10 reasons to #makeitabdn

Choice and flexibility
Over 380+ first degree programmes to choose from.

A buzzing, friendly city that has it all
Home to 227,000 people, it’s the perfect place for work, leisure and play!

Outside the classroom
With over 150 sports clubs and societies there is something for everyone.

96% graduate employment*
A proven track record for employment, it’s the best head-start your career can get.


Top 1% in the world*
The academic strength you’d expect from a 500 year old university – yet right at the forefront for careers in the 21st century.

*Top in QS World Rankings 2016

Multi-million pound investment
£280 million has been invested into new facilities and resources for students, including the flagship Sir Duncan Rice Library (opened 2011) and Olympic standard Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatics Centre (opened 2014).

First-class accommodation
All new students are guaranteed an offer of accommodation; this could be within our portfolio of accommodation or with one of our partners.

International experience
A thriving, cosmopolitan academic community with students from 120 countries.

Supportive community
With student support services that rank among the best in the UK, and a self-contained friendly campus in a welcoming city, you’ll quickly feel at home.

We’re on the map
Aberdeen is probably closer than you think. Cheap and regular air, rail and bus connections will get you around Scotland, the UK and Europe in no time.

Hello
Throughout the year we host a variety of events for prospective students, parents, teachers and careers staff, including Open Day, an Offer Holder Day, and a year-round open door visiting policy. We appreciate that not everyone can make it to campus so we also hold virtual open days and chat events throughout the year.

Our Student Recruitment Team host a series of tours and visits of our campuses throughout the year. Our guided tours begin with a short presentation about the University, then a tour of the campus with one of our current students, followed by a visit to any department(s) of interest.

Whether you choose to visit as part of a group, individually, or even through one of our online chats, our doors are always open.

We will send you an invitation to our Offer Holder Day with your offer letter. The Offer Holder Day is designed to give offer holders the chance to visit our campus and speak to academic staff in depth about their chosen subject. It’s also the perfect time to get a taste of student life on campus.

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Find out more: abdn.ac.uk/visit

Offer Holder Day
Our Offer Holder Days are specifically designed for those who already hold an offer to study at the University. The day will provide you with a range of help, information and a chance to sample student life.

For more information, visit: www.abdn.ac.uk/offerholderday

We have more than 500 years of heritage and five Nobel Prizes behind us. Our knowledge and experience drive us forward to the cutting edge of research and learning excellence delivered within outstanding modern facilities in Scotland’s safest university city.
Your world of choice and flexibility

When you join the university, we officially admit you to a degree (such as the MA, BSc, BEng or LLB) rather than to any specific subject. This gives you the maximum of flexibility over your choice of courses that will make up the degree programme. The compulsory courses for your intended subject will occupy only part of your timetable in first and second year, and you will be free to fill your week with courses that interest you from other subjects, or from our selection of cross-disciplinary courses. Most students study three or even four subjects in first year, narrowing down to two in second year, and continuing with both for a Joint Honours degree, or specialising in just one for Single Honours. Perhaps you came with the intention of studying French, but thought you might sample some Anthropology in your first year; if you fall in love with this new subject it will be perfectly possible to continue with it in second year, or to change to a Joint Honours degree, or specialising in just one for Single Honours. Perhaps you came with the intention of studying French, but thought you might sample some Anthropology in your first year; if you fall in love with this new subject it will be perfectly possible to continue with it in second year, or to change to a Joint Honours degree, or specialising in just one for Single Honours. Perhaps you came with the intention of studying French, but thought you might sample some Anthropology in your first year; if you fall in love with this new subject it will be perfectly possible to continue with it in second year, or to change to a Joint Honours degree, or specialising in just one for Single Honours. Perhaps you came with the intention of studying French, but thought you might sample some Anthropology in your first year; if you fall in love with this new subject it will be perfectly possible to continue with it in second year, or to change to a Joint Honours degree, or specialising in just one for Single Honours.

