An ancient university with impact
The University of Aberdeen is the fifth oldest University in the UK, dating back to 1495.

Over the past 500 years, we have proudly offered our students life-changing opportunities through greater knowledge and learning. Our vast experience in teaching – along with our modern, 21st century outlook – enables us to offer the same great opportunity to you today.

Our rich heritage, world leading research and learning excellence has contributed to our associations with five Nobel Prize winners and more recently being named Scottish University of the Year 2019 by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide. We now warmly invite you to join our Aberdeen family and become part of the next chapter in history.
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***In-line with the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) results | ****Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019
Welcome to one of the most prosperous and beautiful regions of the UK. Aberdeen is a vibrant, creative and ambitious city, known for its historic charm and cosmopolitan community. Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire have something for everyone: from the bustling city centre of Europe’s energy capital to some of Scotland’s most beautiful countryside and coastlines.

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Inspirational city

The SAFEST city in Scotland

Source: Unbroken Britain Survey, Provident Financial, 2018
Discover a city full of possibilities

Aberdeen is a unique student city, characterised by a mixture of distinctive architecture, cosmopolitan spirit, northern light and its proximity to the sea.

Arts and Culture
From historical venues such as His Majesty's Theatre and the Music Hall, to smaller intimate spaces for live entertainment such as The Lemon Tree or the Blue Lamp, Aberdeen has something to offer everyone. Whether you love listening to poetry, laughing at comedy, or enjoying music, opera or theatre, Aberdeen is the city of the north that provides it all. If you enjoy inspirational, thought provoking art or a bit of history - then visit our numerous art galleries and museums, or discover the city's NUART street art scene.

Festivals
Festivals are part of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire's old Doric culture. The locals love to celebrate their music, food, Scottish tradition and contemporary art. There is so much to discover, from the annual Jazz festival, The Highland Games, to SPECTRA, Aberdeen's winter Festival of Light.

Sport
Aberdeen provides many opportunities to take part in and watch sport. The city and surrounding area boast over 50 golf courses, five ski centres and several sports courts and pitches. Pittodrie Football Stadium welcomes both local, national and international games and the Linx Ice Arena hosts National ice hockey games.

Food and drink
Foodies beware! You'll be spoilt for choice. The city offers a fantastic mix of both well-known restaurant chains and quirky independently owned bistro and eateries offering the best local produce. You will find vegan, gluten-free and internationally themed outlets and plenty of places offering traditional comfort food. Don’t forget, one of Aberdeenshire’s claims to fame is being the birthplace of Brewdog and Mackie’s Ice cream. Both Brewdog and Mackie’s original eating and drinking establishments can be found in the city centre.

Shop
Union Street and the surrounding area makes up the city's main shopping hub. You’ll find designer brands, unique boutiques and all the big high street names spread across five shopping centres easily accessible on foot. In addition, our four retail parks dotted around the city provide larger stores with good parking facilities.

Night owls
Aberdeen boasts some of the best natural light in the UK. During the summer months, the city often hosts glimmers of daylight up until 11pm at night. To keep you entertained in the evenings, Aberdeen offers an array of cozy evening cafés with live music, clubs with touring DJs and chilled out craft beer hideouts.

Your city

abdn.ac.uk/study/city
Our campuses are located within easy reach of the city centre, airport, train and bus stations, beach and our student accommodation village, Hillhead.
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Wild weekends

Get wild
The city and surrounding shire is famously known for many different types of wildlife. Spot dolphins in the North Sea, or see hundreds of seals at the Sands of Forvie National Nature Reserve — less than 20 miles from the city centre. To catch a glimpse of rare animal and plant species, visit the Cairngorms National Park, which is home to 25% of the UK's threatened birds, animal and plant species.

Walk and trek
Sometimes the best way to discover the shire is on foot, where you can experience the impressive landscape up close. Take a trip to our picturesque lochs, like Loch Muick, or soak up the miles of scenery from the top of Aberdeenshire's famous mountain, Lochnagar.

Proud of our history
Evidence of Aberdeenshire's past is still very prominent today, with historical attractions ranging from the Neolithic age to World War II. Stone circles, castles, ruins and other buildings can be found all over the city and shire. One of our most well-known castles is Dunnottar Castle, which was part of the inspiration for Disney Pixar's animation Brave.

Life's a beach
Whether it's surfing, walking or swimming, there are an abundance of activities to discover with 150 miles of coastline at your disposal. Or just take a stroll from our campus to the beach — a walk of only about 20 minutes — definitely something to impress visitors with.

Get adventurous
Keen skier, cyclist or horse rider? Fancy surfing, quad biking or golfing? Whatever interests you, there are endless opportunities to explore things you already love and are yet to discover. For all of our skiers and snowboarders, a visit to Glenshee Ski Centre is a must. Cyclists and horse riders can explore the various trails made with them in mind, and water sports fans have miles of coastline and numerous lochs.

See the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis)
A once in a lifetime experience, the Aurora Borealis is a stunning example of natural beauty that can only be seen from certain spots in the world. Aberdeenshire has been a famous hot spot for this magical light show, attracting visitors from across the world. Look out for Aurora forecasts online, which help you pinpoint the best time and place to see the show.

Try a wee dram
Whisky production has defined Scotland's heritage and reputation for many centuries and still does today. Aberdeenshire has plenty of whisky distilleries where you can discover how the spirit is made. Tourists from across the world come to Scotland to visit our distilleries, with many of them located in beauty spots around the country.
Reach your full potential with our Olympic standard sports facilities.

**AUSA sports union**
Whether your interest in sport has just begun or is well-established, the opportunities to get involved in sport at the University of Aberdeen are endless. As part of the Aberdeen University Students’ Association (AUSA), the Sports Union runs more than 50 sports clubs. The Union has an elected body with a full-time Sport Officer and Sports Administrator. Our clubs often compete against many of the universities across the United Kingdom.

**Sports scholarship and bursary scheme**
Sports scholarships and bursaries are available to athletes who are competing at national or international level. The scheme offers support to students competing in any sport at the requisite level. At present we have three categories of sports scholar: The Development Trust Sports Bursary Scheme, John Robertson Sports Scholarship, and Quita Shivas Scholarship.

Support includes: an annual cash award of up to £3000 per annum; academic flexibility; gym membership at Aberdeen Sports Village; athlete accommodation; strength and conditioning; physiotherapy; sports science support; seminars and workshops; yoga for sport; and exclusive sports bursar clothing.

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We invest heavily in our facilities and learning resources, giving you access to everything you need to help you succeed. The growth of our learning resources has placed Aberdeen on the map as one of the UK’s leading universities for study and research.

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Modern approach

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*CEOWORLD magazine, 2016*
When you join the University we don't limit you to a specific subject, school or department. This means you can study subjects from outside your chosen discipline, and, even if you know exactly what you want to do, you're able to change direction as your interests, passions and ambitions develop.

Our degrees are structured slightly differently from the rest of the UK and Europe but have similarities to the structures found in the USA. Our degrees are unique as they allow for more study flexibility and choice, providing you with a broad range of knowledge understanding and skills.

**Entry requirements**
The entry requirements are the minimum standards and subjects required for entry into our degree programmes, however, achieving these does not guarantee entry. You will find our entry requirements alongside each degree in this prospectus.

**Scottish Baccalaureate**
The University of Aberdeen recognises the value of the Scottish Baccalaureate and believes the qualification is a good preparation for entry to university. The qualification will be considered alongside Advanced Highers for direct entry into year two across a range of degree programmes. Where appropriate, the Scottish Baccalaureate will be used in offer making. However, for Medicine the admissions process is highly selective. For the present time, Scottish Baccalaureates will not form part of the standard entry requirements for Medicine at Aberdeen.

Our BSc (Bachelor of Science) and MA (Master of Arts) degrees are especially flexible, and the LLB (Bachelor of Laws) and BTh (Bachelor of Theology) programmes also offer some flexibility. Other degrees like the Masters of Engineering, the MBChB (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery) or our Education degrees – which train you for a specific profession – offer less flexibility, as the content of these courses must satisfy the relevant professional organisation.

Curriculum for Excellence (cfe) Information on University policy can be found at: [abdn.ac.uk/study/curriculum-for-excellence](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/curriculum-for-excellence)

Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework All degrees offered by the University of Aberdeen are compliant with the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). For more information visit: [scqf.org.uk](http://scqf.org.uk)

Courses and credits Almost all of our degree programmes consist of courses (modules) at four levels (1-4, equivalent to SCQF levels 7-11). You can access our catalogue of courses at: [abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses](http://abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses)

Duration A Scottish honours degree normally takes four years to complete, giving you the option to delay your final degree choice until the end of your second or sometimes even third year. A number of our undergraduate Masters degrees take five years to complete, although second year admission is possible if you have very good qualifications. Some language programmes take five years if they include a full year of study or work abroad. There are some programmes that include a year’s industrial placement, which means they also last for five years. The MBChB degree takes five years.

Honours
If you are taking a four year degree, admission to the honours part of the degree is conditional on performance in the first two years (or in some cases the first three), but most students who want to progress to honours do so.

Flexible entry and exit
If you have very good qualifications you can be admitted to the second year of study in many of our degree programmes, enabling you to complete an honours degree in three years. In some cases it is even possible to enter the third year of a degree programme.

We understand the importance of recognising successful study, and know that students may wish to take a gap year or study break. If you decide to leave the University before completing your degree, you will receive an Undergraduate Certificate or Diploma in Higher Education if you obtain 120 level 1 credit points (for the Certificate) and 240 credit points (including 90 at level 2, for the Diploma). If you later wish to return to study to complete a full honours degree, you can do so as long as you meet the criteria for readmission.

Your degree
Choice, Flexibility, Employability

Our degrees are usually four years and let you choose your studies around your interests, giving you the opportunity to widen your knowledge and skills base and maximise your employability.
How our courses work in practice

Here’s an example of a student who has applied to study History at Aberdeen. As you can see, they have plenty of flexibility and the chance to change their specialism during their studies.

We encourage you to study subjects that both interest you and help you find your dream career. This means you could, for example, add a subject in science or law to your arts degree. You could add management studies or a modern language to your science degree.

Undergraduate students normally study 8 courses during first year – 4 in the first half session (September to December) and 4 in your second half session (January to March). Each year of degree study equates to 120 credit points.

For more information on our wide range of degrees, visit: abdn.ac.uk/study

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Choose from a range of languages to study alongside your degree

**Enhanced Study options**

As mentioned before, flexibility and choice is our strong point. Most new undergraduate students (with the exception of Medicine and Dentistry) will have the opportunity to add additional subjects with no increase to your overall workload. This provides a great way to broaden your learning.

For more information on the range of courses available, visit: abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses

**Discipline Breadth courses**

This option allows you to extend the scope of your study by taking just about any of the University’s undergraduate courses, as long as it is not a required or optional course for your chosen degree and is not a course that is in the same discipline as your degree intention (i.e., a student who is doing a Chemistry degree could not take a Chemistry course).

**Sustained Study courses**

Sustained Study provides you with the opportunity to take on courses for two years, that are separate from your core discipline. For example, you may benefit from having a language, or perhaps some knowledge of business or science, alongside your main degree subject.

**Sixth Century courses**

These courses were launched in celebration of our 500 years of teaching and learning. They are cross-disciplinary and designed to help you question and analyse the subject of study at a deeper level.

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**Part-time study**

The majority of our degree programmes are available to study on a part-time basis on campus in Aberdeen. If you just want to study individual courses to update your qualifications or for interest then individual subject study may be the route for you.

For more information visit: abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/part-time

**Online Learning**

Some of our course modules are available to study online, giving you all the practical advantages of fitting your learning around your location, work and personal commitments.

For more information visit: abdn.ac.uk/online
Careers and employability

The Careers Service provides information, advice and guidance to help you reach career success.

Our Services include:
• Specialist one-to-one support to explore career options and develop career plans
• A range of co-curricular programmes to develop the skills and attributes valued by employers
• A wide range of opportunities to connect and build networks with employers.

Explore your options
The earlier you begin to plan your career, the more time you will have to build the skills and experiences that employers look for. Careers Advisers for your degree programme can help you discover career options to suit your interests and personality - as well as the choices available within your degree subject.

Connect with opportunity
We work with employers and organisations—from small, local organisations to large, multi-national corporations—to provide opportunities for students to gain practical experience and nurture their professional skill development in a range of ways. You can connect with employers at a variety of events such as careers fairs and employer-led presentations throughout the year. CareerConnect is the central online portal for browsing an extensive range of employer opportunities including graduate jobs, placements, internships and volunteer positions.

Develop your skills
Employers value skills and experiences you gain through participating in activities alongside your studies. A wide range of co-curricular programmes, many of which are delivered in partnership with employers, are on offer to students throughout their studies. Successful completion of many of these programmes is recorded on your Enhanced Transcript providing you with evidence to share with potential employers.

The Co-Curriculum
You can enhance your employability through participating in a range of co-curricular programmes including:

- The STAR Award: Earn recognition for the skills you develop through approved roles in extra-curricular activities
- Leadership Academy: Discover and develop your personal leadership style
- Career Mentoring: Connect with an experienced professional in your area of interest
- Careers Service Ambassadors: Represent the Careers Service and develop skills in areas such as communications, teamwork and marketing
- BP Student Tutoring Scheme: Boost your confidence and broaden your communication skills while making a difference in the lives of local school pupils
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship: Seize opportunities through creativity and problem solving

Not sure where your degree could take you? Find out what career options you can have at: abdn.ac.uk/career-options

Connect with us now!

Top tips
Get involved in the range of opportunities available to you alongside your studies from the very beginning of your time at University.

Online Professional Skills
Online Professional Skills courses will:
• help you to see how you can develop your skills and experiences
• teach you how to present yourself effectively to potential employers and postgraduate course providers
• teach you how to find work experience and plan your career. Ultimately, the courses will enhance your employability when you graduate!

What our students say
“...This course is very good at making you think beyond your studies. It helps you to anticipate what you may need to do in order to be employable after university.”
1st Year Biochemist

“I became a Careers Service Ambassador to improve my confidence and presentation skills. I definitely improved my communication skills and have had the opportunity to take part in some great activities with fellow ambassadors.”
Careers Service Ambassadors
Right from the start, our staff and student support teams will ensure you have access to all the support you need, whether that be on campus or by directing you to a local organisation.

Support with your academic choices
On arrival at the University you will be allocated a Personal Tutor (or, for Medicine and Dentistry students, a Regent), who will meet you during induction week and welcome you to the University. Your Personal Tutor can provide general support to you throughout your studies and will be a point of contact for any queries you have as a student. They will often be the first person you turn to if you encounter difficulties.

abdn.ac.uk/infohub/support

Looking after your health
Full NHS medical services are available to students. The Old Aberdeen Medical Practice, a comprehensive NHS health practice, has many years of experience in providing advice and treatment to students. The Practice is independent of the University, but located close to King’s College campus in a purpose-built health centre. The Old Machar Practice is also close to the King’s College campus.

Childcare
The campus-based Rocking Horse Nursery provides childcare for pre-school age children of students and staff. The nursery has three departments which cater for 0-2, 2-3 and 3-5 year-olds respectively.

abdn.ac.uk/rockinghorse

Student advice & support services
Located on the second floor of the Students’ Union Building, the Student Advice and Support Office offers impartial, confidential advice and support to students across a wide range of issues including finance, disabilities and specific learning differences, visa and immigration matters, mental health and wellbeing, and more. Students studying on the Foresterhill campus have access to student support staff based in the Suttie Centre and the Institute of Medical Sciences.

abdn.ac.uk/infohub/support

Disability Advice
A team of Advisers provide information, advice and support for students and applicants with physical and mobility difficulties, visual impairments, hearing impairments, medical conditions, specific learning differences, and mental health conditions. They also provide assistance to students who are eligible to apply for the Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA).

student.disability@abdn.ac.uk
01224 273935

International Student Advisers
These advisers provide advice on immigration issues, in particular Tier 4 visa extensions, and queries regarding dependents. British immigration legislation is complex and our immigration advice and services are regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner. The HOST UK scheme for international students at the University is administered by the International Advisers.

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Mental Health Support
If you’re experiencing a mental health condition we provide a range of professional, free and confidential support appropriate to your personal and academic needs. Our Mental Health Adviser works closely with Specialist Mentors providing short and longer term support to our students. The Mental Health Advisor will advise the appropriate university staff to ensure you are fully supported throughout your studies at Aberdeen.

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Chaplaincies
The University Multi-faith Chaplaincy is a community hub for people of all faiths and none. The team comprises of Honorary Chaplains and Faith Representatives who seek to encourage the spiritual life on campus. There is always a warm welcome for all and the Chaplaincy team is committed to giving personal and pastoral care to anyone who needs it: offering a listening ear, a hospital visit and much more. The Chaplains also encourage community across the University campus and oversee University services within King’s College Chapel.

abdn.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Our obligations and yours
The University has a student charter that sets out the responsibilities of the University and of students. It gives details of various University policies and procedures. As a condition of enrolment in the University, all students are required to abide by the University’s Code of Practice on Student Discipline, as amended from time-to-time.

abdn.ac.uk/infohub/student-discipline
An ancient university with global opportunities

Go abroad, come here, go anywhere! Our global networks offer you the opportunity to make an international experience part of your degree.

We offer a wide range of options for our students to spend a structured period abroad through either the Erasmus+ or International Exchange programme. For the majority of students, a semester or year abroad is not an additional period of study and the academic credits gained abroad will count towards your degree.

We work hard to make our opportunities accessible to all, and to support students before, during and after their time abroad.

Spending time abroad not only offers the opportunity to experience life in an exciting new culture – it also offers a new perspective on your university subjects.

When can I go?
Study or work placements are available for either one semester or a full academic year. Most students go abroad in their second year; however, with departmental approval students may participate in their third year of study.

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Erasmus+ programme
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We have exchange links with a large number of universities across Europe. Destinations available depend on the degree programme – study abroad options exist within most subjects. It is possible to participate even if you do not speak another language as a number of our partner universities teach in English.

Erasmus+ traineeships are open to all students. Depending on the degree programme, they can fulfill the residence abroad, industrial placement or project requirement of a programme. Alternatively they can be taken on a voluntary basis over summer or after graduation, further enhancing your employability.

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erasmus@abdn.ac.uk

International exchange programme
We currently offer international exchange opportunities in North America, Africa, Latin America, Asia and Australia. Our exchange partners include some of the most distinguished institutions in their respective countries. All students are eligible to apply for the international exchange programme with the exception of those in Medicine and Dentistry.

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abdn.ac.uk/iep
facebook.com/ExchangeStudyAbroadAbdn
studyabroad@abdn.ac.uk
An ancient university with diversity

When you start your life in Aberdeen you become part of an international community that welcomes you whoever you are and wherever you come from. We have a hugely diverse student and staff population, with over 30% of our students coming from outside of the UK.
A home away from home

Living in accommodation with other students will give you a great start at Aberdeen. You will make new friends during the first few weeks and these friends often stay with you throughout your university life and beyond.

We offer:

• Guaranteed 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.
  * (Terms and conditions apply)

• Accommodation on, or within walking distance of, the main campus – a range of properties are available in, or close to, the main Old Aberdeen campus and the Hillhead Student Village.

• Frequent Bus Service – Hillhead Student Village enjoys great transport links with a regular and direct bus service to our King’s campus, and the city centre. We also have a dedicated bus route to our Foresterhill campus.

• Headspace, the central hub within the Hillhead Student Village, offers extensive social and study facilities with a reception open 24 hours a day. The community space houses a teaching kitchen, music room and TV area, and study rooms are also available for group or individual projects. You can also enjoy a bite to eat in The Works cafe bar, which also hosts regular events throughout the year.

• A dedicated team to provide support and information to enhance the student experience while you live in university accommodation. As well as providing advice and guidance, the team run a variety of social events throughout the year.

• 24/7 maintenance support

• Single study bedrooms with both ensuite and standard facilities available to suit all budgets. The majority of the accommodation is within five bedroom cluster flats. In addition to this, there are also large traditional halls with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities.

• Wireless network throughout

• Car parking and bike storage facilities

• The University also has limited accommodation for couples and families

Costs and additional information

• Up-to-date information on the various accommodation offered by the University (including the all-important costs) is available on the accommodation website.

When to apply

• Applicants who have firmly accepted an unconditional or conditional offer of admission will be able to apply online for accommodation up to the application deadline. The application process allows you to make up to five choices. We endeavour to allocate first choice where possible, but this is not guaranteed.

FAQ

What are my options if my accommodation requirements are less than a full academic year? Limited short-term lets are available, for example for one semester. Please contact us for further information.

Are part-time students entitled to accommodation? Full-time students are given priority but it is often possible to accommodate part-time students too.

How do I pay my rent? Rent is normally paid at the start of each term. Alternatively, arrangements may be made by individual agreement to pay on a monthly basis.

Will I be housed with other first year undergraduates? The University has dedicated undergraduate accommodation and we aim to place all first year students together where possible.

Is there a deadline for accommodation applications? Yes, usually in August, although we recommend that you book as early as possible. Unfortunately, accommodation applications received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed.

For more Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) please visit the accommodation website.

abdn.ac.uk/accommodation
Your Students’ Association

The Aberdeen University Students’ Association (AUSA) aims to represent the vibrant student community here at the University. We strive to create an influential student community by listening to our members and changing to adapt to their needs. We think student life is better together, which is why we run events, clubs, societies and sport to bring everyone closer.

Where we are?
You’ll find your Association and elected representatives on the ground floor of the Students Union Building, Elphinstone Road. Also look out for us at Hillhead, Foresterhill and the Aberdeen Sports Village.

Getting the student voice heard
We want you to use the power of democratic representation to get your voice heard. Drive positive change through your sabbatical officers, student committees, events and campaigns.

Sports, clubs, societies and events
Clubs and societies are a massive part of student life. Our choice of more than 130 clubs and societies is sure to give you the opportunity to meet people with similar interests and the chance to try something new. If sport is your thing, we have an additional 50 clubs devoted to different sports. We run events most months of the year, including student festivals, Scottish ceilidh nights, international events and live music nights.

Student Enterprise
AUSA is a big supporter of student enterprise. Helping to give space and training to new business and fundraising ideas. There are three student enterprises located on the ground floor of the Student Union Building including Bookends, The Corner and Swap shop. Each providing a unique service to students either working at no profit or raising funds for local charities.

Volunteering
Volunteering with AUSA is an excellent way of widening your student and personal development experience. It helps you to build professional skills and opens doors to new opportunities. It’s easy to get involved, whether you have one free hour or hundreds. AUSA runs volunteering programmes to support anything from sport, local charities to events.

Activism and elections
University politics is often the training ground for future country leaders. If you want to make a change at the University, locally or nationally, then get involved in one of the many campaigning or political organisations. Or why not stand for one of the student committees?

Connect with us
ausa.org.uk
facebook.com/abdnunisa
twitter.com/ausatweet
youtube.com/TheAUSATube

Student media
Fancy a career as a radio DJ, TV presenter or journalist? Then this is the place to start. You could be hosting your own radio show, TV show or seeing your name in print for the student newspaper! Aberdeen Student Radio and Granite City TV both provide this opportunity along with The Gaudie, our student newspaper, which has been in circulation since 1934 and is one of the oldest in the UK.

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A warm welcome

International Students

Aberdeen has a long tradition of welcoming international students from all over the world. We have a large international community of students and staff drawn from over 130 different countries, making Aberdeen their home away from home.

Applying to university

If you are an international student, and you wish to take a full undergraduate degree, you can do so by applying through UCAS. The International Office is here to advise and help you before, during and after applying to study at Aberdeen. Contact us at abdn.ac.uk/study/international or email study@abdn.ac.uk

Our International Centre

As a leading international university, we recognise the importance of helping our international students fully integrate into Aberdeen, helping you to live, study and make friends during your time here. We understand that studying here is a huge investment in your future, and we are dedicated to ensuring all of our international students feel part of the University.

To help you have the best possible student experience, our International Centre is designed to make you feel welcome and help you as much as possible during your transition to life in the Silver City. The International Centre is for all students, whether you are from Edinburgh, Manchester, Dubai or Texas: we are here to help you have an international experience.

The International Centre is designed to:

• Help integrate new students to the University and city through our orientation and transition programmes.
• Act as a space for students who are on, or are interested in, an exchange or study abroad programme. The Centre has members of staff from our Go Abroad team on hand to advise you.
• Provide a forum for students to meet people from around the world through different activities and events, including trips around Scotland.
• Allow students to practise a variety of languages in an informal and casual atmosphere, including English, Spanish, Japanese and Arabic.
• Give students the opportunity to develop leadership skills through the volunteering programme of the centre activities team.
• Highlight to students with families the many opportunities to meet other families, and ways to get involved in the local community through ‘Global Families’.
• Present students with the various tools, maps and tips that will allow their time in Scotland and Aberdeen to be a success.

English language

There is a set minimum entry requirement for your level of English to ensure you have sufficient language skills to cope with your studies. An IELTS Academic overall score of 6.0 is required for admission into an undergraduate programme. Medical students require an IELTS Academic overall score of 7.0.

For more information on our English language requirements and the various English courses offered by our language centre. Please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/study/international/english-requirements

abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre

Visa advice

In line with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) advice, we advise on budgeting for £1,015 per month on top of tuition fees to cover living expenses throughout the duration of your study in Aberdeen. The UKVI advice is subject to change so it is important you are aware of and adhere to the most up-to-date advice on their website.

Fixed fees

The University of Aberdeen is committed to providing a fixed fee structure for international undergraduate students. This means that you will be charged the same fees over your programme of study in each year of study.

Foundation pathway programmes

The University has a range of foundation pathway options open to students.

abdn.ac.uk/study/international/foundation-programmes

Non-graduating or visiting international students

We welcome visiting students from all over the world. A wide range of courses are available, with the exception of Clinical Medicine. For further information, including application forms, please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-and-exchanges
A global university

Did you know:

We have a campus in Qatar

Did you know:

We deliver some programmes in Sri Lanka

*This map is for guidance only and should not be taken as a definitive or exhaustive representation of our student body.
With extensive scholarship and bursary schemes available, plus professionally accredited degrees and enhanced study options, we have everything in place to help you get the most out of your time here.
Finance and funding

Depending on where you live, you will also be able to apply for additional financial help, including government grants, scholarships and bursaries, and maintenance or living cost loans to help cover your living costs while at university.

For more information, visit the site that applies to you:

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**Students from Scotland**

If you are a Scottish student living and studying full-time in Scotland, support for your living costs while at university comes from a means-tested system of repayable loans and non-repayable grants. Provided that you have not had tuition fees paid for a previous course and you are not repeating part of your programme, you do not have to contribute towards the costs of your degree.

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

[saas.gov.uk](http://saas.gov.uk)

**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.

The University of Aberdeen’s tuition fee for students from England, Northern Ireland or Wales in 2019* is £9,250 per year for all of our full-time undergraduate degrees. However, for the vast majority of our degree programmes we do not charge tuition fees for the final year and therefore no student will pay more than £27,750 for a full four year honours degree or £37,000 for a five year enhanced degree** (with the exception of Medicine and Dentistry).

This means that students studying with us will pay no more for their degree programme at Aberdeen than they would for a three-year degree at universities of similar standing across the rest of the UK.

[abdn.ac.uk/infobahn/finance/tuition-fees](http://abdn.ac.uk/infobahn/finance/tuition-fees)

* For full information about our 2020/21 tuition fees visit: [abdn.ac.uk/infobahn/finance/tuition-fees](http://abdn.ac.uk/infobahn/finance/tuition-fees)

** Enhanced degrees are degree programmes longer than four years in duration (e.g. MEng, MChem, MSci)

You can apply for a government loan to cover the full cost of your fees and the money will be paid directly to the University. The loan is not repayable until after graduation and you are earning a set salary.

For students living full-time in Scotland, students from Scotland and studying full-time in Scotland, the University will pay no more for their degree than they would for a three-year degree programme at Aberdeen.

For students living full-time in England:

[abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/tuition-fees](http://abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/tuition-fees)

For more information about our 2020/21 fees and the money will be paid directly to the University. The loan is not repayable until after graduation and you are earning a set salary.

For students living full-time in Scotland, students from Scotland and studying full-time in Scotland, the University will pay no more for their degree than they would for a three-year degree programme at Aberdeen.

For students living full-time in Wales:

[studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://studentfinancewales.co.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.

[abdn.ac.uk/infobahn/finance/tuition-fees](http://abdn.ac.uk/infobahn/finance/tuition-fees)

Our RUK scholarships are available based on two criteria. Access scholarships are there to support those who may otherwise struggle to meet the cost of studies, while merit scholarships are designed for those who have shown considerable academic potential in their A Level results. Students meeting the criteria of both scholarships are entitled to receive both payments. These scholarships are available in addition to applicable Government loans and grants and are automatically awarded to those who meet the criteria, so there is no need to apply. Scholarships are paid annually, where applicable, usually at the end of March or beginning of April.

[abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/finance](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/finance)

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](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/entrance-scholarships)

**University scholarships**

A number of additional scholarships are made available each year to students at the University.

[abdn.ac.uk/study/ug/scholarships](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/ug/scholarships)

**Other support**

Our Student Support Office provides a money advice service and can advise on personal budgeting. The Aberdeen University Students’ Associations (AUSA) Student Advice Centre can also help you find part-time work and vacation work if you need it, which won’t impact on your studies. Aberdeen’s ever growing local economy means there’s no shortage of holiday and part-time work on offer.

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**Scholarships and bursaries**

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](http://abdn.ac.uk/ugfinance)

**Scholarships for students from England, Northern Ireland and Wales**

Students from England, Northern Ireland and Wales, who pay tuition fees, may be eligible for specific RUK (Rest of UK) scholarships, allowing them to receive additional funding. These are designed to provide assistance to help students support themselves during their time here and also reward academic excellence.

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[abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/finance](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/finance)

**Entrance scholarships**

Each year we award entrance scholarships for undergraduate study. A number of these are generously supported by alumni, individuals and companies through the University of Aberdeen Development Trust. Most scholarships are worth at least £1,000 per year for each year of study. If successful, you will have an additional £3,000 to £5,000 — depending on the length of your degree course — to support you.

The award of a scholarship does not affect the amount you can borrow under the loan arrangements or other entitlements from public funds.

Applicants who meet the University’s criteria, and are applying for a full-time undergraduate degree course at the University of Aberdeen, can apply. Applicants do not have to be UK nationals and will be given equal consideration.

**“Being able to enjoy university life rather than worrying about the finances of higher education has given me the freedom to concentrate on my studies.”**

Allanah Gray.

Economics & Politics student
Widening Access

The University of Aberdeen has a long-standing commitment to widening access to higher education. We aim to create an outstanding and inclusive educational environment, ensuring every student has the opportunity to reach their potential. We try to raise aspirations and improve access to higher education for all.

Open to all
We want to encourage students from the widest possible range of backgrounds to participate in university studies, and we appreciate that not all students have the same opportunity to meet our standard entry requirements.

