

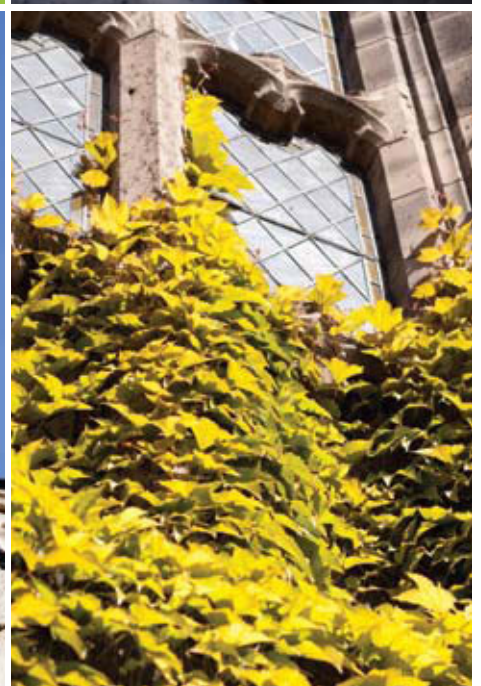
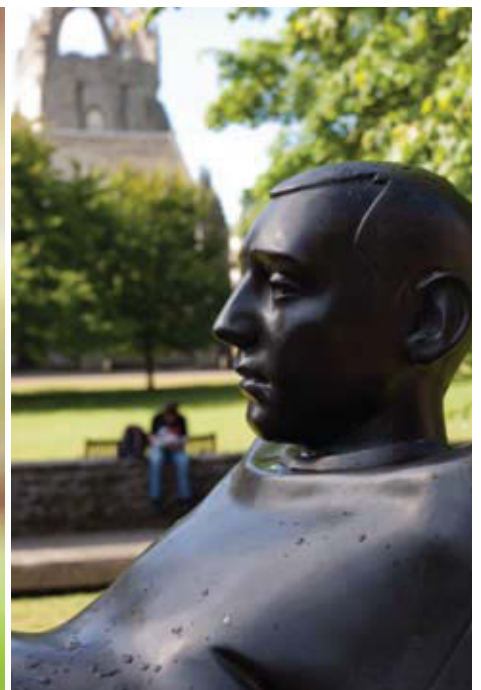


# Postgraduate Prospectus 2012

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# Welcome

To the University of Aberdeen's 2012 Postgraduate Prospectus. Here you'll find out more about the many course choices and options on offer at the University, as well as the exciting developments taking place and the fantastic student life that awaits you.

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### Winter Term

Postgraduate Research Students  
Commence on 1st October 2012

Postgraduate Taught Students  
18th September 2012 – 14th December 2012

### Spring Term

7th January 2013 – 22nd March 2013

### Summer Term

15th April 2013 – 7th June 2013

Please note these term dates may be subject to change.



When you have finished with this prospectus please recycle it.

**As Principal I would like to welcome you to the University of Aberdeen's Prospectus for Postgraduate Courses and Programmes in 2012/2013.** Since

1495 the University of Aberdeen has been respected the world over for the high quality of its teaching and research but never more so than today. All the available indicators of teaching, student satisfaction and research place Aberdeen in the highest echelon of UK universities and one where both teaching and research are valued equally.

In the most recent UK wide Research Assessment Exercise around 90% of the research conducted at Aberdeen was of international quality. At Aberdeen you will be joining a vibrant and stimulating scholarly community where teaching is informed by staff who are engaged in world leading research. The University is equally committed to providing you with the very best in support services and facilities. In recent years over £170 million has been spent on new facilities for students with a further £270 million of investment underway. Two examples of the kind of world-class facilities you will find are the newly opened Olympic standard Aberdeen Sports Village and our new Library which opened in September 2011.

As well as giving students a wonderful educational experience, the records show that after leaving Aberdeen our graduates are highly sought after by employers. In the past few years we were one of the first universities in Britain to redesign our curriculum in partnership with students and employers to ensure that Aberdeen graduates are equipped to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Choosing a university is a very important decision. I myself recently made the decision to join Aberdeen as Principal. I did so because I was inspired by the story of a university that for over five centuries had made an impact on the world and which had enabled people to fulfil their academic potential. There is an atmosphere here where a shared sense of pride in the University's past achievements sits at one with an ambition to make the next chapter in its history an even more successful one. That makes Aberdeen an exciting and very special university to be part of.

It's why I chose Aberdeen. I hope you will too.



**Professor Ian Diamond**  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Diamond". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.





1912

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TIMOR DOMI

Founded in 1495

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16,000 students | 120 nationalities

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Ranked in world  
*top 150*

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Olympic standard sports village

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New £57 million  
**Flagship Library**

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Over 150 sports clubs and societies

# Five Nobel Prizes

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**91%** of graduates enter directly into work, further study or training within six months

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**Over 150**  
taught masters programmes

**Largest wireless  
campus in Europe**

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**Skills for Research Excellence  
Programme** – offering PhD  
students training in generic skills

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**In excess of £270 million**  
investment over next ten years

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**90% of research activity of international quality**

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## Investing In Your Future

# 1495

The University is founded by William Elphinstone, Bishop of Aberdeen and Chancellor of Scotland, with the ambition “...to found a university, which would be open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others”. The University of Aberdeen becomes the UK’s fifth oldest university.

# 1505

The University opens with 36 staff and students, having eight years earlier boasted the first chair of medicine in the English-speaking world. The University embraces all the known branches of learning - Arts, Theology, and Canon and Civil Law.

# 1892

The University opens all Faculties to women and in 1894 the first 20 matriculated female students begin their studies. Four women graduate in Arts in 1898; by the following year, women make up a quarter of the Faculty.

# 1921

The first of five Nobel Prizes is awarded for work begun or carried out at the University. Inventions include the life-saving drug insulin and the development of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

# 1999

The University launches its ambitious fundraising campaign with the aim of raising £150 million to mark the start of the University’s sixth century of existence. In 2004 this continues with a £9 million investment programme to appoint exceptional academics to the University, thereby strengthening the intellectual capital of the institution.





# 2003

The Institute of Medical Sciences at the Foresterhill campus is completed. The custom-built Institute provides state-of-the-art facilities for medical researchers and their students.

Six years on, the Suttie Centre, the new training centre at the heart of the academic and hospital campus, opens for the modern teaching of anatomy linked to other medically-related sciences.

# 2005

The University celebrates 500 years of teaching and learning and The Old Town House on King's College campus is transformed to become a visitor gateway to the University and Old Aberdeen.

# 2006

An £8 million renovation project sees the enhancement of student facilities on campus. 'The Hub' boasts a superb range of services, including dining, retail and drop-in centres for the student community.

# 2009

The University's first-class sports and leisure facilities are further boosted by the opening of the newly developed Aberdeen Sports Village, a £28 million Olympic standard sports centre highlighting the University's commitment to sustaining sporting excellence.

# 2011

As a continuing part of the University's investment on infrastructure and facilities, 2011 saw our new £57 million Library complete. The Library is a major intellectual and cultural learning centre for students in the 21st century.



# History & Excellence

The University of Aberdeen boasts one of the most beautiful and historic campuses in the UK. Internationally renowned for the quality of its teaching and research, Aberdeen serves one of the most dynamic regions in northern Europe.

## Leading in the 15th Century

The University of Aberdeen is Scotland's third oldest university, founded in 1495 as Columbus was opening up the New World and the Renaissance was spreading throughout Europe.

William Elphinstone, Bishop of Aberdeen and Chancellor of Scotland, established King's College to train doctors, teachers and clergy for the communities of northern Scotland, and lawyers and administrators to serve the Scottish Crown. This fledgling university boasted, from 1497, the first chair of medicine in the English-speaking world.

Picturesque and historic Old Aberdeen - home of Elphinstone's original foundation - is now the main University site. The 15th century remains very much alive in King's College Chapel, which is still in regular use, offering an oasis of peace, beauty and a sense of history in the daily life of a university now focused on the needs of the new millennium.

## Leading in the 21st Century

The University of Aberdeen, with over 500 years of achievement behind it, has survived because it has responded to changing times. The University is renowned for its historical continuity, richness and diversity, while maintaining a modern and dynamic approach to serving the needs of the 21st century.

As you would expect of a university dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning, you will be taught by people who are at the forefront of research in their particular fields. In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), 89% of Aberdeen's research activity was assessed to be of international quality and 55% world-leading or internationally excellent.

## Innovation and Excellence

Five Nobel Prizes have been awarded for work carried out or begun at Aberdeen - Frederick Soddy (Chemistry), Richard LM Synge (Chemistry), Sir George Paget Thomson (Physics) and JJR McLeod (Medicine) - McLeod being jointly credited with the invention of the life-saver insulin.

Lord Boyd Orr, first Director of the Rowett Institute and Professor of Agriculture from 1942-45, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his contribution to the worldwide fight against hunger.

Aberdeen has a tradition of innovation and distinction in the medical sciences. A key role was played in the invention of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and the discovery of enkephalins, both of great importance. Major advances in surgery, obstetrics and tropical medicine are also associated with the University.

The University is continuing to fulfil its mission to 'maintain and enhance its distinctive contribution to society in a regional, national and international context' through its programmes of education and professional training, by fostering 'the disinterested pursuit and dissemination of scholarship' and by promoting excellent research programmes. Graduates of the University have influenced the politics, culture and education of all corners of the globe. Today, this tradition continues as students coming to study and live in Aberdeen return to their own communities, enlightened and empowered by what they have learned at this highly successful institution.

## A Choice Environment

At Aberdeen you will find ancient buildings side by side with modern, newly refurbished, first-class laboratories, excellent computing facilities and the latest library technology. The student population, which has almost equal numbers of men and women, has a lively sense of community and belonging. Social and sporting facilities are outstanding, and the University is situated close to superb countryside and coast, with hillwalking, mountaineering and canoeing, as well as a cosmopolitan city centre - all in an area rich in historic and natural interest, boasting some of the most dramatic scenery in Scotland.

