

Kingston College University Foundation Certificate for International Students 2010/11

This Foundation course has been offered at Kingston College for the past 13 years and is designed as a first step towards a degree at a UK university. In the past students have gone on to universities throughout the UK including Bristol, Edinburgh and Loughborough to study a wide range of subjects. The College has special links with local universities such as Kingston University and Royal Holloway. During the first term, students are guided through UCAS (*UCAS - University, College Admission Service*) process to apply to the universities of their choice.

Programme of Study

All students follow a programme of Academic and General English, Study Skills, IT and Mathematics. In addition to this, students take an 'option' related to the course they wish to study at university.

The options available are:

- Business and Management
- Sociology and Psychology
- History
- Law

Entry Requirements

In order to be accepted on the Foundation Course all students must have:

- completed their Senior Secondary education (to a post GCSE level)
- IELTS 5 or equivalent (with 5.0 in the both the reading and writing sections)
- reached the age of 17 years
- a reference from a current or recent school or employer
- indicate which degree course they wish to follow at university

Please note that we are unable to process applications which do not include valid copies of certificates and a character reference. (An English translation is required)

The course is based on an academic year i.e. September - July

Term Dates for year 2010/11

| | | Half Term Holiday | | | | Holiday | | | | |
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| Autumn | Mon | 13 th | Sep | 2010 | 25 th Oct – 29 th Oct | Fri | 17 th | Dec | 2010 | Christmas |
| Spring | Tue | 4 th | Jan | 2011 | 21 st Feb – 26 th Feb | Fri | 8 th | Apr | 2011 | Easter |
| Summer | Tue | 26 th | Apr | 2011 | 30 th May – 3 rd Jun | Fri | 8 th | Jul | 2011 | Summer |

Progression

The major advantage of the course is that successful students are guaranteed a place at Kingston University. Additionally, the course is also accepted by many other universities, and students may wish to apply to these through UCAS.

The Foundation Course is validated by Kingston University and is designed to be a first step to attaining a degree in most UK universities to study a variety of subjects. In addition to Bristol, Edinburgh and Loughborough universities mentioned earlier, students successfully completing the course have also progressed to universities throughout the UK including City, Westminster, Surrey, Herriot-Watt and York.

Students on the Kingston College University Foundation Certificate for International Students (KC UFCIS) are entitled to Kingston University's Alumni Bursary which gives them 10% off their undergraduate/graduate course fees at Kingston University. Students need to apply for each year of their course. For information on this see <http://www.kingston.ac.uk/international/fees-and-funding/scholarships/>. For students who pay in instalments, the discount is taken from the final payment.

Please note that students cannot apply for a bursary until they are fully enrolled as a Kingston University student.

Tuition Fees

Fees for 2010 – 2011: £7,750

This includes the cost of essential books and materials and a programme of cultural and social events. If your application is successful, you will be asked to pay a deposit of £3,000 to reserve your place on the course.

An additional fee is payable for accommodation. If you are in halls of residence this will be approximately £4,840 per year. You also need to budget for food, travel and other expenses (approximately £5,400 per year).

If your application is successful you will be sent an offer letter informing you of the full tuition fee for your chosen course of study. A deposit payment of £3,000 is required in order to secure your place on the course. This deposit is refundable (less £400 administration fee) only if a Refusal of Entry Clearance document is submitted.

Accommodation

The College can offer students who are over 18 years of age, a place in Halls of Residence. The cost is approximately £110 per week (self-catering). Further information regarding the Halls of Residence can be seen at;

<http://www.kingston-college.ac.uk/content/1/50/accommodation.html>

For students under 18 years of age and for those who prefer it, 'homestay' can be arranged for approximately £130 per week (food included). For further information regarding Homestay can be seen at;

<http://www.mckennashomestay.com/>

All accommodation is subject to availability and issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

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