We look at every aspect of each application to decide if we can make an offer of entry that asks for reduced grades and/or participation in a pre-entry programme. For example if an applicant has had a period of illness that has impacted upon their education then we may be able to make them what is called an “adjusted” or reduced offer.

For more information on our admissions process and entry requirements, please see pages 51-53.

[web link: abdn.ac.uk/widening-access]
Summer School for Access
The Summer School for Access is a pre-entry programme providing a route into higher education for those whose current qualifications do not reflect their true potential for degree level study. The aim of this programme is to support those who come from low progression secondary schools, live in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 20 / 40 postcode areas and care leavers (other factors may also be taken into consideration). Please note that the Summer School for Access does not provide an alternative route into the University's Medicine or Music Programmes.

If you are made an adjusted offer of entry, you may be asked to take part in the Summer School for Access. If you are made an offer of entry at either the standard or minimum tariffs you can apply to take part in the summer school in order to gain an experience of University before you start.

If you are interested in doing this you should express a note of interest in your UCAS personal statement or in a separate letter. You will then be contacted by the admissions team. More information on the Summer School can be found at: [abdn.ac.uk/study/summer-school](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/summer-school)

Access Aberdeen
Access Aberdeen is a widening access to higher education scheme developed by the University of Aberdeen to support students in low progression schools and SIMD 20 postcode areas throughout Scotland. School pupils who have experience of being in care can also access support via this scheme.

The support offered can be tailored to the needs of a particular secondary school or individual. For example Access Aberdeen can provide talks on UCAS, Personal Statements workshops, support for Guidance Teachers, stalls at careers fairs, as well as more bespoke support.

For more information visit: [abdn.ac.uk/study/access-aberdeen](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/access-aberdeen)
Care Experienced Students

Care Experienced students who meet the relevant entry requirements (at the Standard, Minimum or Adjusted threshold levels) will be made an offer of entry into the University. A Care Experienced student is defined by Universities Scotland as: “Anyone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short. This care may have been provided in one of many different settings, such as residential care, foster care, kinship care or looked after at home with a supervision requirement.”

For general information on the University’s support for Care Experienced applicants and student please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/study/care-experienced-students

Estranged Applicants and Students

An Estranged Applicant is defined as any applicant or student (under the age of 26) who has been estranged from their immediate or extended families and who will receive no support from them whilst they are at University. Estranged applicants may benefit from a minimum or adjusted offer of entry. They can also access a wide range of support mechanisms whilst at University (e.g. financial support and advice).

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

The University is fully committed to supporting applicants, who have refugee or asylum status, and who wish to study towards a degree. If you have been granted Refugee and Asylum status (both those who have Home and RUK tuition fee status) you may benefit from an adjusted or reduced offer of entry. We recognise that you may not be in a position to provide evidence of your qualifications, however this is not necessarily a barrier to entry.

For more information on the types of support that are on offer to Refugees and Asylum seekers – including pre-application advice – please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/study/widening-access

Student Carers

The University of Aberdeen is fully committed to supporting Student Carers who wish to study full or part-time, at undergraduate or postgraduate level. If you have a caring role you may benefit from a minimum or adjusted offer of entry. The University accepts the following definition of an unpaid carer: “A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support.” (Carers Trust)

The University is a proud recipient of the Carers Trust’s Going Higher in Scotland Recognition Award.

British Military Service

If your parents are in the British Military, or you are a veteran or an early service leaver, you may benefit from an adjusted or reduced offer of entry. The University’s Student Recruitment and Admissions Service can provide pre-entry advice if you fall into one of these categories.

We would expect you to confirm that you have parents in British Military Service, or that you are a veteran or early service leaver in your UCAS personal statement or the reference statement. In August 2016 the University signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant. This commitment is reflected in our admissions policy and practice.

For more information visit:

abdn.ac.uk/study/widening-access
Articulation from college

The University welcomes applications from students who have previously studied at College. This includes students taking Access or SWAP courses, Foundation Apprenticeships and those who have undertaken HNC or HND qualifications.

Access/SWAP programmes
If you have a College Access or SWAP qualification, you may be able to gain entry into some of our degree programmes. For more information and advice please visit: abdn.ac.uk/study/articulation

Foundation Apprenticeships
Skills Development Scotland, alongside other partners, developed Foundation Apprenticeships. These Apprenticeships will be considered alongside Scottish Highers for entry into some of our degree programmes.

HNC/HND qualifications
If you have a Higher National Certificate (HNC) or a Higher National Diploma (HND) from College, you may be able to enter into our degree programmes from year 1 and 3. Your year of entry is determined by the grade you achieved and the curriculum covered in your qualification.

Our Widening Access team often visit these colleges to provide advice and support. For more information contact us at: accessaberdeen@abdn.ac.uk

Currently, we have partnerships with the following colleges:
• Dundee & Angus College
• Fife College
• Forth Valley College
• New College Lanarkshire
• North East Scotland College
abdn.ac.uk/study/articulation

Associate Status
If you are studying on an articulation route, with one of partner colleges, you will get the opportunity to be an Associate Student. This means you get access to the University’s campus facilities, including our library – in person and from a distance.

Visit us
We host Open Days, an Articulation Day (for college students only), an Offer Holder Day (for students who have received an offer of study from the University) and pre-bookable campus visits.
abdn.ac.uk/visit

Articulation Day
Articulation Day is held on campus every year at the University of Aberdeen. If you are studying a matching HNC/HND course, you are invited to come along. On the day you will meet our lecturers and admissions teams. You’ll also hear from students who were previously college students before coming to the University. Throughout the day you will get the opportunity to tour campus and join our students and staff in classes.

“When I first applied to come here from college I was delighted to be accepted, and the fact that the University has held the summer school has shown me why it has been the right decision.”
Matthew Drummond, third year Engineering student

How to apply
Applications should be submitted through UCAS (see pages 54 & 55) and each will be considered by our Academic Selectors on an individual basis. Please read pages 51-53 (Entry requirements explained) as it includes details on what you should mention in your personal statement.

We know the process of applying to university can be stressful, so we offer an advisory service on all UCAS applications from college. If we have any concerns about the subject or level you have applied for, we will get in touch with you directly to assist you with the application. In the meantime, if you have any questions, get in touch with us at:
accessaberdeen@abdn.ac.uk

Transitional Summer School Programmes
Some of our degree programmes have summer schools for College students. These programmes help bridge the gap between your College and University studies, ensuring you start term confident and prepared for University life.

You can see which Degrees are involved in the summer school on our webpage below:
abdn.ac.uk/study/articulation
What do I need to apply for the degree programme I want to study?

You'll need qualifications, a personal statement and a reference. For some specific courses you may also need to:

• attend an interview or an audition (for Primary School Teacher Training, Medicine, Dentistry or Music)
• provide detailed evidence of relevant work or voluntary experience in your personal statement
• sit an admissions test (This only applies for Medicine and Dentistry)
• If English is not your first language, as part of our entry requirements you will normally need to provide evidence of your English Language skills qualifications

We call these our entry requirements.

You also need to apply to UCAS on time:

• 15th October 2019 – deadline for applications for Medicine and Dentistry
• 15th January 2020 – deadline for all applicants for all other degree programmes

What qualifications and grades do I need?

The qualifications and grades you need vary by degree and may also depend on whether you meet one or more widening access criteria. The University of Aberdeen has three sets of entry requirements for the majority of its degree programmes.

Standard
The Standard entry requirements are what we would normally expect applicants, except those who meet one of our widening access criteria, to achieve in order to receive an offer of admission. Good performance in additional Highers / Advanced Highers may be required as part of a conditional offer.

Minimum
The Minimum entry requirements are what we normally expect applicants to have at the time they apply in order to be considered for an offer of admission. Good performance in additional Highers / Advanced Highers will normally be required as part of a conditional offer.

Adjusted
If applicants meet one or more of the widening access criteria the Adjusted entry requirements are what we would normally expect them to already have achieved at the time they apply. *Good performance in additional Highers / Advanced Highers will be required. These applicants may also be invited to take part in the University’s Summer School for Access as part of a conditional offer.

(*SQA Applicants Only: The University recognises that some applicants may not have achieved any entry qualifications by the time they apply as they are taking the requisite qualifications in sixth year. If this is the case then their application would still be considered, and the University may make them an appropriate offer of admission).
Am I a widening access student?

We aim to identify each applicant’s full talent and potential and look beyond grades to do this. We consider you to be a widening access student if you:

• live in a target postcode area.
• attend a target secondary school or college;
• have completed a Scottish wider access programme (SWAP);
• have spent time in care;
• have an unpaid caring role;
• are estranged from your family and living without family support;
• have government recognised refugee or asylum status;
• have, as a child or young person, experienced the children’s panel process;
• identify as coming from a Gypsy, Roma or travelling community;
• are in the first generation of your family to attend university;
• have been in receipt of free school meals;
• have been in receipt of education maintenance allowance (EMA);
• have experienced a mental health issue that has impacted on your education during the senior phase (S4-S6);
• have experienced a physical health issue that has impacted on your education during the senior phase (S4-S6);
• have a home address that is considered to be in an area that is remote and rural by the Scottish government;
• have a parent or parents who have a custodial sentence;
• have a parent or parents in British military service;
• have been in British military service (veterans / early service leavers).

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and that the University may consider other criteria or circumstances under Widening Access. To check if you meet one or more of these criteria please visit: abdn.ac.uk/widening-access

Please note, the University can check if you meet some of the criteria listed using the information supplied in your UCAS application.

Do you accept HNCs and HNDs?

Higher National Certificates (HNC) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) may allow you to enter 2nd or 3rd year of your programme, dependent upon the HNC/HND programme and the course to be studied at the University.

You will need to achieve the stated entry requirements to be considered for an offer.

The University has a number of articulation agreements with Colleges across Scotland. You can check if your College has an articulation agreement at: abdn.ac.uk/articulation

I am a mature student, can I apply?

The University welcomes learners of all ages. If you left school a number of years ago, you can still apply to University. If you have had a break of at least three years from formal education (e.g. school, college, Open University) then you will need to have undertaken some recent academic study. The following are some examples of the types of qualifications that we might accept:

• Access programmes, such as the Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP)
• Open University credits
• HNCs and HNDs

We may be able to accept other qualifications. The University’s Admissions team can help you to determine if you meet these criteria.
Choose your degree
Check out the programme section in this prospectus
abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree-programmes

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

Check the application process
Make sure you know exactly what is required to apply for the degree.

Complete your UCAS Application
Deadline is 15 October 2019 for Medicine and Dentistry and 15 January 2020 for all other degrees.

Make your choice
Make Aberdeen your first choice by early May.

Results day
If you’re waiting for results they are released in July and August and we will confirm your place if all conditions are met.

UCAS & admissions information
You should apply online to UCAS. Schools and colleges can provide advice and guidance. UCAS will accept applications for 2020 from September 2019. If you wish to contact UCAS from outside the UK, you can write to them at the address provided below, or visit their website.

Education, Medicine and Music interviews
If you have applied for one of these degrees you may be called for an interview or audition.

Closing dates
15 October 2019 for all Dental, Veterinary Science and Medicine applicants and anyone including the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge among their choices. 15 January 2020 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 2019 or 15 January 2020.

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

Admissions policy
For further information on our admissions policy, or to download it in full, visit abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/admissions-policy

University starts!
Get ready to join us.
abdn.ac.uk/study
**Entry requirements**

The MA in Arts and Social Sciences

The MA degree (Master of Arts) is a very flexible degree offered by Ancient Scottish Universities. In their first year, most students will study one or two (or even three) additional subjects alongside their main degree subject(s), narrowing down to two subjects in second year. In their third and fourth years they can specialise in just one subject for single honours, or continue with two (dividing their timetable equally) for joint honours. Many first year classes are open to you (subject only to timetabling constraints) even if you have not studied the subject before, and this allows you to experiment with new subjects and add breadth to your academic profile.

The tradition in Scotland is to admit students to a particular kind of degree (e.g. the MA or the BSc) rather than to a particular subject or course. You do have to name particular subjects on your UCAS application, but essentially we admit you to the MA degree rather than specifically to the MA in Anthropology or History or Philosophy, for example. As a result, it is possible in most cases to change your subject preference after you get here, irrespective of your UCAS subject choices. All single honours students and most joint honours students have the opportunity to study a foreign language as part of their degree. You can start any of the languages we offer as a complete beginner, and if you follow language courses for two years this is specially noted on your degree certificate.

**What kind of degree?**

Honours degrees normally take four years to complete, but if you have appropriate advanced qualifications in the subject(s) concerned, you may be able to come directly into second year. This would mean missing the flexibility of the first year experience, so it is a pathway that is best suited for people who have a very clear idea of what they would like to study, but it does allow you to graduate in three years. It is also possible to change, at the end of second year, from an honours degree to a designated degree (ie a three-year non-honours degree), if your interests change and you decide to graduate early.

**Employment prospects**

Arts degrees are sometimes thought of as educationally attractive but not clearly job-related. However, some degrees within the arts and social sciences area are strongly vocational: most graduates in Accountancy, Business, Computing, Mathematics and Real Estate, for example, will have no difficulty in finding a job, and will be employed because of the knowledge and skills they have acquired at university.

As with most science students, however, the majority of graduates in arts and social sciences subjects go into careers in which they may not often use their subject knowledge directly. They therefore have access to a wide range of career openings, because a great many job vacancies are for holders of degrees in any subject.

Employers are looking for the qualities that any good graduate will have: the ability to understand a lot of new information quickly; to form an opinion on it and to express that opinion persuasively in speech and writing; adaptability; good time management and the capacity to meet deadlines; independence and an ability to work reliably without supervision.

Your studies – whatever the subject – are only part of the story. Employers will also be interested in how much you gained from the informal opportunities universities offer to extend your experience, take risks and show enterprise, whether in the debating chamber, on a university expedition, performing in a concert or working for a student charity campaign.

**Entry requirements**

With the very wide range of arts and social sciences degrees, some in subjects taught in school, but many not, it is appropriate the we should have a very flexible entrance policy. Entry requirements are rarely subject-specific; we are more interested in your overall ability than in the precise content of your pre-university studies.
Degrees in Arts and Social Sciences
2020 – MA/MA (honours)

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Applicants choosing to resit a Higher in which they achieved a grade C or below in their first attempt will normally be required to achieve an A-grade in their second attempt. If the Higher at C was achieved in S4, this policy does not apply, even if the resit is not until S6.

We are keen to encourage people from the widest possible range of backgrounds to participate in university studies, and we appreciate that not all applicants have the same opportunity to meet our standard entry requirements. For this reason we take certain information into account when deciding on the exact grades we might require in any given case. For more information see our ‘Entry requirements explained’ pages found on pages 61-63.

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The University of Aberdeen is a major international centre for teaching and research in all divisions of scientific study. It also has the advantage of close connections with local research institutes and Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, advancing the frontiers of knowledge in areas such as environmental science, human nutrition, fisheries research and medically related sciences.

Unique facilities
Aberdeen has an unparalleled provision of buildings and equipment for science teaching and research. From the Zoology building, overlooking the University’s Botanical Garden to the striking Institute of Medical Science located at the Foresthill site, the University has outstanding resources to sustain its teaching and research programmes. The University has recently invested in the development of a state of the art Science Teaching Hub which is currently being built and is due to open in 2021.

Flexibility and breadth
The University of Aberdeen BSc degree structure is an extremely flexible. When you apply, you are asked to nominate a specific degree title. However, admittance is actually to the general BSc Pure Science programme. Within this programme, you are free to change your degree intention to any of those listed in the BSc section of the prospectus. There are a few exceptions: the Biomedical Sciences, MChem, and some MSci degrees have higher entry requirements than other science degrees, and consequently formal approval is required before changing degree intention to one of these degrees.

Qualifications
Students are normally admitted to a four year honours degree programme. However, students who opt to complete their studies after one, two or three years can also receive an appropriate qualification. The BSc can be awarded after successful completion of three full years of study. The BSc designated degree is a named variant of the BSc reflecting the fact that the curriculum has concentrated on a particular discipline in third year.

The honours BSc requires four years of full-time study. The degree classification is usually based on the student’s performance in the third and fourth year.

There are also a number of integrated Masters programmes (e.g. MChem, and MSci), which require five years of full-time study. These degrees often include an integral industrial placement.

A student who leaves the University after one, two or three years of study can apply to be re-admitted to study for a more advanced qualification.

Study and assessment
Generally, teaching is via lectures, tutorials, and laboratory classes. Depending on the subject, there may also be opportunities for online learning, field trips and group or individual projects.

Course assessment is usually a mixture of continuous assessment and written examinations. Continuous assessment may be based on laboratory reports, project dissertations, essays and other types of assignment. Written examinations are held at the end of each half-session of teaching. In the fourth year, a considerable period of time is spent on an individual research or investigative project.

Employment prospects
As a science graduate from Aberdeen you will be well equipped for a wide range of high-quality employment opportunities. With a good honours classification you will also be qualified for study towards a higher degree or PhD study.

Good Aberdeen graduates are highly regarded, and consequently many major employers in industry and commerce target the University in their annual recruiting exercises. An extremely high percentage of science graduates secure good jobs or further study/training opportunities within six months of graduation.

Entrance requirements
Our flexible curriculum allows students to change degree intention within the overall science programme on commencement of study or later. As a consequence of this flexibility, our entrance requirements are expressed in very general 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.

A student applying for one of these degrees who does not have the required background may still be offered a place, but in this case may be directed towards one of the other science degrees for which their background provides a better preparation.

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. Such 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 GCSE A Level, HNC or SQA 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 64-65 and 66-67 for more information.

Enhanced Study
You may have the opportunity to take Enhanced Study options as part of your degree and participate in co-curricular activities. See pages 20 and 21 for more information.
Degrees in Sciences (continued)

Why undertake a year’s industrial placement?
Employers now expect an impressive list of skills, knowledge and experience in their graduate recruits. They welcome ‘transferable skills’ acquired during a work placement, such as communication, numeracy, use of IT, group work and time management. In addition to allowing you to experience workplace culture, completing an industrial placement makes you a more effective employee following graduation. Increasingly, placements or periods of work experience are being used as a tool by employers for pre-selecting the best students for graduate roles. An industrial placement year may therefore become a passport to employment where employers consider a work placement as a central part of their graduate recruitment process.

Finding a placement
The application process for placements starts at the beginning of the academic year prior to the placement commencing. Throughout the application process students receive the full support of the Industrial Placement Coordinator and the University Careers Service. Students remain registered with the University during their placement year, and receive guidance and advice from the University for the duration of the year in industry. At the end of their placement year students return to the University to complete their final year of study: their honours year.

A complete package!
For students wishing to maximise their career opportunities, we offer the complete package of Medical Science degrees with Industrial Placement and Bio-business. These five year MSci degrees will prepare the student for either a career in industry or a further postgraduate qualification, eg PhD or MBA. For information please visit: abdn.ac.uk/sms/undergraduate/medical-sciences/industrial-placements

Why choose Aberdeen?
The Bio-business options here at the University of Aberdeen are a unique opportunity for you as a medical scientist to find out about the commercialisation of scientific ideas. You will be given the chance to learn about the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries and help in understanding the language of the Bio-business sector. The Bio-business options are for scientists who want to become business savvy while maintaining the quality of their science.

Background
The biotechnology industry is one of the fastest growing areas in the UK and at the University of Aberdeen we want to be the first in the higher education sector to train our graduates for these emerging opportunities. Scotland is often at the forefront of ground-breaking scientific achievements. Indeed, science income in Scotland by GDP is amongst the best in the world, however, when it comes to commercialisation of our science – making that critical journey from the lab to the marketplace – we could be better. To help solve this issue, we introduced Bio-Business options.

What is Bio-business?
This exciting programme aims to introduce undergraduate students to the basic concepts of business and how these can be used in conjunction with their scientific training. The courses will give students an unprecedented insight into the rapidly expanding Medical Sciences industry – a sector where Scotland’s excellence is acknowledged around the world. We will challenge students to think about the nature of research when driven by commercial outcomes.

Why take Bio-business options?
The Bio-business programme will produce graduates who are first-class scientists but with the potential to be the next generation of bio-entrepreneurs. Many of the future recruitment opportunities for students with medical science skills will involve roles in Bio-business rather than exclusively research at the bench. Bio-business options will broaden career opportunities, allowing successful students to pursue postgraduate training for a PhD or MBA.

Course structure
The Bio-business components will concentrate on models that relate directly to the commercialisation of science and technology. There are three courses studied as part of the Bio-business option: Introduction to Bio-business can be taken in either first or second year; Bio-business and Advanced Bio-business are taken in third and fourth year respectively. The teaching is in the form of lectures, tutorials and seminars with assessment by presentation, essays and reports. Experts from Bio-business, intellectual property, law and finance will be brought in specifically to teach our Bio-business students. Students will even be given the chance to run their own virtual biotechnology company to see if they have what it takes to be a director of a business in this burgeoning sector, and to develop the skills required when pitching for funding. For information please: abdn.ac.uk/sms/undergraduate/medical-sciences/biobusiness-options

Five year degrees and industrial placements
A number of our degree programmes offer students the opportunity to study for 5 years and graduate with an integrated Masters degree instead of a BSc. The format of the extra year varies in each discipline but all involve either an extended research project or some time spent in an industrial, commercial or research environment where students will obtain a breadth of practical experience to complement their degree programme. The following degrees are available as 5 year degree programmes:
- MChem
- MSci (Computing Science)
- MGeroL
- MSci (Biological Sciences)
- MSci (Medical Sciences)

MSci Medical Science industrial placement year
All degree programmes offered by the School of Medical Sciences offer the opportunity for students to undertake a year’s placement in an industrial, commercial or research environment, provided the student successfully completes their first three years to a satisfactory standard. Students can spend the fourth year of their degree in paid employment and graduate after five years with an MSci (an integrated Masters Degree) instead of a BSc.

We currently have links with a number of different companies and have placed students in companies such as Novartis, GlaxoSmithKline, the Sanger Institute and NIMR, as well as a number of smaller companies both in the UK and abroad.

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An ancient university with choices
Accountancy

Accountancy at Aberdeen gives you a thorough grounding in theory, practice and business skills, taught by experts in accounting practice, with the advantage of real-life employers and scenarios integrated into your programme. You will gain a path to professional accreditation, and the skills, experience and attributes to give you a head start whether you aim for chartered accountancy or another option in the fast-moving world of business and finance.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- A UK top three university for the impact of world-leading research carried out by our business and management experts. (Times Higher Education rankings by subject for REF 2014).
- Aberdeen is the main European centre for the oil and gas industry. International accountancy firms, multinational companies and financial services all have offices in the city.
- We have professional facilities to assist you with your studies. For example, we have a virtual Bloomberg trading floor. This helps integrate the real activity of financial markets into your degree.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Accounting and Accountability
- Accounting and Entrepreneurship
- The Economics of Business and Society
- Finance 1: Finance, Risk and Investment
- The International Context of Business 2

YEAR 2
- Management Accounting 2
- Financial Accounting 2
- Understanding Statistics

YEARS 3 AND 4
- Auditing
- Management Accounting 3
- Financial Accounting 3
- Accounting Theory
- Dissertation in Accountancy

University league rankings


Recent graduate roles include

- Audit Assistant
- Business Development Manager
- Financial Analyst
- Fund Accountant
- Trainee Tax Accountant

Recent graduate employers

- Anderson Anderson & Brown
- GE
- Johnston Carmichael
- KPMG
- Standard Life
- Valu-Trac Investment Management

Accreditations

The University of Aberdeen’s courses are accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS), CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) and ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), which can form part of a direct path to being granted exemptions from the examinations necessary to get professional qualification status.

Graduate employment statistic

90% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

- Business Management – page 90
- Finance – page 112
- Economics – page 106

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/accountancy

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard: AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum: BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted: BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

A LEVELS

Standard: BBB

Minimum: BBC

Adjusted: CCC

National 5/GCSE, or equivalent in Mathematics is required.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA Accountancy

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Animal Behaviour

Why do wolves hunt in packs while cats hunt alone? Why do birds sing? Why do some animals have multiple mates and others only one?

Animal Behaviour is an interdisciplinary degree and field of science that examines the interactions between behaviour and biology. An organism’s evolutionary history and current environmental conditions drive behaviour, and feedback from behavioural decisions in turn drives evolutionary processes.

Our Animal Behaviour degree differs from our Zoology degree because it includes courses from Psychology in the first two years. It also differs from the Behavioural Biology degree as this programme focuses more on the organism as a whole and less on neuroscience.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Unique programme offering study in the fields of biology and psychology – understand behaviour from all angles: evolution, development, mechanisms and adaptive significance.
- Teaching from researchers in biology and psychology gives access to the cutting edge of both subject areas.
- Academic and transferable skills are built in to the learning experience to maximise employability.
- Links with the Edinburgh Zoo provide an unrivalled opportunity to directly interact with a diverse range of animal species.
- In the REF 2014, the University of Aberdeen was 15th across the UK in Biological Sciences for research impact and 1st in the UK for Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Science. (Times Higher Education rankings by subject for REF 2014.)
- You will have the opportunity to get involved in research through summer research assistantships, project work and a compulsory final year research project.
- We host regular careers events, where you will have the opportunity to listen to and meet prospective employers from outside the University, giving you excellent opportunities to get a fulfilling and challenging job in a biological field.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Frontiers in Biological Sciences
- Introduction to Psychology 1 and 2
- Diversity of Life 1 and 2
- Ecology and Environmental Science
- The Cell

YEAR 2
- Biological Enhanced Skills Training
- Advanced Psychology A: Concepts and Theory
- Genes and Evolution
- Ecology
- Advanced Psychology B: Concepts and Theory
- Principles of Animal Physiology

One of the following field courses:
- Coastal Biodiversity
- Parasitology
- Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecology
- Fish and Shellfish Biology

YEAR 3
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Animal Evolution and Biodiversity
- Animal Management and Welfare
- Behavioural Biology
- Field Skills in Animal Behaviour

YEAR 4
- Honours Project (Semester 1)
- Advanced Behavioural Ecology

Recent graduate employers

- Fife Council
- Lanta Animal Welfare
- Slovak Wildlife Society Working for Wildlife

Career development

Graduates in Animal Behaviour can expect employment opportunities in industries such as pharmaceuticals and applied medicine, conservation and natural resource management, education and research. This degree may also be a good choice as a pre-medical degree programme for international students interested in medicine, veterinary science or dentistry.

National Student Survey

96% Overall Satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

85% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

- Zoology – page 216
- Behavioural Biology – page 78

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:

BBB

Adjusted:

BB

Recent graduate employers

Lanta Animal Welfare
Fife Council

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Animal Behaviour

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.
Anthropology at Aberdeen is a fascinating exploration of what it means to be human in diverse societies and cultures across the world. We explore questions of identity, politics, environment and religion — among many others — using the first-hand experience of staff who carry out long-term research. Our expertise covers the polar north, Scotland and the UK, Tibet, Central Asia, North Africa and South America. Our Anthropology programme is a brilliant foundation for many careers.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Anthropology research and teaching at Aberdeen are closely linked. We offer a fresh vision of Anthropology as a contemporary discipline with real-world relevance.
- If you are a Single Honours student, you’ll receive practical methods training and you will have the opportunity to take part in fieldwork for your own research project. Joint honours students can also carry out independent study projects. Both Single and Joint Honours students get personal supervision from a member of staff.
- Our staff carry out long-term fieldwork with communities around the world and bring their research into their teaching.
- We use a wide range of primary sources and practical examples to give you skills in analysis, interpretation and communication.
- A vibrant student Anthropology Society organises academic and social events to bring together students and staff outside the classroom.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

**YEAR 1**
- Introduction to Anthropology: Peoples of the World
- Introduction to Anthropology: Questions of Diversity

**YEAR 2**
- Key Debates in Anthropology
- Reimagining Colonialism

**YEAR 3**
- Anthropological Theory
- Doing Anthropological Research
- Ethnography
- Research Project Part 1

Optional courses of your choice including:
- Medical Anthropology
- Religion, Power and Belief
- Emotion, Self and Society
- Nature and Society

**YEAR 4**
- Research Project

Optional courses of your choice including:
- More Than Human
- Anthropology, Museums and Society
- The Political Anthropology of Indigenous Rights
- The Constitutional Imagination
- Roads: Mobility, Movement and Migration
- Anthropology and Art
- Anthropology of the North

More course information:
[abdn.ac.uk/ug/anthropology](http://abdn.ac.uk/ug/anthropology)
Archaeology

From the origins of our species to the events of yesterday, Archaeology is the only discipline that offers you the human past in its entirety. It is a subject that actively shapes our understanding of human past through discovery and insights made in the field, the lab or the library.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Our staff are leading scientists, researchers and fieldworkers in Northern Europe, Scandinavia, the North Atlantic and high latitude regions from Siberia and Mongolia to North America.
- Study in a school ranked top in Scotland for research. (Times Higher Education REF rankings by subject 2014).
- Our approach is unique in the United Kingdom and draws on some of the richest archaeological resources in the world.
- Our staff are actively engaged in field projects in the north, including in Scotland itself, answering questions about the human past from the earliest colonisation of the north to later expansions.
- Fieldwork is an important part of the degree, with field-trips to see local monuments available at Level 1 and a range of field-school opportunities at Level 2.
- Our degree system allows for joint degree study in these subjects, choice and flexibility in your programme of study — allowing you to follow your own particular interests and enthusiasms.
- BSc +MA Degrees available

Example degree structure – BSc Archaeology

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Caves to Kingdoms: an Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology
- Archaeology in Action

YEAR 2
- Prehistoric Britain: From Boxgrove to Bede
- Test Tubes and Trowels: an Introduction to Archaeological Science
- Past Lives
- The Archaeology of the North: Lifeways & Cultural Change

YEAR 3
- Advanced Archaeological Science
- Professional Archaeology I: Field Methods
- Archæological Research Project Part I
- Professional Archaeology II: Post – Excavation Analysis and Employment
- Archaeological Fieldwork Portfolio

YEAR 4
- Archaeological Research Project Part II
- Current Issues in Archaeology
- Bioarchaeology: Biological Approaches in Archaeology
- A choice of specialist Archaeology courses

Example degree structure – MA Archaeology

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses at time of going to print are shown.

YEAR 1
- Archaeology in Action: an Introduction
- Caves to Kingdoms: an Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology

YEAR 2
- Prehistoric Britain: From Boxgrove to Bede
- Test Tubes and Trowels: an Introduction to Archaeological Science
- Past Lives
- The Archaeology of the North: Lifeways & Cultural Change

YEAR 3
- Archaeological Fieldwork Portfolio
- Professional Archaeology I: Field Methods
- Professional Archaeology Research Project Part I
- Professional Archaeology Research Project Part II — Post – Excavation Analysis and Employment

YEAR 4
- Archaeological Research Project Part II
- Current Issues in Archaeology
- A choice of specialist Archaeology courses

Recent graduate employers

- MOLA Headland
- Pre-Construct Archaeology
- University of Aberdeen

Recent graduate roles

- Archaeological Site Assistant
- Archaeological Tour Operator
- Archaeologist
- Assistant Manager
- Research Assistant

Graduate employment statistic

85% of graduates go on to work and/or further study six months after graduating — UNISTATS 2018.