For more information visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/about](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/about)





# College of Arts & Social Sciences

The College of Arts and Social Sciences delivers excellence in graduate education through a community of eminent scholars internationally recognised for their innovative research and intellectual reasoning. With over 400 academic members of staff, 200 postgraduate degrees and 1,900 graduate students, coming from over 100 countries, the College is a cosmopolitan environment which is popular with students from home and overseas. Whether you are joining us as a recent undergraduate, have chosen to return to study after some years, or wish to study full-time or part-time, you will find the College a welcoming environment which caters for each individual's desire to learn.

## Schools

The College of Arts and Social Sciences is comprised of six Schools: **Business; Divinity, History and Philosophy; Education; Language & Literature; Law; and Social Science**, all of which offer an impressive range of opportunities for graduate study.

The **Business School** is distinguished by its specialisation in topics such as Accountancy and Finance, Economics, Management and Real Estate and delivers practical leadership and intercultural skills through a range of MBA programmes. Evidence of its world leading expertise is found in the 2008

Research Assessment Exercise, a nationwide process which evaluates the quality of research in the United Kingdom. 100% of Economics research, 90% of Real Estate research and 80% of research in Business and Management (including Accountancy and Finance) were judged to be of international quality.

The **School of Divinity, History and Philosophy** has a thriving graduate culture with over 80 doctoral students. It is comprised of Divinity and Religious Studies, History, History of Art and Philosophy and has also fostered the development of the **Centre for the Study of Spirituality, Health and Disability** and the **Centre for Scandinavian Studies**, among others. It is also a major contributor to the **Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies** and the **Centre for Early Modern Studies**. The School's excellence in research is particularly evident from the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, where the Divinity and Religious Studies discipline was ranked first in the United Kingdom with 80% of its research activity rated as world-leading or internationally excellent and where History was ranked first in Scotland.

With a history of teacher education which can be traced back to 1873, the **School of Education** has an impressive pedigree in

the initial professional training of teachers and a commitment to research-led teaching in the context of 21st century needs. As such the School has a portfolio of externally funded major research projects of national and international significance including the *Scottish Teachers for a New Era* initiative and the Inclusive Practice Project. Research activity within the School is enhanced substantially through the provision of postgraduate degrees at MEd, MPhil and PhD levels, degrees in Music and through other extremely active research centres which focus on music, human traditions, the well-being and development of children, and the development of integrated provision of children, young people and their families. The College was particularly proud of the inclusion of *Ubi Caritas* by one of the School's lecturers, Dr Paul Meador, in the wedding of Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge.

The **School of Language & Literature**, whose English Language & Literature discipline had 65% of its research rated as world-leading or internationally excellent, leads the way in Celtic, English, Film and Visual Culture, Linguistics, and Modern Languages (with French ranked first in Scotland).

The School is also home to the **Centre for Modern Thought**, established in 2005 in order to foster dynamic and theoretically informed cross-disciplinary research, and is also a significant contributor to the **Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies** and the **Centre for Early Modern Studies**. As such, the School has a thriving academic community, of which students form a crucial part. The diversity of the academic disciplines in the School means that there is a diverse range of taught postgraduate programmes from which to choose from, as well as the potential for uniquely interesting PhD thesis topics.

The **Law School**, which has a long tradition of legal research and writing and, within its staff, has a substantial number of scholars with international reputations, is ranked first in Scotland and seventh in the UK by the *Times Good University Guide*. It consistently achieves excellence in student satisfaction, which is illustrated by its 95% satisfaction rate in the latest National Student Survey, one of the highest for law schools in the United Kingdom. The immensely popular taught postgraduate programme, the LLM, continues to attract top-class students from around the world (from over 20 different countries), as does the research version of the LLM and the PhD programme.

The **School of Social Science** completes the academic profile of the College, comprised of Anthropology, Politics and International Relations and Sociology. Anthropology, which has established Aberdeen as the principal focus, nationally and internationally, for research in the Anthropology of the North, contributes to the College's research and teaching excellence with unique links to ethnology and cultural history. Politics and International Relations, at the forefront of contemporary issues, offers a growing range of postgraduate courses including taught and research degree programmes, while Sociology, with 55% of its research rated as world-leading or internationally excellent and ranked third in Scotland by the *Times Good University Guide*, provides a wide choice of postgraduate study options in some of the most thought-provoking topics available. Finally, the **Centre for Gender Studies**, with its exclusive MSc in Sex, Gender and Violence: Contemporary Critical Approaches, contributes further to the vibrant intellectual profile of the School.

### Programmes

The College of Arts & Social Sciences has a broad portfolio of taught and research postgraduate degrees. Taught programmes include the Master of Education (MEd); Master of Laws (LLM); Master of Letters (MLitt); Master of Science (MSc) and Master of Theology (MTh). Research programmes include the one-year Master by Research (MRes) and Master of Laws by Research (LLM), the two-year Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and the three-year Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Intensive taught programmes of study include the much sought-after Master of Business Administration (MBA), which can also be taken as a Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) or a Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip), the Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) where one can specialise in either Primary or Secondary Education, plus the Diploma in Legal Practice (DLP).

In addition to its September intake, the College also offers some programmes for January admission.

The College continually reviews and develops its portfolio of Masters programmes to suit the needs of today's graduates. Many programmes are interdisciplinary and provide graduates with the opportunity to acquire knowledge and develop skills in distinctly different areas, such as the LLM in International Law and Globalisation, the MLitt in Art and Business, the MRes in Social Anthropology, Ethnology and Cultural History, and the MSc in Management, Economics & International Relations. Recent additions include programmes in: Design Anthropology; International Relations; Latin American Studies; Management, Economics & International Relations; Management, Enterprise & Innovation; Scandinavian Studies; Sex, Gender and Violence: Contemporary Critical Approaches; and Studies in Mindfulness.

At the postgraduate research level, the College promotes excellent research in all its disciplines and provides a framework in which multi-disciplinary research can flourish. The College has many unique and prestigious research centres including the **Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies**, the **Elphinstone Institute for the Study of Human Traditions**, the **Centre for Modern Thought**, and the **Centre for the Novel**, all of which contribute to its intellectual strength. According to the 2010 QS-World University Rankings, the University of Aberdeen is rated 117th in the world and in terms of Research Power is ranked 29th in Britain and 3rd in Scotland.

Based on the nationwide 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, the Guardian ranked nine Departments and disciplines in the College of Arts and Social Sciences in the British top 20, including:

- **Divinity & Religious Studies - ranked first**
- **French - ranked fifth**
- **Anthropology - ranked 11th**
- **History and Sociology - both ranked 14th**

14 Departments and disciplines were rated in Scotland's top five, including:

- **French, History and Divinity & Religious Studies - all ranked first in Scotland**
- **Anthropology and Sociology - both ranked second**

The College wishes to contribute further to the success of the University of Aberdeen and as such it wants to attract the best research students from across the globe.

### The Graduate School: A Central Focus

The students of the Graduate School are a significant part of the College. As a group of over 1,000 postgraduate students, they comprise about 1 in 6 of the students in the College and account for half the University's postgraduate population. The most important role for the Graduate School is to support students, their supervisors and the wider academic community in striving to ensure the success of every student's postgraduate programme from application, through funding allocation to registration and, finally, graduation.

For more information on the Graduate School please visit its dedicated website at [www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate)

### Training and Support to Enhance Employability

The College actively contributes to the Skills for Research Excellence programme which has been designed for postgraduate research students at the University of Aberdeen. The programme includes courses which are designed to help maximise generic and employability skills as well as those designed to develop skills specific to different academic areas. These academic areas also provide the opportunity for students to effectively engage with their own subject speciality in order to foster dynamic and informed academic debate. In an informal setting, students and staff present research findings and preliminary academic papers, thereby preparing students for presentation at national and international conferences.

### Excellent Facilities and Resources

The College aims to create an environment conducive to the highest quality teaching and research. Consequently, the College endeavours to provide all doctoral students with their own dedicated workspace, complete with a personal computer. Hot desk facilities may be available to students who are pursuing a Masters by Research.

Students have access to an excellent library and electronic management system, both of which improved even further with the 2011 opening of the new University Library. At present, the University's Historic Libraries and Archive Section has in its care about 150,000 pre-1840 books, special named collections such as the outstanding MacBean Jacobite Collection, the Lewis Collection of Barth Literature and the Biesenthal, Daube and Burghart Collections, some 3,000 manuscript collections and substantial regional and University archives. These collections are of exceptional value and interest and offer almost limitless possibilities for those who wish to pursue a research degree.

### Scholarships, Studentships and Bursaries

Funding opportunities for each academic year are advertised on the College's Graduate School website [www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate)

Both current and prospective graduate students are encouraged to visit the University's Funding Database to investigate a wider range of potential funding opportunities.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/funding](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/funding)

The College is dedicated in its commitment to postgraduate students and endeavours to support a significant number of outstanding students every academic year. It is hoped that in addition to the open competition, the establishment of research projects, around which funding is allocated, will draw even more academically outstanding students to the University of Aberdeen, and our scholarly environment where research can really flourish. Applicants can rest assured that as long as they are offered a place and have applied by a certain date, which is specified on the College's Graduate School website, they will be considered for the College's open competition on an automatic basis.

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Aberdeen, AB24 3UG  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate)**





# College of Life Sciences & Medicine

The Graduate School of the College of Life Sciences & Medicine supports all postgraduate students in the College. Working within a culture of excellence, the Graduate School is committed to promoting the dynamic link between its teaching and research. It provides a supportive environment that works to the highest standards to promote postgraduate research and scholarship across the academic disciplines within the College.

As a new postgraduate student in Life Sciences & Medicine, you will join a friendly and lively community. There are around 250 MSc postgraduates and 350 postgraduate researchers, who make a vital contribution to the activities of the College.

The College has major research facilities required for modern molecular and cell biology, biological sciences, psychology, biomedical sciences, medical and health services research. There are a wide range of specialist core facilities that support research (e.g. microscopy, DNA synthesis and sequencing, protein characterisation, mass spectrometry, proteomics, flowcytometry and cell culture).

