King's College Campus.

Wellbeing

The University provides a free professional counselling service for any students experiencing personal, social or emotional challenges.

The Multi-Faith Chaplaincy also offers personal and pastoral care for people of all faiths and none.

For students with diagnosed mental health conditions, Mental Health Mentors are available and can help with tailored, confidential support.

Financial support

A number of scholarships are available each year to students at the University, including sport and music scholarships (see pages 30-31 for more information on scholarships).

The Student Advice and Support Office provides a money advice service and can advise on personal budgeting.

Our Careers and Employability Service is also on hand to help you find holiday and part-time work.

* Complete University Guide 2025

** StudentCrowd University Awards 2025



The Student Advice and Support Office is here for all students at the University

abdn.ac.uk/students/support

Scholarships

At Aberdeen we are committed to attracting the very best students, regardless of financial circumstances, which is why we offer a large number of scholarships and financial support to undergraduate students.

Entrance scholarships

Entrance scholarships are available every year for undergraduate study. A number of these are generously supported by individuals, many of whom are alumni, and companies through the University of Aberdeen Development Trust SCIO. The award of a scholarship does not affect the amount you can borrow under the loan arrangements or other entitlements from public funds.

Scholarships are only available to those who are offered and firmly accept a place at Aberdeen, however those who have submitted a UCAS form but have not yet received an offer from the University are welcome to apply.

📍 abdn.ac.uk/study/entrance-scholarships

📍 abdn.ac.uk/funding

Widening access scholarships for students from Scotland

We are committed to ensuring that students do not face financial barriers to study. We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries to help support undergraduate students from Scottish widening access backgrounds. These vary in value up to £5,000 per annum.

Once you have submitted your application to Aberdeen, you will receive email updates with details of how to apply for an entrance scholarship. Applications for entrance scholarships usually open in early Spring every year.

Sports scholarships and bursaries

Scholarships and bursaries are available offering support to allow those competing at national and international levels in any sport to pursue their athletic and academic dreams. Funded by the University of Aberdeen Development Trust SCIO, support includes:

- Cash awards of up to £3000 annually
- Gym membership
- Athlete accommodation
- Physiotherapy
- sport science support
- Workshops and seminars
- Academic flexibility

RUK and Ireland Entrance Scholarship

Students from England, Northern Ireland, Wales, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland who pay tuition fees and who study at our Aberdeen campus automatically receive:

- £2,000 discount on University accommodation
- £50 weekly catering card allowance for 27 weeks for their first year

This support helps make student life more affordable while offering access to quality accommodation and convenient on-campus catering options. Scholarship recipients do not have to be UK nationals.

No separate application is required as the scholarship is automatically awarded to all new undergraduate students who meet the criteria.

📍 abdn.ac.uk/study/sports-scholarships/



Finance and funding

Students from Scotland

For students living full-time in Scotland, the first step to learning more about, and applying for, financial support is to contact the Student Awards Agency for Scotland.

📍 saas.gov.uk

Students from Republic of Ireland

Irish nationals who come to study in Scotland may be eligible for tuition fee loans from the Student Awards Agency Scotland.

📍 saas.gov.uk

Part-time students

Charges for part-time programmes are based on the credits or courses (modules) you register for. Part-time students studying up to 75 credits (maximum) may be eligible to apply for the SAAS part-time fee grant to help towards the cost of tuition fees.

Students from England, Northern Ireland and Wales

If you come to study in Scotland from elsewhere in the UK you will be liable to pay tuition fees, but you will be able to borrow this and repay it after graduation, just as you would if studying in England, Northern Ireland or Wales.

England:

📍 gov.uk/student-finance

Northern Ireland:

📍 studentfinancenir.co.uk

Wales:

📍 studentfinancewales.co.uk

International students

The Aberdeen Global Scholarship is open to self-funded full-time international fees students registering for on-campus undergraduate programmes (with the exception of Medicine), who don't receive either an externally funded scholarship or any other University of Aberdeen scholarships (excluding awards made by the University of Aberdeen Development Trust SCIO).

📍 abdn.ac.uk/study/funding/597



For more information:
abdn.ac.uk/ugfinance

The Scottish degree system

A flexible way to study

One of the most distinctive features of studying in Scotland is the flexibility and breadth of the degree structure. Most undergraduate degrees at the University of Aberdeen and other Scottish universities take four years to complete, unlike in the rest of the UK (England, Wales and Northern Ireland), where an undergraduate degree usually lasts three years.