University league rankings

UK top 20 for Archaeology — Complete University Guide 2018

Entry requirements

See table on page 58, 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
- AABB

Adjusted:
- BB

Minimum:
- BBB

BBB

Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers will normally be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
- BBB

Minimum:
- BBC

Adjusted:
- CCC

* BSc entry requires good performance in at least two Mathematics/ Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58 and 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Archaeology
- MA Archaeology

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Behavourial Biology

Behavourial Biology is an interdisciplinary degree and field of science that examines the bidirectional interactions between behaviour and biology. An organism’s genetic, physiological and immunological processes drive behaviour, just as an individual’s behaviour will impact on its physiological and immunological state.

Our Behavioural Biology degree differs from our Animal Behaviour degree as the focus is predominantly on Tinbergen’s questions on the mechanisms and functional significance of behaviour, and less on the evolutionary and development principles.

**Why choose Aberdeen?**

- Unique programme offering study in the parallel fields of biology and psychology: biologists, psychologists and neuroscientists focus on similar questions about the brain and behaviour, but they approach the questions differently. The Behavioural Biology programme bridges these traditional fields, and provides a new way of viewing an individual’s behaviour from multiple perspectives.
- Teaching from researchers in biology, psychology and medical fields gives access to cutting edge facilities and a diverse range of expertise.
- The curriculum is based on popular equivalent programmes in the USA.
- Academic and transferable skills are built in to the learning experience to maximise employability.
- Links with Edinburgh Zoo and the Highland Wildlife Park provide an opportunity to directly interact with a diverse range of animal species.
- Cross-institutional links increase access to a wide range of resources typically used in medical sciences, such as in-vivo imaging, histology and tissue cultures.
- You will have the opportunity to get involved in research through summer research assistantships, project work and a compulsory final year research project.

- At our regular careers events you will have the opportunity to listen to and meet prospective employers from outside the University, giving you excellent opportunities to get a fulfilling and challenging job in a biological field.

**Example degree structure**

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

**YEAR 1**
- Frontiers in Biological Sciences
- Introduction to Psychology 1 and 2
- The Cell
- Chemistry for Life Sciences 1 and 2
- Diversity of Life 2

**YEAR 2**
- Advanced Psychology: Concepts and Theory A and B
- Genes & Evolution
- Ecology
- Principles of Animal Physiology
- Biological Enhanced Skills Training

**YEAR 3**
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Animal Evolution and Biodiversity
- Biological Psychology
- Behavioural Biology
- Neuroscience and Neuropharmacology
- Consciousness
- Field Skills in Animal Behaviour

**YEAR 4**
You will carry out a research project and complete five courses. Four are of your choosing and can include Advanced Behavioural Ecology and Advanced Vector Biology, among others.
- Honours Project
- Cognitive Neuroscience

**University league rankings**

Top 30 UK University for Biological Sciences

**Career development**

Graduates in Behavioural Biology can expect employment opportunities in industries such as pharmaceuticals and applied medicine, veterinary practice, government education and research programmes and animal welfare.

Recent employers have included:
- Clyde River Foundation
- Life WolfAlps
- RSPB
- Shetland Islands Council

You may also like

- Animal Behaviour – page 72
- Zoology – page 216

**National Student Survey**

96% Overall Satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

85% of our graduates go on to employment or further study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

More course information: [abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences](http://abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences)
Biochemistry

Biochemistry is the branch of science that combines biology with chemistry to study the molecules in living organisms, and how they interact with each other. Biochemists make important contributions to our understanding of how life works, leading to advances in health, agriculture and many other areas. Many advances in medicine result from progress in the biochemical understanding of disease.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Teaching combines core knowledge with developments at the forefront of science, allowing you to gain an understanding of life you can apply in many different areas.
- Teaching staff are actively involved in world-leading research at the Institute of Medical Sciences, a dedicated research facility.
- Research projects provide you with the opportunity to experience working in a research focused laboratory environment.
- You will receive training in both science and employment-related skills.
- Innovative and flexible teaching allows you to follow special interests.
- Opportunities for gaining (paid) experience in industry are available to you during the degree programme.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Introduction to Medical Sciences
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 1 and 2
- The Cell

YEAR 2
- Genes and Evolution
- Molecular Biology of the Gene
- Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
- Energy for Life
- Microbes, Infection and Immunity
- Research Skills for Medical Sciences

YEAR 3
- Molecular Biology of the Cell
- The Molecular Control of Cell Function

YEAR 4
- Honours Biochemistry – Option 1 and Option 2
- Honours Advanced Molecular Biology
- Biochemistry Honours Research Project

Recent graduate job roles

- Analyst
- Biomedical Support Worker
- Business Planning Coordinator
- Chemist
- Clinical Scientist
- Drug Discovery Scientist
- Lab Technician
- Office Coordinator
- Publishing Editor

Recent graduate employers

- Aberdeen City Council
- Accunostics
- Charles River Laboratories
- GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)
- PA Consulting
- Royal Society of Chemistry

National Student Survey

100% of students said that staff were good at explaining things – NSS 2018.

You may also like

- Biology – page 84
- Chemistry – page 94
- Molecular Biology – page 180

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard: AABB
- Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum: BBB
- Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted: BB
- Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard: BBB
- Applicants who have achieved B and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers will be required.

Minimum: BBC
- Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers will be required.

Adjusted: CCC
- Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Biochemistry
- MSci Biochemistry with Industrial Placement (for entry requirements see page 67)

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/biochemistry
Biological Sciences

Studying biological sciences helps you develop a broad understanding of the nature of living things, from molecules and cells, organisms and populations, to communities and biomes.

The five year undergraduate Masters (MSci) programme is for those who wish to graduate with a qualification that goes beyond the traditional four year honours degree. The additional year helps you to develop your research skills during an extended laboratory or field-based project.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Our researchers work on birds, mammals, and invertebrates in terrestrial and marine environments and plants in all environments from alpine to the tropics.
- You will benefit from the range of teaching and research we have to offer in everything from advanced molecular research in the laboratory to pioneering field work in the mountains, deep sea and tropics.
- You will gain invaluable experience from attending at least one of our highly-rated residential field courses in the Cairngorms, Shetland, Spain or at one of our own facilities, namely The Lighthouse (Sea Mammal Research Centre) on the Black Isle, and the field centre at Bettyhill, on the north coast of Sutherland.
- You will have the opportunity to get involved in our research through summer research assistantships, project work and a compulsory final year research project.
- At our regular careers events you will have the opportunity to listen to and meet prospective employers from outside the University, giving you excellent opportunities to get a fulfilling and challenging job in a biological field.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Frontiers in Biological Sciences
- Diversity of Life 1 and 2
- Ecology and Environmental Science
- The Cell

YEAR 2
- Biological Enhanced Skills Training (BEST)
- Genes & Evolution or Ecology
- Principles of Animal Physiology or Plants, People and the Environment

YEAR 3
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Animal Evolution and Biodiversity
- Environmental Physiology or Plant-Environment Interactions

YEAR 4
- Honours Project
- Grant proposal (5 year MSci)

YEAR 5 (MSCI ONLY)
- Research Project
- Public Communication of Science
- Plus two options from our MSci programmes

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences

Career development

Graduates find full-time employment in a wide range of careers. Typical employers include universities, research institutes, Government agencies (eg SEPA, SNH), environmental consultancies, charities (including WWF and RSPB), the NHS, libraries and commercial enterprises in aquaculture, animal nutrition and animal health. One of the great advantages of having a Biological Sciences degree from the University of Aberdeen is that it provides you with a very broad range of skills to offer employers. Not only do we train students in scientific methodology in the laboratory and in the field, we incorporate what we call ‘graduate attributes’ into the whole curriculum. Employers now expect an impressive list of skills, knowledge and experience in their graduate recruits and we aim to help you acquire these.

Recent graduate employers

- Environmental Consultancy
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Natural England
- National Trust for Scotland
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Science Communication (eg Scubazoo)
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Scottish Seabird Centre

National Student Survey

100% of students said that staff were good at explaining things — NSS 2018.

University league rankings

26th in the UK for Biological Sciences — The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019.

You may also like

- Biology – page 84

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

AABB
- Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Highers will be normally required.

Minimum:

BBB
- Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:

BB
- Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Highers will be normally required.

A LEVELS

Standard:

BBB
- Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Minimum:

BBC
- Applicants who have achieved BBC (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Highers will be normally required.

Adjusted:

CCC
- Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Biological Sciences
- MSci Biological Sciences (for entry requirements see page 67)
Biology

Our degree in Biology requires you to develop a broad understanding of the nature of living things, from molecules and cells to organisms and populations, communities and biomes but, crucially, it also allows you to become a specialist in the area that is of most interest to you. Your courses (modules) will give you an excellent foundation in the theory and practical elements behind the study of life and provide you with the technical skills to pursue your own interests through your project work. You will graduate with a deep understanding of terrestrial and marine environments and the wealth of organisms that live there.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Having over fifty members of staff with different research interests means that later in your degree you can work within one of our research groups, carrying out cutting-edge research in an area of biology that attracts you.
- Our researchers work on birds, mammals, invertebrates in terrestrial and marine environments and plants in all environments from alpine to the tropics.
- You will benefit from the extraordinary breadth of teaching and research we have to offer and have the opportunity to get involved in everything from advanced molecular research in the laboratory to pioneering field work in the mountains, deep sea and tropics.
- You will gain invaluable experience from attending at least one of our highly-rated residential field courses in the Cairngorms, Shetland, Yorkshire, Spain or at one of our own facilities, namely The Lighthouse (Sea Mammal Research Centre) on the Black Isle, and the field centre at Bettyhill, on the north coast of Sutherland.
- You will have the opportunity to get involved in our research through summer research assistantships, project work, and a compulsory final year research project.
- At our regular careers events, you will have the opportunity to listen to and meet prospective employers from outside the University, giving you excellent opportunities to get a fulfilling and challenging job in a biological field.

Example degree structure

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YEAR 1
- Frontiers in Biological Sciences
- Diversity of Life 1 and 2
- The Cell
- Ecology and Environmental Science

YEAR 2
- Genes and Evolution
- Biological Enhanced Skills Training (BEST)
- Ecology
- Plants, People, and the Environment
- Principles of Animal Physiology
- Ocean Biology

One of the following field courses:
- Plants and their Habitats in Northern Scotland
- Parasitology
- Coastal Biodiversity
- Fish and Shellfish Biology
- Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecology

YEAR 3
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Animal Evolution and Biodiversity
- Plant Environment Interactions
- Environmental Physiology

YEAR 4
You will carry out a research project and complete five courses of your choosing. The research project can be undertaken in any of the biological disciplines.

Career development

Biology courses are designed to provide a broad set of specialist and generic skills. A considerable number of graduates continue their education by studying for higher degrees. Graduates find full-time employment in a wide range of careers. Typical employers include universities, research institutes, Government agencies (e.g. SEPA, SNH), environmental consultancies, environmental charities, the NHS, and commercial enterprises in aquaculture, animal nutrition and animal health. Not only do we train students in scientific methodology in the laboratory and in the field, we incorporate what we call ‘graduate attributes’ into the whole curriculum. Employers now expect an impressive list of skills, knowledge and experience in their graduate recruits and we aim to help you acquire these.

Recent graduate employers
- Clyde River Foundation
- Life WolfAlps
- RSPB
- Shetland Islands Council

National Student Survey

100% Overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

University league rankings


More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences

You may also like

- Biological Sciences – page 82
- Behavioural Biology – page 78

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:

BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:

BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:

BBB

Minimum:

BBC

Adjusted:

CCC

* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Biology

Accreditations

This degree is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology.
Biomedical Sciences

Biomedical Scientists bring together a broad range of subjects including anatomy, biochemistry, developmental biology, molecular biology, pharmacology and physiology. These combine to generate powerful multidisciplinary approaches to help unravel the problems associated with human diseases and to develop medicines and therapies to treat them. Biomedical Scientists are, therefore, often found at the cutting edge of medical research.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Our degrees provide you with the scientific content of pre-clinical medicine and the opportunity to study cellular processes from the whole-body perspective.
- You will gain a deep understanding in core medical sciences and have the opportunity to study specific subjects such as medical sciences and a specialism chosen from anatomy, developmental biology, molecular biology, pharmacology and physiology.
- Biomedical scientists in Aberdeen have made major medical advances, including co-discovery of insulin (receiving a Nobel Prize) and discovery of the brain’s morphine-like chemicals, the endorphins.
- You will acquire core skills and knowledge vital for a successful career. This will also provide you with the ideal training for progression to graduate programmes in medical research, medicine, dentistry and other healthcare professions.
- Excellent teaching: 91% of our students were satisfied with teaching on courses in Medical Sciences and 96% of our students were satisfied that staff made the subject interesting (2018 National Student Survey).
- Modern teaching facilities and laboratories will enhance your learning and provide you with an opportunity to experience working in a research focused laboratory environment.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Introduction to Medical Sciences
- Chemistry for Life Sciences 1 and 2
- The Cell

YEAR 2
- Human Anatomy 1 and 2 (Dissection of Human Cadaveric Material)
- Physiology of Human Cells
- Physiology of Human Organ Systems
- Molecular Biology of the Gene
- Energy for Life (Biochemistry)

YEAR 3
Specialised courses in:
- Anatomy
- Developmental Biology
- Molecular Biology
- Pharmacology
- Physiology

YEAR 4
One half of the year explores biomedical topics within your chosen specialist discipline. The other half comprises a full-time, ten-week research project within a research institution, experiencing original research work in an active environment.

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

- Clinical Safety Scientist
- Data Transformation Analyst
- Junior Scientific Advisor
- Laboratory Researcher

Recent graduate employers

- Charles River Laboratories
- deCODE Genetics
- Icelandic Red Cross
- NHS Grampian
- Pro Pharma Group
- Scotia Biologics

National Student Survey

92% overall student satisfaction for Anatomy and Physiology – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

85% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

University league rankings


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Entry requirements

See table on page 66 and 67 for more information

SQA HIGHERS
- Standard: AAAB

A LEVELS
- Standard: ABB

* Including Chemistry and one other Science or Mathematics subject.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

Advanced entry – See page 61 for more information

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Biomedical Sciences (Anatomy)
- BSc Biomedical Sciences (Developmental Biology)
- BSc Biomedical Sciences (Molecular Biology)
- BSc Biomedical Sciences (Pharmacology)
- BSc Biomedical Sciences (Physiology)
- MSci Biomedical Sciences (Anatomy) with Industrial Placement
- MSci Biomedical Science (Developmental Biology) with Industrial Placement
- MSci Biomedical Sciences (Molecular Biology) with Industrial Placement
- MSci Biomedical Sciences (Pharmacology) with Industrial Placement
- MSci Biomedical Sciences (Physiology) with Industrial Placement

For entry requirements for the MSci degrees in Biomedical Sciences, see table on page 67.

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/biomedical-sciences
Biotechnology

Biotechnology is a technology based on the unique properties of biological molecules, cells and organisms. It provides new ways of diagnosing disease, producing antibiotics, pharmaceuticals and chemical feedstocks for industrial processes, reducing industrial contamination of the environment and improving food safety.

The study of biotechnology at Aberdeen involves the study of microbiology, biochemistry and genetics. Knowledge of all three subjects is crucial in an area where microorganisms are frequently being genetically engineered to perform novel or enhanced biochemical reactions, and will become increasingly important as synthetic biology is used throughout biotechnological processes.

Why choose Aberdeen?
• You will gain a broad base of knowledge regarding biotechnology at the molecular and cellular levels.
• We deliver first-class courses in Biochemistry, Genetics, Microbiology and Immunology.
• Innovative and flexible teaching allowing you to follow your own particular interests.
• The University has a strong reputation in spinning out biotechnology start-up companies. For instance, there are over 30 patents worldwide pending or granted for their immunisation technology developed from shark immune systems.
• You will have opportunities to gain (paid) experience in industry.
• Training is provided in both specialist and employment-related skills.

Example degree structure
Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
• Introduction to Medical Sciences
• Chemistry for the Life Sciences 1
• The Cell
• Chemistry for the Life Sciences 2

YEAR 2
• Genes and Evolution
• Molecular Biology of the Gene
• Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
• Energy for Life
• Microbes, Infection and Immunity
• Research Skills for Medical Sciences

YEAR 3
• Molecular Biology of the Cell
• The Molecular Control of Cell Function

YEAR 4
• Honours Advanced Molecular Biology
• Biotechnology Honours Options
• Biotechnology Honours Research Project

Career development
The potential of biotechnology to provide new health products, new fuels such as hydrogen, advances in agriculture and management of the environment (eg oil spill clean-up) is immense but at present only partly tapped. Biotechnology is well-placed to contribute significantly to future sustainable technology development. Recent Biotechnology and related degree graduates went on to be employed as:
• Biotechnologist
• Key account specialist
• Research scientist
• Technologist

Recent graduate employers
• Ayva Pharma
• Genesis Diagnostics
• Novartis
• Oxford Genetics

University league rankings

Graduate employment statistic
86% of Biotechnology and related degree graduates go on to work and/or further study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like
• Biochemistry – page 80
• Microbiology – page 176

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/biotechnology

Entry requirements
See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB
Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB
Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
BB
Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB
Minimum:
BBC
Adjusted:
CCC
* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS
• BSc Biotechnology (Applied Molecular Biology)
• MSci Biotechnology (Applied Molecular Biology) with Industrial Placement (for entry requirements see page 67)
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.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• UK top three University for the impact of the world-leading research being done by our academics in business and management (Times Higher Education REF rankings by subject 2014.)

• A Business Management programme which perfectly balances theory and practical work, with strong links to local and global businesses giving you cutting-edge insights into the subject.

• Enterprise Campus, a new offering to nurture entrepreneurial skills and support students wanting to progress their own business ideas.

• We have research centres, including ACREEF (the Aberdeen Centre for Research in Energy Economics and Finance) headed by leading international petroleum economist and author Professor Alex Kemp, adviser to the Scottish Government.

• Aberdeen is home to CELMR (the Centre for European Labour Market Research) which leads research in education, skills and labour markets.

• The city of Aberdeen plays a huge role in Europe’s energy industry. International accountancy firms, multinational companies and financial services all have offices in the city.

• The Economics and Business Society is one of the largest on campus and is sponsored by KPMG. Students attend academic and careers conferences, as well as host an array of social events including, cross-society dinners and the annual charity ball.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1

• Managing Organisations
• The Economics of Business and Society
• Accounting and Entrepreneurship
• The International Context for Business 2

YEAR 2

• Managing Customers and Marketing
• Operations Management
• Understanding Statistics
• 60 credits of optional courses

YEARS 3 AND 4

Specialised management courses for honours students have a mixture of compulsory and elective courses in subjects such as:
• Research Methods for Business
• Human Resource Management
• Business Ethics
• New Venture Development
• Consultancy & Change
• Understanding & Managing Behaviour in Organisations

The courses we offer are based around our staff’s specialist research areas. Honours students will complete a dissertation in Business Management (or in their other joint honours subject).

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/business-management

University league rankings

18th in the UK for Business Studies – The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019.

Recent graduate employers

• Aalto University
• Allianz
• EC-CIG
• Microsoft
• PwC

Graduate employment statistic

88% of our graduates go on to work and or further study – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey

90% of students say that staff are good at explaining things – NSS 2018.

You may also like

• Accountancy – page 70
• Finance – page 152
• Economics – page 106
• Real Estate – page 204

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB

Applications who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB

Applications who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
BB

Applications who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB

Minimum:
BBC

Adjusted:
CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

• MA Business Management

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Studies

Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Studies at Aberdeen is an exciting programme, building on a strong track record of Celtic teaching to offer a fascinating, flexible and interdisciplinary study of the Celtic, Anglo-Saxon and Scandinavian peoples. You will cross traditional boundaries of literature, history and culture, and develop skills which open wide career options across the arts, media and more.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- A unique programme in Scotland, emphasising critical thinking and small-group discussion, to gain in-depth knowledge of history, literature and languages, plus transferable skills to boost your employability.
- All teaching is on our beautiful, Medieval King’s College campus, and the surrounding countryside is rich in archaeological and historic remains of Scotland’s Celtic and Nordic past.
- Our academic staff are leading international researchers who have published widely on Celtic, Anglo-Saxon, and Scandinavian literature and history, revealing new discoveries and debunking popular myths.
- A vibrant Celtic Society, one of the oldest, most famous and liveliest student societies in the University, organising social and cultural events, including Welsh and Irish-themed evenings and traditional music sessions.
- We keep classes small, encourage plenty of group discussions and give you individual attention. You will also get the opportunity to explore thoughts and ideas with your classmates and our staff.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEARS 1 AND 2
- Songs, Myths and Hero-Tales of the Old North
- Barbarians, Romans, Gods and Warriors
- Arthur in Medieval Celtic and Scandinavian Literature
- Vikings in Celtic and Germanic Scotland
- Love, Loss and Revival: Gaelic Ireland, 1700 to the Present
- The Celts, their Neighbours, and the Classical World
- Modern Irish Language 1 and 2
- Latin Language and Literature 1

YEARS 3 AND 4
You will write a dissertation and undertake a substantial research project on a subject of your choice.

Courses offered include:
- Old Gaelic
- Medieval Welsh
- Old English language
- Tales of Vengeance and Enchantment: The Heroic Age in Irish and Icelandic Saga Literature
- Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Kingship and the Exercise of Authority in the Earlier Middle Ages
- Dangerous Liaisons: Love, Sex and Romance in the Celtic West and the Old North
- Celtic Myth in the Modern World: From Ossian to the New Age
- Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Poetry

Recent graduate job roles
- Librarian
- Graduate Intern
- Museum Intern
- Probationary Primary Teacher
- Specialist Technician

Recent graduate employers
- An Comunn Gàidhealach
- Blackwell’s
- GUARD Archaeology
- Highland Council
- Leeds Council Museums
- University of Glasgow

Graduate employment statistic
89% go on to work and/or study within 6 months – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey
90% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Entry requirements
See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB
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Minimum:
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Adjusted:
BB
Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB

Minimum:
BBC

Adjusted:
CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS
- MA Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Studies

JOINT HONOURS
For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Chemistry

Chemistry is not just about chemicals in laboratories – chemistry touches every aspect of our daily lives. Chemistry is about understanding how matter changes and how these changes affect everything from the food we eat and air we breathe, to the medicines we take and the energy we use to power our homes, cars and phones.

Students who study chemistry at university go on to work in a wide range of highly rewarding careers, tackling the problems we face today in areas such as drug discovery, energy, environmental protection, forensics, food and agriculture as well as academic careers in teaching or cutting-edge research.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Chemistry has been taught at Aberdeen for over 200 years and we were one of the first universities to introduce chemistry as a subject in its own right.

- Industries need a steady supply of skilled Medicinal Chemists, Synthetic Chemists, Analytical Chemists and Environmental Chemists, making chemistry a great subject to study.

- Our specialised Oil and Gas Chemistry degree features strong connections with companies involved in the offshore industry.

- Our first year course “Elements of Chemistry” is designed to inspire and to help you become a confident learner and develop skills in literacy, numeracy, communication, data collection, analysis and interpretation, discussion and presentation of ideas and laboratory methods.

- The MChem (five year programme) is our flagship degree. Entry into the final two years is dependent on achieving at least an upper second class honours level of performance in third year.

- Our MChem degree features a final year, four month research project placement in the specialisation of your choice. This is usually carried out at an overseas university, research institute or industrial laboratory.

- 80% of our research in chemistry was rated as ‘world leading’ or ‘internationally excellent’ at 2014 REF.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Chemistry for the Physical Sciences 1
- Elements of Chemistry 1
- Chemistry for the Physical Sciences 2
- Elements of Chemistry 2

YEAR 2
- Chemical Kinetics and Thermodynamics
- Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy
- Organic and Biological Chemistry
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Optional Chemistry course: Introduction to Materials

YEAR 3
- General Chemistry
- Inorganic and Solid State Chemistry
- Environmental Chemistry
- Organic and Biological Chemistry
- Molecular Structure and Reactivity

YEAR 4
- Honours Chemistry Research Project
- Advanced Chemistry Topics
- Integrated Chemistry

YEAR 5 (MChem students only)
- MChem Chemistry Applications
- MChem Project Placement

Career development

Recent graduates have gone on to work in:
- Analytical Chemistry Research Assistant
- Assistant Scientist
- Lab Technician
- Product development Chemist
- Quality Assurance Chemist
- Technical Support Engineer
- Chemistry Teacher (Postgraduate teaching qualification required)

Recent graduate employers

- ASCO
- Charles River Laboratories
- Lifescan Scotland
- TauRx Therapeutics

Accreditations

Our MChem and BSc degrees are accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

National Student Survey

90% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

You may also like

- Biochemistry – page 80

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/chemistry
Are you a computer whizz who enjoys digital information? Do you try to understand how computer systems work? Do you enjoy programming? Do you want to get into Software, Big Data, Machine Learning, Internet of Things, or Security? This programme will provide you with strong abilities in a subject in high demand, giving you skills in programming, data, systems, security, AI, robotics and problem-solving.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Our graduates develop the ability to understand, design, and build, innovative and complex computer systems.
- We work hard to give you opportunities to broaden your horizons, and to develop technical, professional and personal skills for your future career.
- Our reputation of very high quality computing degrees, combined with our strong focus on employability, open up a wide range of career options.
- You will benefit from the international research and teaching reputation of the Computing Science department, and the very strong links to industry.
- Flexible degree programmes available with options to suit your needs.
- You will have the opportunity to study at one of a range of partner universities, allowing you to experience living in another country during your studies.
- Our Aberdeen Software Factory is a student-run software house, where you can gain experience, and build your CV, by working on large projects with real clients.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Computer Programming and Principles
- Object-oriented Programming
- Computer Architecture
- Grand Challenges of Computing and Artificial Intelligence

YEAR 2
- Data Management
- Mathematics for Computing Science
- Algorithmic Problem Solving
- Human Computer Interaction
- Modern Programming Languages

YEAR 3
- Operating Systems
- Distributed Systems and Security
- Principles of Software Engineering
- Software Engineering and Professional Practice

YEAR 4
- Security
- Computational Intelligence
- Natural Language Processing
- Single Honours Computing Project

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/computing

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

- Applications Developer
- Cloud Developer
- Development Engineer
- IT Security Officer
- Software Engineer
- Systems Administrator and Manager
- Technology Analyst
- Web Designer

Recent graduate employers

- Coca-Cola
- Danske Bank
- Procter & Gamble
- Rockstar North
- University of Aberdeen

Accreditations

Our Computing degrees are accredited by the British Computer Society (BCS).

Joint honours

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.

Entry requirements

See table on page 58, 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
- AABB

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Minimum:
- BBB

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Adjusted:
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A LEVELS

Standard:
- BBB

Minimum:
- BBC

Adjusted:
- CCC

*BSc entry requires good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58 and 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Computing Science
- MA Computing
- MA Computing with Industrial Placement
- MEng Computing Science (5 Years)
- MSci Computing Science with Industrial Placement
Conservation Biology

As concerns around the world grow for conserving biodiversity, this fascinating degree prepares you for an exciting and important future career. You’ll build your knowledge in ecology, zoology, plant and soil science, evolution and genetics and learn about the arguments and the effectiveness of different approaches to conservation, developing a practical understanding of conservation.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- To help you get a deep understanding of Conservation Biology, you will learn aspects of Zoology, Ecology and Plant and Soil Science and other related subjects.
- Our staff are active in conservation research and the development of policy. They work in close collaboration with many external organisations.
- Throughout the programme, you will get the opportunity to learn from field course teaching that covers a range of diverse environments. There is a specific field course to explore conservation issues across Scotland and you may also participate in other field courses in Scotland and overseas (for example, the Mediterranean).
- Our conservation scientists advise the UK Government on conservation conflicts, climate change mitigation and critical loads for air pollutants.
- 15th across the UK in Biological Sciences for research impact. (Times Higher Education REF rankings by subject 2014).

University league rankings


Accreditations

Accredited by the Royal Society of Biology.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1

- Frontiers in Biological Sciences
- Diversity of Life 1 and 2
- Ecology and Environmental Science
- Plants and Their Habitats in Northern Scotland
- The Cell

YEAR 2

- Genes and Evolution
- Ecology
- Conservation Biology

One of the following field courses:

- Parasitology
- Coastal Biodiversity
- Fish and Shellfish Biology
- Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecology

YEAR 3

- Conservation in Practice
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Animal Evolution and Biodiversity
- Animal Population Ecology
- Society and Environment
- Conservation Issues in Scotland – Field Trip

YEAR 4

- Honours Project (semester 1)
- Topics in Conservation Biology
- Wildlife Conservation and Management: Concepts and Practice

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences

Career development

One of the great advantages of having a Conservation Biology degree from the University of Aberdeen is that it provides you with a very broad range of skills to offer employers. Not only do we train students in scientific methodology in the laboratory and in the field, but we also incorporate what we call ‘graduate attributes’ into the whole curriculum. Employers now expect an impressive list of skills, knowledge and experience in their graduate recruits and we aim to help you acquire these.

Many career possibilities are open to graduate Conservation Biologists. Our graduates have gone on to work in UK conservation agencies, National Parks, national and international NGOs, environmental consultancy, environmental protection agencies, environmental law, environmental education, industry, local government environmental departments and research.

As a Conservation Biologist you will be in increasing demand in similar posts with an edge over more traditionally qualified graduates. With your scientific training you will also be in demand for jobs requiring general graduate abilities.

Recent graduates have been employed as:

- Biologist
- Community Engagement and Membership officer
- Medial Laboratory Assistant
- Trainee Countryside Education Officer

National Student Survey

93% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

You may also like

- Biology – page 84
- Biological Sciences – page 82
- Ecology – page 104
- Environmental Science – page 126

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

AABB

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Minimum:

BBB

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Adjusted:

BB

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A LEVELS

Standard:

BBB

Minimum:

BBC

Adjusted:

CCC

* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Conservation Biology
Dentistry (Graduate entry only)

Dentistry at Aberdeen is designed specifically for graduates, capitalising on the knowledge and skills you already have to ensure you become a first-class dental professional.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- The University of Aberdeen Dental School offers the only graduate entry, four-year, BDS programme in Scotland.
- The programme has been designed specifically for graduates and encompasses a variety of modern educational methods for teaching and learning. There is a focus on more independent and reflective learning, and clinical work is introduced from year one to maximise clinical experience.
- The Dental School is a modern, purpose-built facility with state-of-the-art equipment and teaching facilities.
- You will be part of a wider community of students who study on the Foresterhill health campus, including medical and science students, undergraduates and postgraduates.
- You will have excellent support systems and access to other shared facilities such as the medical/dental library and the Suttie Centre for Teaching and Learning in Healthcare.
- The University and NHS Grampian continue to invest in new facilities on the Foresterhill campus, demonstrating the commitment to the training and education of healthcare professionals.
- All students also spend some time in purpose built outreach facilities in Elgin (NHS Grampian) and in Stornoway (NHS Western Isles) which provide our senior dental students with excellent real-life experience in the community dental setting.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
In year 1, you will develop a sound understanding of the oral environment, basic aspects of dental health and disease, together with an appreciation of the principles of patient management, communication and ethical practice. You will begin practical training in the clinical skills lab and have direct patient contact in your second term.

