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 already 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.

Students will study 3-4 modules related to their IFP academic discipline and of these modules are designed to provide students with foundational 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 buy 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 there where all students will present in front of their peers and university staff.
Students will also take an academic English module which will be tailored towards their academic discipline. For example, a student who takes the Business Management Stream will take Academic English for Business.

Students will also have access to the following throughout their foundation year:

- Online personal tutor
- Personal learning environment
- Workshops
- Academic Writing Centre
- Online tutorials and tutorials

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.

Our courses:
1. Warwick Business School (Business and Economics)
2. Warwick Law School (Law)
3. Warwick Arts (Arts)
4. Warwick School of Sport (Sport Science)
5. Warwick School of Engineering (Engineering)
6. Warwick Medical School (Medicine)
7. Warwick School of Medicine (Medicine)
8. Warwick School of Social Sciences (Social Sciences)

2020-21 streams:
1. Business Management
2. Finance
3. Mathematics and Statistics
4. Economics
5. Computer Science
6. Engineering
7. Physics/Engineering
8. Life Sciences
9. Psychology
10. Social Sciences
11. Law and Business Studies
12. Arts and Humanities
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, issued 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.
The chat is now open for any of your questions.

Hello! I want to ask some questions about business management. My questions are: Do I need to learn A-level mathematics, business studies and economics? Thanks! :)

Students who have A Levels would be unable to join the foundation programme. We would accept students with AS and below.

Sorry, I mean, is this business course (like essential of mathematics or the global economy) related to the knowledge of a-level mathematics, business studies and economics?

The modules will build students up to the standard of A level mathematics, business and economics. Students would not be required to have studied those subject to the same standard previously.

Ok thanks! The English requirement of undergraduate degree is overall 7 (minimum 6.5)?

The English requirement changes depending on which course you progress onto however most WBS courses will ask for IELTS 7.0 overall and all bands at 6.5. You need 5.5 overall and 5.5 writing 5.0 all other components to join the IFP and you will be given IELTS support classes while on the IFP. The IFP will also help you book in new IELTS exams at the end of the course.

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