Warwick IFP - Foundation Studies - Chat with our International Foundation Team to discover more

Our Warwick IFP Team will be online to answer questions on the course, department and how they can prepare you for your future studies.

Hello and welcome to the Warwick IFP Live Chat. We'll be starting with a short presentation, and after this I will be inviting your questions. This session will cover the following subjects:

- Why the Warwick IFP
- How to Apply
- Q & A

I will give you time as we go through each slide to read and ask anything that comes up. Please remember that this is a public chat, so please do not share personal or confidential information. If you have anything that is confidential that you wish to ask, please contact us by email at Babongile.Ndiweni@warwick.ac.uk

So if we are all ready I will now begin.
The Warwick foundation programme was founded in 1983 and is one of the longest-running foundation programmes in the world. It is delivered at the University of Warwick by Warwick academics which means that we have progression routes into most Warwick degree programmes. The foundation is considered by all UK universities, including UCL, LSE, Oxford and Cambridge and we teach twelve distinct academic programmes depending on which degree you wish to progression onto.

One thing that sets the Warwick foundation apart from other foundations is our focus on putting academic quality at the forefront of our foundation. Foundations can often be delivered by external providers which makes it difficult for students to match the teaching quality of the university they are looking to progress into. Our foundation is designed to fully prepare students for study at degree level and beyond. We have divide our foundation into three areas Academic Discipline, IRS and Academic English.

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Okay, let's start:ok_hand_tone1:
Students will study 3-4 modules related to their IFP academic discipline and of these modules are designed to provide students with foundation understanding that is relevant for the possible university degree course progressions. Teaching on the programme is delivered through the form of lectures, seminars and tutorials as well as laboratory sessions for students studying our science courses. The great thing about the foundation is that our courses are taught by subject specialists. Our lecturers are a mixture of full time Warwick IFP lecturers or they also lecture on the university's undergraduate degree course.

IRS is a key module that is unique to the IFP programme. It is designed to help students put their skills into practise. Throughout the modules student will work on developing deeper analysis, inquiry and research skills aligned with their chosen discipline. The module will culminate with an assessed poster competition and research project in term where all students will present in front of their peers and university staff.

Please let me know if I am moving too quickly

No, the speed is fine

Students will also take an academic English modules which will be tailored towards their academic discipline. For example student who take the Business Management Stream will take Academic English for Business
Students will also have access to the following throughout their foundations.

Our course...

- Warwick University: Access to an international language
- Access to local and virtual opportunities: various courses and workshops
- Workshops and seminars with guest speakers
- Academic support: one-on-one consultations and group sessions
- Social events: networking opportunities and cultural activities

Students who join the Warwick IFP will be guaranteed a conditional offer for Warwick undergraduate degrees and our in-house in-house school counselor (Education and Liaison Officer), will provide students with advice and guidance for the UCAS process and university choices, as well as career options. We work to make sure that students have as many options as possible after completing the foundation which helps combat any situations that may arise. We also have an annual Warwick IFP University Fair in week two of the foundation programme where we invite over 30 Universities from around the UK to talk with students before they make their UCAS applications. This year we had representatives from institutions such as UCL, Imperial, Lancaster, Manchester, Exeter, Bristol, Leeds.

These are the 12 streams available:

1. Business Management
2. Finance
3. Mathematics and Statistics
4. Economics
5. Computer Science
6. Engineering
7. Psychology
8. Social Sciences
9. Law and Social Studies
10. Arts and Humanities
11. Physics and Astronomy
12. Life Sciences

I have provided an example of how the modules are divided one of our IFP Stream. The slide outlines the Business and Management stream. Modules will either be 30 credits or 15 credits. The long bars represent 30 credit modules and the short bars represent our 15 credit modules. Students would need to take two 15 credit modules throughout the year.
The Warwick foundation follows the same academic calendar as the Warwick undergraduate year with two additional weeks in vacations. Students will be fully enrolled as a University of Warwick student meaning they will have access to all the university’s, societies, clubs and facilities. Students will also be able to participate in all of the University’s welcome week activities. In terms of teaching students will have around 21 hours of scheduled contact time per week which is divided up as four hours per week of taught time, per academic module.

The Warwick IFP is not a course for students who have missed the grades required for Warwick degree programmes as we are seeking the best candidates who have the potential to succeed on Warwick’s world class degree courses.
We also have scholarships open to students this year. You can find out more information on our website. There will be one open to students from Russia.

Thank you for taking the time to go through the presentation with me. The chat is now open for any of your questions.

Hello again! The first question I’d like to ask is related to the course I’m planning to take. I guess if I want to study PPE in university, I have to take Economics IFP because its modules are the closest to modules that I’ll study on PPE. However the problem is that in my country we don’t have a school subject called economics, so I don’t have much knowledge in this sphere. I’d like to know what kind of level of knowledge in economics I should have if I’m willing to successfully finish the Economics IFP course in Warwick?

The foundation is designed to build your knowledge on economics as most education systems will not study economic as a subject during high school. Students would be required to have a background in mathematics as that is one of the basis of economics.

We have two routes to join the PPE you can take the Economics IFP or you can take the Arts and Humanities IFP. If you take the A&H IFP you would need to take Maths GCSE along side your IFP studies which we will help you sign up for.

Have a look at which IFP stream has the modules that align with your study goals.

That’s great! Thanks for your answer! Also if I’m not mistaken, you mentioned that Russian students are also allowed to get scholarships this year. What are the requirements for getting them?

In order to be eligible, you must:
Apply for the Warwick IFP and submit your supporting documents (Transcript and Personal Statement)
Ensure that your Personal Statement meets all of our requirements
Accept a Conditional Offer for the IFP and pay the academic deposit by 31 May 2020

You can read more on the scholarships through this link [https://warwick.ac.uk/study/ifp/apply/scholarships/](https://warwick.ac.uk/study/ifp/apply/scholarships/)

**Warwick IFP Scholarships 2020**

We are delighted to announce that we will be offering 18 scholarships for students joining the Warwick IFP in 2020! Each scholarship is worth between £1,500 - £2000 towards your tuition fee and all IFP applicants who accept an offer before 31 May 2020 will be automatically considered.
Thank you a lot! That's really useful!

It's no problem. Feel free to email me directly if you have anymore questions or need any information

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Sure! Thanks! Now I'm not that nervous about economics:sweat_smile:

That's good.

Hi, how can I help?

Hi There. I'm looking for a master's position for physical chemistry. Is there anyone to help me?

You would need to speak to postgraduate admission.

How?

You can try this link https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/chemistry

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Warwick Chemistry is one of the top UK Chemistry Departments and is at the core of the science faculty at the University of Warwick with both of our education and research spanning across all scientific disciplines and beyond. Warwick Chemistry is continuously investing heavily in its infrastructure to guarantee and nurture a world-class quality in education, cutting-edge research, and university life. This drive for excellence is intensively becoming a magnet for the best scientists in the world. Warwick Chemistry is organised into 5 research clusters: chemical biology, materials chemistry, physical chemistry & chemical physics, synthetic chemistry, and theory & computational chemistry. We currently hold one of the UK Chemistry Departments' largest EPSRC research grant portfolios.

Thanks a lot.