YEAR 2
In year 2 you will have a clear understanding of the clinical relevance of the subjects you are learning. You will develop reflective skills in relation to your learning and further develop your clinical and communication skills in the restorative clinics. This regular patient contact is supported by training in the clinical skills lab and will develop your clinical experience in a variety of settings.

YEAR 3
In year 3 you will continue to develop the ability to apply your knowledge to clinical situations. You will be able to assess the needs of patients and tailor your knowledge to match these. You will be introduced to working within the paediatric, emergency and special care clinics. You will have the opportunity to enhance your clinical skills and patient management in outreach placements and with a number of visits to observe clinicians working in specialist areas of dentistry.

YEAR 4
In year 4 you will hone and apply diverse and multiple areas of knowledge within integrated oral care. This will include team working, ethical applications and management skills. You will be expected to complete and present several full and complex cases to demonstrate a high level of clinical skill and understanding.

Career development

Our programme will lead to full General Dental Council (GDC) registration. Following vocational training, a dentist may work as an associate, partner or principal in general practice, join the community dental service, the armed forces dental service, work in a hospital with a view to becoming a consultant, or become a clinical academic contributing to the training of the next generation of dental graduates.

Recent graduate employers

NHS dental practices in:
- Aberdeen
- Dundee
- Edinburgh
- Fort William
- Glasgow
- Inverness
- Northern Ireland
- Liverpool
- Newcastle
- Royal Air Force
- Stornoway

University league rankings


Graduate employment statistic

100% of graduates employed 2015-17
- University of Aberdeen careers data.

Our medicine and dentistry graduates go on to earn more than graduates from any other UK university
- Department of Education LEO 2017 – median earnings 1-3 years after graduation.

Minimum entry requirements

- Graduate entry only: A first or upper second-class honours degree in medicine, medical science or a health-related degree (such as biomedical science, biochemistry, pharmacy).
- Undergraduates who are in their final year of study on an honours degree programme must ensure that their academic reference includes a prediction of their expected degree classification. We cannot consider an undergraduate whose application form lacks this information.
- We cannot accept applications from international students at this time.
- Non-academic requirements: Your work experience, hobbies and other non-academic activities are taken into account in the application process. Visit abdn.ac.uk/smmssn/undergraduate/dentistry/non-academic
- UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT): The University of Aberdeen Dental School uses the UKCAT to help select applicants for our programme. All candidates must complete the UKCAT by the appropriate closing date for that year’s entry. Visit ukcat.ac.uk

SINGLE HONOURS
- BDS Dentistry

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/dentistry
Divinity (BD and BTh)

Divinity at Aberdeen focuses on the study of the Christian faith and tradition in the context of its history, its beliefs and practices, and its role today. Whether you have a vocational or intellectual interest in learning more about Christianity, Aberdeen is the place for you. Our degrees in Divinity are accredited by the Church of Scotland, and teach transferable skills which open a wide range of career options in addition to ministry.

The Bachelor of Divinity degree (BD) is designed for students who are looking for specialised and comprehensive study of the Christian tradition, or who are preparing for a future in full-time ministry. The study of the biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek) by candidates for this degree is encouraged, but not compulsory. The designated degree of BD normally takes three years and the honours degree normally takes four years.

The Bachelor of Theology degree (BTh) is designed to be more flexibly structured than the BD. It provides flexibility of course choice and the chance to combine the study of Theology with subjects in other disciplines in the early years of the programme. It is particularly suited to the needs of those considering teaching religious and moral education in schools. The BTh can also be taken via distance learning.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- These programmes offer a wide variety of courses, including biblical languages, the history of the church in the west, the Reformation in Scotland, classical and contemporary Christian doctrine, the role of religion in ethical and political debates, religious aspects of disability, religious rituals and philosophy of religion.
- Our department is located in beautiful surroundings, including the stunning King’s College Chapel, the construction of which was started in 1495 by Bishop Elphinstone, founder of the University.
- Our department is host to an international community of respected scholars, studying various aspects of theology and ministry studies.
- Our department is home to specialist research and teaching centres including the Centre for Ministry Studies, the Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability, and the Aberdeen Centre for Protestant Theology.
- You will receive a warm welcome, and have access to excellent library facilities including the award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library and the historic Divinity Library.

Example degree structure

Core or compulsory courses for the BD and BTh are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1 AND 2

During the first two years of study students take a number of Divinity courses from a specified list including classes such as Jesus in History and Culture, Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, Rise of Christianity, Pilgrim City, Tradition of Western Ethics, What Does it Mean to be Human, Theology from Jesus to Calvin, Introduction to Christian Theology, Ancient Religions, Philosophy of Religion.

YEAR 3

- 90 credits from level 3 Divinity and Religious Studies courses

YEAR 4

- Dissertation (30 credits)
- 90 credits from level 4 Divinity and Religious Studies courses
- Optional courses of your choice make up the remaining credits for each year
- 120 credit points per year required
- Full list of optional courses available online

University league rankings

7th in UK for Theology and Religious Studies
- The Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2019.

Recent graduate job roles

- Ordained Minister
- Children’s Ministry Leader
- Government Apprentice
- Graduate Management Trainee
- TEFL teacher
- Youth Worker

Recent graduate employers

- Church of England
- Church of Scotland
- Kingdom Discipleship
- NHS Highland
- University of Nottingham

Accreditations

The Bachelor of Divinity and Bachelor of Theology degrees are accredited by the Church of Scotland.

National Student Survey

100% overall satisfaction – NSS 2018

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB or better, are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:

BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:

BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:

BBB

Minimum:

BBC

Adjusted:

CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BD (Bachelor of Divinity)
- BTh (Bachelor of Theology)
- MA Theology and Religion (see page 214)
Ecology

Interested in wildlife and natural ecosystems, the relationship between the natural world and people, the impacts of climate change and other environmental problems? An Ecology degree at Aberdeen will enable you to explore the science of all these topics, taught by experts who are actively involved in ecological research and its applications to environmental management and nature conservation.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- This degree combines the biology and ecology of plants, animals and ecosystems, with the opportunity to include subjects in marine biology and conservation biology in your programme.
- Our teaching reflects our research and is always up to date. You’ll be taught by different members of staff who are active in field ecology research from the tropics to the Arctic, and from the deep sea to the mountains.
- You will have the opportunity to get involved in our research through summer research assistantships and project work.
- As an ecology student, you will attend at least two residential field courses selected from our range of courses in the Cairngorms, Shetland, Spain and at one of our own facilities, namely The Lighthouse (Sea Mammal Research Centre) on the Black Isle, and field centre at Bettyhill, on the north coast of Sutherland.
- You will benefit from being in contact with those working as ecologists from a number of research and conservation organisations based in and around Aberdeen.
- At our regular careers events you will have the opportunity to listen to and meet prospective employers from outside the University, giving you excellent opportunities to get a fulfilling and challenging job in a biological field.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Frontriers in Biological Sciences
- Diversity of Life 1 and 2
- Ecology and Environmental Science
- Plants and Their Habitats in Northern Scotland
- The Cell

YEAR 2
- Biological Enhanced Skills Training (BEST)
- Ecology
- Plants, People and the Environment
- Genes and Evolution
- One of the following field courses:
  - Parasitology
  - Coastal Biodiversity
  - Fish and Shellfish Biology
  - Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecology

YEAR 3
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Ecosystem Processes
- Animal Population Ecology
- Field Ecology Skills
- Experimental Community Ecology

YEAR 4
You will carry out a research project on a selected topic. You will also choose five advanced courses from a wide range available and can opt to take any field trip that you have not taken before if places are available.

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences

University league rankings


Career development

Our Ecology degree provides you with academic training and transferable skills relevant to both specialist employment in ecology and the wider biology graduate job market. Our graduates have gone on to develop specialist careers in ecological research, nature conservation, local government, environmental protection, forestry, ecological consultancy, environmental law, outdoor education and the media.

One of the great advantages of a degree from the University of Aberdeen is that it provides you with a very broad range of skills to offer employers. Not only do we train students in scientific methodology in the laboratory and in the field, we incorporate what we call ‘graduate attributes’ into the whole curriculum, including communication, working with others, use of specialist IT and time management.

Students in the School of Biological Sciences have the opportunity to collaborate with external organisations such as Scottish Natural Heritage and RSPB, for example whilst undertaking an honours project. In addition to allowing you to develop a valuable link with a potential employer, this gives you the opportunity to experience the application of your learning in the ‘real world’ and to develop a range of skills, all of which will make you a more effective employee following graduation.

Recent graduate employers

- Environmental Consultancy
- National Trust for Scotland
- Charles Rivers Laboratories
- James Hutton Institute
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Subsea7

Graduate employment statistic

90% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard: AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum: BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted: BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard: BBB

Minimum: BBC

Adjusted: CCC

* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Ecology

National Student Survey

93% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.
Economics

Taught by leading economists, Economics at Aberdeen gets to grips with the global economy and the factors that influence wealth from a social and financial perspective. You will gain a thorough understanding of economic theories and models and explore how they work in the real world, gaining skills that will be very attractive to top employers. There is also an opportunity to take the financial economics route which explores how the subject is applied to the financial world.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- An excellent teaching environment, committed to the needs of industry, which integrates research in to teaching, grows transferable skills and develops intellectual skills on a range of contemporary economic problems.
- Thriving student societies, organising annual trips to international economic institutions including the European Union in Brussels, the European Central Bank in Frankfurt and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris.
- Enterprise Campus, a new initiative to nurture entrepreneurial skills and support students wanting to progress their own business ideas.
- ACREEF (the Aberdeen Centre for Research in Energy Economics and Finance) headed by leading international petroleum economist and author Professor Alex Kemp, adviser to the Scottish Government.
- Home to CELMR (the Centre for European Labour Market Research) which leads research in education, skills and labour markets so topical today.
- The city of Aberdeen plays a huge role in Europe’s energy industry. Many financial organisations have offices in the city.
- We have professional training facilities, including our Bloomberg virtual trading floor, integrating real activity in financial markets into our students’ courses.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- The Economics of Business and Society
- The Global Economy

YEAR 2
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics

YEARS 3 AND 4
If you are studying a single honours in Economics, you will need to obtain 240 credits over years 3 and 4 by studying a range of Economics courses, at least 90 credits of which are at level 4.

YEAR 4
You will carry out a research project and write an extended essay, each on a topic that you select from a wide range offered. You will also choose four advanced courses from a wide range available.

University league rankings

Recent graduate job roles
- Actuarial Consultant
- Assistant Portfolio Manager
- Economist
- Graduate Business Analyst
- Management Consultant
- Trainee Accountant

Recent graduate employers
- Aberdeen Standard Investments
- Cazenove Capital
- EY
- RSM
- Willis Towers Watson

Graduate employment statistic
80% go on to work and/or further study after graduating in economics and other related subjects – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey
93% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

You may also like
- Accountancy – page 70
- Business Management – page 90
- PPE (Philosophy, Politics & Economics) – page 190

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/economics
Engineering

Our School of Engineering is a multidisciplinary and international academic community offering accredited degrees across all five engineering disciplines: Chemical Engineering; Civil Engineering; Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Mechanical Engineering and Petroleum Engineering.

Study with us and you’ll graduate with the ability to immediately work in multidisciplinary teams and understand how your decisions impact upon other engineers. These sought-after qualities enhance your employability and make you a more effective engineer in the work place.

What does General Engineering mean?

Professional engineers don’t work in teams consisting of a single discipline. Real engineering projects require multidisciplinary teams of Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Electronic, Mechanical and Petroleum Engineers to work together.

To achieve this effectively, professional engineers must have a mutual understanding of what each discipline does, why they do it, how they do it and how they impact upon one another’s activities. Studying your degree in a General Engineering unit such as ours allows you to develop this critical ability from day 1.

Materials, mechanics, thermodynamics, mathematics, design, safety, management, ethics and sustainability: these are amongst the topics and fundamentals which underpin all engineering disciplines. Study with us and you’ll learn about these topics in an interdisciplinary environment during the first two years of your degree and then develop theses skills further when you specialise in your chosen discipline in the honours years.

The honours years of your degree with us will focus on your chosen engineering discipline and you’ll finish your degree by undertaking an interdisciplinary group design project in which you’ll work on a real project with engineers from outside your own discipline.

A further benefit of our approach to General Engineering is that, regardless of which degree you register for, we can help you to choose your optional courses to keep your honours degree options open. This gives you time in which to experience a bit of everything and do your research before truly deciding which engineering discipline is the one for you.

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/engineering

Degrees in the School of Engineering

MEng Programmes (5 years)
- Engineering*
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Civil and Structural Engineering
- Civil Engineering with Management
- Civil Engineering with Subsea Technology
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Renewable Energy
- Electronic and Software Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering with Management
- Mechanical Engineering with Subsea Technology
- Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering

BEng Programmes (4 years)
- Engineering*
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Civil and Structural Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Electronic and Software Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering with Oil and Gas Studies
- Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering

*Students can apply to the MEng or BEng Engineering programme, but will choose a specific discipline to move into by year 3.
Engineering (continued)

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Graduating with experience of interdisciplinary engineering and an ability to immediately work in multidisciplinary teams makes you attractive to employers.
- With the correct choice of electives, we can get you 1.5 years into your degree with the option available to specialise in any honours engineering discipline.
- We can also get you 2 years into your degree and still have the option available to specialise in multiple honours disciplines.
- Join a diverse and international community of 1000 undergraduate students across five engineering disciplines.
- We’ve invested in your education and development: £600k in redesign of engineering teaching laboratories and over £1M in teaching and research equipment over the last 5 years.
- Be taught by experts – 85% of our academic team’s research was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent in the most recent UK Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).
- You’ll benefit from our close links with industry through guest lectures, industry-relevant design projects, site visits & field trips and networking events.
- Accredited MEng and BEng degree programmes across five engineering disciplines provide the first steps to becoming a Chartered Engineer (CEng).
- Opportunities to study abroad on international exchange in Year 2 or undertaking your individual project abroad in Year 4 via ERASMUS.
- Engineering Work Experience is a new second year project abroad in Year 4 via ERASMUS.
- We support student-led design, build and compete projects including our TAU Racing Team (MEchE Formula Student) and Team ProtoTAU (Shell Eco-marathon) – you can get involved in these from day 1 regardless of the degree you’re registered for.

Example degree structure

**YEAR 1**
The following courses are compulsory for all degrees in the School of Engineering:
- Principles of Electronics
- CAD and Communications in Engineering Practice
- Fundamentals of Engineering Materials
- Engineering Mathematics 1
- Fundamental Engineering Mechanics

**YEAR 2**
The following courses are compulsory for all degrees in the School of Engineering:
- Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics
- Process Engineering
- Engineering Mathematics 2
- Design and Computing in Engineering Practice
- Electrical and Mechanical Systems

In Years 1 and 2 you’ll study three additional 15-credit courses which may be: compulsory for your chosen Honours discipline; required for you to keep other Honours discipline options open; optional and used to broaden your curriculum or focus on specific skills.

**YEAR 3**
The following courses are compulsory for all degrees in the School of Engineering:
- Engineering Analysis and Methods 1
- Project & Safety Management

Engineering students additionally take five 15-credit and two 10-credit courses which are specific to their chosen Honours discipline and include a 10-credit, discipline-specific Engineering Design course (details on Engineering discipline pages).

**YEAR 4**
The following courses are compulsory for all degrees in the School of Engineering:
- MEng/BEng Individual Project
- Group Design Project (BEng)

You’ll also study one 15-credit and three 10-credit courses which are specific to your chosen Honours discipline (details on Engineering discipline pages).

Year 4 also includes two 15-credit optional courses.

For BEng students, the Group Design Project (BEng) is a 15-credit, industry-relevant, multidisciplinary team project taken in the final term of your degree.

**YEAR 5 (MEng only)**
The following courses are compulsory for all degrees in the School of Engineering:
- The Engineer in Society
- MEng Group Design

You’ll also study four 15-credit courses which are specific to your chosen Honours discipline (details on Engineering discipline pages).

The MEng Group Design is a 30-credit, industry-relevant, multidisciplinary team project taken in the final term of your degree.

University league rankings

- Top 10 in the UK for General Engineering graduate employability (Complete University Guide 2019).
- Top 10 UK University to study Engineering (The Telegraph 2018).
- University of Aberdeen Engineering and Technology graduates earn £17,679 p.a. more than the sector average five years after graduation (UK department of Education 2018).

More course information:
[abdn.ac.uk/ug/engineering](http://abdn.ac.uk/ug/engineering)

Recent graduate job roles

- Building Inspector
- Engineering Project Manager
- Graduate Engineer in Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Process and Transport Engineering
- Nuclear Safety Engineer
- Project Engineer
- Reservoir Engineer
- Software Engineer
- Subsea Controls Engineer
- Trainee Patent Attorney
- Well and Drilling Engineer

Recent graduate employers

- Airbus Defence and Space
- AMEC Foster Wheeler
- Atkins
- BP
- Chevron
- Cisco Systems
- Costain
- Downstream Site Restoration
- Forsyths
- Genesis Oil and Gas Consultants
- GSK
- Marathon
- Mott MacDonald
- Shell
- Total
- WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff

Graduate employment statistic

## Engineering (continued)

### Accreditations

According to your choice of curriculum, our BEng honours degree is an accredited five-year honours programme satisfying the educational base for a Chartered Engineer (CEng) by the Institution of Chemical Engineers, the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Institution of Structural Engineers, the Institution of Energy and Technology, the Energy Institute or the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

The BEng honours degree is an accredited four year honours degree programme partially satisfying the educational base for a Chartered Engineer (CEng), while it fully meets the educational base for Incorporated Engineer (IEng) registration.

### Articulation routes

The University welcomes applications for degree level study from students with HNC and HND qualifications, and has a number of college articulation routes in place which lead to advanced entry into our degree programmes. For full information contact your college, visit abdn.ac.uk/study/college-articulation or email study@abdn.ac.uk.

### Offers of admission

Applicants should note that achieving the minimum entry requirements may not on its own guarantee an offer of admission. Consequently, we may need to ask for more than the minimum. An applicant’s academic profile will normally be the most significant factor in our decision-making. Certain features of the personal statement may help to strengthen an applicant’s case.

### Foundation Apprenticeships

The University recognises that Skills Development Scotland, alongside our partners, is working with industry to increase the range of work-based learning opportunities for pupils in the senior phase of secondary schools. The development of Foundation Apprenticeships is one such initiative and this qualification will normally be considered in lieu of one SQA Higher at grade B. (Please note a Foundation Apprenticeship cannot be substituted in lieu of Higher Maths. See overleaf for full entry requirements).

### Entry Requirements BEng (4 years)

#### SQA HIGHERS

**Standard:**

- **ABBB** (Mathematics and Physics or Engineering Science required)

  Applicants who achieve the Standard entry requirements over S4 and S5 will be made either an unconditional or conditional offer of admission.

**Minimum:**

- **BBB** (Good performance required in Mathematics and Physics*)

  Applicants who achieve our Minimum entry requirements over S4 and S5 are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers / Advanced Highers will normally be required in order to receive an offer of admission.

**Adjusted:**

- **BB** (Good performance required in Mathematics*)

  Applicants who meet one or more Widening Participation criteria and who achieve a good performance in Maths and one other subject may be made an adjusted offer of admission. Good performance in additional Highers / Advanced Highers will be required in order to receive an offer of admission.

* These subjects can be either held at the time of application or be achieved during the appropriate admissions cycle.

#### A LEVELS

**Standard:**

- **BBB** (Good performance required in Mathematics, plus at least one from Physics, Design & Technology, Engineering or Chemistry)

  Applicants who are predicted to achieve the Standard entry requirements are encouraged to apply and may be made a conditional offer of admission.

**Minimum:**

- **BBC**

  Applicants who are predicted to achieve the Minimum entry requirements are encouraged to apply and may be made an offer of admission.

**Adjusted:**

- **BB**

  Applicants who are predicted to achieve the Minimum entry requirements are encouraged to apply and will be considered.

### Entry Requirements MEng (5 years)

#### SQA HIGHERS

**Standard:**

- **AABB** (Mathematics and Physics or Engineering Science required)

  Applicants who achieve the Standard entry requirements over S4 and S5 will be made either an unconditional or conditional offer of admission.

**A LEVELS**

**Standard:**

- **ABB** (AB required, to include Mathematics, plus at least one from Physics, Design & Technology, Engineering or Chemistry)

  Applicants who are predicted to achieve the Standard entry requirements are encouraged to apply and may be made a conditional offer of admission.

Please note: For entry to Chemical and Petroleum Engineering an SQA Higher or GCE A Level or equivalent qualification in Chemistry is required for entry to year 1, in addition to the general Engineering requirements.

View all our entry requirements at: abdn.ac.uk/study/ug-entry

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/engineering
Engineering – Chemical

Chemical engineering integrates the knowledge and methods from chemistry, physics, mathematics and biology for design and development of processes that make a diverse range of products by changing the chemical, physical or biochemical states of substances.

Perhaps the three most prioritised areas that require contributions from engineering disciplines in recent times are - quality of life, energy and environment. Chemical engineering is at the heart of all three areas. For instance, chemical engineering contributes to the manufacturing of new drugs at affordable cost, production of daily consumables ranging from toothpaste to milk products, production of energy from traditional and renewable sources, addressing environmental problems including pollution of water and air and global warming.

**Our degrees in Chemical Engineering**

**MEng PROGRAMME (5 YEARS)**
- Chemical Engineering

**BEng PROGRAMME (4 YEARS)**
- Chemical Engineering

**Why choose Aberdeen?**

- We are well connected, you will have opportunities to build relationships with national and international chemical, pharmaceutical and oil & gas industries such as Scottish Water, GSK, Halliburton, Shell etc. through summer internship, field trips and industry talks.
- Our chemical engineering degrees have been accredited by the Institute of Chemical Engineering (IChemE), providing you with your first step into becoming a chartered engineer
- You will gain hands-on experience of industry standard software, carry out laboratory experiments and build professional skills in group work
- Our academics carry out research in important areas such as carbon capture, biofuel, energy storage and pharmaceutical manufacturing. You will have opportunities to gain experience in one of these research areas of your choice while conducting BEng/ MEng projects.

**Example degree structure**

The courses taken on our MEng/BEng Chemical Engineering programmes are as follows.

**YEAR 1**
- Principles of Electronics
- CAD and Communications in Engineering Practice
- Fundamentals of Engineering Materials
- Engineering Mathematics 1
- Fundamental Engineering Mechanics
- Chemistry for the Physical Sciences 1

**YEAR 2**
- Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics
- Process Engineering
- Engineering Mathematics 2
- Design and Computing in Engineering Practice
- Electrical and Mechanical Systems
- Chemical Kinetics and Thermodynamics
- Organic and Biological Chemistry

Throughout years 1 and 2 you’ll also study three 15-credit optional courses which you may use to keep other Engineering Honours Degree routes open, focus on specific skills or broaden your curriculum.

**YEAR 3**
- Chemical Thermodynamics
- Heat, Mass and Momentum Transfer
- Fluid Mechanics
- Chemical Reaction Engineering
- Separation Processes 1
- Process Modelling
- Chemical Engineering Design
- Engineering Analysis and Methods 1A
- Project and Safety Management

**YEAR 4**
- Process Safety
- Process Control
- Biochemical Engineering
- Separation Processes 2
- Individual Project (MEng/BEng)
- Group Design Project (BEng)

**YEAR 5 (MEng only)**
- Upstream Oil and Gas Processing
- Computational Fluid Dynamics
- Air and Water Pollution Control
- Process Plant, Equipment and Operations
- Mathematical Optimisation
- The Engineer in Society
- MEng Group Design

**Recent graduate job roles**

- Graduate Chemical/Process Engineer
- Project Assistant for Biopharmaceuticals and Technology
- Junior Well Integrity Engineer
- Technical Safety Engineer
- Graduate Operations Support Engineer
- Supply Chain Graduate

**Recent graduate employers**

Our recent graduates are employed across a broad spectrum of industries including:
- Johnson Matthey
- The Dow Chemical Company
- BP
- Unilever
- Mace Group
- Heineken
- Genesis Oil and Gas Consultants
- Atkins
- Tenaris
- Nexen
- Forsyths
- PM Group

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/engineering
Civil Engineering (together with its associated disciplines of Structural Engineering and Environmental Engineering) is all about the environment and infrastructure that makes up the modern world. Civil Engineers design, build and maintain (and decommission where appropriate) our roads, railways, airports, dams, industrial facilities, power stations and distribution grids, refineries, offshore facilities, renewable energy schemes, coastal protection and harbour works, hospitals, schools and sports stadiums. They also design water supply and effluent treatment systems and flood protection and environmental protection schemes.

Civil Engineering within the School of Engineering has one of the best hydraulic laboratory facilities in Scotland associated with a high level research profile.

### Why choose Aberdeen?

- Civil Engineering at the University of Aberdeen is consistently rated among the top Civil Engineering programmes in the UK, rated highly for Teaching Quality, Student Satisfaction and for Graduate Employability.
- All our degrees have been accredited by the relevant professional engineering institutions, providing you with your first step towards becoming a Chartered Engineer.
- Benefit from delivery of excellent teaching – at a recent NSS students gave Civil Engineering at the University of Aberdeen the highest rating for Teaching Quality and Student Satisfaction of any UK University.
- Work on projects associated with the modern world and use state of the art equipment and software for your studies.
- Establish strong industrial links that provide industry-focused teaching and projects to ensure good job prospects.
- The University of Aberdeen is 1st in Scotland and 3rd in the UK for graduate civil engineering employability (Guardian League Tables 2016/17).

### Example degree structure

The courses you'll study on each of our Civil Engineering degree variants can be found at [abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/subject-areas/349/civil-engineering](http://abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/subject-areas/349/civil-engineering)

The courses taken on our MEng/BEng Civil and Structural Engineering programmes are as follows.

**YEAR 1**
- Principles of Electronics
- CAD and Communications in Engineering Practice
- Fundamentals of Engineering Materials
- Engineering Mathematics 1
- Fundamental Engineering Mechanics

**YEAR 2**
- Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics
- Process Engineering
- Engineering Mathematics 2
- Design and Computing in Engineering Practice
- Electrical and Mechanical Systems
- Solids and Structures

In each of Years 1 and 2 you'll also study two 15-credit optional courses which you may use to keep other Engineering Honours Degree routes open, focus on specific skills or broaden your curriculum.

**YEAR 3**
- Geotechnics 1
- Stress Analysis A
- Fluid Mechanics
- Mechanics of Structures
- Design of Structural Elements
- Structural Dynamics
- Civil Engineering Design and Surveying
- Engineering Analysis and Methods 1A
- Project and Safety Management

**YEAR 4**
- Geotechnics 2
- Civil Engineering Hydraulics
- Advanced Structural Design
- Advanced Structural Analysis
- Individual Project (MEng/BEng)
- Group Design Project (BEng)

**YEAR 5 (MEng only)**
- Offshore Structural Design
- Structural Vibrations
- The Engineer in Society
- MEng Group Design

### One course from:
- Numerical Simulation of Waves
- Computational Fluid Dynamics

### Two courses from:
- Marine and Wind Energy
- Mathematical Optimisation
- Pipelines and Solid Mechanics
- Riser Systems and Hydrodynamics
- Engineering Risk and Reliability Analysis

### University league rankings

**Top 10 in the UK for Civil Engineering**


### Recent graduate roles

- Graduate Design Coordinator
- Structural Engineer
- Bridge Engineer
- Site Engineer
- Graduate Transport Engineer

### Recent graduate employers

- Kier Group
- Atkins
- Fairhurst
- Jacobs
- Mott MacDonald
- Network Rail
- Skanska
- VolkerStevin
- Petrofac
- Kier Group
Our degrees in Chemical Engineering

**MEng PROGRAMME (5 YEARS)**
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Renewable Energy
- Electronic and Software Engineering
- Mechanical and Electrical Engineering

**BEng PROGRAMME (4 YEARS)**
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Electronic and Software Engineering
- Mechanical and Electrical

Why choose Aberdeen?
- We deliver teaching in world-class facilities, including laboratories dedicated to areas of work such as satellite communications, computer aided design, electrical machines, materials testing, laser welding, hydraulics and fluids, large structures and geotechnics.
- The Institute of Energy and Technology and the AUSA EEE Society are highly active, offering you the chance to network and grow your skills.
- We are well connected with local, national and international industry, where you get the chance to experience real-life industry challenges and projects, through guest lectures, company visits and networking events.
- Our student-led TAU Racing team’s goal each year is to design and build a single-seat racing car to compete at Silverstone in the Formula Student competition; you can get involved in this from day 1 of your degree.
- PrototAU is another student-led team, with an aim to build a prototype car powered by hydrogen fuel cell. The team go on to compete in the Shell Eco-marathon. Like the TAU Formula Student team, this is an opportunity you can be involved in from day 1.

More course information:
[abdn.ac.uk/ug/engineering](abdn.ac.uk/ug/engineering)

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**Example degree structure**

The courses you’ll study on each of our Electrical and Electronic Engineering degree variants can be found at [abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/subject-areas/358/electrical-and-electronic-engineering](abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/subject-areas/358/electrical-and-electronic-engineering)

The courses taken on our MEng/BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering programmes are as follows

**YEAR 1**
- Principles of Electronics
- CAD and Communications in Engineering Practice
- Fundamentals of Engineering Materials
- Engineering Mathematics 1
- Fundamental Engineering Mechanics
- Electronics Design

**YEAR 2**
- Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics
- Process Engineering
- Engineering Mathematics 2
- Design and Computing in Engineering Practice
- Electrical and Mechanical Systems
- Electronic Systems

In each of Years 1 and 2 you’ll also study two 15-credit optional courses which you may use to keep other Engineering Honours Degree routes open, focus on specific skills or broaden your curriculum.

**YEAR 3**
- Control Systems
- Signals, Systems and Signal Processing
- C/C++ Programming
- Electrical Power Engineering
- Digital Systems
- Communications Engineering 1
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering Design
- Engineering Analysis and Methods 1A
- Project and Safety Management

**YEAR 4**
- Sensing and Instrumentation
- Electrical Machines and Drives
- Computer and Software Engineering
- Communications Engineering 2
- Individual Project (MEng/BEng)
- Group Design Project (BEng)

**YEAR 5 (MEng only)**
- Robotics
- Advanced Control Engineering
- Optical Systems and Sensing
- Renewable Energy Integration to Grid
- Mathematical Optimisation
- The Engineer in Society
- MEng Group Design

Recent graduate job roles
- ROV Project Manager
- Subsea Controls Engineer
- Automation Control Engineer
- Software Engineer
- Telecoms Software Engineer
- Engineering Project Coordinator

Recent graduate employers
- Cisco Systems
- Huawei
- SMT
- Lufthansa
- Railways Network
Virtually every product in modern life has probably been touched in some way by a mechanical engineer. Mechanical engineering is regarded as one of the most diverse engineering disciplines.