Did you know?

The four-year Scottish Degree system is so successful that it has been adopted by many other countries around the world including the United States, Canada and China.

The Master of Arts degree

At the University of Aberdeen, as well as at the other ancient Scottish universities, undergraduate degree programmes in Arts, Social Sciences and Business are awarded as a Master of Arts (MA) rather than a Bachelor of Arts (BA).

Despite the name, the MA is an undergraduate degree and is fully recognised as equivalent to a BA awarded by universities elsewhere in the UK.

BSc or MA?

For certain subjects such as Archaeology, Computing, Geography, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Mathematics, and Psychology, you can choose to apply for either a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or a Master of Arts (MA) degree. Both pathways have the same core curriculum.

The main difference lies in the additional subjects you'll take alongside your main discipline:

- If you'd like to take additional courses from STEM subjects, apply for the BSc.
- If you prefer to study arts, humanities or social sciences alongside your main subject, apply for the MA.

The advantages of a four-year degree

Flexibility in the early years

In your first two years, you'll have the opportunity to study a variety of courses, including options from outside your main subject. This lets you explore new areas, develop a broader understanding of your chosen field, and even change direction if you discover a new passion.

If you aren't sure about which degree you wish to study the flexible structure allows you to study the core subjects for up to 4 degrees in your first year, allowing you more time to make your final decision."

Specialisation in the Honours years

By the end of your second year, you'll confirm your final degree subject (or subjects, if taking a Joint Honours degree). Your third and fourth years – known as the Honours years – focus on your chosen subject in greater depth, often including a research project or dissertation in your final year.

A broader skill set

The Scottish degree system helps you graduate with both specialist knowledge and a wide range of transferable skills, something that employers around the world value highly.

Advanced Entry Options

Many of our degree programmes allow suitably qualified applicants to apply for direct entry to year 2, making it possible to graduate with an MA or BSc after three years of study.

→ Find out more about Advanced Entry on page 42.



Enhanced Study

Visit our website for more information
abdn.ac.uk/study/enhanced-study



Did you know?

The University of Aberdeen is one of Scotland's ancient universities, founded in 1495. Our degree structure reflects centuries of Scottish academic tradition while preparing students for a global future.

The breadth and flexibility of a four-year degree

In years 1 and 2, you will take the compulsory courses in your degree subject alongside a choice of courses in other subjects. It is usually possible to take the compulsory courses for two other degree subjects, which if desired, would allow you the flexibility to change degree up to

the end of year 2. You can see the compulsory courses for all degrees in our online prospectus,

During years 3 and 4, the Honours years, you will concentrate mainly on courses from your degree subject, with Joint Honours degrees possible in some subjects.

Example degree structure

For example, a student studying English might choose to take additional courses in years 1 and 2 from History and Economics. Depending on the number of credits achieved by the end of year 2, the student could choose to:

- continue with a Single Honours Degree in English
- continue with a Single Honours Degree in History
- continue with a Joint Honours Degree in English and History

Year 1	English	History	Economics
Year 2	English	History	Sociology
	↙	↓	↘
Years 3 + 4	English Single Honours Degree	History Single Honours Degree	English and History Joint Honours Degree

Degrees in arts, humanities and social science

TITLE	DEGREES OFFERED*	JOINT OPTIONS**
Accountancy	MA	Y
Anthropology	MA	Y
Archaeology	MA	Y
Art History	MA	Y
Business Management	MA	Y
Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Studies	MA	Y
Comparative Literature and Culture	MA	Y
Computing	MA	Y
Counselling, Psychology and Education	MSci	Y
Criminology and Sociology	MA	N
Divinity	MA	N
Economics	MA	Y
English	MA	Y
Film and Visual Culture	MA	Y
Finance	MA	Y
French	MA	Only available as a joint degree
Gaelic Studies	MA	Only available as a joint degree
Geography	MA	Y
German	MA	Only available as a joint degree
History	MA	Y
International Business	MA	Y
International Relations	MA/MBuS	Only available as a joint degree
Language and Linguistics	MA	Y
Law	LLB	Y
Law and European Legal Studies	LLB	Y
Law and French Law	LLB	N
Law and German Law	LLB	N
Law and Spanish Law	LLB	N
Law with English Law	LLB	Y
International and Comparative Law	LLB	N
Legal Studies	MA	Only available as a joint degree
Liberal Arts and Sciences	MA	N

