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International Foundation Year



IFY YOUR BEST
ROUTE TO
UNIVERSITY

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About Us

The North West Regional College (NWRC) is a large further and higher education College situated in the city of Derry- Londonderry in Northern Ireland. It is one of the UK's major colleges and has over 100 years' experience in delivering high quality vocational education and training. We enrol over 20,000 students each year and help them achieve their personal, educational and career goals. Our college has an excellent reputation for delivering recognised College and University programmes that are popular with employers both in the UK and on an international level. We offer training in a wide range of vocational areas.

Our International Foundation Year Programme (IFY) is delivered in collaboration with our English Language Partner Foyle International.

What is the International Foundation Year programme (IFY)?

The IFY is a university pathway programme specifically designed for international students.

Why should you choose our International Foundation Year?

Our IFY has an unrivalled reputation and track record of success. Programmes like this have been running successfully since 1987 and have helped over 23,500 international students progress onto degree courses.

OUR GUARANTEE

Once you pass our IFY programme you are guaranteed entry into one of the **16 partner Universities**. **6 of these universities are from the internationally acclaimed Russell Group**. No one else can offer you this guarantee.

Students also have the option to apply to other universities. Former IFY students have been successful in gaining places on courses at **Cambridge** and **Oxford Universities**.



What is the International Foundation Year?

Our International Foundation Year gives you access to year one of a UK degree. As part of the IFY programme you will complete 4 modules. These are:

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| BUSINESS | MATHEMATICS |
| ACADEMIC ENGLISH | ECONOMICS |

The programme is one year in duration and assessments are conducted through written examinations and continuous coursework. As well as equipping you with the English skills and academic qualifications for studying in the UK, the IFY increases your cultural awareness and develops your skills which enable you to study in a western environment.

What are the entry requirements?

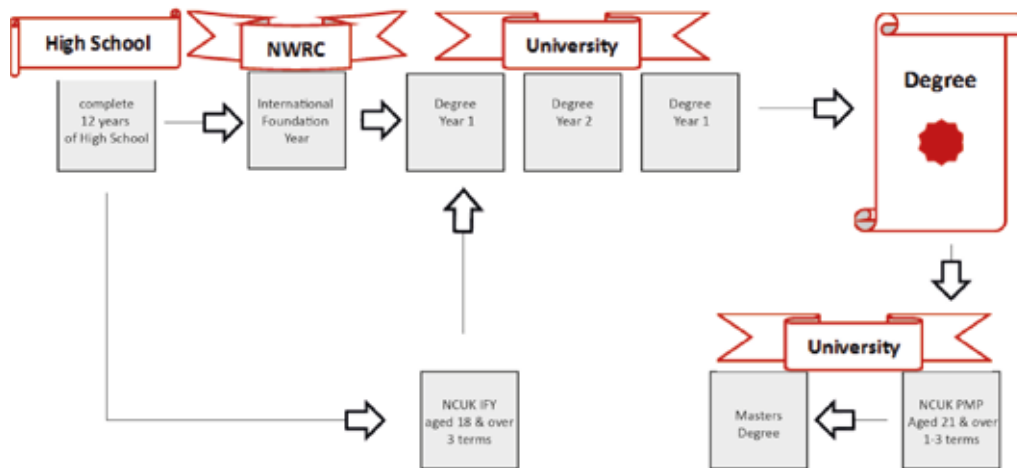
Generally, you must be 17 years of age, have completed 12 years of education and have an IELTS 5.0 or equivalent English language test. For country specific requirements, please see our website.

What about help with English Language Skills?

All our programmes feature specially designed English for Academic Purposes (EAP) modules. These are aimed at giving you the specific language and study skills that you need to succeed in your studies, meaning that you are ready to start learning as soon as you arrive at your UK university. EAP is recognised for visa purposes by 16 famous British Universities so there is no need for the expense of an IELTS test. The EAP part of our programme is delivered by our partner Foyle International who have over 27 years' experience in delivering a range of English language examination courses.



How does it Work?



What options are available to me after my IFY programme?

Our programme is designed to give your maximum amount of choice when you are ready to move onto your degree programme. There are over 4,000 degree courses you can progress to from the IFY in a wide range of subjects such as:

- Accounting
- Business
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Finance
- Marketing
- Architecture
- Biosciences
- Design
- Engineering
- Law
- Politics

Can I choose which university I want to go to?

Yes you can. You can choose up to five Universities to apply to. Each of the 16 partner universities have their own entry criteria for each course, so it is important that you do as well as you can in your IFY exams to give yourself the best chance of getting into your first choice of university. The better you do the more choice you will have.

Facilities at the College

At NWRC you have access to our outstanding teachers, facilities and learning environments.

Our campus has first rate study facilities for our students and exceptional student services. Specific welfare services are provided in partnership with Foyle International for our International students.



Where will you stay?

Accommodation will be provided by Foyle International. It is recommended initially that you stay with a home stay provider in the local area. This family will help you to adapt to the local culture and life in the city.



When the student feels more confident they will be given the option to continue living with the family or to move to a more independent accommodation facility in the local University student campus. Both these types of accommodation will be close to the college.



Student Testimonials



NWRC has a strong academic reputation and it really helps develop and improve your artistic skills. The facilities are fantastic and there is such a great atmosphere between the students and staff. The art studios for textiles, ceramics, print-making and digital are just great. This course is preparing me for higher education, and I have had so much fun and enjoyment as a student here – I would highly recommend the NWRC experience!

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North West Regional College
Diploma in Foundation Studies, Art & Design

“I chose to study the IFY because the quality is great. The IFY qualification has built my confidence and my English has improved.”

Jonggyu Kim

from South Korea

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
MPhys (Hon) Physics



“Research & referencing skills that I gained on the International Foundation Year have been very important for my first year study at university in the UK.”

Reuben Lim

from Singapore

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
LLB (Hons) Law

“Academically the IFY programme helped me a lot. I had the experience of writing reports and also attending classes with a different style. We learned to study independently.”

Zihao Wei

from China

THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering



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