Mechanical engineering uses your creativity and imagination and applies it to all engineering principles, through the development of new materials, technologies, processes and products.

Mechanical engineers design and develop everything that moves or has moving parts, ranging from spacecraft and aeroplanes, from household goods to artificial limbs, from robotic control to nanotechnologies and from oil and gas exploration to wind turbines.

**Our degrees in Chemical Engineering**

MEng PROGRAMME (5 YEARS)
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering with Management
- Mechanical Engineering with Subsea Technology
- Mechanical and Electrical Engineering

BEng PROGRAMME (4 YEARS)
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering with Oil and Gas Studies
- Mechanical and Electrical Engineering

**Why choose Aberdeen?**

- We deliver teaching in world class facilities, including laboratories dedicated to areas of mechanical work such as satellite communications, electrical machines, hydraulics and fluids, large structures and geotechnics.
- Mechanical Engineering at the University of Aberdeen holds accreditation from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. If you intend to follow a professional engineering career you have the chance to consider a student membership.
- We are well connected with local, national and international industry, particularly in the oil, gas and energy industry where you get the chance to experience real-life industry challenges and projects, through guest lectures, company visits and networking events.
- Get involved with TAU Racing, the team’s goal each year is to design and build a single-seat racing car to compete at Silverstone in the Formula Student competition.

**Example degree structure**

The courses you’ll study on each of our Mechanical Engineering degree variants can be found at [abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/subject-areas/388/mechanical-engineering](abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/subject-areas/388/mechanical-engineering)

The courses taken on our MEng/BEng Mechanical Engineering programmes are as follows.

**YEAR 1**
- Principles of Electronics
- CAD and Communications in Engineering Practice
- Fundamentals of Engineering Materials
- Engineering Mathematics 1
- Fundamental Engineering Mechanics
- Electronics Design

**YEAR 2**
- Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics
- Process Engineering
- Engineering Mathematics 2
- Design and Computing in Engineering Practice
- Electrical and Mechanical Systems
- Solids and Structures

In each of Years 1 and 2 you’ll also study two 15-credit optional courses which you may use to keep other Engineering Honours Degree routes open, focus on specific skills or broaden your curriculum.

**YEAR 3**
- Stress Analysis A
- Engineering Materials
- Fluid Mechanics
- Dynamics 1
- Mechanics of Structures
- Design of Mechanical Elements
- Engineering Analysis and Methods 1A
- Project and Safety Management

**YEAR 4**
- Fluid Dynamics
- Dynamics 2
- Heat and Momentum Transfer
- Nonlinear Mechanics
- Individual Project (MEng/BEng)
- Group Design Project (BEng)

**YEAR 5 (MEng only)**
- Computational Fluid Dynamics
- The Engineer in Society
- Advanced Composite Materials
- Engineering Risk and Reliability Analysis
- MEng Group Design

**Recent graduate job roles**

- Drilling Engineer
- Field Engineer
- Graduate Mechanical Engineer
- Graduate Process Engineer

**Recent graduate employers**

- Atkins
- Subsea7
- Aker Solutions
- Fairhurst
- Bowmer and Kirkland
- Chevron
- Jacobs Engineering Group
- Stewart Milne Timber Systems
- Augmentias Offshore and Maritime
- Wood Group
Engineering – Petroleum

Petroleum engineers are concerned with the design, development and promotion of front-end engineering technologies required in the exploration, drilling, production and management of oil and gas reservoirs both onshore and offshore, whilst giving due consideration to health, safety and environment.

In addition to petrol, diesel and jet fuels, there are other common items manufactured from crude oil. For example: asphalt, ink, aspirin, fertilizers, paints, detergents, toothpastes, anaesthetics, etc. There will therefore continue to be a need for crude oil and natural gas.

Petroleum engineers also develop skills in project management & economics and environmental impact assessment. This makes them highly sought after by major energy and non-energy companies around the world with high levels of pay.

Aberdeen is based in the heart of the North Sea energy industry and is an International Centre of Excellence for exploration and production of oil and gas.

Choose Petroleum Engineering at the University of Aberdeen, to draw upon our well-established expertise in engineering aspects of exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbon to meet the industry challenges of the future.

Our degrees in Chemical Engineering

MEng PROGRAMME (5 YEARS)
• Petroleum Engineering

BEng PROGRAMME (4 YEARS)
• Petroleum Engineering

Why choose Aberdeen?

We are the only University in Scotland that offers an undergraduate Petroleum Engineering degree with a strong foundation in general engineering.

Our strong links with oil and gas industry give you the chance to experience real-life industry projects, through guest lectures, company visits and networking events.

• Hands-on laboratory experiments and use of industry standard software as well as group design exercises based on real case field data supervised by practising professionals from industry prepares you for work after graduation.

• The interdisciplinary content of our curricula, and the emphasis on health and safety and environmental sustainability provide you with valuable intellectual and transferable skills.

• Our award-winning Society of Petroleum Engineers Student Chapter helps you to build strong relationships with members and gain insight into the oil and gas industry.

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/engineering

Example degree structure

YEAR 1
• Principles of Electronics
• CAD and Communications in Engineering Practice
• Fundamentals of Engineering Materials
• Engineering Mathematics 1
• Fundamental Engineering Mechanics
• Chemistry for the Physical Sciences 1

YEAR 2
• Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics
• Process Engineering
• Engineering Mathematics 2
• Design and Computing in Engineering Practice
• Electrical and Mechanical Systems
• Solids and Structures
• Introduction to Geology for Petroleum Engineers

Throughout years 1 and 2 you will also study these 15 credit courses which you may use to keep other Engineering Honours Degree routes open, focus on specific skills or broaden your curriculum.

YEAR 3
• Fluid Mechanics
• Heat, Mass and Momentum Transfer
• Petroleum Geology and Reservoir Characterisation
• Drilling and Well Engineering
• Reservoir Engineering I: Fundamentals
• Well Testing
• Petroleum Engineering Design
• Engineering Analysis and Methods 1A
• Project and Safety Management

YEAR 4
• Geomechanics
• Petroleum Production Engineering and Technology
• Reservoir Engineering II: Performance
• Field Development and Petroleum Economics
• Individual Project (MEng/BEng)
• Group Design Project (BEng)

YEAR 5 (MEng only)
• Non-conventional Hydrocarbon Engineering
• Reservoir Simulation
• Facilities Engineering
• Enhanced Oil Recovery
• The Engineer in Society
• MEng Group Design

One course from:
• Numerical Simulation of Waves
• Computational Fluid Dynamics
• Well Plugging and Abandonment (Online Course)

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

• Wellsite Engineer
• Reservoir Engineer
• Petroleum Engineer
• Production Engineer
• Drilling Engineer
• Operations Engineer
• Rig Engineer
• Technical assistant

Recent graduate employers

• TOTAL
• BP
• Maersk Oil
• Weatherford
• Add Energy
• Eriell Group
• National Oilwell Varco
• Caspian Oil Services
• Shell
• ConocoPhillips
• Stena Drilling Ltd.
English

English at Aberdeen gives you all the advantages of a highly-rated teaching, research and creative hub, taught by internationally renowned academics, writers and poets. You will be inspired by the wonderful environment of a historic university with an award-winning library, outstanding archival treasures, and an exciting calendar of literary events.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Rated 2nd in the UK for the quality of research in English language and literature in the 2014 REF national assessment of research quality at UK universities.
- Scotland’s top centre for creative writing in the Complete University Guide rankings for 2018.
- An international profile through major literary projects such as the Edinburgh Edition of the Waverley Novels of Walter Scott.
- The WORD Centre for Creative Writing, promoting creative projects in fiction, non-fiction and collaborative mixed-media in all the languages of north-east Scotland (from Doric to Polish).
- The spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library, home to literary treasures collected over 500 years, charting the power of the written word from ancient papyri and Medieval manuscripts to contemporary e-books and other media.
- Historic collections including rare printed books, the 12th century Aberdeen Bestiary, MacBean Stuart and Jacobite collection, the novels of Walter Scott, and an exceptional collection of Charles Dickens’ first editions.
- Research centres include the internationally recognised Centre for the Novel, the Sir Herbert Grierson Centre for Textual Criticism and Comparative Literary History, and the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Acts of Reading
- Controversial Classics
- Rethinking Reading

YEAR 2
- Encounters with Shakespeare
- The Tragedy of Knowledge

YEAR 3
- Medieval/Renaissance
- Romantic/Victorian
- Contemporary/Modern
- Creative Writing

YEAR 4
- A wide range of research specialist courses which promote a deep understanding of the subject. Courses are taught in seminar groups of up to 15 students. The programme of study also includes a supervised dissertation in English or Creative Writing.

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/english

University league rankings

Recent graduate job roles
- Editorial Assistant
- Journalist
- Project Manager
- Social Account Manager

Recent graduate employers
- Birkbeck University of London
- Dekko Comics
- JP Morgan

Graduate employment statistic
87% go on to work and/or study within 6 months – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey
100% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB
Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB
Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
BB
Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB

Minimum:
BBC

Adjusted:
CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS
- MA English
- MA English and Scottish Literature

JOINT HONOURS
For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Environmental Science

An Environmental Science degree at Aberdeen will allow you to understand more about the environment on a local and global scale. It will allow you to appreciate the impact humans are having on the environment and how it can be managed. This programme includes elements of Environmental Biology, Geography and Geology, Soil Science and Chemistry. This degree will enable you to explore the science of all these topics, taught by experts who are actively involved in environmental science research.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Our degree in Environmental Science aims to train you to recognise and understand the threats and conflicts in the environment today and appreciate the steps required to develop solutions.
- You will benefit from the opportunity to work outdoors and apply your classroom and field work knowledge to real-life situations.
- There is a focus on research-led teaching for this degree. The School of Biological Sciences has an international reputation for excellence in inter-disciplinary research in terrestrial, aquatic and marine environments.
- You will have opportunities to interact with organisations, such as Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), oil and gas companies and remediation companies.
- 92% of the research in the School is considered to be world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2014).
- At our regular careers events you will have the opportunity to listen to and meet prospective employers from outside the University, giving you excellent opportunities to get a fulfilling and challenging job in a biological field.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Frontiers in Biological Sciences
- Diversity of Life 1 and 2
- The Earth through Geological Time
- Ecology and Environmental Science
- Global Worlds, Local Challenges
- Earth’s Materials

YEAR 2
- Biological Enhanced Skills Training
- Ecology
- Physical Environments
- Conservation Biology
- Plants, People and the Environment

YEAR 3
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Global Soil Geography
- Ecosystem Processes
- Soils for Food Security
- Environmental Analysis
- Society and Environment

YEAR 4
You will carry out a research project and complete advanced courses such as Environmental Impact Assessment, Remediation Technology, Environmental Pollution, or Environmental Management Plan among others.

University league rankings


Career development

Completing a degree in Environmental Science at the University of Aberdeen will give you the essential skills required to pursue a career in the environmental science sector and the wider biology graduate job market. You will be equipped with the knowledge, understanding and practical experience to take the necessary action in resolving environmental conflicts. This includes nature conservation, in government or non-government conservation organisations and also in countryside departments of local government.

The combination of academic training, transferable skills and skills-based training that students gain during the Environmental Science programme at the University of Aberdeen means that as well as learning theory, they also have the opportunity to gain experience of applying their knowledge to real-life and environmental situations.

Recent graduate employers

- Clyde River Foundation
- Life WolfAlps
- RSPB
- Shetland Islands Council

Graduate employment statistic

85% go on to work and/or study within 6 months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

- Ecology – page 104
- Conservation Science – page 98

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

**AABB**

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:

**BBB**

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:

**BB**

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:

**BBB**

Minimum:

**BBC**

Adjusted:

**CCC**

* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 61. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

* BSc Environmental Science

Accreditations

Royal Society of Biology
Exercise and Health Science

Exercise and Health Science examines the role of sport and exercise as a means of improving quality of life. We are proudly ranked 1st in Scotland and 6th in the UK for Sports Science (which includes Exercise and Health Science) by The Guardian in 2019.

Why choose Aberdeen?
- We have very happy students, with a 93% overall satisfaction rate (NSS 2018).
- More industries and sectors are recognising the benefits of exercise and nutrition for health – meaning there are plenty of career opportunities waiting for you!
- 2016 saw the opening of the new purpose-built Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health building at the University’s Foresterhill Campus. It is equipped with state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, write-up areas and a specialist Human Nutrition Unit.
- You will develop a practical knowledge of research skills and methods related to the basic sciences underpinning the use of exercise in health and fitness.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- In year 1 you will take courses in Sports Science, Medical Science and Psychology or Chemistry. Additional courses are selected from the science programme and other areas.

YEAR 2
- In year 2, further expansion of Sports Science and development of Exercise and Health studies are provided. These are combined with more advanced studies in Physiology and Psychology or Biochemistry, and courses delivering key skills applicable to Sports Studies.

YEAR 3
- Sports Science, Clinical Exercise Physiology and Sports Psychology form important components of year 3, including more specific studies in Anatomy, together with health-related issues including Nutrition, Health and Disease.

YEAR 4
- Year 4 comprises focused studies on Exercise and Health, the Science of Ageing and Nutrition, Obesity and Metabolic Health. An important feature is the ten-week research project, carried out in research laboratories at the University or in local research institutes. If you choose to follow the five year MSci course, your fourth year will be spent on (paid) placement.

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/exercise-health

University league rankings


Career development

Graduates find employment in many areas of biomedical and human-based science subjects allied to medicine, and also the sport and leisure sectors, where their understanding of the basis of human performance adds to their other skills. Many students will continue in research posts where the project work in the honours year provides valuable experience. Others will go on to a more vocational medical related MSc in, for example, Physiotherapy or Dietetics; or a postgraduate qualification in Primary Teaching, PE or Biology. Graduates may also begin careers in the public health industry, occupational health and therapy, social work and related social services, teaching, the mass media and marketing.

Recent graduate employers
- Aberdeen Sports Village
- Dublin City University
- NHS
- Skipton Building Society
- University of Stirling

National Student Survey

93% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

88% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
- ABB

Applications who have achieved ABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
- BBB

Applications who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
- BB

Applications who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
- BBB

Minimum:
- BBC

Adjusted:
- CCC

* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Exercise and Health Science
- MSc Exercise and Health Science with Industrial Placement (5 years) (for entry requirements see page 67)
Film and Visual Culture

Film and Visual Culture at Aberdeen takes you on a fascinating and unique journey through the history and theory of visual culture and more than 100 years of cinema, in the vibrant environment of a leading teaching and research university, a buzzing regional cultural scene, and a region of outstanding natural beauty and inspiration.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- A curriculum that balances history, theory and creative production, as you learn to apply a critical analysis of developments in cinema and visual culture.
- Director’s Cut, the University’s popular events series, which invites leading international filmmakers onto campus for masterclasses with students, and packed public ‘in conversation’ events, filmed for the web and for teaching.
- Sir David Attenborough, Gurinder Chadha, John Akomfrah, Jane Treays, Academy Award winners Kevin Macdonald and Pawel Pawlikowski are among our guests on the Director’s Cut series.
- The George Washington Wilson Centre for Visual Culture, promoting interest and organising events in visual culture, including film, photography, art history, anthropology and museum studies, through its VIEW programme of events.
- A programme that offers the opportunity to make films, using our Media Lab video production and post-production facility.
- Strong emphasis on applied learning as well as theory, so you develop a range of practical skills that will give you a good grounding in your future career.
- Courses as diverse as Cinematic Cities, Cinema and Science, Performance Art, Confronting the Nazi Past in German and Austrian Film, and Landscapes of Film.
- An exciting and flourishing cultural scene in north-east Scotland, including the independent Belmont Filmhouse, which celebrates world cinema in all its brilliance and diversity, and frequently partners with this academic programme.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Introduction to Visual Culture
- Introduction to Film and the Cinematic Experience

YEAR 2
- Visualising Modernity
- Visualising Revolution

YEARS 3 AND 4
- A wide range of research specialist courses which promote a deep understanding of the subject, and a supervised dissertation in the final year, which can include a practical element.

University league rankings

2nd in Scotland and 5th in the UK for Dance, Drama, Cinematics and Photography (includes Film and Visual Culture) – The Complete University Guide 2019.

Recent graduate job roles

- Bookseller
- Freelance Production Assistant
- Metascanner
- Sales and Marketing Developer
- Self-employed Filmmaker
- TEFL teacher
- Teaching Fellow in Film and Visual Culture

Recent graduate employers

- China Education Association
- iMetaFilm
- The Big Partnership
- Sky
- Academy Award winners
- Gurinder Chadha
- John Akomfrah
- Jane Treays
- Kevin Macdonald
- Pawel Pawlikowski
- Sir David Attenborough
- Donald Trump

National Student Survey

91% of our students said the course is intellectually stimulating – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

100% go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/film-visual-culture
Finance

Finance at Aberdeen gives you a powerful understanding of the principles of finance in a fast-moving global setting, and the business skills to take advantage of the many opportunities available to sought-after Aberdeen graduates across the business and public sector, expected to grow further with the increasing number of innovations in the financial world.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- UK top three university for impact of world-leading research carried out by our business and management experts – Times Higher Education REF rankings by subject 2014.
- An excellent teaching environment, committed to the needs of industry, which integrates research into teaching, enables transferable skills and develops intellectual skills on a range of contemporary financial challenges.
- The city of Aberdeen plays a huge role in Europe’s energy industry. International accountancy firms, multinational companies and financial services all have offices in the city.
- Professional training facilities, including our Bloomberg virtual trading floor – integrating real activity in financial markets into our students’ courses.
- Vibrant student led societies such as the Aberdeen Business Enterprise Society, the Economics and Business Society and the Trading and Investment Club.
- The spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library, with brilliant study facilities, state-of-the-art learning technology, and an extensive collection of reference books, journals and other media for finance and business studies.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- The Economics of Business and Society
- Finance 1: Finance, Risk and Investment
- Accounting and Entrepreneurship
- The Global Economy

YEAR 2
- Finance 2: Business Finance
- Financial Markets and Regulation
- Understanding Statistics

YEARS 3 AND 4
- Finance 3: Corporate Finance
- International Financial Management
- Empirical Methods in Finance
- Advanced Corporate Finance Dissertation in Finance
- Financial Strategy and Investment Management
- Derivatives and Treasury Management

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

- Assistant Portfolio Manager
- Assistant Tax Advisor
- Business Development Manager
- Credit Specialist
- Financial Analyst
- Investor Relations Executive
- Trade Support Analyst
- Trainee Chartered Accountant

Recent graduate employers

- American Express
- Experian
- EY
- Johnston Carmichael
- Morgan Stanley
- Valu-Trac Investment Management

National Student Survey

95% of students said the library resources (e.g. books, online services and learning spaces) have supported their learning well – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

100% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

- Accountancy – page 70
- Financial Economics – page 134
- Economics – page 106

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/finance

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
- AABB
  Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
- BBB
  Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
- BB
  Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
- BBB
Minimum:
- BBC
Adjusted:
- CCC

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA Finance

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Financial Economics

Financial Economics is designed to provide you with extensive knowledge and understanding of the world of economics and finance. The programme explores the main theories of economics and how to apply them to finance. It will also give you the opportunity to work with advanced techniques, which are often used in the workplace.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- In year 4 of Financial Economics, you will get the opportunity to specialise by choosing suggested pathways, such as Behavioural and Experimental Finance, Financial Investment, and Macroeconomics, Policy, and Finance.
- An excellent teaching environment, committed to the needs of industry, which integrates research into teaching, enables transferable skills and develops intellectual skills on a range of contemporary financial challenges.
- Aberdeen is the main European centre for the oil and gas industry, international accountancy firms, multinational companies and financial services all have offices in the city.
- Professional training facilities, including our Bloomberg virtual trading floor - integrating real activity in financial markets into our students' courses.
- The spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library, with brilliant study facilities, state-of-the-art learning technology, and an extensive collection of reference books, journals and other media for finance and business studies.
- ACREEF (the Aberdeen Centre for Research in Energy Economics and Finance) headed by leading international petroleum economist and author Professor Alex Kemp, adviser to the Scottish Government.
- Home to CELMR (the Centre for European Labour Market Research) which leads research in education, skills and labour markets so topical today.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Finance, Risk and Investment
- Accounting and Entrepreneurship
- The Economics of Business and Society
- The Global Economy

YEAR 2
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Business Finance
- Financial Markets and Regulations

YEARS 3 AND 4
- Mathematical and Statistical Methods in Economics
- Econometrics
- Finance 3: Corporate Finance
- Asset Pricing
- Dissertation in Financial Economics

Example of the suggested pathway in Behavioural and Experimental Finance:
Year 4: Advanced Microeconomics, Experimental Economics, Behavioural and Experimental Finance, Dissertation in Financial Economics.

University league rankings

Recent graduate job roles
- Actuarial Consultant
- Assistant Portfolio Manager
- Economist
- Graduate Business Analyst
- Management Consultant
- Trainee Accountant

Recent graduate employers
- Aberdeen Standard Investments
- CAE
- EY
- RSM
- Willis Towers Watson

Graduate employment statistic
80% go on to work and/or further study after graduating in economics and other related subjects – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey
93% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

You may also like
- Economics – page 106
- Finance – page 132
- Accounting – page 70

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/economics

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB
Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB
Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
BB
Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB
Minimum:
BBC
Adjusted:
CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS
- MA Financial Economics
- MA Economics

JOINT HONOURS
For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
French

French at Aberdeen has an outstanding reputation. We are top-rated for teaching, with broad, flexible and diverse programmes covering language, literature, history and culture, researching topics from the Middle Ages to the present day and the Caribbean to North Africa. You will have five or four year options, study periods abroad, and many subject combinations for which a major European language adds a huge advantage in today’s world.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• A dynamic French Society, organising social and topical events throughout the year, and a brilliant way to get to know other students studying or speaking French.

• The spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library, with stunning study facilities, state-of-the-art learning technology, and a first-class collection of French books and films for your course.

• A packed campus programme of events, exhibitions, invited speakers and the popular annual May Festival which welcomes international figures, experts, authors and scientists to campus every spring, with an increasingly European flavour.

• Your time abroad as a visiting student at locations including Lyon, Rennes, Grenoble, Réunion, Brussels and Geneva, or working either as a language assistant or on internships including with the Institute of French Petroleum School in Paris and the Club des Langues in Anglet.

• International recognition as a centre for study and research in French, with research covering not only France, but also French-speaking Africa and the Caribbean.

• You’ll benefit from language courses being taught in small groups and literature and culture courses being taught by a combination of lectures and tutorials.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1

• Level 1 French Language
• Literature and Culture of Modern France

YEAR 2

• Advanced French Language
• French Identities: Individual and Society
• Introduction to French Linguistics

YEAR 3

• Junior Honours French Language
• Semester OR Academic year spent in French-speaking country

YEARS 4 AND 5

• Level 4 French Language
• French Dissertation
• Paris Transnational City of Culture
• Literature and Photography
• Modernity and Change in Post-War France
• French Cinema
• Colonialism to Independence: The African Novel in France

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

• Scottish Government Fast Streamer
• Business Relations Coordinator
• EU Policy and Events Stagiare
• Language Assistant
• Marketing Coordinator
• Translation Project Manager

Recent graduate employers

• Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
• Scotland Europa
• Wills Towers Watson
• Rosetta Translation
• Glenfiddich
• Hilton Worldwide
• Microsoft

Graduate employment statistic

90% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

• Gaelic Studies – page 138
• German – page 150
• Spanish and Latin American Studies – page 210

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

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Adjusted:

BB

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A LEVELS

Standard:

BBB

Minimum:

BBC

Adjusted:

CCC

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For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

• MA French Studies (available as 4 or 5 year options)

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Gaelic Studies

Aberdeen is the perfect location to explore the Gaelic language, its history, literature and Gaelic culture up to the present day. Whether you are a native speaker or complete beginner, you will be inspired by our world-leading experts in the Gaelic field, and gain valuable skills and wide career options.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- We have been teaching Scottish Gaelic for 100 years.
- Close links with the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies, and its literary magazine, Causeway/Cabhsair, which frequently includes poems and short stories from established and new Gaelic writers.
- The spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library, with an extensive Gaelic collection.
- A strong Gaelic theme in the University’s popular May Festival, at which thousands attend to hear world-famous authors, poets, public figures, scientists and other experts, and debate big issues in arts, literature, and current affairs.
- A warm welcome for students whatever your level of Gaelic, and long-standing experience in teaching this fascinating language to complete beginners.
- You will learn about Scotland’s oldest living language and develop your language skills in a friendly and supportive environment.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Gaelic Language 1A
- Gaelic Scotland
- Gaelic for Beginners 1B/Gaelic Language 1B
- Modern Gaelic Scotland

YEAR 2
- Gaelic for Advanced Beginners 2A/Gaelic Language 2A
- Gaelic Folklore
- Gaelic for Advanced Beginners 2B/Gaelic Language 2B
- Introduction to Gaelic Literature

YEARS 3 AND 4
As well as studying Gaelic Language and undertaking a dissertation, courses we regularly offer include:
- Gaelic Dialectology
- The Gaelic Short Story
- Comparative Language Planning
- Modern Irish Language
- The Gaelic Novel
- The Gaelic Poetry Renaissance

Career development

Opportunities for graduates fluent in Scottish Gaelic are very good. Teaching, Gaelic language planning, arts management, and digital archivism are all career options, and the commitment in Scotland to Gaelic broadcasting means continued demand for Gaelic graduates to work in the media. Recent graduates have been employed as:
- Assistant Gaelic Development Officer
- Client Account Manager
- EU Policy and Events Stagiare
- HR Administrator
- Project Assistant

Recent graduate employers
- Bank of Scotland
- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- Scotland Europa
- University of Aberdeen

Graduate employment statistic
89% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018

National Student Survey
90% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018

You may also like
- French – page 136
- German – page 150
- Spanish and Latin American Studies – page 210

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/gaelic-studies

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
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Minimum:
BBB

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Adjusted:
BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB

Minimum:
BBC

Adjusted:
CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS
- MA Gaelic Studies

JOINT HONOURS
For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Genetics

Genetics is the study of the inherited differences between individuals and is central to biology, medicine and biotechnology. It allows us to understand normal events such as development, growth and ageing in terms of the underlying molecular machinery of the cell and helps explain how these processes go wrong in disease.

When organisms reproduce, the offspring tend to resemble their parents, but they are not identical to either parent, nor are they simply a mixture of the two parents. Genetics is concerned with explaining the behaviour of inherited characteristics, in terms of the underlying genetic machinery which turns a single cell (the fertilised egg) into a fly, a worm, or a human. Genetics also explains how over longer time scales, living things change, or evolve, to produce the dazzling diversity of life.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Genetics has been revolutionised by the application of new genome sequencing technologies. You will benefit from the investment made in this technology from the formation of the Centre for Genome Enabled Biology and Medicine at the University.
- Throughout the programme there is a strong emphasis on medical and human genetics.
- Training is provided in both specialist and employment-related skills.
- Innovative and flexible teaching allowing you to follow special interests.
- You will have opportunities for gaining (paid) experience in industry.
- Aberdeen is a top 25 UK university for Impact and Innovations including insulin.

Example degree structure

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YEAR 1

- Introduction to Medical Sciences
- The Cell
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 1
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 2

YEAR 2

- Genes and Evolution
- Molecular Biology of the Gene
- Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
- Energy for Life
- Microbes, Infection and Immunity
- Research Skills for Medical Sciences

YEAR 3

- The Molecular Biology of the Cell
- Genetics
- The Molecular Control of Cell Function OR
- Fundamentals of Immunology

YEAR 4

- Honours Genetics – Option 1
- Honours Genetics – Option 2
- Honours Advanced Molecular Biology
- Genetics Honours Research Project

Career development

One of the great advantages of a degree from the University of Aberdeen is that it provides you with a very broad range of skills to offer employers. Not only do we train students in scientific methodology, we incorporate what we call ‘graduate attributes’ into the whole curriculum, including communication, working with others, use of specialist IT and time management.

Recent graduate employers

- Baards Malts
- MHCRA
- Oxford Genetics

National Student Survey

83% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

89% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

- Biomedical Science – page 86
- Human Embryology and Developmental Biology – page 156
- Immunology – page 158
- Microbiology – page 176

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

Entry requirements

SQA HIGHERS

Standard: 
- AABB

Minimum: 
- BBB

Adjusted: 
- BB

SQA HIGHERS

Standard: 
- BBC

Minimum: 
- BBB

Adjusted: 
- CCC

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Genetics
- BSc Genetics (Immunology)
- MSci Genetics with Industrial Placement (for entry requirements see page 67)
- MSci Genetics (Immunology) with Industrial Placement (for entry requirements see page 67)
Geography

Geography is key to understanding and resolving many of the most pressing problems faced by society, and our curriculum reflects the changing nature of these problems and current approaches to addressing them. Geography at Aberdeen can be studied as a BSc or an MA degree. MA Joint Honours programmes are available.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• Geography has been taught at Aberdeen since the 1590s and the department of Geography was established in 1919.

• The degree programme reflects contemporary Geography, with course options showcasing the department’s research strengths in both human and physical Geography.

• Local, national and international field trips are an important part of all our degree programmes, currently Boston (USA) and the Italian Alps.

• The University is located close to some of the most environmentally important and geographically varied landscapes in the whole of the UK, which provide field sites for some of our teaching.

• Our degree programmes develop graduate attributes and skills which equip you for employment relevant to your degree.

• You will have the opportunity to study abroad. Amongst many options, Geography has a special relationship with the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire.

• The student-led Geography Society runs an annual programme of events and is an important element of the social life of the department.

• Geography staff conduct internationally recognised inter-disciplinary research as recognised in the excellent results of the 2014 Research Excellence Framework.

• Graduate employment rates are very competitive. Our graduates are employed across the public, private and voluntary sectors.

• Our graduates are well placed to pursue postgraduate opportunities.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change.

• Whether you are registered for BSc or MA, we make it possible for you to choose between science-focused, humanities-directed or social-science-based Geography courses throughout your degree.

• A student studying single honours in Geography will complete a four-year programme of study, specialising in Geography in third and fourth year.

• A student studying joint honours in Geography will complete a four-year degree, specialising in both Geography and another subject during third and fourth years. You might, for example, qualify with a degree, or an MA (Hons) Geography-Sociology degree.

Graduate employment statistic

90% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey

92% overall MA student satisfaction – UNISTATS 2018.