Individual research laboratories are well supported and are equipped to an exceptional standard with state-of-the-art equipment and computing facilities. There are also extensive opportunities for field-based work in the UK and overseas, including research in the College's field centres at Ocean Lab and Cromarty. For further details of courses and research areas please see the Graduate School website.

#### School of Biological Sciences

The School is formed from the Departments of Agriculture & Forestry, Plant & Soil Science and Zoology. It is situated in Old Aberdeen in the Zoology and Cruickshank Buildings, linked by the Cruickshank Botanical Gardens. The School has a unique relationship with several local renowned research institutes, which affords excellent opportunities to undertake collaborative research at institutes such as the James Hutton Research Institute (formerly Macaulay Land Use Research Institute and Scottish Crop Research Institute) and Marine Scotland, Aberdeen.

Research focussing on addressing the fundamental biological consequences of environmental change is organised within the **Institute of Biological and Environmental Sciences**.

The recent appointment of Professor David Salt, whose research expertise is in the function of the genes and gene networks that regulate plant ionome, will enhance the School's research portfolio.

Research themes include: **Biological Interactions in Soil, Ecology, Integrative Physiology**.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes)

#### Schools of Medicine and Dentistry and Medical Sciences

The School of Medicine and Dentistry is home to the traditional Departments of Clinical Medicine, and the School of Medical Sciences incorporates the former Departments of Biomedical Sciences, Biomedical Physics, Bio-Engineering, and Molecular and Cell Biology. Much of the research in both schools is interdisciplinary and is organised within two research Institutes - the **Institute of Applied Health Sciences (IAHS)** and the **Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS)**.

Areas of strength within the Applied Health Sciences theme include: **Epidemiology and Public Health Research, Health Economics Research, Health Services Research, Medical Statistics, Nutrition, Primary Care**.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs)



Basic biomedical research is focused in the Institute of Medical Sciences, on the Foresterhill site.

Research is organised into the following research themes: **Aberdeen Biomedical Imaging Centre, Musculoskeletal, Cancer Medicine, Cell and Developmental Biology, Endocannabinoid and Lipid Signalling/ECRA, Immunology, Medical Genetics, Microbiology, Molecular Exercise Physiology, Neurobiology, Physiology and Pharmacology, Systems Biology, Translational Medicine, Vascular.**

[www.abdn.ac.uk/ims](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims)

### School of Psychology

The School has a well-established tradition of empirical research with specialist laboratories, including an eyewitness laboratory, a Virtual Environment Laboratory, a 3D motion analysis laboratory, and a psychophysiology laboratory. We also have access to facilities for Brain Imaging including MRI and PET.

The School collaborates with other Schools within the College, as well as links with other agencies, including NHS Trusts, universities and hospitals in mainland Europe and the USA. Commercial collaborations include the Nuclear Industry, Power Generation, Aviation, and the Offshore Oil Industry.

Research themes include: **Cognition, Industrial Psychology, Perception and Attention, Social Cognition.**

[www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology)

### Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health

The aim of the Institute is to conduct research at the forefront of life sciences and to define how nutrition can prevent disease, improve health and enhance the quality of food. The Institute's Human Nutrition Unit is a sophisticated research facility for studying the relationship between diet and health in humans.

Research programmes include: **Gut health, Obesity and Metabolic Health, Lifelong Health.**

[www.abdn.ac.uk/rowett](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/rowett)

### Masters Programmes

The College has MSc programmes providing training in basic science, biomedical sciences, medical specialities and healthcare. Strong research strengths provide Masters programmes in subject driven areas of importance, for example, Ecology, Environmental Science, Bio-business, Drug Discovery, International Health, Human and Public Health Nutrition.

The University also has one of the largest groupings of biological and environmental scientists in Europe. Through strong industrial links, programmes in Environmental Science and Marine & Fisheries Science provide students with training that matches the needs of industry. Biomedical Masters programmes provide accredited training in medical fields and there is an element of teaching from clinical staff in the programmes offered in the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry and Medical Sciences.

The Graduate School provides support for Masters students through the delivery of innovative courses such as IT skills training, employability and Personal Development Planning (PDP).

### Postgraduate Research

Research within the College is delivered through the research themes and postgraduate research opportunities are focussed within these areas. Over 90% of the College's research that was submitted in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise was judged to be of international quality in terms of originality, significance and rigour. Furthermore, 60% of the College's submission was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent. Underpinning these results is a vibrant research environment, illustrated by a coherent research strategy, high levels of investment in new buildings and other research infrastructure. Please visit the institute or research theme websites for further information.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/research](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/research)

### Training & Support for Research Students

All new postgraduate researchers attend a two-day induction programme, which includes the student-supervisor relationship, safety, and training programmes. Students are required to select from a programme of dedicated courses for both specific and generic skills training provided through the College and the University's central training unit in the form of core skills courses such as presentation, writing, IT skills, and statistics. The Graduate School is dedicated towards the provision of excellent research training for postgraduate researchers embedded in the context of full development for future careers.

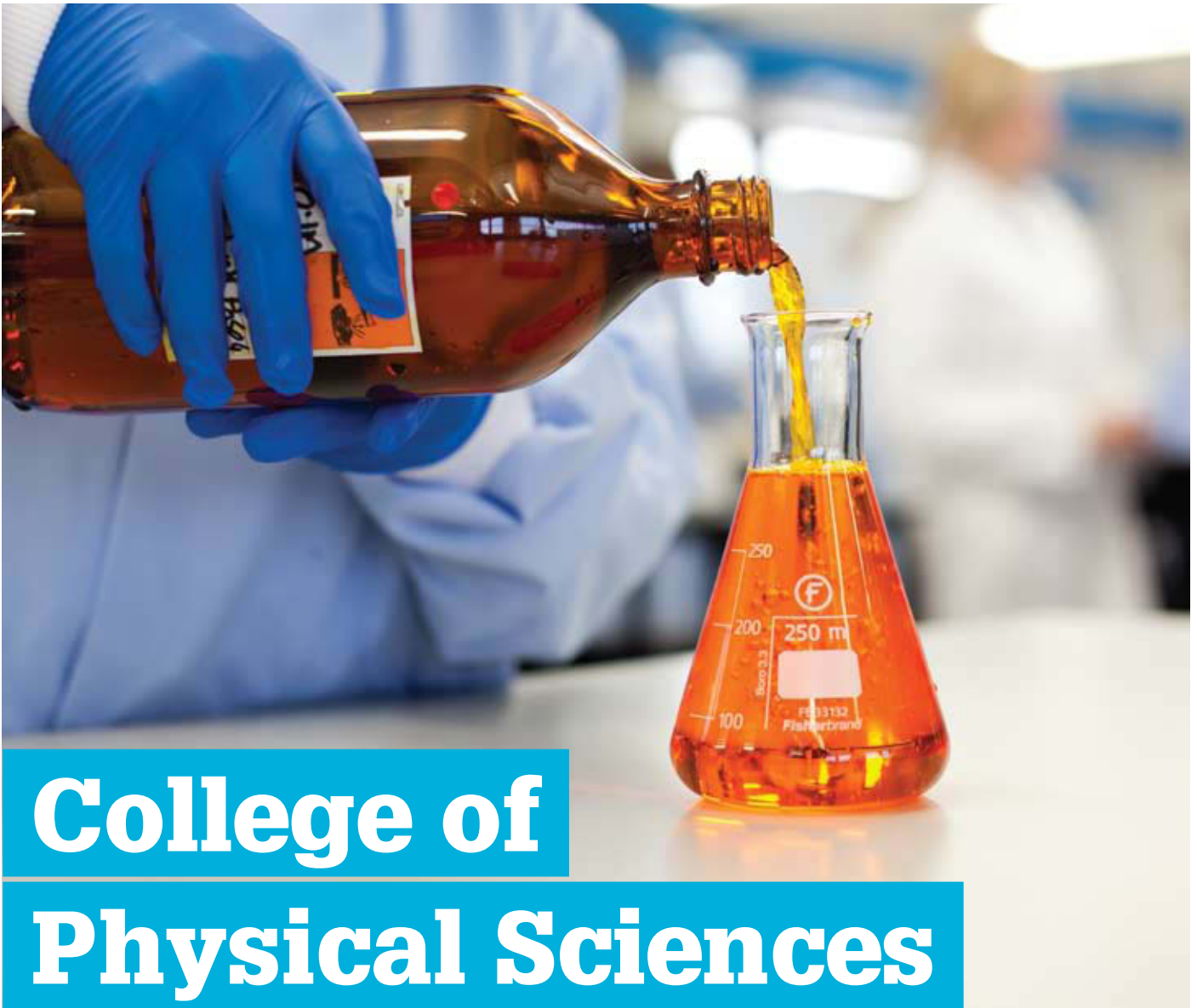
### Studentship Funding

Funding is available for Masters and research programmes from several sources. Studentship opportunities are advertised on the Graduate School website, to which funding enquiries should be directed to:

### The Graduate School

College of Life Sciences & Medicine  
College Office, Polwarth Building  
Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZD  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool)





# College of Physical Sciences

The College of Physical Sciences is home to around 500 taught and 200 research postgraduate students who come together with internationally leading academic staff in an academically challenging, engaging and supportive environment. Staff and research students pursue pure and applied research which in turn drives and informs the teaching programmes.

The College is structured around the **School of Engineering**, the **School of Natural and Computing Sciences** (Chemistry, Computing Science, Mathematical Sciences and Physics) and the **School of Geosciences** (Archaeology, Geography & Environment, Geology & Petroleum Geology, and Spatial Planning & Rural Surveying), all of which offer outstanding opportunities for postgraduate study. The College's over-arching Graduate School provides a central point of contact for all postgraduate matters.

## Postgraduate Research

Research in the College is founded on strong academic disciplines and ranges from fundamental research to applied projects, many of which are carried out in close partnership with industry. There are strong links between Departments, and a number of research areas span Departments and Schools across the College and the University. Researchers at the College consistently perform extremely well in the UK Government-led Research Assessment Exercise with the majority of the research activity within the College being judged to be either world-leading or internationally excellent.

Within this environment students have the opportunity to undertake research at a range of levels, through either full-time or part-time study. It is possible to complete an MRes (Human Geography is a recognised ESRC outlet), MSc by Research, MPhil, PhD or an EngD (a professional Engineering doctorate) through the College.