Your route to a top qualification

Aberdeen is one of the UK’s most internationally distinguished universities, with a superb reputation dating back over five centuries. But we’re also very forward thinking. We’re at the forefront in many areas of arts and social sciences, in science, computing, engineering and technology, with courses including ground-breaking disciplines focused firmly on the 21st century.

Your opportunity to develop your interests

New opportunities, new interests, new experiences, new friends. We’ve got them all in abundance at Aberdeen. With over 120 societies, from knitting to whisky tasting, there truly is something for everyone. If you enjoy sport you couldn’t pick a better place to study. We have clubs for over 50 different sports and our indoor and outdoor sport and leisure facilities are truly first-class with our Olympic standard regional sports facility, Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatics Centre.

Your brilliant social life

It’s the time of your life! University means much more than just study. Being a student means making new friends from many backgrounds and countries. It means opportunities to get involved in new interests and new experiences that you might never have thought about before. Students describe Aberdeen as offering an unrivalled social scene.

The University of Choice

All the support and guidance you need

We’ll not only guide you with your course choices, we’ll assist you with looking after your health, your finances, your career, your personal and social life, and any other needs you have. We offer a range of support services including disability support, study support and a nursery.

Find out more: abdn.ac.uk/infohub
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935 or
Email: student.disability@abdn.ac.uk

Want to broaden your horizons?

Our numerous international connections offer opportunities for many of our students to study abroad for part of their degree. We offer exchange programmes with universities in North America, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, China and across Europe.

Find out more: abdn.ac.uk/go-abroad
We consistently invest in our learning resources to ensure that our students and staff have access to all of the facilities they need to succeed in their work and study. The continued development of our learning resources has placed Aberdeen on the map as one of the leading universities in the UK.
Diverse City

The city that has it all
Scotland’s safest university city and the third largest city in Scotland — Aberdeen is a place with a unique combination of historic and contemporary cosmopolitan charm. Bustling by day, lively by night — and a centre for industry, research, learning and life, flanked by both rugged coastline and beautiful countryside Aberdeen truly has something for everyone. Big enough for the ‘big city’ experience, student-friendly Aberdeen is still small enough to make it easy to find your way around and make friends.

From the historic 15th century University campus in Old Aberdeen, it’s just a short walk to the bustling city centre of Europe’s energy capital. It’s just half-an-hour from the buzz of Union Street to the tranquillity of the nearby hills and countryside in one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland.

Where else can you have lectures in the morning and ski in the afternoon, or sail, or windsurf, or hillclimb, or canoe or...? It’s all here — and all so close at hand.

At night Aberdeen really lights up with a nightlife second to none, with venues ranging from trendy clubs, to old-world pubs full of atmosphere, and everything in between. Our vibrant local music scene suits all tastes and includes regular major tour gigs by the biggest names around.

Aberdeen also caters for all tastes in arts, culture, leisure and entertainment with our well-known theatre and performing venues, cinema multiplexes, art gallery, maritime museum and first-class sports and leisure facilities.

And shopaholics be warned! Aberdeen has everything from designer boutiques and shopping malls with a distinctly European flavour to great value high street stores and charity shops filled with bargains to put together your own individual look.

Find out more:
visitaberdeen.com
aberdeeninvestlivevisit.co.uk
Scholarships
We recognise that being a student can be costly, so we offer a wide range of scholarships which could help manage your expenses. Most scholarships are worth at least £1,000 for every year of undergraduate study for the length of your degree. Awards are split between merit awards, for students with exceptional academic qualifications, and access awards, for students who might find it difficult to enter higher education without financial support. Scholarships are also available for music and sport, and certain academic disciplines have their own scholarships available. Please note that scholarships and bursaries do not have to be repaid.
Find out more: abdn.ac.uk/ugscholarships
Visit our Funding Database at abdn.ac.uk/funding

Tuition fees
Scotland
For Scottish-domiciled students the first step to find out more about, and apply for, financial support is to contact the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS):
Tel: 0300 555 0505 or visit the SAAS website at saas.gov.uk

England, Wales and Northern Ireland
See Finance and Funding leaflet
Visit abdn.ac.uk/ugfinance for further details.

