Ancient university with impact

**University of Aberdeen**

**Undergraduate Guide 2022**

**WHY ABERDEEN**

- **Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2021**
- **In line with the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) results**
- **Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022**

**Associated with**

- **FIVE NOBEL PRIZES**

**Olympic Standard**

- Associated with

**Scottish University of the Year**

- Founded 1495

**Global**

- Top 60 for positive impact on society

**International Global Networks**

- Campus in Qatar and Alliance with Curtin University

**Over**

- **220 Sports clubs and societies**

**Sir Duncan Rice Library**

- Named one of the most beautiful in the world

**75% of research classified as world leading**

**In the top 160 universities in the world**

*The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019 | **CEOWORLD magazine, 2016

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**Global**

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- **15,000 Students**

- **130+ Nationalities**

**Olympic Standard**

- **Aberdeen Sports Village**

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Throughout the year we host a variety of events for prospective students, parents, teachers and careers staff. This includes Open Days, Offer Holder events, and drop-in virtual events in line with Scottish Government guidance at the time.

Our Student Recruitment team host a series of tours and visits on our campuses throughout the year. There are also a number of pre-recorded virtual tours on our website and social media platforms, where you can see our beautiful campus at a time that suits you.

Whether you choose to visit as part of a group, individually, or interact with us via our online resources, our doors are always open.

We will send you an invitation to our Offer Holder Events. These Offer Holder Events are designed to give offer holders the chance to 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.

Find out more:
abdn.ac.uk/visit
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Offer Holder Events
Our Offer Holder Events are specifically designed for those who already hold an offer to study at the University. These events will provide you with a range of help, information and a chance to sample student life.

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

Be welcomed

We have more than 525 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 city.*

*Source: Unbroken Britain Survey, May 2018, Provident Financial
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 maximum flexibility over the choice of courses that make up your 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 in French and Anthropology, or even to graduate with Single Honours in Anthropology. The subject choice that you put on your UCAS application is not binding, and you can usually change from one subject to another within the same degree as your interests develop.

Even within the third year of a Single Honours degree, you will take a few credits from another subject. We call this flexibility ‘Enhanced Study’. It provides the much needed versatility and adaptability necessary for success in the job market. Find out more:

- abdn.ac.uk/study/aberdeen-degree

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
- student.support@abdn.ac.uk
- +44 (0)1224 273935

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/study/student-life
- aberdeensportsvillage.com
- abdn.ac.uk/go-abroad

*Based on HESA E3a Performance Indicator 2016/17 (published 2018)
**National Student Survey (NSS) 2021
Guaranteed Accommodation

The University has over 2,000 beds within its portfolio of accommodation. All new students are guaranteed an offer of accommodation in a single occupancy bedroom within our portfolio or with one of our partner providers, provided your application reaches us by the deadline.

Our accommodation is on, or within walking distance, of King’s Campus.

Family Accommodation

We have a limited number of furnished and unfurnished properties for families. Contact the Accommodation Office for more information.

studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk

*Terms and Conditions Apply

We offer:

- A range of properties in or close to the Old Aberdeen Campus and the Hillhead Student Village
- A Central Hub (Headspace at the Hillhead Student Village) with extensive social and study facilities
- Wireless network throughout
- A frequent bus service travelling to both the main campus and the City Centre

Ask questions and find out how and when to apply:

abdn.ac.uk/accommodation
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FEEL AT HOME
ABERDEEN
your city

Aberdeen, the Silver City on golden sands

The city that has it all
Scotland’s safest city* and the third largest city in Scotland, Aberdeen is a place with a unique combination of historic and contemporary cosmopolitan charm. 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. It’s just 30 minutes 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 climb, 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 tours by well-known bands, DJs and singers.

Aberdeen also caters for all tastes in arts, culture, leisure and entertainment with our well-known theatres and performing venues, cinemas, art gallery, museums and first-class sports and leisure facilities.

Shoppers be warned! Aberdeen has four shopping malls, all the well known high street stores, quirky vintage markets and plenty of charity shops where you’ll find some great bargains!

Find out more: visitabdn.com

3rd Safest University City in the UK
(Complete University Guide 2020)
The University of Aberdeen is committed to attracting the very best students, regardless of financial circumstances, which is why we offer a large number of scholarships. Visit abdn.ac.uk/ugfinance

Scholarships

We recognise that being a student can be costly, so we offer a wide range of scholarships which could help manage your expenses. Scholarships are available across a wide range of categories - we offer scholarships based on academic achievement, financial need, and even sporting and musical excellence. Scholarships may be available for your first year only, or throughout your entire degree. Our funding database is a great place to start research into available scholarships. You can search by home country and course of study. Please note that any scholarships or bursaries you are awarded 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
Scottish-domiciled students can find out information regarding fees, and apply for financial support by contacting the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS):

saas.gov.uk

England, Wales, Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland
You can find out more about tuition fee loans and other government assistance by contacting the relevant body below.

Student Finance England

gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Finance Wales

studentfinancewales.co.uk

Student Finance Northern Ireland

studentfinanceni.co.uk

Irish Nationals domiciled in the Republic of Ireland
Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)

saas.gov.uk

Our Student Support office provides advice on money matters and personal budgeting. Find out more:
abdn.ac.uk/students/support

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NEXT STEPS

01 Keep in touch
Let us know if any of your details change. Find us on social media:
- @universityofaberdeen
- @aberdeenuni
- @uniofaberdeen
- ugadmissions@abdn.ac.uk

02 Engage with us
Offer Holder Day 27 April 2022
Join us for a variety of academic and informational talks as well as speaking to academics in Elphinstone Hall.
- abdn.ac.uk/offerholderday
Or make use of our open door policy by contacting visitus@abdn.ac.uk and give a few weeks’ notice.

03 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.

04 Apply for accommodation
If you would like to stay in University accommodation visit:
- abdn.ac.uk/accommodation

05 Meet the conditions of your offer
Once we have your school 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 conditions, check Clearing as we may be able to offer you a place on another programme. If you are unsure about anything just get in touch.

06 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!
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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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