The College has a truly international perspective on its research activities, with a number of internationally renowned and internationally active staff, and an increasing number of formal international research collaborations. These include Carnegie Mellon University, the Australian Institute for Marine Science, Hong Kong University, NASA, the Directorate General for Hydrocarbons (India), the State University in Rio de Janeiro, National University of Singapore and the University of Texas Institute for Geophysics. Locally the University has a unique relationship with research institutes, including the James Hutton Institute (formerly Macaulay Land Use Research Institute). This affords excellent opportunities to undertake collaborative research.

Research is currently being carried out within the following areas:

### Archaeology

Human Interactions with Northern Environments  
Interactions Between Northern Populations  
Material Culture, Technology and Vernacular Architecture  
The Northern Mind

### Chemistry

Biomaterials  
Biomolecular Chemistry  
Catalysis and Photocatalysis  
Computational Chemistry and Modelling  
Construction and Remediation  
Environmental Chemistry and Speciation  
Functional Materials  
Marine Biodiscovery  
Medicinal Chemistry  
Trace Element Speciation

### Computing Science

Cloud Computing  
Economics of Information Security  
Information Security  
Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems  
Intelligent Systems  
Linked Open Data  
Semantic Web  
Data Mining  
Logic and Semantics  
Natural Language Generation  
Systems Modelling  
Trust

### Engineering

Chemical and Petroleum Engineering  
Dynamics and Control  
Electronics and Optical Engineering  
Environmental and Industrial Fluid Mechanics  
Mechanics of Materials and Structures

### Geography & Environment

Environmental Change  
Environmental Processes  
Human-Environment Interactions  
Transport and Rural Change  
Urban and Regional Development

### Geology & Petroleum

Climate Change, Tectonics and Sediment Flux  
Deep-water Frontiers  
Geofluids and Porous Media  
Meteorite Impacts and Astrobiology  
Terrestrial Ecosystems

### Mathematical Sciences

Algebraic Geometry & Mathematical Physics  
Differential Geometry and Relativity  
Functional Analysis  
Group and Representation Theory  
Topology and Geometry

### Physics

Active Flows & Advection  
Atomic Structure of Solids and Solid State Properties  
Chaos and Mixing in Fluid Flows  
Gravitation and Cosmology  
Infectious Diseases  
Mathematical Modelling  
Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos Theory  
Population Dynamics  
Multi Agent Modelling in the Social Sciences  
Solid State and Device Physics  
Statistical Physics  
Systems Biology  
Computational Neuroscience  
Transport, Distribution and Production Networks

### Spatial Planning & Rural Surveying

Human Environment Interactions  
Rural Social Change and Transport  
Urban and Regional Development

The College is home to the £11.8 million dot.rural Digital Economy Research Hub ([www.dotrural.ac.uk](http://www.dotrural.ac.uk)) which investigates how advances in digital technologies can transform rural communities, society and business. The funding from the Research Councils UK's (RCUK) Digital Economy Programme, led by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), is the largest single externally funded grant to be received by the University.

At a national level the College is heavily involved in the Scottish research pooling initiatives which pull together research strengths in various disciplines across Scotland, thereby encouraging and enabling collaboration with partners in other Scottish research universities. Working closely with industry, the Northern Research Partnership, one of these research pools has established the **National Subsea Research Institute (NSRI)**, which is based within the College. The international breadth of funded research within the College includes numerous European partners, institutions in the US through the International Technology Alliance, and leading institutions in India through an initiative funded jointly by the EPSRC and DST (Indian Government).

#### Training & Support

As a new research student in the College you will join a friendly and active research community. You will attend an induction programme which gives you a chance to meet key individuals in the College as well as other new postgraduates. This is followed by specialist and generic research skills courses during your period of study. In addition to centrally provided postgraduate training, individual Schools organise seminar series, where students and staff make presentations of their research. Students are also encouraged to present their work at appropriate national and international conferences.

Research students normally have two supervisors, depending on the nature of their topic, and are allocated office space with computing facilities, with well-founded laboratories providing the equipment necessary for experimental work. There are also extensive opportunities for fieldwork in the UK and overseas as dictated by the nature of the research.

Postgraduate students may be invited to contribute to teaching activities by providing laboratory or tutorial assistance to undergraduate students. Training for such activities is included in the Graduate School's induction programme and the follow-up sessions on demonstrating. As well as developing teaching skills, this is a means of supplementing your income.

An excellent library provides the essential books and journals, and all students have direct access to electronic journals from their own computers. The College has its own information consultant within the library whose subject knowledge and expertise is actively available to students to provide help in making effective use of the wide range of paper and electronic resources available. As the flagship project of the second phase of our Sixth Century Campaign, the £57 million new Library (opened in 2011) is the largest capital fundraising project undertaken to date by the University and is a landmark of learning, bringing high-quality students, researchers and academics to the University to support our academic ambitions and international reputation.

#### Taught Programmes

The College offers a range of postgraduate programmes that appeal to those seeking a specialist programme of study or those wishing to move into a new area. With our strong industrial links, the College is able to provide programmes which meet the needs of industry while at the same time promoting the transfer of cutting-edge research outcomes.

The College offers a number of programmes which recruit students from both a wide range of undergraduate backgrounds and from none; several of our MSc programmes are taught cross-College, e.g., with the College of Life Sciences and Medicine.

#### Studentship Funding

Funding is available for taught and research programmes from several sources, including the Research Councils and industry. The quality of our taught programmes is demonstrated by continued support from national and international funding agencies, such as the Postgraduate Students' Allowance Scheme, Natural Environmental Research Council, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and Marie Curie Fellowships, and by the high demand for our graduates from industry. Studentship opportunities are regularly advertised via the Graduate School website.

**College of Physical Sciences Graduate School  
Fraser Noble Building  
King's College  
Aberdeen AB24 3UE  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate)**





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## Research Degrees

### Aims

The aim of a research degree is to provide a thorough training in a particular subject area through original exploration and experimentation. The research culminates in a thesis or dissertation which sets out the conclusions of the research undertaken. Opportunities exist in all disciplines of the University to undertake supervised research at either Doctoral or Masters level.

### Entrance Requirements

Candidates for the degree of PhD must normally hold either a Masters degree or a first or upper second-class Honours degree in an appropriate discipline from an approved university, or an equivalent qualification. Those with somewhat lower qualifications may be asked to register initially for a Masters degree (MLitt, MSc, MTh, LL.M, MLE, MRes or MPhil); satisfactory progress may allow conversion to a PhD programme.

Attached to your application should be a preliminary research proposal that will assist us in providing you with appropriate research training.

Your proposal should indicate in which field you wish to concentrate your research. Please provide as much detail as possible, giving reasons why you wish to conduct your research in those areas and full details of any relevant research experience you have. If you have already developed ideas for your own research project please give full details, although we appreciate that many applicants will prefer to discuss this with their supervisor(s) at the start of their studies.

### Structure

Students may register either for full-time or for part-time study. For a PhD, the normal study period is 36 months full-time or 60 months part-time; the equivalent figures for an MPhil are 24 and 42 months; for MLitt, MSc, MRes, MTh or LL.M 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time. In special circumstances, where a candidate has undertaken postgraduate research previously and where progress on the research degree has been faster than scheduled, the minimum period for full-time candidates may be reduced to no less than 24 months for a PhD and 12 months for an MPhil, on submission of the thesis for examination. The Supervisor, Head of School and College Postgraduate Officer must fully endorse any proposal to reduce the minimum period.

Study may be undertaken either wholly within the University or in association with other research centres either in the UK or overseas. Students may undertake the majority of their studies off-campus (for example, to carry out their field work); regulations require that full-time students spend a minimum of six months in Aberdeen over the 36 month period of study. However, supervisor(s) may require students to spend additional periods of time in Aberdeen depending on the progress and nature of their studies. Each student is assigned at least one supervisor who is a member of the University's academic staff.

The University operates a Code of Practice for postgraduate students. The Code for research students can be accessed via the following link: [www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/quality/appendix5x4.pdf](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/quality/appendix5x4.pdf)

The precise focus of research is agreed between the supervisor and the student, to suit the student's particular interests and needs as much as possible. During the first year, students may be required to undertake some formal research training which is compulsory in some disciplines. Both the Colleges and the University provide continued training and support to students throughout their studies.

Throughout the research period students will be encouraged to attend specialist seminars and conferences, and will be required to give an account of their progress to staff and fellow students from time to time, at seminars within the School or College.

### Progression

Progress is monitored regularly and supervisors are asked to complete official six-monthly reports. Satisfactory reports often lead to transfer from a Masters degree to a PhD. Unsatisfactory progress, however, on rare occasions, may lead to a transfer in the opposite direction from PhD to a research Masters, or a student being required to end their studies.

### Assessment

Assessment for PhDs is on the basis of a thesis and oral examination. Assessment is conducted by at least two examiners, one of whom is from outside the University.

## Taught Degrees

### Aims

Taught degrees are intended to impart advanced knowledge or techniques in specialised aspects of subjects previously studied more generally at undergraduate level and assist in career development. Some also serve as conversion courses, enabling students to change their area of specialisation away from that of their undergraduate studies.

### Entrance Requirements

The requirement for most taught Masters courses is a second-class UK Honours degree (or equivalent) in an appropriate discipline from an approved university. Both Postgraduate Admissions and the relevant School are able to provide advice on the equivalence of qualifications awarded by overseas universities.

Students may be admitted to one degree with a view to transfer to a higher degree dependent on satisfactory progress. For example, a student may be admitted to a Postgraduate Diploma with a view to transfer to MSc. In this instance the student would commence studies on the Postgraduate Diploma programme, and if satisfactory progress were made, then transfer to the MSc programme and graduate with an MSc degree.

### Structure

For MLitt, MSc, LL.M, MBA, MLE, MEd and MTh degrees, the normal study period is 12 months full-time. Only certain programmes are available for part-time study, and in these cases the normal study period would be 24 or 36 months part-time. For the Postgraduate Diploma, the normal study period is 9 months full-time or 18-21 months part-time, where available; for the Postgraduate Certificate, the normal study period is 4-6 months full-time.