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

• Graduate Environmental Planner
• Graduate Land Surveyor
• Graduate Transport Planner
• Marine Licensing Support Officer
• PR Account Executive
• Project Administrator
• Recruitment Consultant

Recent graduate employers

• AECOM (a multi national civil engineering company)
• Cunnane Town Planning
• Deep Ocean
• Delta Energy and Environment
• Highlands and Islands Enterprise
• Scottish Government
• Scottish Wildlife Trust
• Shell
• Standard Life

Accreditations

Our BSc and MA Geography degree programmes are accredited by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

You may also like

• Geology and Petroleum Geology – page 144
• Geosciences – page 148
• Geophysics – page 146

BSc + MA Degrees available

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

AABB

Minimum:

BBB

Adjusted:

BB

Accreditations

Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Geology and Petroleum Geology

Geology provides a knowledge of the way the Earth works and is vital to the understanding of the nature and origin of Earth’s resources.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- The city of Aberdeen plays a huge role in Europe’s energy industry, making it the most relevant place in the UK to study Geology and Petroleum Geology.
- Geology is the ultimate general science degree with an integrated mix of natural and physical sciences.
- Fieldwork is an important element of our geology degree, we make the best use of our location in Scotland – close to great areas for fieldwork, many of which feature in the Geological Society of London’s 100 Great Geologies.
- Fieldwork locations include – Arran, Skye, the north-west Highlands and other areas throughout the UK. The MGeol programme includes a trip to the Western Alps and to Sicily.
- If the interactions of people and planet are of special interest, our joint degree combining Geosciences with Geography is the degree for you.
- Many past graduates continue to work in Aberdeen and links with industry are therefore very strong and employability second to none.
- You will have the chance to join the Geology and Petroleum Geology Student Chapter. This is an active and very social Student Chapter which will give you the opportunity to expand your knowledge, skills and networks beyond the classroom.
- To expand skills, knowledge and networks even further, many of our students join the Aberdeen Geology Society.

Example degree structure

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YEAR 1
- Earth Through Geological Time
- Earth’s Materials

YEAR 2
- Stratigraphical Principles
- Petrology & Mineralogy
- Introduction to Field Geology
- Geophysics

YEAR 3
- Petroleum Geology
- Field and Mapping Techniques
- Structural Geology & Tectonics
- Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology
- Sedimentology
- Field & Mapping Techniques 2

YEAR 4
- Independent Geological Mapping Project
- Petroleum Geology: Geochemistry and Geofluids
- Surface & Subsurface Digital Imaging
- Geological Synthesis

YEAR 5 (MGeol only)
- Integrated Sedimentary Basin Systems
- Geoscience Research Skills and Data Analysis
- The Basin Fill
- Geological Models
- Research Project

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/geology

University league rankings

Aberdeen is ranked 15th in the UK for Geology – Complete University Guide 2019.

Recent graduate job roles

- Energy Management Trainee
- Geologist
- Graduate Geotechnical Engineer
- Junior Broker
- Software Testing Intern
- Well Data Manager

Recent graduate employers

- Corex
- DataCo
- Kier Group
- RSK

National Student Survey

88% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

100% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

A percentage of our students also go on to study at MSc and PhD level at the University of Aberdeen.

Accreditations

Our BSc degree is accredited by the Geological Society of London.

You may also like

- Geosciences – page 148
- Geography – page 142
- Geophysics – page 146

Joint honours

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Geophysics

Providing a knowledge of the way the Earth works is vital to understanding the nature and origin of Earth resources. A degree in Geophysics from the University of Aberdeen will allow you to learn about the history, structure and dynamics of the Earth system, and the physics behind them.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• Fieldwork is an important element of this degree. We make the best use of our location in Scotland – close to many great areas for fieldwork.
• Aberdeen is geographically perfect for the study of Earth Sciences, having some world-class field sites close at hand which can be conveniently visited on day courses. Many of the UK’s top 100 geological sites are within easy reach from Aberdeen and are visited by our students and staff alike.
• Many past graduates continue to work in the city and links with industry are therefore very strong with employability being second to none.
• Our department of Physics has a long and illustrious history, and former staff include great physicists such as James Clerk Maxwell and G.P. Thomson.
• We offer a modern, modular degree structure with a broad syllabus and a wide range of degree choices.
• We place emphasis on teaching employability and the development of generic skills, useful in a wide range of careers.
• You will be well equipped to pursue careers across the breadth of Geoscience sub-disciplines.

Example degree courses

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change.

Topics you can study include (but are not limited to):

• The Physical Universe
• The Earth Through Geological Time
• Earth’s Materials
• Computer Programming and Principles
• Petrology & Mineralogy
• Light Science
• Dynamical Phenomena
• An Introduction to Field Geology
• Energy and Matter
• Structural Geology & Tectonics
• Principles of Petroleum Geology
• The Physics of Waves
• Interpretation of Seismic Reflection Data
• Sedimentology
• Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology
• Computational Geophysics
• Statistical Physics & Stochastic Systems
• Advanced Exploration Geophysics
• Modelling Theory
• Interpreting the Subsurface

You may also like

• Geology and Petroleum Geology – page 144
• Geosciences – page 148
• Geography – page 142

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/geophysics

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Career development

Our Geoscience degrees open up career opportunities with the global oil and gas industry, as well as other key sectors. Our degrees are highly respected by the oil and gas industry and our graduates are in high demand. Geophysics is also a subject that opens up tremendous opportunities for further study, either at MSc or PhD level.

Many of our Geoscience graduates find employment within the hydrocarbon or mineral exploration and exploitation sectors. Additionally, postgraduate specialised study is a popular pathway toward careers in the oil industry. With a good numerate and technical degree such as Geophysics, employment prospects are excellent.

National Student Survey

88% of our Geology and Physics students agreed that our staff are good at explaining things – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

100% of Geology & 85% of Physics graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

• Geology and Petroleum Geology – page 144
• Geosciences – page 148
• Geography – page 142

Entry requirements

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AABB

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BBB

Adjusted:
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• Geosciences – page 148
• Geography – page 142

Entry requirements

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SQA HIGHERS

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Minimum:
BBB

Adjusted:
BB

Subject(s) recommended: Mathematics and Physics.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

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More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/geophysics
Geosciences

This exciting programme prepares you to apply scientific principles to help address some of the most significant problems facing the Earth today. By combining the disciplines of geology and physical geography, the BSc Geoscience helps you develop a deep understanding of challenges, including climate change, natural hazards, population, energy and natural resources, interactions between humans and the environment.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- We believe our students benefit the most from practical, hands-on learning. This is why we provide a great opportunity to take part in local, national and international field trips.
- Along with opportunities to take geology/physical courses, there is also an opportunity to take some archaeology courses.

Example degree structure

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YEAR 1
- Global Worlds, Global Challenges
- Global Worlds, Local Challenges
- The Earth through Geological Time
- Earth’s Materials

YEAR 2
- Mapping & Monitoring the Environment
- Introduction to Field Geology
- Petrology & Mineralogy
- Physical Environments
- Stratigraphical Principles
- Skills and Techniques in Geosciences

YEAR 3
- Field and Mapping Techniques
- Montane Environments
- Research Design
- Remote Sensing and GIS
- Techniques in Physical Geography
- Volcanology

YEAR 4
- Project
- Laboratory data acquisition and analysis

Career Prospects

- Cartographer
- Environmental Consultant
- Geologist
- Geophysicist (Oil and Gas)
- Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst
- Planner
- Seismologist
- Surveyor

National Student Survey

89% of students said staff made the subject interesting – NSS 2018.

Entry requirements

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SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

- AABB
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Minimum:

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  Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:

- BB
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A LEVELS

Standard:

- BBB
  Minimum:

- BBC
  Adjusted:

- CCC

^ Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

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For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Geosciences
Germany, Austria and Switzerland are all countries with a diverse and turbulent culture and history. In addition to studying German language, students will acquire a thorough understanding of past and current German culture, and its significance in the modern world.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Gaining a degree in German Studies is possible for students with or without any previous experience of learning German. At level 1 students may choose the ‘beginners’ or the ‘qualified’ pathway (for those with about 5 years learning German at school, or equivalent).
- German at Aberdeen has an outstanding reputation, top-rated for teaching, with broad, flexible and diverse programmes covering language, literature, history and culture and many subject combinations. You’ll also have the opportunity to spend at least one semester abroad.
- The German Society open to all students interested in German and the German-speaking countries, organising drama performances and other events such as Kaffee und Kuchen, a German Stammtisch, film showings, and visits by German speakers and writers.
- You will get the opportunity to study and/or work abroad as a Language Assistant or visiting student. We offer exchange scholarships with the Universities of Zurich, Kiel and Greifswald. We also have Erasmus partnerships with Leipzig, Cologne, Bonn, Trier and Graz.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- All students will take a language and culture course appropriate to their current German skills – ‘beginners’ or ‘qualified’

YEAR 2
- Modern German Culture 3 and 4
- Intensive language study at appropriate level

YEAR 3
- German Honours Language Study Abroad

YEAR 4 & 5
- German Language Study for Honours
- Dissertation
- Selection of specialised modules on culture and history

Recent graduate job roles

- Education Advisor
- Language Assistant
- Regional Project Manager
- Tour Guide

Recent graduate employers

- Emirates Airline
- Government of Luxembourg
- Network Retail

Graduate employment statistic

95% go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey

89% of students said staff are good at explaining things – NSS 2018.

You may also like

- French – page 136
- Gaelic Studies – page 138
- Spanish and Latin American Studies – page 210

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB
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Minimum:
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A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB
- Minimum:
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CCC
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For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA German Studies (5 years)

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
History

Study with us at Aberdeen and immerse yourself in past human experience, exploring the medieval, early modern and modern periods in Scotland, Europe and the wider world – at a university steeped in five hundred years of history.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• The inspiration of our beautiful historic campus in Old Aberdeen, centred around King’s College, begun in 1495 by University founder Bishop Elphinstone.

• Ranked top university in Scotland for the impact of its historical research – Times Higher Education REF rankings by subject 2014.

• A degree which embeds historical methods and practices, while providing maximum subject choice across periods, themes and locations.

• Major international treasures including 7,000 early printed books, the magnificent 12th Century Aberdeen Bestiary, large Jacobite collection, works of the Scottish Enlightenment, and fascinating local records dating from the Middle Ages.

National Student Survey

93% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

89% of graduates went on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1

• Making History – An introduction to the subject at university level (compulsory)
• Plus a choice of two courses from:
  – Europe in the Twentieth Century
  – Renaissances and Reformations
  – Vikings!

YEAR 2

• Choice of level 2 history courses, from:
  – Kingship, Clearances and Conflict: Debates in Scottish History
  – Power and Petty: Medieval Europe, 1100-1500
  – Birth of Modernity: Politics, Culture and Science in Europe, 1700-1870
  – Global Empire in the Long Nineteenth Century

YEARS 3 & 4

• Thinking History
• Special Subject
• History in Practice
• Undergraduate Dissertation in History
• Focused Honours Options reflecting student and staff interests

University league rankings


Career development and recent graduate employment

Employers value the skills acquired by history graduates. Our graduates have progressed to a wide variety of careers:

• Archivist
• Audit Associate
• Civil Servant
• Curator
• Director of an international creative agency
• Interpretation Manager
• IT procurement Officer
• Journalist and Media Relations Manager
• Parliamentary Office Manager
• Pharmaceutical Researcher
• Publisher
• Secondary School Teacher and Primary School Teacher
• Senior corporate Partnerships Manager
• Solicitor

You may also like

• History of Art – page 154

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/history

Entry requirements

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB

Minimum:
BBC

Adjusted:
CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

• MA History

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
History of Art

History of Art at Aberdeen provides the opportunity to study the art of Britain, Europe and America – architecture, sculpture, drawing, painting, print, decorative and industrial arts – at a university steeped in 500 years of social and artistic development and rated top in Scotland for the impact of the work of its History of Art researchers.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Our magnificent art collection, including the generous gifts from alumni through the centuries. In addition, modern artworks by leading Scottish artists make our spaces special and add thought-provoking inspiration to our campus.
- The inspiration of the beautiful King’s College Chapel, begun in 1495 by University founder Bishop Elphinstone, a treasure-house of history, showcases some of the finest work of Medieval craftsmen in Europe.
- Spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library with an excellent collection of art history books covering all periods, particularly strong in 18th and 19th Century material, including art theory and criticism.
- Home to the Buildings of Scotland Project, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, the definitive inventory of Scottish Architecture for Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray.
- Historic treasures include important Medieval manuscripts and estate papers, and the unique George Washington Wilson archive with over 45,000 original glass plate negatives made by this pioneer Victorian photographer.
- North-east Scotland’s distinguished architectural heritage from the Middle Ages onwards, the Aberdeen Art Gallery collections of French and British art, including one of the best collections of Victorian paintings outside London.
- The National Galleries of Scotland, the Burrell Collection, Glasgow Art Gallery and the Hunterian Museum are within easy reach by train, bus or car.
- Visits to major galleries and architecture in Scotland as part of your programme, and a final year week-long visit to a city of artistic and cultural significance – recently Paris.
- A packed campus programme of student and public events, exhibitions, seminars, invited speakers, and the annual May Festival which includes tours and talks on our Medieval architecture and art treasures.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Introduction to Art History
- Modern Art

YEAR 2
- Cathedrals to Caravaggio
- Making Masterpieces: Six Works in Context
- In the Flesh: Art on Location

YEARS 3 & 4
- Critical Perspectives in Art History
- Fieldwork 1 and 2
- Dissertation in History of Art
- Elective courses

University league rankings

15th in the UK for History of Art – Complete University Guide 2019.

Recent graduate job roles

- Collections Assistant
- Curatorial Assistant Intern
- Gallery Assistant
- Junior Marketing Executive
- Museum and Galleries Assistant

Recent graduate employers

- Aberdeen City Council
- Meissen
- National Galleries of Scotland
- University of Glasgow

National Student Survey

100% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

90% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

- History – page 152

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/history-of-art

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard: AABB
- Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum: BBB
- Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted: BB
- Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard: BBB
- Applicants who have achieved B, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

Minimum: ABC
- Applicants who have achieved A, B and C in three Highers or B, two Highers and two Advanced Highers, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

Adjusted: CCC
- For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA History of Art

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Human Embryology and Developmental Biology

Human Embryology and Developmental Biology is the study of the fascinating process in humans and animals that turns a single fertilised egg into a whole new individual with all the many specialised cell types.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- You will be trained in embryology, reproductive biology (including fertility/IVF science), stem cell technology, tissue regeneration, and the causes of, and cures for, human birth defects.
- You will benefit from access to excellent facilities and receive hands-on laboratory training.
- Teaching is delivered by world-leading researchers who are at the forefront of current research in developmental biology and stem cell technology.
- Emphasis is put on medically-relevant developmental genetics and stem cell technology.
- The majority of the model organisms used to study developmental biology are used by staff in the state-of-the-art Institute of Medical Sciences, using cutting edge techniques in genome editing as well as gene misexpression technologies.
- Feedback from students consistently ranks the degree programme as excellent, which is reflected in the high number of 1st class passes obtained by our students.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 1
- Introduction to the Medical Sciences
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 2
- The Cell

YEAR 2
- Physiology of Human Cells
- Molecular Biology of the Gene
- Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
- Physiology of Human Organ Systems
- Energy for Life
- Research Skills for Medical Sciences

YEAR 3
- Human Embryonic Development
- Principles of Developmental and Reproductive Biology
- The Early Embryo
- Development of Organ Systems
- Genetics

YEAR 4
- Advanced Molecules, Membranes and Cells (Stem Cells and Regeneration)
- Evolution & Development
- Developmental Neuroscience
- Developmental Biology Honours Project

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/biomedical-sciences
Immunology

Immunology is the study of how the body defends itself against the huge variety of pathogenic microorganisms it may encounter.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Our teaching is underpinned by world leading research groups, particularly in cancer immunology and the immunology of fungal infection.
- This is a wide-ranging programme that includes training in both specialist and generic employment-related skills.
- Excellent staff, passionate about high quality teaching (92% of our students said they were satisfied with the programme quality – NSS 2018), using modern, up-to-date teaching facilities.
- Modern teaching facilities and laboratories that will enhance your learning and provide you with an opportunity to experience working in a research focused laboratory environment.
- The University is a top 25 UK university for Impact and Collaboration in Biomedical Health Sciences (CWTS Leiden Ranking) with a heritage of major innovations including insulin.
- Immunology research here has led to major improvements in treatment for the debilitating autoimmune eye disease, uveitis.
- The Wellcome Trust medical research foundation has funded a £5.1 million strategic award in Medical Biophysics and Biochemistry (for entry requirements see page 65).

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:

BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:

BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:

BBB

Minimum:

BBC

Adjusted:

CCC

* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

University league rankings

Top 30 UK university for Biological Sciences (including Immunology) – The Complete University Guide 2019.

Recent graduate job roles

- Clinical Trials Assistant
- Experimental Officer
- Key Account Specialist
- Scientific Research Assistant
- Technologist

Recent graduate employers

- Covance
- Lonza
- OfGEM
- Quintiles
- University of Aberdeen

National Student Survey

92% overall student satisfaction for Immunology, Biophysics and Biochemistry – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

90% of Biomedical Sciences related graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

- Genetics – page 340
- Biomedical Science – page 86
- Microbiology – page 176

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1

- Chemistry for the Life Sciences
- Introduction to Medical Sciences
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 2
- The Cell

YEAR 2

- Genes & Evolution
- Molecular Biology of the Gene
- Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
- Microbes, Infection & Immunity
- Research Skills for Medical Sciences

YEAR 3

- The Molecular Biology of the Cell
- Fundamentals of Immunology
- Applied Immunology – Human Health
- Mechanisms of Disease and Principles of Chemotherapy OR
- Biology and Control of Infectious Diseases

YEAR 4

- Advanced Immunology
- Honours Immunology – Option 1: Infection, Immunity and Disease
- Honours Immunology – Option 2: Molecular Immunology
- Immunology Honours Research Project

More course information:

abdn.ac.uk/ug/immunology

Graduate employment statistic

90% of Biomedical Sciences related graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.
International Business

The MA and MBus International Business are designed to help students develop an exceptional knowledge and understanding of International Business in an economic, political and social context, so they will have the confidence to add value to organisations when they graduate. Choose either the four year (MA) or five year (MBus) programme and specialise in at least one of the following disciplines: economics, real estate, accounting, finance and business management. Students can also study abroad and internship options are integrated, with flexible language learning to accommodate individual study needs, skills and aspirations.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- A UK top three university for the impact of world leading research carried out by our business and management experts. – Times Higher Education REF rankings by subject 2014.
- Aberdeen is the main European centre for the oil and gas industry. International accountancy firms, multinational companies and financial services all have offices in the city.
- Professional training facilities, including our Bloomberg virtual trading floor, integrating real activity in financial markets into our students’ courses.

- A Business Management programme which perfectly balances theory and practical work, with strong links to local and global businesses giving you cutting-edge insights in to the subject.
- Enterprise Campus, a new offering to nurture entrepreneurial skills and support students wanting to progress their own business ideas.

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/int-bus

Entry requirements

See table on page S8 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
- AABB
  Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
- BBB
  Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
- BB
  Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
- BBB
  Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

Minimum:
- BBC
  Applicants who have achieved BBC (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
- CCC
  For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA International Business
- MBus International Business

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Language and Linguistics

Language and Linguistics at Aberdeen is the fascinating exploration of human language and how speech evolved to create a bridge between sound and meaning. You will study the ways in which children and adults learn languages, and how languages and dialects vary and change over time, as well as gaining the knowledge and skills to give you the choice of a wide variety of careers.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- A vibrant linguistics research and teaching community, and the benefits this study brings to other subjects such as modern languages, anthropology, sociology and history.
- Researchers revealing new insight into how spoken English is changing, including evidence gathered from tracking TV and radio soaps over the years.
- Major research partnerships such as the study of witness testimonies following the 1641 Irish Rebellion, with language revealing the social, economic, cultural and political situation in 17th Century Ireland, giving clues on sectarianism today.
- Award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library with top-class study facilities and literary treasures collected over 500 years charting the power of the written word from ancient papyri and Medieval manuscripts to contemporary e-books and other media.
- A packed campus programme of events, exhibitions, invited speakers and the annual May Festival which attracts internationally acclaimed authors, broadcasters and public figures to discuss the written and spoken word in various languages.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- English Structure and Use
- English Past and Present

YEAR 2
- Language in Society
- Varieties of English
- Introduction to French Linguistics (optional)

YEAR 3
Choice of language and linguistic courses at level 3 adding up to at least 90 credits, including:
- First and Second Language Acquisition
- Discourse Analysis
- Language Variation and Change
- Phonetics
- Stylistics
- Dissecting Sentences

YEAR 4
- Dissertation in Language & Linguistics

Additional level 4 courses in language and linguistics, including:
- Language and the Professions
- Sociophonetics
- Adapt a Dialect
- Grammatical Attitudes
- Individual Differences in Second Language Acquisition
- Language Contact and Change in Language
- Minimalism and Microvariation
- Phonologies of English

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

- Editorial Assistant
- EFL Teacher
- Copywriter
- Promotions Assistant
- Research Officer

Recent graduate employers

- AstraZeneca
- Emirates Airline
- Moray Council
- Santander
- University of Aberdeen
- Weatherford International

National Student Survey

100% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

95% of graduates went on to work and/or study within six months (2013-15) – UNISITATS 2018.

You may also like

- English – page 124

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/language-linguistics

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB
Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB
Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
BB
Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB
Minimum:
BBC
Adjusted:
CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA Language and Linguistics

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Law

Law students at Aberdeen have unique opportunities. We have programmes accredited for entry into the legal profession in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England and Wales. You can also explore other disciplines and study abroad for a year or a semester, and our student societies offer a range of unique experiences. We are ranked 5th in the UK for Law by the Complete University Guide 2019 and The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• Aberdeen Law graduates today occupy roles at the top of Scotland’s legal system.
• Small class sizes and a highly personalised learning experience.
• Taught by top legal academics who are shaping national and international policy.
• A friendly international environment, studying alongside classmates from over 40 different nationalities within the Law School.
• Strong links with local and national employers, with legal professionals regularly giving career talks to students.
• An exceptionally high professional employment rate, with our law graduates much in demand.
• Our Aberdeen Law Project, in which law students gain experience by offering free legal advice in the community and conducting community projects.
• Our student Law Society, which organises a busy and varied programme of social, educational and supportive events.
• Our European Law Students’ Association, a local branch of a pan-European network.
• Our Aberdeen Student Law Review, a student-led journal, which publishes our students’ work.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
• Criminal Law
• Foundations of Private Law
• Legal System
• Contract
• UK Constitutional Law
• Delict and Unjustified Enrichment

YEAR 2
• Administrative Law and Civil Liberties
• EU Institutions and Law
• The Law of Property
• Commercial Organisations and Insolvency
• Family Law
• Introduction to Legal Theory
• Succession and Trusts

YEAR 3
• Evidence
• Commercial and Consumer Contracts
• Two Honours (Advanced) courses

YEAR 4
• Four Honours (Advanced) courses
• Dissertation

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

The University places a strong emphasis on applied learning and, therefore, our law graduates enjoy high employability. A law degree from Aberdeen will help you enter the legal profession as well pursue a wide range of alternative careers. Our previous graduates have gone on to work in chartered accountancy, the media, merchant banking, stockbroking, human resources and financial management, the Civil Service, social work, teaching, the Inspectorate of Taxes and the police force.

Legal practice

In order to practise law, you need to undertake professional qualifications. All our LLB programmes are accepted for admission to Scotland’s Diploma in Professional Legal Practice. Our Law with English Law degree is accepted for admission to England’s Legal Practice course and Bar Professional Training Course, and Northern Ireland’s Queen’s professional training course. Graduates can go on to work as a solicitor or advocate/barrister in firms, faculties or inns in the UK jurisdiction of their choice.

National Student Survey

94% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

95% of our graduates go on to work and or further study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

Accreditations

Courses are accredited by the Law Society of Scotland, the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland, and those with English Law also by the English Solicitors Regulation Authority and Northern Irish Institute of Professional Legal Studies.

You may also like

• Legal Studies – page 166
Legal Studies

Although not providing a degree which is qualifying for practice, this degree allows students to combine Legal Studies with a wide range of other subjects and is an attractive degree for students who wish to study law with another subject. The combination of analytical and intellectual skills you will develop will make you a very attractive graduate with wide career options. Law is concerned with the legal rules by which society is regulated, and the legal system(s) in which these rules operate. It is often seen as a purely vocational subject for those who wish to become lawyers, but law is interesting in its own right: a society’s laws and legal system are a product of historical, social, political and economic forces and, accordingly, the study of law gives an insight into the nature of society itself. The study of law also fosters important academic qualities including clear, careful and independent thought.

Please note that students who wish to enter legal practice should refer to the Law subject page on page 164 and 165.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• Legal Studies at Aberdeen gives you the benefit of studying a range of fascinating subjects in our Top 5 UK Law School (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019).

• Although you won’t be accredited to enter the legal profession, you will gain valuable knowledge of legal systems and important academic qualities that are greatly valued by employers.

• What makes Legal Studies at Aberdeen especially attractive is the breadth of courses, the user-friendly materials you will use and the experts who will teach you.

• The intellectual skills you will develop through a Legal Studies degree will include thinking critically, analysing and solving complex problems and presenting arguments in a clear, reasoned and logical manner – all attributes greatly sought by employers.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change.

Core or compulsory courses at time of going to print include:
• Foundations of Private Law
• Legal System
• Dissertation in Legal Studies or joint degree option

Optional courses at time of going to print include:
• Contract
• UK Constitutional Law
• Criminal Law
• Law of Property
• Family Law
• Energy Law
• Scottish Legal History
• Business Law
• Commercial Organisations and Insolvency

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/legal-studies

Career development

There are many opportunities at the University of Aberdeen to develop your knowledge, gain experience and build a competitive set of skills to enhance your employability. This is essential for your future career success. The Careers Service can help you to plan your career and support your choices throughout your time with us, from first to final year – and beyond.

We have strong links with local and national employers, with professionals regularly giving career talks to students.

There are also many law-focused student societies that are open to Legal Studies students. These societies often lead activities which can enhance your professional skills.

Recent graduate employers

• American Express
• Grampian Assessor and Electoral Registration officer
• Scottish Court and Tribunal Service

National Student Survey

Aberdeen’s Law School scores an impressive 94% for student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

You may also like

• Law – page 164

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:

AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:

BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:

BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:

BBB

Minimum:

BBC

Adjusted:

CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

• No single honours

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Marine Biology

In Marine Biology you learn about the diversity of sea life, from the smallest plankton to the largest marine mammals, and investigate their evolution, physiology, ecology and management. You study a range of marine habitats, including sandy beaches, rocky shores, mudflats and estuaries, open ocean and the deep sea, in field-based and lab-based practical work. This programme provides you with a strong foundation in biological sciences, principles and methodologies, while providing you with expertise in marine science.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- We are recognised internationally for our marine research on the deep sea, harbour seals and dolphins, seabird ecology, fisheries management, fish and shark biology, and marine protected areas.
- In your final year project you benefit from access to our specialist facilities, field stations and research vessels.
- Our programme is rich in hands-on practical sessions, where you work directly with organisms, analyse samples, and develop both technical and generic skills useful for a career in biology.
- Our links with professional and industrial partners, such as Marine Scotland in Aberdeen, The Scottish Association for Marine Sciences in Oban and The North Atlantic Fisheries College Marine Centre in Shetland, mean that you benefit from exposure to policy-makers, practitioners and regulatory professionals. Many students take advantage of our collaborators’ facilities and expertise for their research projects or placements.
- You will have the opportunity to get involved in our research through summer research assistantships, project work and a compulsory final year research project.
- At our regular careers events you will have the opportunity to listen to and meet prospective employers from outside the University, giving you excellent opportunities to get a fulfilling and challenging job in a biological field.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Frontiers in Biological Sciences
- Diversity of Life 1 and 2
- Ecology and Environmental Science
- The Cell
- Oceans and Society

YEAR 2
- Genes and Evolution
- Biological Enhanced Skills Training (BEST)
- Ecology
- Principles of Animal Physiology
- Ocean Biology

One of the following field courses:
- Parasitology
- Coastal Biodiversity
- Fish and Shellfish Biology
- Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecology

YEAR 3
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Animal Evolution and Biodiversity
- Animal Population Ecology
- Marine Ecology and Ecosystems
- Environmental Physiology
- Applied Marine Biology, Fisheries and Aquaculture

YEAR 4
You will carry out a research project and complete advanced courses of your choosing.

We offer advanced courses in Marine Mammalogy, Sustainable Aquaculture, Sustainable Management of Marine Resources and many others.

University league rankings

Top 30 UK university for Biological Sciences – Complete University Guide 2019.

Career development

Many career possibilities are open to graduate Marine Biologists. Employers include fisheries’ laboratories, governmental and non-governmental conservation organisations, local government, environmental protection agencies and research bodies. There is a growing demand for marine specialists and a variety of companies have arisen as marine legislation and regulations increasingly require rigorous environmental audit and monitoring. There are also opportunities in environmental education.

Recent graduate job roles have included:
- Laboratory Technician
- Offshore Photographer
- Project Assistant
- Research Assistant

Recent graduate employers
- Aker Solutions
- National Marine Mammal Laboratory
- Scottish Seabird Centre
- Antarctic Survey
- Environmental Consultancy

National Student Survey

100% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

90% go on to work and/or study within 6 months – UNISTATS 2018.

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
ABB
- Applicants who have achieved AAB or better, are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB
- Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
BB
- Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBC
- Applicants who have achieved BBB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria, see page 52. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

Minimum:
BBC
- Applicants who have achieved BBC, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
CCC
- Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 61. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

BSc Marine Biology

Accreditations

Accredited by the Royal Society of Biology.
Mathematics

Mathematics is not just about crunching numbers – it is about solving problems and looking for opportunities. Employers are keen to recruit mathematicians because they can think logically and analyse new developments in business, commerce or technology; opening up opportunities, especially in the financial sector, computing and information technology, geophysics and data analysis.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- A great heritage – Mathematics has been taught at the University of Aberdeen since 1495.
- You will benefit from smaller class sizes (approximately 25 in honours years) and friendly, approachable staff.
- We engage you with a challenging syllabus, emphasising rigour, taught by leading researchers.
- Our notable former staff include Colin Maclaurin and James Clerk Maxwell.
- Continue your studies in Aberdeen with our postgraduate math programmes. These are available for those who wish to progress on to further study after graduating.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Calculus I and II
- Algebra
- Set Theory

Optional course available at time of going to print:
Combinatorics, Mathematics and Computations through MATLAB

YEAR 2
- Linear Algebra I and II
- Analysis I and II

Optional course available at time of going to print:
Probability

YEAR 3
- Group Theory
- Metric and Topological Spaces
- Rings and Fields
- Analysis III and IV
- Differential Equations

YEAR 4
- Galois Theory
- Complex Analysis
- Project

Optional courses at time of going to print include:
- Measure Theory
- Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos Theory I and II
- Financial Mathematics
- Optimisation Theory
- Number Theory
- Knots
- Algebraic Topology
- Modelling Theory
- Geometry

Recent graduate job roles
- Academic Rights Adviser
- Risk Analyst
- SAR Programmer
- Biostatistics
- Trainee Accountant
- Trainee Project Scheduler

Recent graduate employers
- Anatec
- Deloitte
- Forum Energy Technologies
- Raytheon
- Ofgem

National Student Survey
92% student satisfaction – NSS 2018

Joint honours
For joint honours please see pages 222-226.