TITLE	DEGREES OFFERED*	JOINT OPTIONS**
Mathematics	MA	Y
Modern Languages and Translation & Interpretation Studies	MA	N
Music	BMus	Y
Music Education	BMus	N
Natural Philosophy	MA	N
Philosophy	MA	Y
Philosophy, Politics and Economics	MA	N
Politics	MA	Only available as a joint degree
Politics and International Relations	MA	N
Primary Education	MA	N
Psychology	MA	Y
Psychology with Counselling Skills	MA	N
Real Estate	MA	Y
Scottish Studies	MA	N
Sociology	MA	Y
Spanish & Latin American Studies	MA	Only available as a joint degree
Theology	BTh	N
Theology and Religion	MA	Y

* The Ancient Universities of Scotland, including Aberdeen, teach the Scottish Masters, or MA, as an undergraduate degree instead of the Bachelor of Arts (BA). It is a four-year honours degree recognised around the world.

** While the Scottish degree is very flexible (**page 32**), we also offer many degrees as "Joint" degrees – this means you study two different subjects (usually 50% each) at the same time throughout your degree, with no added class time or assessments. You can also study some subjects as a "With" (major-minor degree) or "with Options" (options in a minor subject area).



For full details of these options please see online at
abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree-programmes

Degrees in science and engineering

TITLE	DEGREES OFFERED*
Animal Behaviour	BSc
Animal Behaviour and Welfare (Y3 entry, only from HND Animal Care)	BSc
Archaeology	BSc
Biochemistry	BSc
Biological Sciences	BSc
Biology	BSc
Biomedical Sciences	BSc
Business Management and Information Systems	BSc
Chemistry	BSc/MChem
Computing	BSc
Computing and Music	MA
Computing Science	BSc/MEng
Computing Science (Artificial Intelligence)	MEng
Computing Science (Cybersecurity)	MEng
Computing Science and Mathematics	BSc
Computing Science and Physics	BSc
Computing Science with Industrial Placement	MSci
Conservation Biology	BSc
Counselling, Psychology and Education	MSci
Data Science	BSc
Dental Surgery (Graduate Entry only)	BDS
Ecology	BSc
Education	MA
Chemical Engineering	BEng/MEng
Civil Engineering	BEng/MEng
Civil and Environmental Engineering	MEng
Civil and Structural Engineering	MEng
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	BEng/MEng
Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Renewable Energy	MEng
Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Robotics	MEng
Electronic and Software Engineering	BEng/MEng
Mechanical Engineering	BEng/MEng
Mechanical and Electrical Engineering	BEng/MEng
Mechanical Engineering with Management	MEng

TITLE	DEGREES OFFERED*
Mechanical Engineering with Oil and Gas Studies	MEng
Mechanical Engineering with Subsea Technology	MEng
Petroleum Engineering	BEng/MEng
Environmental Science	BSc
Geography	BSc
Geology	BSc
Geology and Physics	BSc
Geoscience	BSc
Liberal Arts & Sciences	BSc
Marine Biology	BSc
Applied Mathematics	BSc
Mathematics	BSc
Mathematics and Physics	BSc
Medicine	MBChB
Molecular and Cellular Biology	BSc
Neuroscience with Psychology	BSc
Pharmacology	BSc
Physical Sciences	BSc
Physics	BSc
Physics with Astrophysics	BSc
Physics with Geology	BSc
Physics with Philosophy	BSc
Physiology	BSc
Plant and Soil Science	BSc
Psychology	BSc
Psychology with French	BSc
Secondary Education (Biology) (Y3/Y4 entry only)	MA
Secondary Education (Chemistry) (Y3/Y4 entry only)	MA
Secondary Education (Computing Science) (Y3/Y4 entry only)	MA
Secondary Education (Physics) (Y3/Y4 entry only)	MA
Sports and Exercise Science	BSc
Zoology	BSc

How to apply

01

Choose your degree

Check out the programme section in this prospectus (pages 34-37) or visit: abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree-programmes

02

Check the entry requirements

Entry requirements vary depending on the degree. Check out the programme/subject section for details.

03

Complete your UCAS application

Deadline is 15 Oct 2026 (for Medicine 2027 entry) and 13 Jan 2027 for all others.

04

Education, Medicine and Music interviews

If you have applied for one of these degrees you may be called for an interview or audition.

05

Early 2027

We'll be in touch to tell you if you have been made an offer (conditional or unconditional) or been unsuccessful.