Taught courses normally involve formal lecture and/or seminar programmes over two semesters (September - May) which are assessed by written examination and the assessment of course work (essays, practical reports, etc). In most courses the taught elements are identical for both Masters and Postgraduate Diploma students.

### Progression

Students on taught courses of study (Masters, Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate) must satisfy the progress requirements of their specific programme and with the University's Procedures for Determining Progression and Award in modularised taught programmes (Grade Spectrum). Candidates aspiring towards a Masters degree normally have to attain higher grades in the taught elements before being permitted to progress to the dissertation/project stage.

Details of progression requirements can be found at [www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/quality/appendix7x7.pdf](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/quality/appendix7x7.pdf)



Satisfactory progress often leads to transfer from a Postgraduate Certificate to a Postgraduate Diploma, or from a Postgraduate Diploma to a Masters degree. Unsatisfactory progress, however, on rare occasions, may lead to a transfer in the opposite direction, or a student being required to end their studies.

#### Assessment

The Masters degree usually concludes with a project or dissertation over the summer period (normally June - September); assessment of the dissertation can include an oral examination. The University operates a Code of Practice for postgraduate students on taught courses of study that can be accessed at [www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/quality/appendix5x3.pdf](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/quality/appendix5x3.pdf)

#### Registered Postgraduate Study

Research workers from institutions overseas or students undertaking research degrees at other institutions may visit the University for Registered Postgraduate Study for short periods, for example to learn particular experimental techniques.

Fees for Registered Postgraduate Study are charged at the normal postgraduate fee rate according to the number of months of study.

Students wishing to undertake a single course within a postgraduate taught programme may apply to undertake Individual Subject Study. Fees are charged per credit.

The Admission requirements for Registered Postgraduate Study and for Individual Subject Study are the same as for the appropriate full-time research or taught programme.

#### Part-Time Study

Part-time study is available for all research degrees and for some taught courses. Due to British immigration regulations it is generally not available to students from outside the European Union, although the spouses of full-time international students may be allowed to register for part-time study at the part-time overseas rate of tuition fees.

#### January Starts

A selection of our most popular programmes also have a January intake. Please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/january](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/january) for details.

#### Who Can Answer My Enquiry?

If you require further information about research and taught courses before applying, you can consult the relevant College website.

College of Arts & Social Sciences  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate)

College of Life Sciences and Medicine  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool)

College of Physical Sciences  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate)

General enquiries about the University or applying should be sent to Postgraduate Admissions:

Student Recruitment & Admissions Service  
University Office, King's College  
Aberdeen, AB24 3FX  
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273506  
Email: [pgadmissions@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:pgadmissions@abdn.ac.uk)  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate)



# Continuing Professional Development

The University of Aberdeen provides a wide range of programmes, short courses and conferences aimed at a professional audience. CPD Services is the part of the University responsible for the co-ordination, development and delivery of professional development and work related training from the University of Aberdeen.

Continuing Professional Development opportunities are designed to meet the needs of students working as professionals and therefore a flexible approach is taken in terms of teaching delivery allowing students to continue their usual working routine.

CPD Services provides organisations with the opportunity for employees to interface with the internationally respected expertise available throughout the University of Aberdeen with the aim of enhancing work-related skills and knowledge.

We can identify professional development needs as well as design and deliver training in a wide variety of disciplines from medicine and medical sciences to oil and gas, education, science, law, management and the humanities – either in the form of an open or tailored course particular to individual needs.

Our service includes:

- > **Training Solutions:** A portfolio of short courses which can be open to a range of industries or aimed specifically at one sector or market. A key strength is the ability to deliver training for highly specialist areas which quite often attract an international market
- > **Conferences and Seminars:** Developed specifically for a particular industry or association or appropriate for a cross sector audience
- > **Tailored Training:** Continuing professional development programmes and courses can be designed specifically for an organisation's exact training needs in order to optimise workplace performance. This can often be the most cost effective and beneficial means of addressing a skills need
- > **Professional Development Qualifications** Delivered in a variety of ways to best suit the student and employer, our Professional Development Qualifications allow students to gain an academic postgraduate award, often to Masters level (SVQ 5, SCQF level 11).

These programmes are taught by relevant academic department and include:

## College of Arts & Social Sciences

- > MBA
- > PgCert Coaching
- > PgDip Person Centered Counselling
- > MEd Leadership in Professional Context Incorporating the Standard for Headship
- > PGDE (Primary/Secondary)

## College of Life Sciences & Medicine

- > PgCert Health Economics

## College of Physical Sciences

- > MSc Oil and Gas Structural Engineering
- > PgDip Hydrocarbon Exploration (ExploHUB)
- > MSc Project Management
- > MSc Informatics Software Project Management

For information about our CPD courses, forthcoming events and other CPD Services, please visit our website at [www.abdn.ac.uk/r&i/business/cpd](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/r&i/business/cpd)



Applying to Aberdeen couldn't be simpler, and with a number of scholarships available across the Colleges to provide financial assistance to postgraduate students, the University will do everything it can to make your decision to apply an easy one.

## When Do I Apply?

Most taught postgraduate programmes begin in mid-September. International students can apply any time from the previous September. For application deadlines please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply)

UK/EU students can apply any time from the previous September until the start of the course. For taught programmes beginning in January, applications are accepted until the end of September prior to the start of the course; UK/EU students can apply until the programme start date. In all cases, international students should consider the time required for visa application processing.

Research programmes often have flexibility to begin at any time during the academic year. Applications can be made up to 12 months in advance but preferably no later than six months before you intend to start your studies.

There is no need to complete your previous course of study or to have achieved English language qualifications before applying; we can make offers conditional upon you successfully completing a particular qualification.

## How Do I Apply?

It is important when submitting an application that you have completed all the necessary sections and have enclosed all of the relevant documentation to ensure that your application can be processed as quickly as possible.

To apply you must submit:

- > **A completed Postgraduate Application Form**
- > **Full details of your academic achievements to date (e.g. transcript, degree certificate)**
- > **Proof of proficiency in English is required if you are an international applicant.** Visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre) for details. This can be submitted at a later date but must be verified by the University prior to commencement of your studies
- > **Academic References.** Two references are required for research programmes. Taught programmes generally require one reference only but there are some exceptions so applicants are advised to check individual programmes for specific entry requirements
- > **Some programmes require a CV but please check individual programmes for details of specific entry requirements**

You can download our application form and application notes or apply online at: [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply)

Note: If you have any disability or medical condition which might necessitate special arrangements or facilities, please write directly to Student Support Services to discuss these before you submit your application.

## Student Support Services

**The Hub**  
Elphinstone Road  
Old Aberdeen  
AB24 3TU  
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935  
Email: [student.support@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:student.support@abdn.ac.uk)

If you have any questions about the application process please contact:

**Postgraduate Admissions Office**  
University Office, University of Aberdeen  
King's College, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX  
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273506  
Email: [pgadmissions@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:pgadmissions@abdn.ac.uk)

Please note, for the **PGDE Primary** and **Secondary Education** programmes, please **DO NOT** use University of Aberdeen or Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) forms. Application forms for these programmes are available from the Graduate Teacher Training Registry:

Tel: +44 (0)870 1122200 or you can apply online at [www.gtr.ac.uk](http://www.gtr.ac.uk)

## How is My Application Processed?

### Step One

You will receive an acknowledgement when the University of Aberdeen receives your application. Completed applications are then passed to the relevant School for consideration.

### Step Two

After considering your application, the Head of the School to which you have applied will decide whether an offer of admission can be made. UK-based applicants for research degrees or postgraduate scholarships and those who have been out of education for a period of time may be interviewed before a decision is made.

Offers of admission may be conditional or unconditional. Under the terms of a conditional offer, applicants are requested to obtain or provide evidence of further or pending qualifications that will allow them to fully satisfy the course entry criteria. Such students may, for example, be awaiting final undergraduate degree results.

Unconditional offers may be issued directly to applicants whose qualifications fully satisfy the entry criteria of their desired postgraduate programme.

### Step Three

You will be sent a decision, informing you of whether or not the University is able to offer you a place of study. Those who have been sent an offer will also receive an Acceptance Form and a Financial Guarantee Form. You must complete and return both of these forms to the Postgraduate Admissions Office as early as possible.

Once we have received these forms, applicants with unconditional offers will be 'cleared for admission'. Applicants with conditional offers will be cleared for admission after they have forwarded, to the Postgraduate Admissions Office, documents to confirm that they have met the conditions of offer.

### Step Four

Once you have been 'cleared for admission', students who are commencing study in September/October\* will be sent, from May onwards, a pack of joining instructions which includes information on accommodation, registration, tuition fees payment, and their student ID number, etc. All international students who declare that they require a visa to enter the UK will receive a Confirmation of Acceptance which includes a CAS number so that they may apply for a visa.

\*Research students commencing study at a time other than September/October will receive their joining instructions and a CAS number (if applicable) at the equivalent time prior to the commencement of their studies.

## Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

Please note that international taught and research applicants for certain Science, Engineering or Technology disciplines require an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) Clearance Certificate. ATAS clearance must be obtained before applying for a visa. If you need to obtain ATAS clearance, this will be indicated in the letter detailing our offer of admission. For more information, visit [www.fco.gov.uk/atas](http://www.fco.gov.uk/atas)

# Taught Programmes in Arts & Social Sciences

View these courses online ►

## Business School

Programme	Course Available	Mode	Web Address
Accounting & Finance	MScEcon/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Business Administration	MBA/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Business Research	MRes/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business">www.abdn.ac.uk/business</a>
Coaching	PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Economics	MSc/PhD	FT	<a href="http://www.sgpe.ac.uk">www.sgpe.ac.uk</a>
Finance	MRes	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Finance and Investment Management	MScEcon/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Human Resource Management	MBA	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
International Business, Energy and Petroleum	MScEcon/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
International Healthcare Management	MBA/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
International Real Estate Markets	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Management, Economics and International Relations	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Management, Enterprise & Innovation	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Marketing	MBA	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Real Estate	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Real Estate (MBA)	MBA/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Real Estate Finance	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>

## School of Divinity, History & Philosophy

Art and Business	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/hoart/pgrad">www.abdn.ac.uk/hoart/pgrad</a>
Art in Scotland	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/hoart/pgrad">www.abdn.ac.uk/hoart/pgrad</a>
Biblical Theology	MTh/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity">www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity</a>
Church History	MTh/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity">www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity</a>
Cultural History	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ch/mlitt.shtml">www.abdn.ac.uk/ch/mlitt.shtml</a>
History & Philosophy of Science	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ch/hpsabd">www.abdn.ac.uk/ch/hpsabd</a>
Irish and Scottish Studies	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/riiss">www.abdn.ac.uk/riiss</a>
Jewish Studies	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sdhp">www.abdn.ac.uk/sdhp</a>
Medieval Studies	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/history/medieval">www.abdn.ac.uk/history/medieval</a>
Methods and Practices of Philosophical Research	MRes	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/philosophy/nip/studies/mres">www.abdn.ac.uk/philosophy/nip/studies/mres</a>
Modern Historical Studies	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/history">www.abdn.ac.uk/history</a>
Pastoral Studies	DPS	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity">www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity</a>
Philosophy	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/philosophy">www.abdn.ac.uk/philosophy</a>
Practical Theology and Christian Ethics	MTh/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity">www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity</a>
Renaissance and Early Modern Studies	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/history">www.abdn.ac.uk/history</a>
Scandinavian Studies (Viking and Medieval Studies)	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/history/scandinavian">www.abdn.ac.uk/history/scandinavian</a>
Systematic Theology	MTh/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity">www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity</a>
Theology and Religious Studies	MTh/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity">www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity</a>

## School of Education

Adult Literacies Development	MEd/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Advanced Educational Studies	MEd/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Advanced Professional Studies	MEd/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Autism and Learning	MEd/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Chartered Teacher Programme	MEd/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education/ctp">www.abdn.ac.uk/education/ctp</a>
Community Learning and Development	MSc/PgDip	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Early Years	PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Effective Teaching of Numeracy	PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Enhanced Professional Practice	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Ethnology and Folklore	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone">www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone</a>
Gaelic Medium Education	PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Inclusive Practice	MEd/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Leadership in Professional Contexts	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Leadership in Professional Contexts (Incorporating the Standard for Headship)	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Learning and Teaching for Employability	PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Teaching and Learning for Enterprise and Employability	MEd	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Music	MMus/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/music">www.abdn.ac.uk/music</a>
Pastoral Care, Guidance and Pupil Support	MEd/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>

Programme	Course Available	Mode	Web Address
Person Centred Counselling	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/education
Plurilingual Education	PgCert	PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/education
Primary Education	PGDE	FT	www.abdn.ac.uk/education
Professional Learning & Development (Primary)	PgCert	PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/education
Secondary Education	PGDE	FT	www.abdn.ac.uk/education
Social and Educational Research	MRes/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/education
Studies in Mindfulness	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/education
Teaching Qualification in Further Education	PgCert	PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/education

### School of Language & Literature

Celtic Studies	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/celtic/celticmlitt.hti
Comparative Literature	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/english
Creative Writing	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/english
English Linguistics for Advanced Teachers of English	MLitt/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/english/elate
English Literary Studies	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/english
Irish and Scottish Studies	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/riiss
Modern Thought	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/modernthought
Sociolinguistics	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/english
The Novel	MLitt/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/english/postgraduate/mlitt/novel
Visual Culture	MLitt	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/visualculture

### School of Law

Criminal Justice	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
Criminal Justice and Human Rights	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
Climate Change Law & Sustainable Development	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
European Law	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
General LLM	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
Human Rights	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
Human Rights and Criminal Justice	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
International and European Law	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
International Commercial Law	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
International Law	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
Oil and Gas Law	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
Private International Law	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate
Professional Legal Practice	DPLP	FT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/diploma
International Law and Globalisation	LLM	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/law/graduate

### School of Social Science

Anthropology of Religion	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Cultural Sociology	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Design Anthropology	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
European Politics and Society	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Globalization	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
International Relations	MScIR/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Latin American Studies	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/latinamerican
Management, Economics and International Relations	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smarthinking
Materialising the Past	MSc	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
People and the Environment	MSc	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Political Research	MRes/PgDip/PgCert	FT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Religion and Society	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Sex, Gender, Violence: Contemporary Critical Approaches	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Social Anthropology, Ethnology and Cultural History	MRes/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Social Research	MRes/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Sociology	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Sociology of Peace Processes	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research
Strategic Studies	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/pir/ss
Transitional Justice and Reconciliation	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research

# Taught Programmes in Life Sciences & Medicine

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## School of Biological Sciences

Programme	Course Available	Mode	Web Address
Applied Marine and Fisheries Ecology	MRes/MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Conservation Science (subject to approval)	MSc	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Ecology and Environmental Sustainability	MSc/MRes/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Environmental Microbiology	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Environmental Science	MRes/MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Forestry	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Soil Science	MRes/MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>

## Rowett Institute of Nutrition & Health

Molecular Nutrition	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
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## School of Medicine and Dentistry and School of Medical Science

Bio-Business and Medical Sciences	MSc	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Cell and Molecular Systems Biology	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Clinical Pharmacology	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Drug Development	PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Drug Development and Drug Safety	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Drug Development with Bio-Business	MRes/MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Drug Discovery	MRes	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Global Health	MSc	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Health Economics (Distance Learning)	PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Health Services and Public Health Research	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Human Nutrition and Metabolism	PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
International Health and Management	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Medical Biotechnology (with Bio-Business)	MRes/MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Medical Imaging	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Medical Molecular Genetics	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Medical Molecular Microbiology	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Medical Physics	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Medical Physics Computing	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Medical Research Skills	PgDip	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Molecular Biology	MRes	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Molecular and Cellular Immunology	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Nursing/Midwifery/Healthcare/ Transitions in Care/Palliative Care	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Physician Assistant Studies	PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
Public Health Nutrition	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>

## School of Psychology

Psychology	MRes/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
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# Taught Programmes in Physical Sciences

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## School of Engineering

Programme	Course Available	Mode	Web Address
Oil & Gas Engineering	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/energyfutures">www.abdn.ac.uk/energyfutures</a>
Oil & Gas Structural Engineering	MSc	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ogse">www.abdn.ac.uk/ogse</a>
Project Management	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/projectmanagement">www.abdn.ac.uk/projectmanagement</a>
Renewable Energy	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate">www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate</a>
Safety and Reliability Engineering	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/safetyengineering">www.abdn.ac.uk/safetyengineering</a>
Subsea Engineering	MSc	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/subseaengineering">www.abdn.ac.uk/subseaengineering</a>

## School of Geosciences

Applied Geospatial Information Science	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/agis">www.abdn.ac.uk/agis</a>
Archaeology of the North	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/archaeology">www.abdn.ac.uk/archaeology</a>
Human Geography (ESRC Accredited)	MRes	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mreshumangeography">www.abdn.ac.uk/mreshumangeography</a>
Hydrocarbon Exploration (exploHUB)	PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/explohub">www.abdn.ac.uk/explohub</a>
Integrated Petroleum Geoscience	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ipg">www.abdn.ac.uk/ipg</a>
Land Economy (Rural Surveying, RICS accredited)	MLE/DipLE	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mle">www.abdn.ac.uk/mle</a>
Oil and Gas Enterprise Management	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ogem">www.abdn.ac.uk/ogem</a>
Rural Planning and Environmental Management	MSc	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/rpem">www.abdn.ac.uk/rpem</a>
Sustainable Rural Development	MSc/PgDip	FT or PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/srd">www.abdn.ac.uk/srd</a>
Urban Planning and Real Estate	MSc	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/upre">www.abdn.ac.uk/upre</a>

## School of Natural and Computing Sciences

Advanced Information Systems	Msc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ais">www.abdn.ac.uk/ais</a>
Analytical Chemistry for Environmental Life Sciences	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate">www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate</a>
Artificial Intelligence	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate">www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate</a>
Chemical Sciences	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/chemsci">www.abdn.ac.uk/chemsci</a>
Cloud Computing	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate">www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate</a>
E-Commerce Technology	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ecom">www.abdn.ac.uk/ecom</a>
Informatics Software Project Management	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/swpm">www.abdn.ac.uk/swpm</a>
Information Technology	MSc/PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infotech">www.abdn.ac.uk/infotech</a>
Mathematics	MSc	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate">www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate</a>
Oil and Gas Chemistry	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ogc">www.abdn.ac.uk/ogc</a>

# Continuing Professional Development

## Arts & Social Sciences

Business Administration	MBA/PgDip/PgCert	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Coaching	PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smartthinking</a>
Person Centered Counselling	PgDip	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
Leadership in Professional Contexts			
Incorporating the Standard for Headship	MEd/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
PGDE (Primary/Secondary)	PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>

## Life Sciences and Medicine

Health Economics (Distance Learning)	PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool">www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduateschool</a>
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## Physical Sciences

Informatics Software Project Management	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/swpm">www.abdn.ac.uk/swpm</a>
Hydrocarbon Exploration (exploHUB)	PgDip	FT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/explohub">www.abdn.ac.uk/explohub</a>
Oil and Gas Structural Engineering	MSc	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ogse">www.abdn.ac.uk/ogse</a>
Project Management (Campus-based and Distance Learning)	MSc/PgDip/PgCert	PT	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/projectmanagement">www.abdn.ac.uk/projectmanagement</a>

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on courses available visit:

[www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus/pgrad](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus/pgrad)

Academically, Aberdeen has the strength you would expect of a 500-year old university with a growing international reputation. It is among the UK's top research universities in the latest Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2008) – a year long independent evaluation of the quality of research undertaken across Britain's universities involving peer review and international experts.

The RAE assesses the strengths of a department's, or group of departments', research activity (for example, the quality of published work, the standard of the environment and facilities where the research was conducted, measures of research grant income, etc) across a seven year period. The RAE results are shown as a 'Quality Profile' for each research area, giving the proportions of research activity awarded at each of the quality levels, with 4\* the best in the world.