Our Student Support Office provide a Money Advice Service and can advise on personal budgeting. Our AUSA Student Advice Centre can help you find part-time and holiday work. Aberdeen’s buoyant local economy means there’s no shortage of holiday and part-time work on offer.

Investing in your Future

Primrose Sharon Bond (Mother)
Daliah Primrose Bond, MA History & PhD History

“We have always been a very close family, and I was worried that Daliah would be lonely without her brother and friends around. She had travelled before, but it felt different, her going to University. I actually think I was more nervous than Daliah who couldn’t wait to begin her new life.
My fears were quickly quashed as she met a lot of friends in her University Halls. She took advantage of the activities during Freshers’ Week and these girls are still her closest friends. She also became a student ambassador, and this has been a great source of pride for her. I have been particularly impressed with the opportunities that Aberdeen has afforded her.

Daliah was even supported to attend a British Council funded cultural exchange to China, for which only 20 students from Scotland were chosen. At first I was worried about visiting Aberdeen, as we live near London, but the train and plane links are excellent. I am happy that Daliah sees Aberdeen as home, as well as her place of study. Daliah has always been passionate about her department, lecturers and courses. She loved it so much she decided to stay for three more years to complete her PhD in History.
The support and opportunities Aberdeen has given Daliah have helped to create the intelligent, creative and confident young woman I see come home on holidays, and I would have no hesitation in recommending the University.”

Parent and Applicant Information Evenings
We are hosting our annual series of Parent and Applicant Information Evenings in February 2017. These events provide you with a valuable opportunity to meet with staff from the University and receive information on your next steps, finance, university life and student support.

For more information and dates in your area:
Visit www.abdn.ac.uk/study/informationevenings

Parent and Family Programme
If your son, daughter or family member is thinking of becoming a part of the Aberdeen family, why not join them by becoming a member of our Parent and Family Programme. Open to anyone with a family member studying at the University of Aberdeen, the programme provides a unique way for you to get involved and share in the Aberdeen experience. As a member you will benefit from invitations to exclusive University events, all the latest University news and events through our newsletter and access to our member-exclusive discounts and services. More generally, you will be helping to support our global ambitions and current projects.
Visit: www.abdn.ac.uk/giving/parent-and-family

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Find your way...

Keep in touch
Let us know if any of your details change
Find us on social media:
facebook.com/universityofaberdeen
twitter.com/aberdeenuni
instagram.com/uniofaberdeen

Come and visit
Offer Holder Day
Remember that family and friends are welcome too
Make use of our open door policy by contacting visitus@abdn.ac.uk and give a few weeks’ notice

Respond to offers
You need to respond to your offers by choosing a first (firm) and second (insurance) choice by the UCAS deadline.
If your firm choice is an unconditional offer then the place is yours. If it is a conditional offer you must meet these conditions before the place is yours.

Apply for accommodation
If you would like to stay in the University portfolio of accommodation check abdn.ac.uk/accommodation

Meet the conditions of your offer
Once we have your exam results and if you have met all the conditions of your offer, Aberdeen will confirm your place. We will get in touch but you can also follow this on UCAS Track.
If you don’t meet your offer check Clearing as we may be able to offer you a place on another course.
If you are unsure about anything just get in touch.

Get ready to arrive
We will send you a welcome pack with lots of information to help you get settled.
Plan your freshers week activities. Join in on social media and meet your future friends!
Aberdeen continues to pursue best practice and high standards of service for all students. If you would like to receive this document in an alternative format, please contact the Student Recruitment and Admissions Service for more information.

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