You may also like
- Physics – page 192

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/mathematics

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB or better are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB

Minimum:
BBC

Adjusted:
CCC

BSc entry requires good performance in Mathematics and one other science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education. MA entry requires good performance in Mathematics by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see pages 58 and 61.

SINGLE HONOURS
- BSc Applied Mathematics
- BSc Mathematics
- MA Applied Mathematics
- MA Mathematics
Medicine MBChB

Our modern, dynamic and clearly delivered MBChB uses a systems-based, integrated approach. Our curriculum is constantly reviewed and updated in response to changes in General Medical Council (GMC) guidance, scientific and medical advances, changes in healthcare delivery and changes in educational theory and practice. Student feedback is highly encouraged.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- You will find an exciting range of clinical attachments on offer at Aberdeen, both locally and across the Highlands and Islands. Our teaching is delivered across our Foresterhill campus and five Aberdeen based teaching hospitals.
- Foresterhill Campus – One of the largest medical and clinical teaching campus in Europe.
- The Medical School has very close links with other clinical units in Grampian and the Highlands and Islands, in particular Dr Gray’s Hospital, Elgin and Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, and all students undertake hospital-based clinical placements outside Aberdeen.
- Fully equipped clinical skills centres. The Suttie Centre for Teaching and Learning in Healthcare in Inverness provide superb facilities. They allow Anatomy and Clinical Skills teaching to be co-located, and clinical attachments begin in year 1.
- Partners right from the very start of the programme.
- Aberdeen and the Centre for Health Science in Highlands and Islands. Our teaching is delivered on offer at Aberdeen, both locally and across the world.
- Unique opportunities. Placements in the remote and rural areas of northern Scotland provide our students with fantastic, unique opportunities to experience healthcare in a variety of rural settings.
- Go abroad. The eight week project in year 5 allows you the opportunity to be completely independent and to study any aspect of medicine of particular interest.
- Our medical students have the opportunity to undertake a one year intercalated honours degree in Medical Science, Medical Humanities or one of our Masters programmes.
- You will be provided with the knowledge and understanding of the body systems as they are explored, as well as the diseases processes that disorganise normal structure and function within each system.
- Medical students have the opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge by undertaking a one year enhanced curriculum that provides an immersive, holistic experience of primary care in both urban and rural settings. Students will benefit from a higher level of teaching related to Community and General Practice as well as increased teaching in the community environment. Exciting opportunities will be available such as a remote and rural Student Selected Component or the opportunity to be part of out of hours teams.
- The Medical Humanities Student Selected Component (SSC). The SSC in year 3 gives you an opportunity to acquire an alternative ‘take’ on medicine and/or health, sickness or disability, which is not provided by the mainstream medical curriculum.
- In year 5, students complete student assistantships in their medical, surgical and GP/psychiatry attachments. The focus of the placement is to learn what is required post-graduation when you will be working as a foundation doctor.
- 98% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.
- Go abroad. The eight week project in year 5 allows you the opportunity to be completely independent and to study any aspect of medicine of particular interest.
- Forresterhill Campus – One of the largest medical and clinical teaching campus in Europe.
- In year 3, bi-weekly clinical attachments continue and, of out of hours teams.
- Fully equipped clinical skills centres. The Suttie Centre for Teaching and Learning in Healthcare in Inverness provide superb facilities. They allow Anatomy and Clinical Skills teaching to be co-located, giving students the opportunity to integrate and consolidate anatomical structure and function with clinical knowledge as they progress through the MBChB curriculum.
- Early patient contact. You will work with our Patient Partners right from the very start of the programme and clinical attachments begin in year 1.
- A state of the art anatomy facility. The facility is designed and built to fit perfectly with the systems-based medical curriculum.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change.

YEAR 1
You will be provided with the knowledge and understanding of medical sciences and the disease processes that underpin medicine. The systems-based course commences in term 2. Here we use clinical cases to act as a focus for teaching. This means we teach you about the appropriate anatomy, physiology and biochemistry of each of the body systems as they are explored, as well as the diseases processes that disorganise normal structure and function within each system.

YEAR 2
The systems-based teaching and the foundations of primary care continue to develop in year 2 where you continue to increase your knowledge and skills. A second four-week SSC will be undertaken, focusing on molecular mechanisms of disease. You will also experience a wide variety of weekly clinical attachments working alongside and shadowing various members of the multi-disciplinary hospital team.

YEAR 3
The study of the systems and the foundations of primary care course are completed in year 3. The SSC in third year provides a unique opportunity to study Medical Humanities for a six week module. A wide range of subjects will be available for students to choose from. In year 3, bi-weekly clinical attachments continue and, by the end of the year, you will be able to perform a complete head-to-toe examination of your patients.

YEAR 4
In year 4, students develop their diagnostic and management skills. Students will undertake seven six-week clinical blocks during which they experience many different clinical areas and disciplines covering the core learning required for graduating doctors. At least one of these clinical blocks will be undertaken in Inverness. However, students may choose to undertake the Remote and Rural option for all the blocks in year 4. The student selected component in year 4 will be population based.

YEAR 5
This is very much the apprentice year where students prepare for the competent, safe, effective and professional practice of medicine as a doctor. All final year students complete student assistantships in their medical, surgical and GP/psychiatry attachments. The focus of the placement is to learn what is required post-graduation when you will be working as a foundation doctor.

National Student Survey
98% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic
99% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

Our medicine and dentistry graduates go on to earn more than graduates from any other UK university – Department for Education LEO 2017 – median earnings 1-3 years after graduation.

Accreditations
General Medical Council

University League Rankings
Medicine MBChB (continued)

Career development

At the end of the undergraduate programme you will receive your MBChB degree, which is a primary medical qualification (PMQ). Holding a PMQ entitles you to provisional registration with the General Medical Council, subject only to its acceptance that there are no Fitness to Practise concerns that need consideration. Provisional registration is time limited to a maximum of three years and 30 days (1125 days in total). After this time period your provisional registration will normally expire.

Provisionally registered doctors can only practise in approved Foundation Year 1 posts; the law does not allow provisionally registered doctors to undertake any other type of work. To obtain a Foundation Year 1 post you will need to apply during the final year of your undergraduate programme through the UK Foundation Programme Office selection scheme, which allocates these posts to graduates on a competitive basis. All suitably qualified UK graduates have found a place on the Foundation Year 1 programme, but this cannot be guaranteed, for instance if there were to be an increased number of competitive applications.

Successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 programme is normally achieved within 12 months and is marked by the award of a Certificate of Experience. You will then be eligible to apply for full registration with the General Medical Council and that places on this programme may not be guaranteed for every UK graduate.

The GMC is currently considering the introduction of a formal assessment that UK medical graduates would need to pass in order to be granted registration with a licence to practise. Although no final decision has been taken as to whether or when such an exam will be introduced applicants should be aware that the GMC envisages that future cohorts of medical students may need to pass parts of a medical licensing assessment before the GMC will grant them registration with a licence to practise.

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Minimum entry requirements

Competition for places to study Medicine each year is extremely high. We strongly advise you to find out more about the academic and non-academic requirements for Aberdeen by visiting abdn.ac.uk/medicine

Achievement of the minimum academic requirements allows an application to be considered for selection – it offers no guarantee of success. The majority of successful candidates normally achieve the minimum academic requirements or better at the first sitting. We do not normally consider applicants who are re-sitting their examinations to upgrade results unless very exceptional extenuating circumstances at the time of the first sitting have been immediately disclosed and subsequently verified.

All applicants must hold a Standard Grade pass at 2, or National 5 pass at B, or GCSE level pass at B (or equivalent) in the following subjects: English Language and Mathematics.

Candidates whose first language is not English must also achieve an IELTS overall score of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in the speaking section.

Scottish Qualifications (SQA)

Five full academic courses to be taken at one sitting are the normal SQA entry requirements. Normally the minimum grades to be considered are AAAAB.

Chemistry is required, plus two from Biology/Human Biology, Mathematics and Physics, plus two other subjects. Five programmes of study are required to demonstrate breadth and volume, in order to cope with the academic demands and rigour of Medical School.

Applicants should check with the medical admissions office if clarification is required.

There is no requirement, and therefore no advantage given, to obtaining the three sciences required in one sitting. Mathematics is regarded as a science.

Applicants only attempting four Highers owing to school policy or personal difficulties are normally required to achieve AAAA at the first sitting.

The Admissions Committee will not normally consider applications to Medical School directly from year 5. Candidates who have achieved the entrance requirements, ie five full academic courses at AAAAB or better in S5, may choose to continue their studies in S6 and are free to choose a programme of study which is of particular interest to them, noting that we expect candidates to engage fully with an S6 programme of study and that Higher Biology will prove useful.

Candidates who do not meet the requirements in S5 may be considered but must offer an acceptable programme of study in S6 and advice should be sought. For extensive information on entry criteria, please visit abdn.ac.uk/medicine

Please note that any offer of a place made to an applicant undertaking S6 studies will be a conditional offer. Each application is considered individually when setting these conditions, but a typical condition is BBB.

For further information on how we assess widening access to medicine, please visit our website – abdn.ac.uk/smmn/undergraduate/medicine/widening-participation.php

General Certificate of Education (GCE)

3 A Levels at AAA. Chemistry is required plus at least one from Biology, Mathematics or Physics, plus one other subject.

Irish Leaving Certificate Ardtseistimeireacht (ILC)

6H at AAAAAA obtained at a single sitting of Hs. Chemistry is required, plus two from Biology, Mathematics and Physics.

Three Higher Level subjects at Grade H1 to include Chemistry, Biology and one other subject and three Higher Level subjects at Grade H2 including English and either Mathematics or Physics, plus one other subject. Grade B or better is required in English, Mathematics and Science in the Irish Junior Certificate (Higher Level).

UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)

The University of Aberdeen Medical School, along with most other UK medical schools, uses the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) to help select applicants for the undergraduate medical programme. All candidates must complete the UKCAT by the appropriate closing date for that year’s entry. For more information, visit ukcat.ac.uk

Transfers from other degrees

Transfer of students from another degree course into Medicine is not normally considered. Undergraduates enrolled in other degree programmes are advised to complete their current degrees and apply as graduates.
Microbiology

Microbiology is the study of bacteria, yeasts, and viruses. Microorganisms have a huge impact on human activity, from microbial pathogenicity, through food production, to the generation of modern medicines using biotechnology and synthetic biology. Microbiology at Aberdeen is studied at the level of protein and gene (molecular biology), at the level of the cell (cell biology and physiology), and at the level of the microbial community.

Why choose Aberdeen?
- Teaching that draws from several subjects including Biochemistry, Genetics and Immunology.
- Microbiology at Aberdeen is taught by a range of world-leading microbiologists based in the Institute of Medical Sciences, a dedicated research facility.
- Among the University’s Microbiologists are members of the Aberdeen Fungal Group, the largest centre for medical mycology in the UK and one of the largest in the world.
- You will have opportunities for gaining (paid) experience in industry.

Example degree structure

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Career development

Graduates work in settings such as: Hospital research and diagnostic laboratories, microbiology research in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, food and brewing industries, clinical trials, scientific publishing, public health service, and food regulatory services.

Recent graduate employers
- Biotechnologist
- Cell Culture Technician
- Marie Curie Researcher
- Research Scientist

National Student Survey
92% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic
95% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNSTATS 2018.

You may also like
- Genetics – page 140
- Biomedical Science – page 86
- Immunology – page 158
- Biochemistry – page 80

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/microbiology

Entry requirements

SQA HIGHERS
- Standard: AABB
  - Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers may be required.
  - Minimum: BBB
  - Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.
  - Adjusted: BB
  - Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p. 52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS
- Standard: BBB
  - Minimum: BBC
  - Adjusted: CCC
  - Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS
- BSc Microbiology
- MSci Microbiology with Industrial Placement (for entry requirements see page 67)
Modern Languages and Translation and Interpreting Studies

If you like to travel, enjoy meeting people from other cultures and you plan to work with your chosen languages in your future career, this challenging programme is for you. This degree can help you develop high-level communication needed to carve out a career in this expanding market. This programme gives you the opportunity to develop specific knowledge in translation and interpreting. It is an applied degree designed with the needs of future translators and interpreters in mind.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- You will get the opportunity to immerse yourself in your chosen languages, as this four-year programme requires you live and study at least two semesters abroad.
- You will develop a high level of proficiency in two languages, combining it with advanced transferable skills. In most cases, this will be reinforced with the practical experience gained from employment or from studying at a university during the period abroad.
- The combination of academic and vocational elements will open up many employment opportunities due to the transferable skills acquired.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Language 1 core and Language 2 core
- Introduction to Translation and Interpreting Studies
- Working with texts
- Introduction to Literature and Culture of one of the languages chosen
- English structure and use
- Communication and Language in Contemporary Society

YEAR 2
- Language 1 core and Language 2 core
- Theory of Translation and Interpreting
- Introduction to Bilateral Interpreting
- Translation Practice Language 1
- Translation Practice Language 2
- Research Methods
- Varieties of English

YEAR 3
- Year of study/work placement abroad

YEAR 4
Level 4:
- Language 1 core and Language 2 core
- Advanced Translation Skills Language 1
- Advanced Interpreting Skills Language 1
- Advanced Translation Skills Language 2
- Advanced Interpreting Skills Language 2
- Dissertation
- Translation Project
- (Level 4 – If one of the languages studied is Arabic or Chinese, you will study a Translation Practice course at intermediate level throughout the whole year.)

Teaching and assessment

Teaching takes the form of lectures, small group seminars, oral classes and intensive practical translation and interpreting work. Assessment is by a combination of assignments, exams, oral assessment and continuous assessment.

Career development

Language degree graduates have many career opportunities available to them. This programme also opens the way to postgraduate study and then to specific job roles such as the following:
- In-house translator
- Freelance translator and interpreter
- Proofreader
- Teaching and educational professional

Graduate employment statistic

87% of European Studies and Modern Languages students go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018

National Student Survey

89% overall student satisfaction (European Studies and Modern Languages) – NSS 2018

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
- AABB
  - Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
- BBB
  - Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
- BB
  - Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
- BBB

Minimum:
- BBC

Adjusted:
- CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA Modern Languages and Translation and Interpretation Studies

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Molecular Biology

Molecular biology is one of the great successes of 20th Century science. It has revolutionised our understanding of biology over the last half-century, culminating in the determination of the complete human genome sequence. Recent innovations in molecular biology include the technology behind genome engineering, which will have broad and lasting impacts on biology and medicine.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- You will receive teaching in the cutting edge fields of genome analysis and bioinformatics through the Centre of Genome-Enabled Biology and Medicine at the University.
- The programme has a strong emphasis on medical and human genetics.
- Opportunities for gaining (paid) experience in industry are available to you throughout the degree programme.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Introduction to Medical Sciences
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 1 and 2
- The Cell

YEAR 2
- Genes and Evolution
- Molecular Biology of the Gene
- Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
- Energy For Life
- Microbes, Infection and Immunity
- Research Skills for Medical Sciences

YEAR 3
- Molecular Biology of the Cell
- The Molecular Control of Cell Function
- Genetics

YEAR 4
- Honours Genetics Option 1
- Honours Advanced Molecular Biology
- Molecular Biology Honours Research Project
- Honours Biochemistry Option 2

Recent graduate job roles

- Business Planning Coordinator
- Cell Culture Technician
- Clinical Trials Assistant
- Medical Laboratory Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Veterinary Assistant

Recent graduate employers

- Cell ProTx
- Imperial College London
- Pharmaceutical Product Development
- Utrecht University

National Student Survey

95% overall student satisfaction (Molecular biology, biophysics and biochemistry) – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

80% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

- Microbiology – page 176
- Genetics – page 140

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/molecular-biology

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

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A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB

Minimum:
BBC

Adjusted:
CCC

* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BSc Molecular Biology
- MSci Molecular Biology with Industrial Placement (for entry requirements see page 67)
Music

The University of Aberdeen provides a wonderful opportunity to develop alongside world-renowned composers, community musicians, educators, musicologists and researchers working in all genres, styles, periods and settings. Music has been part of Aberdeen’s Heritage for 500 years, making it a very strong subject area where traditional and contemporary influences combine. You can perform in the beautiful King’s College Chapel and choose from a wide range of ensembles and choirs to help you develop your talents. Wide ranging careers include Classroom Teaching, Composition, Community Music, Cultural Industries and Orchestral Performance.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Academic staff who are internationally recognised in composition and musicology.
- Wonderful collection of historic instruments including a 1771 Kirkman harpsichord, eighteenth century violins, a full Balinese Gamelan, steel pans and an Aubertin pipe organ of international distinction.
- A flexible degree enabling our students to find a balance of musical knowledge, compositional technique and performance skills.
- A multi-channel electroacoustic/sonic arts studio and research centre.
- Prestigious music prizes and a range of scholarships and special support for outstanding students.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1

- Performance 1 and 2
- Key Moments
- Digital Musicianship
- Music Theory and Harmony

YEAR 2

- Introduction to Musicology
- Analysing Music

YEAR 3

In year 3 you will choose from a wide variety of optional courses including Composition, German Art Song, Tango Music, Conducting and Performance.

YEAR 4

In year 4 you will write a dissertation and choose from courses such as Renaissance Counterpoint, Contemporary Opera and Sound Design for New Media.

Entry to honours programmes

Students apply for one of the three programmes at point of entry, though admissions to the BMus Music Education degree is only finalised during the 3rd year of study. Entry to BMus with Honours depends on satisfactory progress during core study years prior to this. Entry to the BMus Music Education involves an interview and assessment of keyboard skills, and candidates must meet the GTCS requirements which include SQA Higher/ESOL grade award at band C or above in English, and National 5 Mathematics or equivalent.

A Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check will be conducted for those students choosing the BMus Music Education during their third year.

Music can also be studied as minor honours in the MA – relevant MA entry requirements are applicable. See table on page 56 for more information.

Recent graduate job roles

- Choir Director
- Community Learning and Development Worker
- Music Director
- Professional Performer
- Secondary School Teacher
- Music Therapist
- Music Publishing
- Broadcasting
- As well as further postgraduate studies at leading universities and conservatoires across the world.

Recent graduate employers

- Aberdeenshire Council
- Chester Novello Music Publishers
- Classic FM
- Ocean Youth Trust
- Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
- Scottish Chamber Orchestra
- Scottish Ensemble
- Scottish Opera
- BBC
- Drake Music Scotland

Foundation Apprenticeships

The University recognises that Skills Development Scotland, alongside other partners, is working with industry to increase the range of work-based learning opportunities for pupils in the senior phase of secondary schools. The development of Foundation Apprenticeships is one such initiative and this qualification will be considered alongside Higher across a range of degree programmes.

National Student Survey

83% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic


100% go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/music

Entry requirements

SQA HIGHERS

A LEVELS

BBBB* BC**

IB POINTS (including at least a Grade 6 at Music at Higher level)
30

* In four distinct disciplines (Music cannot be double counted). Music at Higher Grade A preferred. Typical entry across S4 to S6 is BBBB.
**Minimum of 2 A Levels at BC, or 4 AS Levels at ABCD. Music A Level at minimum Grade B or AS Level minimum Grade A. Minimum of 3 additional GCSE passes.

For more information on our entry requirements, visit abdn.ac.uk/study/ug-entry

Music qualifications for entry to BMus

Candidates should demonstrate both musical attainment and potential. Candidates should have Grade VIII Associated Board (or equivalent) in their main instrument/voice or show great potential and intend to take Grade VIII. Musical skills are assessed at interview, at which competence on piano will need to be demonstrated for those intending to take Music Education. Further information about the interview process is available via abdn.ac.uk/ug/music.

Applicants from outside the UK must also meet the above performance requirement.

Please note: for entry to the BMus Music Education programme: National 5 Mathematics, or Applications of Maths (previously known at Lifeskills Mathematics) at grade C or above; Standard Grade 1 or 2; or GCSE Mathematics at grade B or above, or equivalent, is required. Higher English at grade C or above, or GCSE English Language AND English Literature at grade 4 (previously grade C) or equivalent are required.

SINGLE HONOURS

- BMus Music
- BMus Community Music
- BMus Music Education

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Neuroscience with Psychology

Neuroscience is the study of nerve cells and how they work together. By unravelling the mysteries of normal brain function, Neuroscience promotes our understanding of the devastating neurodegenerative illnesses of the brain which afflict the lives of so many people.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• The University has a strong research base in Neuroscience where the behaviour of nerve cells is studied primarily at the molecular and cellular level.
• You will benefit from courses in both human and animal neuropsychology.
• The degree provides the opportunity to study courses in medical sciences, neuroscience and psychology in an integrated programme.
• Neuroscientists at Aberdeen discovered that the brain produces its own morphine-like substances (the endorphins) and made the first chemical and neuropharmacological characterisation of these substances.

Example degree structure

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YEAR 1
- Introduction to Medical Sciences
- Introductory Psychology 1 and 2
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 1 and 2
- The Cell

YEAR 2
- Physiology of Human Cells
- Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
- Advanced Psychology A and B: Concepts and Theory
- Physiology of Human Organ Systems
- Research Skills for Medical Sciences

YEAR 3
- Perception
- Biological Psychology
- Neuropsychology Research Topics
- Neuropsychology and Neuropharmacology
- Cognitive Neuroscience

YEAR 4
- Brain Function and Malfunction
- Advanced Molecules, Membranes and Cells
- Developmental Neuroscience
- Neuroscience Research Project – the opportunity to carry out cutting-edge laboratory-based or literature-based scientific research

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/neuroscience-psychology

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

• Neuroscientist
• Research Assistant
• Researcher
• Science Technician
• Trainee Clinical Neurophysiologist

Recent graduate employers

deCODE Genetics
• Ninewells Hospital
• Roche
• Southport College

Graduate employment statistic

100% go on to work and/or study within six months of graduating – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey

94% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

You may also like

• Psychology – page 202

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

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A LEVELS

Standard: BBB

Minimum: BBC

Adjusted: CCC

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For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

• BSc Neuroscience with Psychology
• MSci Neuroscience with Psychology with Industrial Placement (for entry requirements see page 67)
Pharmacology

This degree programme aims to instil a broad base of knowledge about drugs at the molecular, cellular, tissue and systems level. Additionally, you will gain an in depth understanding of selected aspects of Pharmacology, which reflect the research expertise and strengths of the School eg neuropharmacology, cancer and toxicology. By embedding an array of modern and relevant laboratory classes throughout, the programme also equips graduates with the skills necessary to succeed in this very practical discipline.

As part of the five-year MSci degree, you’ll undertake a year’s placement in an industrial, commercial or research environment and graduate with an undergraduate Masters degree (MSci) instead of a BSc.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Our research-led approach delivers a modern, relevant and cutting edge programme, equipping graduates with the experience and skills required for success in pharmacology (and other) careers.
- You will receive cutting edge, applicable training and practical experience in classical pharmacology, toxicology and cell and molecular pharmacology.
- Pharmacology teaching at the University was graded ‘Excellent’ in the last Teaching Quality Assessment.
- Pharmacologists at the University of Aberdeen have been involved in fundamental scientific discoveries, such as morphine-like and cannabis-like substances in the brain.
- Award winning research on opioids and cannabinoids was carried out by world-renowned Professors Kosterlitz and Pertwee at the University.
- The University of Aberdeen is recognised as a “site of scientific significance relating to pharmacology” by the British Pharmacological Society.

Example degree structure

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YEAR 1
- Introduction to Medical Sciences
- Introduction to the Science of Sport, Exercise and Health
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 1 and 2
- The Cell

YEAR 2
- Physiology of Human Cells
- Molecular Biology of the Gene
- Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
- Physiology of Human Organ Systems
- Energy for Life
- Research Skills for Medical Sciences

YEAR 3
- Biochemical Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Cardiovascular Physiology and Pharmacology
- Neuroscience and Neuropharmacology
- Mechanisms of Disease and Principles of Chemotherapy

YEAR 4
- Advanced Molecules, Membranes and Cells
- Molecular Pharmacology
- Current Topics in Pharmacological Research
- Pharmacology Projects

University league rankings

Recent graduate job roles
- Assistant Scientist
- Clinical Research Associate Trainee
- Clinical Safety Scientist
- Publications Assistant
- Technical Officer

Recent graduate employers
- GSK
- Moredun Scientific
- NHS
- Utrecht University

Graduate employment statistic
- 100% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey
- 100% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

You may also like
- Biomedical Sciences – page 86

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/pharmacology

Entry requirements

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Adjusted:
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For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS
- BSc Pharmacology
- MSc Pharmacology with Industrial Placement (for entry requirements see page 67)

JOINT HONOURS
- For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Philosophy

Philosophy at Aberdeen is all about gaining crucial reasoning skills by addressing The Big Questions. In Philosophy we focus on key concepts and arguments and how they are applied to a wide variety of questions of fundamental importance to human life. You will build intellectual skills to a high level and gain experience which will enhance your career options.

What makes Philosophy at Aberdeen especially attractive is the breadth of courses, the experts who will teach you and the distinctive co-curricular activities we offer. In your first year you will take courses such as How Should One Live?, Controversial Questions, and Experience, Knowledge, and Reality. You will go on to study moral philosophy, metaphysics and epistemology (the nature of knowledge), philosophy of science and of religion, and the history of philosophy.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- The Aberdeen Philosophy in Education Group (APEG) trains students to discuss philosophical questions with local primary and secondary school pupils.
- Highly supportive learning environment led by approachable and research-active faculty.
- Famous philosophers who worked at the University include Thomas Reid, founder of the 18th Century Scottish School of Common Sense Philosophy, and Alexander Bain, who helped lay the foundations for modern scientific psychology.
- The skills you learn in Philosophy – for example, to think and write clearly, to explain complex ideas, to challenge orthodoxy – lend themselves to many careers.
- The spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library offers superb collections, including early printed works of natural philosophy and medicine, the archives of Thomas Reid, and records of the Aberdeen Philosophical Society.

Example degree structure

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<td>Experience, Knowledge and Reality</td>
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<td>90 credit points of level 3 Philosophy courses (a broad range of options including Philosophy of Time; Kant's Critique of Pure Reason; Scepticism; Free Will and Moral Responsibility)</td>
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<td>What We Are: Mind in a Physical World</td>
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<td>How Should One Live?</td>
<td>Metaphysics, Epistemology and Language</td>
<td>60 credit points from courses of choice (a broad range of options including Sex, Race and Disability; Ancient Ethics; Metaphysics of Possibility; Knowledge, Power and Society)</td>
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More course information:
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Entry requirements

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A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB
Minimum:
BBC
Adjusted:
CCC

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For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA Philosophy

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

This joint honours degree will be of interest to students who are interested in social and political studies and the humanities.

Due to the strong connections among the three different disciplines, the knowledge and skills acquired in each reinforce those gained in the others. As a student, you will not only come to a broader understanding of modern societies, political institutions and economic policies, but you will also gain insight into the philosophical theories that drive crucial decisions made by businesses and governments.

This degree is especially suitable for students aiming for a career in politics, finance and the media.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Politics & International Relations 1: Democracy and Governance
- The Economics of Business and Society
- Controversial Questions
- Experience, Knowledge and Reality
- The Global Economy
- How Should One Live?

YEAR 2
- Ideas and Ideologies in Politics and International Relations
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Global Politics: Equality and Inequality
- Intermediate Macroeconomics

YEAR 3
- 60 credit points from level 3 courses in Philosophy and 30 credit points from level 3 courses in Economics, plus 30 credit points from level 3 courses in Politics.

YEAR 4
- 30 credit points from level 4 courses in each of Economics, Philosophy and Politics plus a dissertation in either Economics or Philosophy.

You may also like

- Philosophy – page 188
- Politics and International Relations – page 198
- Economics – page 106

Entry requirements

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For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
Physics challenges our imaginations with concepts like relativity and string theory, and it leads to great discoveries about how the world works. Discoveries in Physics make possible technological innovations like transistors, the microchip, computers and lasers, which in turn change our lives. Physics encompasses the study of the universe from the largest galaxies to the smallest subatomic particles.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• The department of Physics at the University of Aberdeen has a long and illustrious history, and former staff include great physicists such as James Clerk Maxwell and G.P. Thomson.

• We offer a modern, modular degree structure with a broad syllabus and a wide range of degree choices.

• Long tradition of teaching physical sciences combined with modern facilities.

• Emphasis placed on teaching employability and development of generic skills, useful in a wide range of careers.

• We also offer a broad-based, less mathematical degree in Physical Sciences that allows the combination of Physics courses with a wide choice of other subjects.

• We are engaged in a wide range of research areas within core physics and interdisciplinary applications. Covered topics range from the fundamental nature of the universe and the complexity of materials to understanding cells, spread of infections and society.

Example degree structure

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YEAR 1

• The Physical Universe A
• The Physical Universe B

YEAR 2

• Light Science
• Dynamical Phenomena
• Practical Optics and Electronics
• Relativity and Quantum Mechanics

YEAR 3

• Energy and Matter
• Introduction to the Solid State
• Research and Computing Skills
• Advanced Practical Skills
• Quantum Mechanics
• Electricity and Magnetism

YEAR 4

• Project
• Case Studies in the Physical Sciences
• Statistical Physics and Stochastic Systems

What’s the difference between BSc Physics and MA Natural Philosophy?

Our MA (Arts) Natural Philosophy students will study the same courses as our BSc (Science) Physics students but must also study a number of Philosophy related courses. In year 4, MA Natural Philosophy students may have the opportunity to complete their dissertation in Philosophy related topics.

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

• Graduate Engineer
• Graduate Systems Engineer
• Trainee Clinical Scientist
• Trainee Software Developer

National Student Survey

88% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

85% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

Accreditations

Accredited by the Institute of Physics
Physiology

Physiology is the study of how the body works. It involves using an understanding of biological process at the most basic level to explain how a cell, tissue, whole organ or entire body functions.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• The programme provides you with the scientific content of pre-clinical medicine plus the opportunity to study cellular processes from the whole-body perspective.

• We are located within the Institute of Medical Sciences which allows a high degree of integration, both in research and teaching, between the medically related sciences.

• Scientists at the University of Aberdeen have made major advances in physiological sciences. These include the co-discovery of insulin and the discovery that the brain produces its own morphine-like substances – the endorphins.

• During the five-year MSci option you will undertake a year’s industrial placement in your fourth year and graduate after five years with an MSci (an undergraduate Masters degree) instead of a BSc. Placements vary considerably but, in general terms, you will be placed in an industrial, commercial or research environment where you will obtain a breadth of practical experience to complement your degree programme and enhance your employability.

