

Advanced Level Foundation

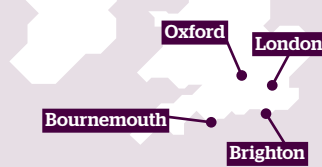
Who is this course for?

The Kings Advanced Level Foundation is based on A-level syllabuses, taught by A-level teachers, assessed against A-levels and moderated by an independent Advisory Board of external examiners. As such, it is one of the most highly academic and successful pathways to leading UK universities.

Key Facts

Start dates: 7 January, 8 April*, 1 July*, 9 September 2019; 6 January, 6 April*, 29 June*, 7 September 2020 (*Extended version)

Locations offered:



Level: Minimum IELTS 5.5 (standard version); IELTS 4.0 (extended version). Completed 11 - 12 years of schooling. Minimum age: 17

Length: 1 Academic Year (3 terms).

Or Extended Advanced Level Foundation of 4 - 7 terms (including 3-term Advanced Level Foundation)

Lessons: Average 21 hours per week (plus homework and private study)

Class size: 8 - 12

Learning outcomes:

- Raise academic qualifications to UK university entrance level
- Raise English to university level
- Develop learning and self study skills for degree level

Recognised by widest choice of quality universities

Kings does not work with a narrow range of university partners. This is because our Advanced Level Foundation is based on, and linked to, A-levels. It is therefore automatically recognised and accepted by the widest choice of universities. Out of the Top 25 universities listed in the Times and Sunday Times 2019 rankings, 20 have accepted Kings Foundation students.

Pearson assured

The Kings Advanced Level Foundation has Pearson assured status, awarded after an annual Pearson audit of quality assurance.



Advisory Panel

Standards for the Programme are set by an external and independent Advisory Board which meets three times each year to ensure best practice, moderate marks where required and hear appeals.

Assessment

Paper	Weighting
Term 1 Assessment	30%
Term 2 Assessment	35%
Term 3 Assessment	35%

Benchmarking against A-Level grades

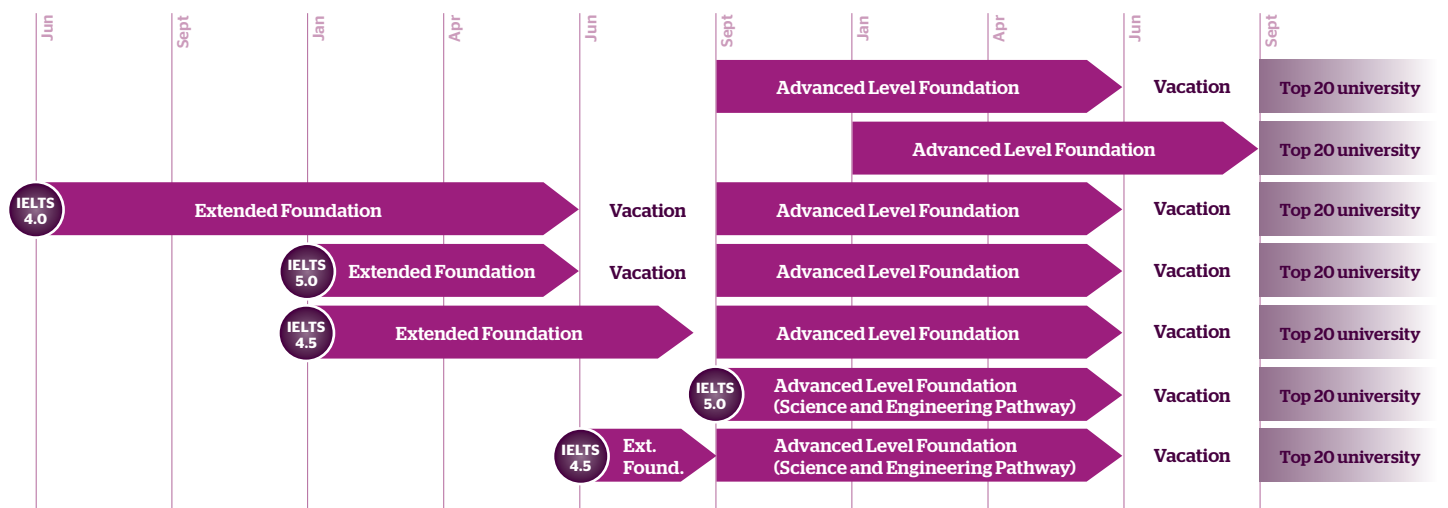
Typical top 30 university offers to students following the Programme are based on their normal A-level offers. The Programme is benchmarked against A-level grades as follows:

Typical A-level offer	Typical Kings Foundation offer
A*A*A*	80%
AAA	75%
AAB	70%
ABB	65%
BBB	60%
CCC	50%

Extended option

Students with lower language levels can join an extended programme of 4 - 7 terms (including the 3-term Advanced Level Foundation), from IELTS 4.0. It offers practical content designed to provide a bridge into UK academic life. The main focus is developing suitable language proficiency for the Advanced level Foundation with concentrated IELTS lessons, but as the course is made up of English language classes and some 1:1 or small group study, it has the flexibility to also provide bespoke academic study skills and subject enrichment. The course can also include a Maths GCSE if required.

Pathways



Course structure and content

The programme is highly flexible, and able to adapt to the needs and academic aspirations of each student. It does this through a combination of core modules and a series of elective modules which can be combined in different ways to create main subject streams:

Main subject streams

- Business
- Engineering
- Life Sciences and Pharmacy
- Architecture
- Media and Communications
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Mathematics, Computing and Science

Core modules are:

- Communication and Study Skills
- Data Handling and Information Technology

Elective modules are:

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry

- Economics
- History
- Human Geography
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media
- Physics
- Psychology
- Politics and Government

2018 - 19 Sample academic timeline

	September	October	November	December	January	February
September starters	10 Sept: term starts Student induction	20 - 28 Oct: half term	University fairs/visits	14 Dec: term ends CSS Assessment 1 (Written) End of term exams	7 Jan: term starts	14 - 17 Feb: half term CSS Assessment 2 (Presentation) University fairs/visits
January starters	–	–	–	–	7 Jan: term starts Student induction	14 - 17 Feb: half term University fairs/visits
	March	April	May	June	July	August
September starters	22 Mar: term ends Assignments* End of term exams	8 April: term starts Assignments*	Assignments*	14 June: term ends CSS Assessment 3 (Listening and Reading exam)	–	–
January starters	22 Mar: term ends Assignments* CSS Assessment 1 (Written) End of term exams	8 April: term starts Assignments*	Assignments*	17 - 18 June: 2 day break CSS Assessment 2 (Presentation)	CSS Assessment 3 (Listening and Reading exam)	2 Aug: term ends

*students spend two weeks on each assignment and do three in total – one for each of their 'elective' modules.

Please note that specific dates are subject to change.