

Business and Management

Pathway to Business degrees

Our Degree Pathway Programme for Business and Management is designed for international students who want a specialised pathway to university in the UK.

It leads directly to leading UK universities with very strong reputations for subjects such as Management, Finance, Economics, International Business or Marketing

Is this Degree Pathway Programme for me?

If you answer yes to one or more of the statements below, this is the perfect programme for you:

1. You are an international student looking for a fast, direct preparation programme for university entry.
2. The education system in your home country is shorter than in the UK, so you need an additional year of study before you can study at a UK university.
3. You need additional English language development before you reach the required level for undergraduate study in the UK.
4. You may not have the grades you need for direct entry to a UK university.
5. You are looking for the support of a “bridge” programme between finishing your high school at home and joining a UK university.

Key facts

When

- September 2025
- January 2026

Where

- [Kings Bournemouth](#)
- [Kings Brighton](#)
- [Kings London](#)
- [Kings Oxford](#)

Course length

- 1 academic year (3 terms)

Lessons

- Average 21 hours per week, plus homework and private study

Entry requirements

- Good grades at high school or equivalent institution
- Minimum IELTS 5.5 (5.0 in Reading and Writing) or equivalent

Minimum age

- 16.5

Learning outcomes

- Raise English to university level
- Develop study skills required at degree level
- Develop specialist subject expertise in Business and Management

Progression partners

- [University of Bath](#)
- [University of Strathclyde](#)
- [Loughborough University](#)
- [Lancaster University](#)
- [University of Aberdeen](#)
- [University of Leeds](#)
- [University of Surrey](#)
- [University of Bristol](#)
- [University of Southampton](#)
- [University of Kent](#)
- [UEA](#)
- [University of Nottingham](#)
- [University of York](#)

and more.

[See more](#)

Progression success

See which universities our Degree Pathway to Business and Management students have progressed to.

They are not just limited to the universities listed above.

[Recent progression](#)

Hear from our students in a new video series.

[Our alumni](#)

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The programme



The Degree Pathway Programme comprises four components:

- A.** English language development (including specialist IELTS preparation)
- B.** Core skills modules
- C.** Subject-focused modules
- D.** Academic enhancement activities

Together, they provide a complete learning experience that expertly prepares international students for the rigours of university study in the UK.

A. English language development

UK universities will usually require an English language level of minimum IELTS 6.5.

The fully integrated tuition system develops your learning and study skills as well as language skills. You will:

- become familiar with the conventions and expectations of the UK education system
- become familiar with the style of language used in academic texts
- increase your speed in reading and writing
- enlarge your vocabulary, especially in relation to academic subjects
- learn to identify key facts and information from a wide range of texts
- learn to organise and set out factual information clearly and coherently, orally and in writing
- learn to identify and analyse the main argument in a text or presentation
- learn to express ideas and opinions logically and confidently using appropriate language
- learn to challenge the ideas of others and present contrasting views

B. Core skills

These form the basis of all one-year university Degree Pathway Programmes at Kings.

They give you the vital platform you need to acquire subject specific knowledge.

- [Communications and Study Skills](#)
- Data Handling and Information Technology (slightly different for [Humanities modules](#) and for [Maths](#))

[and Science modules](#))

C. Subject-focused modules

1. Business Studies

At the end of this module students will:

- have factual knowledge and understanding of the principles of planning a business and raising finance
- be able to apply knowledge and understanding to problems and issues arising from familiar and non-familiar business situations
- understand the methods of business analysis to investigate business problems, issues and how to implement strategies for success within business environment
- evaluate, distinguish between and assess appropriateness of fact and opinion, and judge information from a variety of business sources.

2. Economics

At the end of this module students will:

- have factual knowledge of economics at micro, macro and international levels
- understand the tools of economic analysis and the problems to which they may be applied
- understand economics as a discipline and be aware of its links to related subjects
- have awareness of sources of economics data and be accustomed to using the principal reference sources

3. Third elective module

Students will choose a third module: [Government and Politics](#), [History](#) or [Geography](#). This will depend on the degree and university they want to progress to.

D. Academic enhancement

A fundamental part of the programme, enhancement takes students outside of the classroom and makes them live the subject as well as providing them with useful life skills.

Students on our Degree Pathway in Business, Management and Finance may:

- visit the BMW factory
- visit the Business School of one of our University partners
- be visited by University academics and get cutting edge lectures on Business and Management topics

They might be encouraged to challenge themselves to do the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and take part in clubs and societies run locally. We also run the Kings Enterprise scheme, which encourages and nurtures students enterprises.

In each of our four locations we run clubs and societies like the Maths Club, the Current Affairs Club, the Debating Society and many more. More detail about the specific clubs offered can be found on our location

pages.