Example degree structure

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YEAR 1

• Introduction to Medical Sciences
• Chemistry for the Life Sciences 1 and 2
• The Cell

YEAR 2

• Physiology of Human Cells
• Molecular Biology of the Gene
• Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
• Physiology of Human Organ Systems
• Energy for Life
• Research Skills for Medical Sciences

YEAR 3

• Integrative Physiology
• Cardiovascular Physiology and Pharmacology
• Neurophysiology and Neuropharmacology
• Epithelial Physiology

YEAR 4

• Advanced Molecules, Membranes and Cells
• Staying Alive – Adaptation in Physiological Systems
• Physiology Research Project
• The Science of Ageing – From Cradle to Grave
• Developmental Neuroscience

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/physiology

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

• Healthcare Science Assistant
• Junior Scientific Advisor
• Multilingual Medical Information Officer
• Software Engineer

Recent graduate employers

• Aberdeen Royal Infirmary
• NHS Tayside
• ProPharma Group

National Student Survey

100% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

100% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

• Biomedical Science – page 86

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard: AABB

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For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

SINGLE HONOURS

• BSc Physiology
• MSci Physiology with Industrial Placement (for entry requirements see page 67)
Plant and Soil Science

Are you interested in the complexity, fragility and potential of plants and soil? Together, plants and soil provide an essential resource for all terrestrial life. This is the only degree programme in the UK that focuses on this important and fascinating world.

Completing a Plant and Soil Science degree at the University of Aberdeen will provide you with both basic and advanced understanding of this exciting subject area. The knowledge and skills you gain could open up a world of career opportunities. For example, you could find yourself playing a vital role in informing the debate on climate change and the availability of food world wide.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- This degree combines the disciplines of plants and soils, with opportunities to specialise in plant biology at different levels from genes to ecosystems, and in soils from chemistry, microbes to global geography.
- The University of Aberdeen has a long and, unique tradition for teaching and research in Plant and Soil Science, and is home to a large and active group of award-winning staff in this subject.
- You will have opportunity to collaborate with groups at the James Hutton Institute and SFS who undertake applied research and policy development work – informing national priorities.
- Plant and Soil Science students attend at least two residential field courses selected from our range of courses in the Cairngorms, Spain, and at our own field centre at Bettyhill, on the north coast of Sutherland. The Cruickshank Botanical Gardens is on our doorstep and provides opportunities for enhancing your learning, volunteering and a great outdoor space to relax.
- You will have the opportunity to get involved in our research through summer research assistantships, project work and a compulsory final year research project.
- We were ranked 1st overall in the REF 2014 for Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Science. ( Ranked by Times Higher Education, based on REF 2014 GPA scores.)

Example degree structure

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**YEAR 1**
- Frontiers in Biological Sciences
- Diversity of Life 1 and 2
- Ecology & Environmental Science
- The Cell
- Plants and their Habitats in Northern Scotland – a summer field trip to Bettyhill in the north of Scotland

**YEAR 2**
- Biological Enhanced Skills Training
- Plants, People and the Environment
- Ecology
- Genes & Evolution

**YEAR 3**
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Global Soil Geography
- Ecosystem Processes
- Soils for Food Security
- Environmental Analysis
- Plant-Environment Interactions

**YEAR 4**
You will carry out a research project and complete advanced courses of your choosing.
- Honours Project
- Current Issues in Biological and Environmental Sciences

Career development

Our Plant and Soil Science degree provides you with academic training and transferrable skills relevant to both specialist employment and the wider biology graduate job market. The University of Aberdeen can equip you with a broad range of skills to offer employers.

Students in the School of Biological Sciences may have the opportunity to collaborate with external organisations such as the James Hutton Institute or the Scottish Food Security Alliance, for example whilst undertaking an honours project. Students also work as volunteers in the Cruickshank Botanical Gardens. Such links allow students to become part of professional networks, which can provide opportunities for employment or postgraduate research in plant and soil science.

Recent graduate employers

- Environmental Consultancy
- James Hutton Institute
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- Scottish Natural Heritage

University league rankings

Top 30 UK university for Biological Sciences

Graduate employment statistic

88% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

National Student Survey

93% overall student satisfaction for Bioscience related subjects – NSS 2018.

More course information:
[abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences](http://abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences)

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**SINGLE HONOURS**

- BSc Plant and Soil Science

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Politics and International Relations

Politics and International Relations at Aberdeen focuses on the role of politics, power, states and governments in an ever-changing global context. Taught by internationally renowned academics who regularly appear as experts in the media commenting on events unfolding in the world today, this programme offers the perfect foundation for careers in politics, international affairs, NGOs, the media and more.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- A core curriculum with topical themes of conflict and security, representation and democracy, comparative politics and policy.
- Teaching staff with specialist expertise in political parties and elections, democracy and democratisation, energy politics, European politics, integration and regionalism, human rights, interest groups, international political economy, nationalism, conflict resolution, regional international relations and security studies.
- Focus on the Middle-East, North America, Latin America, North and South Asia, the Nordic Countries, Central and Eastern Europe — as well as Scotland, the UK and the EU.
- Opportunities to spend time studying abroad in Europe, Japan, Hong Kong or North America.
- A vibrant Politics & International Relations Society regularly voted Aberdeen ‘Society of the Year’.
- All the history and legacy of being part of a university developed over 500 years of national and international political turbulence, social change and emerging democracy.

Example degree structure

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YEAR 1

- Politics & International Relations 1: Democracy and Governance
- Politics & International Relations 2: Power and Conflict

YEAR 2

- Ideas and Ideologies in Politics and International Relations
- Global Politics: Equality and Inequality

YEAR 3

- Researching in the 21st Century
- Optional courses including: International Security; The Politics of Democratic Spain; Nordic Politics; Political Parties in Britain; International Terrorism, Counterterrorism and International Relations; Memory and Politics of the Past

YEAR 4

- Dissertation
- Optional courses including: Modern Day Latin America; Middle East Politics; The Extreme Right in Western Europe; Energy & Climate Politics; Arab-Israeli Relations; War & Peace in International Relations; Nationalism in Modern Europe; Political Islam: Islamist Ideologies and Practices; Soviet Successor States in Global Politics; Wealth, Poverty and International Order; Dirty War and its Aftermath; International Migration & Europe

Recent graduate job roles

Recent graduates list should be a bullet list instead (consistency with all other pages).

Recent graduate employers

- Allianz
- European Court of Auditors
- Hilton Worldwide
- Willis Towers Watson

National Student Survey

89% overall student satisfaction — NSS 2018.

You may also like

- PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) — page 190

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/politics-intl

Entry requirements

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For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA Politics and International Relations

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Primary Education

Primary Education at Aberdeen produces creative, motivated and highly-skilled primary teachers confident to work with children in any educational setting. You will benefit from flexibility, practical experience, new tools, research and supportive staff.

Why choose Aberdeen?
- We warmly welcome students of all ages and circumstances, with flexible, part-time, and distance opportunities available.
- Opportunities to follow personal interests through electives in year one and two.
- Opportunities to engage with the latest research on new developments and thinking in education.
- Strong links with European teacher education institutions and schools, with the opportunity to spend a period studying abroad.

Example degree structure
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MA Primary Education

YEAR 1
Five courses in education exploring the role of a teacher, learning theory, child development and learning in a Primary classroom.

YEAR 2
Five education courses including placement in school exploring teaching in core curricular areas.

YEAR 3
Seven education courses including placement in an early/first level classroom, further study curriculum and additional support needs.

Teaching and assessment
The Primary Education degree comprises of credit rated courses. Our learner-centred approach is characterised by workshops, tutorials, seminars, lectures and self-study – supported by an online learning environment. Courses are assessed through a variety of approaches, including: presentation, written assignment, portfolio and observations during placement. School experience is assessed in partnership with primary school teachers, head teachers and University tutors. As the programme develops, students will be expected to take increasing responsibility for determining and organising their own learning as part of their continuing professional development.

Career development
After graduating from the programme, you will be eligible for a one-year induction training post* in a primary school in Scotland. Graduates from Aberdeen are highly valued by employers in the city, throughout Scotland and across the world.

Selection
An interview forms part of the selection process. The information presented in the UCAS application will be used to determine whether or not an applicant is invited for interview. Performance at interview will determine whether or not an offer will be made. A Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check will be conducted prior to final acceptance.

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/education

PGDE courses for graduates
Graduates wishing to apply for primary teaching training, apply for the Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE). PGDE courses in both primary and secondary education are available and are professionally accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS). More information on the PGDE can be found at abdn.ac.uk/pgt/secondary and abdn.ac.uk/pgt/primary

The undergraduate degree is not for graduates.

Foundation Apprenticeships
The University recognises that Skills Development Scotland, alongside other partners, is working with industry to increase the range of work-based learning opportunities for pupils in the senior phase of secondary schools. The development of Foundation Apprenticeships is one such initiative and this qualification will normally be considered in lieu of one SQA Higher at grade B across a range of degree programmes.

HNC and HND
Qualifications such as Early Education and Childcare or Childhood Practice will be accepted as one subject alongside 3 other subjects at Higher Level (or equivalent). The Higher Grades required are C or above. The required English and Mathematics grades must also be achieved as noted below.

Accreditations
Master of Arts (MA) in Primary Education and Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) programmes are accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS) and allow graduates to apply for provisional registration as primary teachers.

Entry requirements

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**Previously known as National Certificate Modules Communication 4 & Literature 1

Mathematics minimum – National 5 Mathematics at Grade C or above; or National 5 Applications of Mathematics (previously known as Lifeskills Mathematics) at Grade C or above; or Core Mathematics 4 Pass; or GCSE Mathematics at Level 4, or Grade C or above or Pass; or O Level Mathematics at Grade C or above or Pass; or Irish Leaving Certificate Mathematics at Ordinary Grade 3 or above or Ordinary Grade B or above; or National Course Award Intermediate Level 2 Mathematics at Grade C or above; or SQA Standard grade [credit level] award in Mathematics at Grade 2 or above; or SCE Ordinary grade award in Mathematics at Grade C or above or Pass; or Open University Course – M212 Introducing Mathematics, Pass; or University of Nottingham Online Mathematics (see website) or Mathematics of an equivalent academic standard from outside the UK.

SINGLE HONOURS
- MA Primary Education
- BA Childhood Practice

*Please note: International fees students, upon successful completion of the education programme, are not entitled to an induction year post within the Teacher Induction Scheme, but can gain full qualification by completing an induction year through an alternative route.
Psychology

Are you interested in what makes people tick? Do you want to understand why people do the things they do? What happens when it goes wrong? Psychology affects all of us, and is offered as a BSc or MA degree at Aberdeen.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Be introduced to state-of-the-art concepts and theories taught by award-winning teachers and world-class researchers, exposing you to the latest thinking in the field.
- Benefit from the School of Psychology’s key strengths in social psychology, neuroscience, language, perception and industrial psychology.
- Options in year 4 allow you to specialise in areas such as clinical, forensic, language and developmental psychology.
- Gain experience using specialised laboratories and equipment, including those for brain imaging analysis, eye movement recording, movement analysis and visual neuroscience.
- We have an employability programme for our students that includes internship opportunities, online resources, career talks and networking events.
- In your final year you will have the opportunity to undertake a unique research project to a professional level. A number of final year projects have gone on to be published in internationally renowned journals.
- The School of Psychology is ranked in the top 20 for research in the UK – Times Higher Education rankings by subject for REF 2014.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Introductory Psychology I & II: Concepts and Theory
- Introductory Psychology I & II: Methods and Applications

YEAR 2
- Advanced Psychology A & B: Concepts and Theory
- Advanced Psychology A & B: Methods and Applications

YEAR 3
- Methodology A & B
- Psychological Assessment
- Perception
- Biological Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Memory and Language

YEAR 4
- Psychology Thesis
- Senior Honours Level 4 Psychology A & B

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/psychology

Recent graduate job roles
- Assistant Psychologist
- Assistive Technology Adviser
- HSE Adviser
- Lifeskills Practitioner
- Recruiting Specialist
- Research Assistant

Recent graduate employers
- Children First
- Highland Council
- NHS
- VSA

Accreditations

British Psychological Society

National Student Survey
91% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistics
90% go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like
- Sociology – page 208

Entry requirements

See table on page 58, 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
AABB

Applicants who have achieved AABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/ Advanced Highers may be required.

Minimum:
BBB

Applicants who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

Adjusted:
BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB

Minimum:
BBC

Adjusted:
CCC

* BSc entry requires good performance in at least two Mathematics/ Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see pages 58 and 61.

SINGLE HONOURS
- BSc Psychology
- MA Psychology
- MA Psychology with Counselling Skills

JOINT HONOURS
For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Real Estate

Real Estate at Aberdeen examines real estate markets from the perspectives of economics, investment and business, at Scotland’s top centre - 2nd in the UK – for real estate research. Professionally accredited programmes prepare you for a career in surveying, with a focus on commercial real estate, investment, management, valuation and development.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Top centre for real estate research and teaching in Scotland and 2nd in the UK.
- Professionally accredited programmes with research-led teaching prepare you for a career in the commercial real estate industry. Focus lies on valuation, investment, portfolio management and development.
- Students can take part in the prestigious ‘Cornell International Real Estate Competition’, in New York, where they compete against students from 30 other Universities.
- Third year students have the opportunity to visit London to meet with Industry experts and learn from some of the world’s leading Real Estate companies.
- Professional training facilities, including our Bloomberg virtual trading floor, integrating real activity in financial markets into your courses.
- The spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library, providing a top-class study environment with state-of-the-art technology and a first-class collection of reference works in business and management.
- Enterprise Campus, a new offering to nurture entrepreneurial skills and support you with your own business ideas.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- The Economics of Business and Society
- Finance, Risk and Investment
- The Global Economy
- Understanding Property

YEAR 2
- Land and Property Law
- Land Property Economics
- Understanding Statistics
- Principles of Property Valuation

YEAR 3
- Applied Valuation
- Research Methods for Business
- International Real Estate
- Development Appraisal

YEAR 4
- Real Estate Portfolio Investment
- Housing Economics
- Real Estate Dissertation

Recent graduate job roles
- Associate Consultant
- Global Capital Investment and Real Estate Intern
- Graduate Surveyor
- Lettings Manager
- Product Manager

Recent graduate employers
- Carter Investment
- CBRE
- Cushman and Wakefield
- David Kerr Associates
- FG Burnett
- JLL
- Knight Frank
- Standard Life Investments

Accreditations
- The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Graduate employment statistic
- 100% of students go on to work and/or further study – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like
- Economics – page 106
- Finance – page 132

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
- AABB

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Minimum:
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Adjusted:
- BB

Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will normally be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
- BBB

Minimum:
- BBC

Adjusted:
- CCC

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS
- MA Real Estate

JOINT HONOURS
For joint honours please see pages 222-226.

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/real-estate
Scottish Studies

Scottish Studies at Aberdeen is a wide, thorough and fascinating exploration of the languages and rich literary and cultural heritage of Scotland, taking advantage of our strength in teaching and world-leading research in English, Gaelic and History. We set Scottish culture in its historical context and you gain the skills that employers seek.

You will study widely, from Gaelic Renaissance poetry to Scottish crime fiction, and Scottish Gothic to Scotland in the modern world. You will be inspired by researchers who are international leaders in their fields, and you will enjoy close links with two major research institutes with Scottish culture at their core.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- Home to two major research institutes with Scottish culture at their core – the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies and the Elphinstone Institute.
- Particular strengths in Irish and Scottish studies, Scandinavian studies, late Medieval and early modern history in Scotland and in the Celtic and Gaelic world.
- Major Scottish treasures in the Library’s Special Collections Centre, including the MacBean Stuart and Jacobite Collection of international importance, one of the best collections of the novels of Sir Walter Scott, archives of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland and fascinating local estate records dating from the Middle Ages.
- The WORD Centre for Creative Writing, promoting creative projects in fiction, non-fiction and collaborative mixed-media in all the languages of north-east Scotland (from Doric to Polish).
- A packed programme of student and public events, exhibitions, seminars, invited speakers and the annual May Festival which welcomes internationally acclaimed authors, broadcasters and public figures to campus.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEARS 1 AND 2
You will take appropriate courses in English, Gaelic and History in their first and second years.

YEARS 3 AND 4
Candidates for general honours in Scottish Studies, which is taught jointly by Gaelic, English and History, will follow a programme of studies to be determined in consultation with the Programme Coordinator. The candidates’ programme will include:

a) At least 60 level 3 or 4 credit points from each of Gaelic, English and History.

b) At least 60 further level 3 or 4 credit points. These will normally be from one or more of Gaelic, English and History, but up to 30 of these credit points may, with the permission of the Programme Coordinator, be from other disciplines.

c) At least 90 credit points in total must be from level 4.

d) Candidates must write a dissertation in one of the three subject areas.

Courses on offer typically include:

- Gaelic Language
- Scottish Detective Fiction
- Class, Identity and Nationalism in Scotland, 1832-1914
- Gaelic Renaissance Poetry
- Burns
- The Scottish Highlands and Islands, c.1850-1950
- Gaelic Language and Identity
- Local Horror: The New Scottish Gothic
- Stewart Scotland, 1406-1603
- Power and Prejudice: Gaelic in Modern Society
- Scotland into the Modern World: Scottish Literature 1785-1935
- The Gaelic Novel

Career development

A degree in Scottish Studies generates opportunities across a range of employment possibilities and those fluent in Scottish Gaelic may find employment opportunities particularly good.

Broadcasting, journalism, teaching and librarianship are among the career options open to Scottish Studies graduates. The analytical, oral and written skills you develop during your studies are highly sought after by all prospective employers.

You may also like

- English – page 124
- Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Studies – page 92
- Gaelic – page 158
- History – page 152

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

Single honours

- MA Scottish Studies
Sociology

Sociology at Aberdeen opens up your ‘sociological imagination’, as you explore how society shapes us as individuals in all sorts of ways, helping us to understand ourselves, our relationships, and the challenges we face in a changing world. Top-rated teaching and a culture of dynamic research will give you the skills to be a sought-after graduate by employers in many sectors.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- An international reputation for our Sociology research and recognised by the UK’s Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as an outlet for research training and supervision for postgraduate students.
- The highest possible rating of ‘Excellent’ in the latest Teaching Quality Assessment.
- Participation in the European Social Survey, one of the largest and most reliable sources of data about Europeans’ attitudes, behaviours and experiences, with data from more than 350,000 individuals across 36 countries since 2002.
- The spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library with its top-class study environment, state-of-the-art technology and extensive collection of sociology publications and resources.
- A packed campus programme of student and public events, lectures, café discussions, exhibitions, seminars, invited speakers, plus the annual May Festival, British Science Week and Being Human Festival attracting thousands to hear from high profile speakers, scientists, authors and broadcasters and regularly featuring Aberdeen research in social sciences.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Introduction to Sociology I: Self, Identity and Society
- Introduction to Sociology II: Systems of Power

YEAR 2
- Sociology of Everyday Life I: Embodied Self
- Sociology of Everyday Life II: Global Issues in the 21st Century
- Studying Social Life

YEAR 3
- Religion and Society
- Thinking Sociologically
- Social Research Methods

YEAR 4
- Research Project
- A choice of Level 4 in depth, specialist courses

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/sociology

University league rankings

UK top 20 University for Sociology – Complete University Guide 2019.

Recent graduate job roles

- Development Officer
- Events Co-ordinator
- Graduate Trainee Manager
- HR Co-ordinator
- Social Media Consultant

Recent graduate employers

- Aberdeen City Council
- Capgemini
- PwC
- Willis Towers Watson

Graduate employment statistic

85% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

- Psychology – page 202

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

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Standard: AABB
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A LEVELS

Standard: BBB
Minimum: BBC
Adjusted: CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

- MA Sociology

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Spanish and Latin American Studies

Spanish and Latin American Studies at Aberdeen has an outstanding reputation, with a broad, flexible and diverse programme covering language, literature, history, politics, translation studies and culture, with the opportunity to specialise in either Latin America or Spain. This degree will last five years including study abroad in Spain or Latin America. Spanish and Latin American Studies can be studied with many subjects, giving you expertise in a fast-growing global language and its cultures and a huge advantage in today's world.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- The opportunity to study literature, history, politics and anthropology in relation to Spain and/or Latin America.
- Special areas of research expertise include 21st century Spain, contemporary and historical Mexico, gender studies, history of science in Latin America, translation studies, and studies of citizenship and society.
- Multicultural north-east Scotland, with many Spanish speakers working or studying in this region due to its role as a world centre for oil and gas.
- The spectacular, award-winning Sir Duncan Rice Library, with top-class study facilities, state-of-the-art learning technology, and extensive Spanish and Latin American works to inspire your studies.
- A packed campus programme of events, exhibitions, film showings, and the annual May Festival which welcomes international figures, experts, writers and scientists to campus every spring, including authors writing in Spanish.
- A friendly department with enthusiastic teachers and a strong sense of community.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Spanish Language 1
- Latin America: A Cultural History
- Spanish Language 2
- Spain: A Cultural History

YEAR 2
- Spanish Language 3
- Spanish Language 4
- Latin America: Texts and Contexts
- Spain: Texts and Contexts

YEAR 3
- Residence Abroad Project

YEAR 4 AND 5
A range of culture courses to choose amongst, as well as:
- Spanish Language 6 and 7
- Dissertation in Spanish and Latin American Studies (year 5)

Recent graduate job roles
- Client Account Manager
- EU Policy and Events Stagiaire
- Aberdeen City Council
- Glenfiddich
- Lloyds Bank
- Transcom
- Management

Recent graduate employers
- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- NHS
- Pricewaterhouse Coopers
- Scotland Europa
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Glasgow

Graduate employment statistic
95% of our graduates go on to work and/or study – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like
- French – page 136
- Gaelic Studies – page 138
- German – page 150

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/spanish-latin-american

Entry requirements

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A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB
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BBC
CCC
For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS
- MA Spanish and Latin American Studies

JOINT HONOURS
For joint honours please see pages 222-226.
Sports and Exercise Science

Sports and Exercise Science is about understanding how our bodies respond and adapt to the stresses imposed upon them during physical activity to benefit both performance and health. The MSc degree offers you the opportunity to undertake a year's placement in an industrial, commercial or research environment and graduate after five years with an MSci (an undergraduate Masters degree) instead of a BSc.

BSc Applied Sports Science gives you the opportunity to provide sport science support to athletes and sports teams in order to maximise their performance.

Why choose Aberdeen?

- We are ranked 1st in Scotland for sports science by The Guardian University League tables 2019.
- Our programme is based on a strong curriculum in physiology, biochemistry and nutrition.
- The degree covers the scientific basis that underpins athletic performance, and the role of scientific support in preparing the athlete for competition.
- Sports science courses complement those in the fundamental biomedical sciences and allow you to place their knowledge in the context of sports performance and physical activity for health.
- Many scientific disciplines contribute to the sports and exercise sciences, including physiology, biochemistry, nutrition, anatomy and biomechanics.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1

- Introduction to Medical Sciences
- Introduction to the Science of Sport, Exercise and Health
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences 1 and 2
- The Cell
- Fitness, Performance and Survival
- A further 30 credit points from Sustained Study, Discipline Breadth or Sixth Century Courses

YEAR 2

- Physiology of Human Cells
- The Science of Sports Performance
- Foundation Skills for Medical Sciences
- Physiology of Human Organ Systems
- Energy for Life
- Exercise and Health
- Research Skills for Medical Sciences
- A further 15 credit points from Sustained Study, Discipline Breadth or Sixth Century Courses

YEAR 3

- Integrative Physiology
- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Biochemistry and Nutrition of Exercise
- A further 30 credit points from Discipline Breadth or Sixth Century Courses

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/sports-exercise

YEAR 4 MSc

You will spend year 4 on placement in an industrial, commercial or research environment

YEAR 4 BSc/YEAR 5 MSci

The final year aims to explore in-depth, specific aspects of sports science and exercise physiology. An important feature is the ten-week research project, carried out in research laboratories at the University or in local research institutes.

- Staying Alive – Adaptation in Physiological Systems
- Research Topics in Sports Science and Studies
- Exercise Physiology
- Exercise Science Project

University league rankings


Recent graduate job roles

- Care Coordinator
- Health & Fitness Manager
- Research Assistant
- Rugby Player

Recent graduate employers

- Aberdeen Sports Village
- Dublin City University
- NHS
- University of Stirling

National Student Survey

91% overall student satisfaction – UNISTATS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

88% of graduates go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.
Theology and Religion

Theology and Religion includes both the study of Christian faith, life and doctrine, and the wider study of religion and religious traditions from around the world. The study of the Christian tradition attends to its historical, cross-cultural and contemporary contexts, whereas the comparative study of world religions includes an interdisciplinary investigation and interpretation of the origin, function and meaning of religion and religious practices.

Why choose Aberdeen?

• This programme offers a wide variety of courses, studying subjects from biblical languages to the Reformation in Scotland and from religion in film to exploration of the ethical traditions of Western cultures.
• Our department is host to an international community of respected scholars, studying various aspects of Theology and Religion.
• You will receive a warm welcome, and have access to excellent library facilities and beautiful surroundings.
• The Theology and Religion teaching staff at Aberdeen have a range of professional and academic backgrounds and you will benefit from their unique insights into their diverse subject areas.
• By studying Theology and Religion at Aberdeen, you will become part of a unique group of students who have studied at a university recognised for its tradition of excellence in this field.
• At Aberdeen, you will have access to the world-class teaching and research facilities that the University offers.
• In the course of your degree programme you will develop a range of transferable skills that will enable you to work in a variety of different sectors.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1 AND 2

During the first two years of study students take a number of Divinity courses from a specified list including classes such as: Jesus in History and Culture, Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, Rise of Christianity, Pilgrim City, Tradition of Western Ethics, What Does it Mean to be Human, Theology from Jesus to Calvin, Introduction to Christian Theology, Ancient Religions, Philosophy of Religion.

YEAR 3

• 90 credits from level 3 courses in this subject area

YEAR 4

• Dissertation (30 credits)
• 90 credits from level 4 courses in this subject area
• Optional courses of your choice make up the remaining credits for each year
• 120 credit points per year required
• Full list of optional courses available online

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/ug/theology

University league rankings


Career development

• Baptist Minister
• Children’s Ministry Leader
• Government Apprentice
• Graduate Management Trainee
• TEFL Teacher
• Youth Worker

Recent graduate employers

• Church of England
• Kingdom Discipleship
• NHS Highland
• University of Nottingham

National Student Survey

100% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

Graduate employment statistic

85% go on to work and/or study within six months – UNISTATS 2018.

You may also like

• Divinity (BD and BTh) – page 102

Entry requirements

See table on page 58 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
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Minimum:
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A LEVELS

Standard:
BBB
Minimum:
BBC
Adjusted:
CCC

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 58.

SINGLE HONOURS

• MA Theology and Religion
• BD Divinity – see under Divinity on page 102
• BTh Theology – see under Divinity on page 102

JOINT HONOURS

For joint honours please see pages 222–226.
Zoology

Zoology is the study of all animal life, from primitive microscopic malaria-causing protozoa to large advanced mammals, across all environmental spheres from red deer in mountain forests to dolphins in deep oceans, and from underground burrowing voles to golden eagles in the skies. Some of these animals are useful to us and we keep them as pets or livestock. Some are serious pests or disease-causing, and some are fascinating! No matter what our relationship with the animals, we need to understand their behaviour, population dynamics, physiology and the way they interact with other species and their environments. That is Zoology!

Why choose Aberdeen?

- We are one of the few universities in Britain offering a Zoology degree and our programme is the only accredited Zoology BSc honours programme in Scotland.
- We are recognised internationally for our research on animal energetics and dietary studies, fish immunology and salmon farming, animal behaviour and hormones, conservation of UK and international wildlife, honey bee health, dolphin behaviour and shark genetics. Our breadth of expertise means your training is both broad and current and you are taught by world-leading researchers in their field.
- Our programme is rich in hands-on practical sessions. In the laboratory and on day-trips or residential field trips you work directly with organisms and samples to develop general, technical and transferable skills useful for a career in zoology or broader biology.
- You will benefit from field course teaching throughout the programme at several places in the UK and the Mediterranean. This offers real-world experience, putting classroom taught theories into context, as well as skills training for future careers in zoology.
- The Cruickshank Botanical Gardens is on our doorstep and provides opportunities for enhancing your learning, volunteering and a great outdoor space to relax.

Example degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change. Core or compulsory courses are shown which are correct at the time of going to print.

YEAR 1
- Diversity of Life 1 and 2
- Frontiers in Biological Sciences
- The Cell
- Ecology and Environmental Science

YEAR 2
- Genes and Evolution
- Biological Enhanced Skills Training
- Ecology
- Principles of Animal Physiology

One of the following field courses:
- Parasitology
- Coastal Biodiversity
- Fish and Shellfish Biology
- Freshwater and Terrestrial Ecology

YEAR 3
- Statistical Analysis of Biological Data
- Animal Evolution and Biodiversity
- Animal Population Ecology
- Environmental Physiology

YEAR 4
You will carry out a research project and complete advanced courses of your choosing. Optional course choices include Parasitology, Advanced Behavioural Ecology, Advanced Vector Biology, Topics in Conservation Biology, and Wildlife Management & Conservation.

University league rankings


Career development

Zoology courses are designed to provide a broad set of specialist and generic skills. A considerable number of Zoology graduates continue their education by reading for higher degrees either in the UK or abroad. Graduates may also enter biology teaching or general science by taking a postgraduate diploma, and many often find full-time employment in a wide range of careers. Typical employers include universities, research institutes, Government agencies (eg SEPA, SNH), environmental consultancies, environmental charities including WWF & RSPB, the NHS, libraries and commercial enterprises in aquaculture, animal nutrition and animal health.

Recent graduate employers
- Conservation Volunteer
- Lab Services Project Coordinator
- Operations Analyst

Graduate employment statistic

92% overall student satisfaction – NSS 2018.

You may also like
- Animal Behaviour – page 72
- Marine Biology – page 168

More course information:
abdn.ac.uk/ug/bio-env-sciences

Entry requirements

See table on page 64 and 65 for more information

SQA HIGHERS

Standard:
- AABB

Applications who have achieved ABB (or better), are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Higher may be required.

Minimum:
- BBB

Applications who have achieved BBB (or are on course to achieve this by the end of S5) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Higher will normally be required.

Adjusted:
- BB

Applications who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the widening participation criteria (p.52) are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Higher/Advanced Higher will be required.

A LEVELS

Standard:
- BBB

Minimum:
- BBC

Adjusted:
- CCC

* Including good performance in at least two Mathematics/Science subjects by the end of your senior phase of education.

For more information on our definition of standard, minimum and adjusted entry qualifications, please see page 51. For more information on widening participation criteria, see page 52.

For advanced entry and alternative entry requirements see page 61.

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- BSc Zoology

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