06

Make your choice

Make Aberdeen your first choice in May-June.

07

Your exams

For those still sitting exams: good luck!

08

Results day

Results are released in July and August and we will confirm your place if all conditions are met.

09

Clearing

The University may be in Clearing for some of its programmes each year. Once you have your results you can call us or chat to us online to find a solution for you.

10



University starts in September! Get ready to join us.

abdn.ac.uk/study

You should apply online via UCAS. Schools and colleges can provide advice and guidance. UCAS will accept applications for 2027 from **September 2026**. If you wish to contact UCAS from outside the UK, you can write to them at the address provided below, or visit their website.

Your completed application should be submitted to UCAS with the applicant's fee of approximately £28.95.

The exceptions are for part-time courses, and non-graduating or visiting students, who apply direct to the University.

abdn.ac.uk/study

Medical applicants (A100) and graduate **Dental applicants** (A201) must take the UCAT Admissions Test.

ucat.ac.uk

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UCAS Code A20,
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Short Code: ABRDN

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Closing dates

15 October 2026 for all Dental, Veterinary Science and Medicine applicants and anyone including the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge among their choices. **13 January 2027** for all other applicants.

Late applications may be considered at the discretion of the University. Priority is given to applications received by the normal closing date of either **15 October 2026** or **13 January 2027**.

Where vacancies exist at Aberdeen, UCAS continues to forward applications until **30 June**; candidates whose applications are received by UCAS after **30 June** will be automatically entered into Clearing.

abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/howtoapply

Admissions policy

For further information on our admissions policy, or to download it in full, visit:

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Entry requirements

Degrees in arts and social sciences

The wide range of subjects we teach and the flexibility of our degrees are reflected in a similarly flexible approach to admissions. Entry requirements are rarely subject-specific; we are more interested in your overall academic ability than in the precise content of your pre-university studies.

Degrees in sciences

Our flexible curriculum enables students studying science subjects to explore a range of disciplines across the sciences during their degree. As a result, our entry requirements are expressed in broad terms.

We look for a good level of proven academic ability overall, and strength in science or mathematics subjects. Beyond this we do not usually insist on specific subjects. In some cases, such as chemistry, physics and mathematics, previous study of the subject is usually desirable in order to cope with the first year material.

Advanced entry

The four-year length of the degree programme provides the opportunity for the breadth and flexibility that is such a significant feature of the Aberdeen honours degree; however, for those who are well-qualified, and who are clear about their degree intention, it is possible to complete an honours degree in three years rather than four.

Advanced Entry students join the second year of the degree programme, and during this year they study the required second year modules for their nominated degree subject, alongside a selection of other first and second year modules.

Good entry qualifications are needed, at least up to the level of GCE A Level, HNC or SQA/QS Advanced Higher, particularly in subjects that are essential for the intended degree and that would otherwise have been studied in first year.

Opportunities for third year entry also exist for those with qualifications up to the level of a good HND, provided the core content of the first two years of the degree curriculum has been covered adequately. See tables on **pages 42-43** for more information.



Details of our full entry requirements can be found at
abdn.ac.uk/study/ug/entry-requirements

Scottish Awarding Body

The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) was replaced by Qualifications Scotland (QS) in late 2025. Certificates from either awarding body are accepted and are considered equivalent.