The definitions of the RAE 2008 quality levels, in terms of originality, significance and rigour, are:

**4\* = Quality that is world-leading**

**3\* = Quality that is internationally excellent but falls short of the highest standards of excellence**

**2\* = Quality that is recognised internationally**

**1\* = Quality that is recognised nationally**

U/C (unclassified) below the standard for 1\*, or did not meet the definition of research

The most recent RAE results proved a triumph for Aberdeen. They demonstrate that the University produces a significant volume of outstanding research across all our disciplines. We are the UK's top research university for Theology, Divinity and Religious Studies and equal top for Health Services Research.

- > 89% of Aberdeen's research activity is assessed as of international quality and 55% is 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' (4\* and 3\*)
- > Research activity rated as world-leading or internationally excellent was included in all our 33 submissions to the RAE
- > Almost three quarters of our staff were submitted to units where at least half of the research activity was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent (3\* and 4\*)
- > 11 of our research areas were ranked among the top 25% in the UK (based on the proportion of research activity judged to be world-leading and internationally excellent)

## Research Assessment Exercise Results 2008

Quality Profile  
(percentage of research activity at each quality level)

World leading and internationally excellent  
(% at 3\*+4\*)

Arts and Social Sciences	4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c	
Anthropology	30	25	25	20	0	55
Business and Management Studies	10	30	40	15	5	40
Celtic Studies	0	15	45	35	5	15
Economics and Econometrics	20	45	35	0	0	65
Education	5	20	40	30	5	25
English Language and Literature	30	35	30	5	0	65
French	20	35	35	10	0	55
German, Dutch and Scandinavian Languages	0	25	50	25	0	25
History	30	30	35	5	0	60
History of Art, Architecture and Design	20	35	40	5	0	55
Iberian and Latin American Languages	10	35	45	10	0	45
Law	5	30	45	20	0	35
Music	5	45	35	15	0	50
Philosophy	0	25	70	5	0	25
Politics and International Studies	5	20	55	15	5	25
Sociology	15	40	35	10	0	55
Theology, Divinity and Religious Studies	15	65	20	0	0	80
Town and Country Planning (Property)	20	40	30	10	0	60
<b>Life Sciences &amp; Medicine</b>						
Agriculture and Food Science	20	35	40	5	0	55
Biological Sciences	15	40	35	10	0	55
Epidemiology and Public Health	10	50	35	5	0	60
Health Services Research	25	55	20	0	0	80
Other Hospital Based Clinical Subjects	15	60	20	5	0	75
Pre-clinical and Human Biological Sciences	5	35	35	15	10	40
Primary Care and Other Community Based Clinical Subjects	25	40	25	10	0	65
Psychology	5	45	40	10	0	50
Sports-Related Studies	5	25	40	25	5	30
<b>Physical Sciences</b>						
Chemistry	5	35	55	5	0	40
Computer Science & Informatics	20	50	30	0	0	70
Earth Systems & Environmental Sciences	10	50	35	5	0	60
General Engineering	20	35	30	15	0	55
Geography	10	40	40	10	0	50
Pure Mathematics	20	45	35	0	0	65



## College of Arts and Social Sciences

Accountancy & Finance	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business">www.abdn.ac.uk/business</a>
Anthropology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/anthropology">www.abdn.ac.uk/anthropology</a>
Business	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business">www.abdn.ac.uk/business</a>
Celtic	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/celtic">www.abdn.ac.uk/celtic</a>
Cultural History	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ch">www.abdn.ac.uk/ch</a>
Divinity / Theology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity">www.abdn.ac.uk/divinity</a>
Economics	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business">www.abdn.ac.uk/business</a>
Education	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/education">www.abdn.ac.uk/education</a>
English	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/english">www.abdn.ac.uk/english</a>
Film and Visual Culture	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/film">www.abdn.ac.uk/film</a>
French	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/french">www.abdn.ac.uk/french</a>
German	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/german">www.abdn.ac.uk/german</a>
Hispanic Studies	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/spanish">www.abdn.ac.uk/spanish</a>
History	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/history">www.abdn.ac.uk/history</a>
History of Art	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/hoart">www.abdn.ac.uk/hoart</a>
Language and Linguistics	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/langling">www.abdn.ac.uk/langling</a>
Law	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/law">www.abdn.ac.uk/law</a>
Management Studies	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business">www.abdn.ac.uk/business</a>
Music	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/music">www.abdn.ac.uk/music</a>
Philosophy	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/philosophy">www.abdn.ac.uk/philosophy</a>
Politics & International Relations	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/pir">www.abdn.ac.uk/pir</a>
Real Estate	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business">www.abdn.ac.uk/business</a>
Religious Studies	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/religious_studies">www.abdn.ac.uk/religious_studies</a>
Sociology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sociology">www.abdn.ac.uk/sociology</a>

## Research Centres & Institutes

Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cisrul">www.abdn.ac.uk/cisrul</a>
Centre for Early Modern Studies	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cems">www.abdn.ac.uk/cems</a>
Centre for European Labour Market Research (CELMR)	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/celmr">www.abdn.ac.uk/business/celmr</a>
Centre for Modern Thought	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/modernthought">www.abdn.ac.uk/modernthought</a>
Centre for The Novel	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/english/novel">www.abdn.ac.uk/english/novel</a>
Centre for Scandinavian Studies	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cfss">www.abdn.ac.uk/cfss</a>
Elphinstone Institute	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone">www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone</a>
Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies (RIISS)	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/riiss">www.abdn.ac.uk/riiss</a>
Walter Scott Research Centre	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/english/centres">www.abdn.ac.uk/english/centres</a>

## College of Life Sciences & Medicine

### School of Biological Sciences

Biological Sciences	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes">www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes</a>
Ecology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes">www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes</a>
Environmental Science	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes">www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes</a>
Integrative Physiology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes">www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes</a>
Marine Biology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes">www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes</a>
Plant Science	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes">www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes</a>
Zoology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes">www.abdn.ac.uk/ibes</a>

### Institute of Applied Health Science

Applied Health Science	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Child Health	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Environmental and Occupational Medicine	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Epidemiology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
General Practice and Primary Care	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Health Economics Research Unit	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Health Services Research Unit	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Mental Health	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Nursing	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Population Health	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>
Rural Health	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs">www.abdn.ac.uk/iahs</a>

## Institute of Medical Sciences

Biomedical Physics & Bioengineering	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Biomedical Sciences	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Cancer Medicine	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Cell and Developmental Biology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Biomedical Imaging	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Infection and Immunity	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Microbiology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Musculoskeletal	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Neurobiology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Ophthalmology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Pathology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Pharmacology and Physiology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Surgery and Orthopaedics	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Systems Biology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>
Translational Medicine	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ims">www.abdn.ac.uk/ims</a>

## School of Psychology

Health & Industrial Psychology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology">www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology</a>
Neuropsychology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology">www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology</a>
Psychology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology">www.abdn.ac.uk/psychology</a>

## Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health

Nutrition and Health	<a href="http://www.rowett.ac.uk">www.rowett.ac.uk</a>
Vascular Health	<a href="http://www.rowett.ac.uk">www.rowett.ac.uk</a>

## College of Physical Sciences

Archaeology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/archaeology">www.abdn.ac.uk/archaeology</a>
Chemistry	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/chemistry">www.abdn.ac.uk/chemistry</a>
Computing Science	<a href="http://www.csd.abdn.ac.uk">www.csd.abdn.ac.uk</a>
Engineering	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/engineering">www.abdn.ac.uk/engineering</a>
Geography & Environment	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/geography">www.abdn.ac.uk/geography</a>
Geology & Petroleum Geology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/geology">www.abdn.ac.uk/geology</a>
Mathematical Sciences	<a href="http://www.maths.abdn.ac.uk">www.maths.abdn.ac.uk</a>
Physics	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/physics">www.abdn.ac.uk/physics</a>
Spatial Planning & Rural Surveying	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sprs">www.abdn.ac.uk/sprs</a>
exploHUB	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/explohub">www.abdn.ac.uk/explohub</a>

## Research Centres & Institutes

Aberdeen Centre for Environmental Sustainability	<a href="http://www.aces.ac.uk">www.aces.ac.uk</a>
Aberdeen Institute for Coastal Sciences and Management	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/aicms">www.abdn.ac.uk/aicms</a>
Centre for Applied Dynamics	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cadr">www.abdn.ac.uk/cadr</a>
Centre for Micro- and Nanomechanics	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ceminacs">www.abdn.ac.uk/ceminacs</a>
Centre for Planning and Environmental Management	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cpem">www.abdn.ac.uk/cpem</a>
Centre for Transport Research	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ctr">www.abdn.ac.uk/ctr</a>
Institute for Complex Systems and Mathematical Biology	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/icsmb">www.abdn.ac.uk/icsmb</a>
Institute for Rural Research	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/irr">www.abdn.ac.uk/irr</a>
Dot.Rural, RCUK Digital Economy Research	<a href="http://www.dotrural.ac.uk">www.dotrural.ac.uk</a>
Marine Biodiscovery Centre	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mbc">www.abdn.ac.uk/mbc</a>
Northern Rivers Institute	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/nri">www.abdn.ac.uk/nri</a>
Scottish Offshore Materials Centre	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/somc">www.abdn.ac.uk/somc</a>



# Meet the University...

## Staff, Students and Alumni

The University of Aberdeen is a lively community including over 3,000 staff, 16,000 students and more than 75,000 alumni.



## Professor Bernd Wannenwetsch

### Chair in Theological Ethics

A graduate of the Universities of Munich and Erlangen-Nuremberg and an ordained minister of the Lutheran Church, Professor Wannenwetsch has previously taught Systematic Theology and Ethics at the Universities of Erlangen-Nuremberg and Mainz and, for the last decade, at the University of Oxford, where he was chairman of the Theology Faculty before coming to Aberdeen.