Entry requirements

DEGREE	STANDARD ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	WIDENING ACCESS	YEAR 2 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS
MA Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences subjects BD Divinity/BTh Theology MSci Education, Psychology and Counselling	SQA/QS Higher: BBBB A Level: BBC IB: 32 BTEC: DMM ILC: Five H3 HNC: Pass in relevant subject	SQA/QS Higher: BBC A Level: CCC	SQA/QS Advanced Higher: AB A Level: ABB IB: 34 HNC: B in relevant subject (excluding BD/BTh)	Some subjects have particular requirements - check website for details.
BSc Science subjects	SQA/QS Higher: BBBB A Level: BBC IB: 32 BTEC: DMM ILC: Five H3 HNC: Pass in a relevant subject	SQA/QS Higher: BBC A Level: CCC	SQA/QS Advanced Higher: AB A Level: ABB IB: 34 HNC: B in a relevant subject	Two from Mathematics or Sciences
BSc Biomedical Science * MChem Chemistry ** MSci Computing Science ***	SQA/QS Higher: BBBB A Level: BBC IB: 32 BTEC: N/A ILC: Two H2 and three H3 HNC: B in Applied Science (BSc degree only)	SQA/QS Higher: BBB A Level: BBC	SQA/QS Advanced Higher: ABB A Level: AAB IB: 36 HNC: A in Applied Science (BSc only)	Two from Mathematics or Sciences * Biology preferred ** must include Chemistry *** must include Mathematics
BEng Engineering subjects	SQA/QS Higher: BBBB A Level: BBC IB: 32 BTEC: DMM ILC: Mathematics H2, plus four at H3 HNC: B in a relevant engineering subject	SQA/QS Higher: BBC A Level: CCC	HNC: A in relevant engineering subject	Mathematics plus one from Physics, Engineering Science, Chemistry or Design & Technology (A Level only). Petroleum and Chemical Engineering have additional requirements - check website for details.
MEng Computing Science * / MEng Engineering subjects **	SQA/QS Higher: BBBB A Level: BBB IB: 34 BTEC: DDM ILC: Four H2 and one H3 HNC: N/A	N/A	N/A	* Mathematics plus two sciences ** Mathematics plus one from Physics, Engineering Science, Chemistry or Design & Technology (A Level only). Petroleum and Chemical Engineering have additional requirements - check website for details.
LLB Law subjects	SQA/QS Higher: BBBB A Level: BBB IB: 34 BTEC: Law-related BTEC at DDD may be considered ILC: Two H2 and three H3 HNC: A	SQA/QS Higher: BBB A Level: BBC	N/A	English or English for Speakers of Other Languages preferred. HNC: Legal Studies, Social Sciences or Business

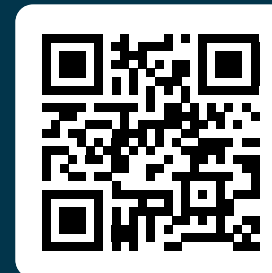
DEGREE	STANDARD ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	WIDENING ACCESS	YEAR 2 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS
MA Primary Education BMus Music Education *	SQA/QS Higher: BBBB A Level: BBC IB: 32 BTEC: N/A ILC: Five H3 HNC: Pass alongside three additional subjects at Higher/A Level/ILC	SQA/QS Higher: BBBC A Level: CCC	N/A	English at Higher B and Nat 5 Mathematics or Applications of Mathematics C * Higher Music or equivalent is preferred and competency requirements can be found on our web pages.
MBChB Medicine	SQA/QS Higher *: AAAAB in S5 A Level **: AAA IB ***: 36 BTEC: N/A ILC ****: Three H1 plus three H2 HNC: N/A	SQA/QS Higher: AAAB in S5, BBB in S6	N/A	Chemistry is Required * Plus two from Biology, Human Biology, Mathematics or Physics ** Plus one from above list *** Chemistry at HL, Plus two from the above list (one at HL, one at SL) **** Plus Biology at H1, H2 must include English and Maths or Physics.
Gateway to Medicine (G2M) Widening Access Candidates only	SQA/QS Higher: AABBB over max of 2 sittings NC6: Applied Science Group Award (18 credits) plus a Science Higher at A in one sitting HNC: A in Applied Science (15 credits)	Widening Access eligibility criteria can be found on our website	N/A	Any two from Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology, Human Biology or Physics
BMus Music	SQA/QS Higher: BBBB A Level: BBC IB: 32 BTEC: DMM ILC: Five H3	SQA/QS Higher: BBB A Level: BBC	HNC: Pathways available into year 2	Higher Music or equivalent is preferred and competency requirements can be found on our web pages.

NOTES:

- For some degrees, specific subjects in addition to those listed may also be required. Always check abdn.ac.uk/study for details before applying.
- A Foundation Apprenticeship is equivalent to one Higher at grade A. It cannot replace any required subjects.
- We do not double count Higher and Advanced Higher in the same subject, however a B at Advanced Higher is considered the equivalent of A at Higher.
- Applications for Medicine are assessed using a weighted scoring process based on academic performance or predicted grades (30%) and UCAT results (20%). The highest-scoring applicants are invited to interview, which accounts for the remaining 50% of the overall score.



Find full details of our Medicine entry requirements at
abdn.ac.uk/study/medicine-entry-requirements/



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If you have any questions about studying at the University of Aberdeen, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our team will be happy to help. You can chat with us online via our peer-to-peer network or Elphie, our AI chatbot.

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The University is constantly developing new programmes and courses, so please visit our website for the latest information.

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Saturday, 3 October 2026

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