Professor Wannenwetsch's research concentrates upon foundational issues in theological ethics, he is the author of numerous essays, articles and books including *Political Worship: Ethics for Christian Citizens* (2004/09) and a frequent research collaborator, with many edited and co-authored works to his name. With the arrival of Professor Wannenwetsch, who is widely acknowledged as one of the leading theological ethicists of his generation, Aberdeen further enhances its standing as a world leader in advanced theological research and teaching.

## Professor Graeme Paton

**Chair in Plant & Soil Science**

As Professor of Environmental Soil Science at the University of Aberdeen, Professor Paton leads a team of research environmental technologists developing future sustainable solutions in the soil and water environment and oversees the running of the environmental-based MSc programmes (Environmental Science, Soil Science and Environmental Microbiology). With over one hundred published papers in soil science and pollution research, Graeme is a frequent speaker at international conferences. Graeme has supervised over 70 research students from across the world and maintains strong links with his graduate cohort developing research and training portfolios.

Professor Paton has been involved in the commercialisation of two companies from the University of Aberdeen and is a director of Remedios Limited (a company developing contaminated land remedial technologies) and EPONA Limited (for water treatment). Graeme also holds a research professorship with the Chinese Academy of Science in Xiamen where he frequently travels.



## Dr Radha Kessar

**Reader in Mathematical Sciences**

Professor Radha Kessar, of the Institute of Mathematics, is a member of the internationally leading research group in Representation Theory at the University. She came to Aberdeen as a senior lecturer in 2005 having earlier taught at the Ohio State University, and before that at Oxford University, University of Minnesota and Yale University.

Professor Kessar collaborates with mathematicians across Europe, Asia and North America. She is a frequent invited speaker at international conferences in Pure Mathematics and was recently awarded the Berwick prize of the London Mathematical Society in recognition of her research.



## Mark Stewart

### PhD Civil Engineering

I studied here at undergraduate level before being offered the chance to undertake a PhD by one of my lecturers so it was simply a natural progression. Initially, I was attracted by the excellent reputation of the University's engineering department. I have world class facilities at my disposal to carry out my research, as well as the guidance of an internationally acclaimed supervisor.

I enjoy the freedom that I am allowed to work under. I can seek as much or as little guidance as I wish but at the end of the day my project is solely my responsibility and I think that helps to motivate me.

Undertaking a PhD is a huge commitment; however, I believe that I will leave with a far greater variety of career options available to me.



## Samaila Adelaiye

### MSc Strategic Studies

I chose Aberdeen because the University has a good number of international students and I also loved the mixture of the old style architecture with a very modern twist. I've really enjoyed my studies so far, there is much more academic staff and student interaction than I had expected – I've really benefitted from this personal touch.

I've found the student accommodation really great and it's good to know that if I run into any problems at anytime of the day there is always someone I can talk to. I've learned a lot from fellow students here.



## Sinead Sheehan

### PhD Psychology

I chose to study a PhD as a stepping stone to an academic career. As a career, academia offers a lot of flexibility – it's not a humdrum job. I get to work with other professionals such as clinicians, physiotherapists, engineers etc. I work with patients and older adults and I also do a bit of teaching so have contact with younger students as well, which I really enjoy.

Part of my research is concerned with how people learn skills so joining the University boxing club turned out to give me a really interesting perspective. During my studies I was learning about how we learn while in my spare time learning how to box. I represented the Uni at boxing events in Scotland and England and even managed to win a few titles along the way.

Through my PhD and boxing I have discovered a lot about myself from pushing the boundaries of what I can achieve.



A portrait of Paul Hargreaves, a man with short brown hair, a beard, and glasses, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. He is standing in front of a dark, textured stone wall. His arms are crossed, and he is wearing a watch on his left wrist.

## Paul Hargreaves

**MSc Pharmacology**

**Year of Graduation: 1993**

Vice President of Consulting at Quintiles, a fully integrated pharmaceutical service provider located in 60 countries, Paul Hargreaves credits his degree experience at Aberdeen with opening the pathway to his successful career. His first position was with Pfizer where he stayed for 15 years and lived in both the UK and Japan. Paul has been involved in three medicines that have made it through the rigours of clinical trials to provide a benefit to patients across the world.

“My postgraduate time at the University has set me in great stead for my career. It gave me the confidence to attain my first position, lecturers that I value in my professional network and formed friendships that stand the test of time and distance. I made great friends that I am still very close to 18 years on.

In my time not studying, the University’s proximity to the outdoors was fantastic and I have wonderful memories of being in the mountains on both foot and bike.”



## Glen Cayley

**MSc Petroleum Geology**  
**Year of Graduation: 1978**

Vice President for Technical in Europe and head of Shell's UK Upstream Business, Glen Cayley, has forged a successful career following his MSc Petroleum Geology degree from University of Aberdeen. Prior to his career at Shell, Glen worked for Exxon for over 25 years. Most recently he was Royal Dutch Shell's Chief Petroleum Engineer and Vice President for Development (Front-End Studies) in Europe, Africa, Middle East and Russia. Glen remembers his time at Aberdeen with affection;

"My career has benefitted from the grounding I received in Aberdeen. I was very fortunate to have inspiring and charismatic professors and I met people from all over the world.

I also discovered the fantastic Aberdeen hinterland - as a fan of the outdoors who could not enjoy Aberdeen!"



## John Raley

**LLM**  
**Year of Graduation: 1988**

Having completed his LLM degree at University of Aberdeen, John returned to the US where he took on the role of Partner for several years in an international law firm. He credits his completion of the LLM degree with helping him to understand the foundations of laws of different countries, and ultimately making him a better lawyer in the U.S. John is now Senior Partner and managing his own firm, Raley & Bowick, LLP.

"My year at the University of Aberdeen was one of the best, and most important, times of my life. My advice for future students is to cherish all your days at the University. There is much to do on campus so get involved and you will build many happy memories."





# Student Support

Our Student Support Services rank with the best in the UK with a network of support in place to help with your academic, personal and social life.

## New Library

A huge range of resources is available to support your studies. The start of the 2011-12 academic year saw the opening of our landmark £57 million new Library, providing you with the most modern learning environment in the country. This new building represents an extraordinary investment in higher education; a library for the future which takes pride in our past, housing both modern and historic collections in the same space for the first time.

## Books and beyond

As well as 15 kilometres of books covering arts and humanities, education and physical and social science subjects - and now also collections on human and animal nutrition and health recently transferred from the Rowett Institute's Reid Library - we are now able to provide a purpose built Special Collections Centre for 200,000 rare books and over 4,000 manuscript and archive collections, including state-of-the-art facilities for their conservation and exhibition. The new library presents unprecedented opportunities for scholarship, inviting researchers to explore these internationally significant collections from the University's 500 year history as never previously possible.

The Main Library offers around 1,200 study spaces, with a further 600 seats available at the other library sites. There are spaces to suit every learning style: innovative 'co-labs' for collaborative group-work supported by plasma-screen technology; bookable discussion

rooms, flexible learning areas which can be configured to your own requirements; social spaces with comfortable chairs and sofas for when you need a break; individual carrels for more private study, and also more traditional silent study spots for when you need perfect peace and quiet.

Also on the Old Aberdeen campus, the Taylor Library and European Documentation Centre covers law with official UK and EU publications, while the Medical Library on the Foresterhill Campus covers Medicine and Medical Sciences disciplines.

In addition to our physical collections, we also connect you to a huge range of electronic resources, investing more than £2 million a year in e-resources. Our licences enable access to over 400,000 books in electronic format, millions of journal articles from top quality academic publishers and over 100 different scholarly databases and online archives. Students are able to access these resources both on and off campus so you can study at your convenience anytime, anywhere.

The Library holds a selection of frequently used texts in a separate collection on level 1 of the Library. These items are available for reference or overnight loan so you can get the texts you need quickly. Postgraduate students involved in research may be interested in borrowing essential items from other academic institutions through our Inter-library Loans Service.





### Help is at Hand

As well as the helpful staff of information professionals who are available to give advice in person, we produce over 100 information guides in electronic and print formats to offer you step-by-step help in using our sites, services and resources. You'll also find podcasts, vodcasts and more on our website. The library is using other Web 2.0 services to give you immediate information about changes in service and highlight new resources – we invite you to visit our Twitter site at <http://twitter.com/aberdeenunilib> to view our Tweets, join our Facebook groups (look for University of Aberdeen Library and Historic Collections, University of Aberdeen New University Library, and King's Museum) or you can even use our 'Ask a Librarian' Instant Messaging service to get instant answers to your quick queries!

Also, look out for these 'QR barcodes' around the library: you can download a free App to your smartphone so that when you photograph these codes it works as a link to take you straight to online information. The one below takes you to a very useful guide called 'How the Library Can Help You'. See [www.abdn.ac.uk/library/guides/mob/qgmob001.pdf](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/guides/mob/qgmob001.pdf) for further details on using QR barcodes.



Our experienced and helpful team of Information Consultants deliver induction sessions and library skills talks as part of many taught postgraduate programmes. They also offer a wide range of additional information skills workshops to help you make best use of the resources we offer. These practical sessions last one hour and are held at various times throughout the day. The team is on hand to offer detailed assistance and advice on all our information resources including the library catalogue, electronic databases and reference management software, RefWorks.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/newlibrary](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/newlibrary)

### Museums

As an Ancient University, we are proud of our fascinating museum collections built up over 500 years, and exceptional in their richness. A new display space, King's Museum, is now open at the heart of the Old Aberdeen campus which has an exciting exhibition and event programme featuring artefacts from the University's museum collections, including fine art, archaeology, history, ethnography, scientific instruments, zoology, geology, anatomy and pathology. The University's museum collections are amongst the largest and most important in the country and have been awarded Recognition as nationally significant. All these collections are used to support taught courses in ways not possible in most other universities, and are available for individual study, research and enjoyment. Changing displays from the collections can also be seen around the campuses.

### Resources for Language Learning

Our Language Centre is open to all University of Aberdeen students. It offers a range of audio, video, computer and satellite television facilities, a materials library covering a wide range of languages, courses for students whose native language is not English and all the language learning advice and support you need, whether you are studying for a degree in languages, preparing for an exchange visit, hoping to improve your CV, or are simply fascinated by other cultures and languages.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre)

### Computing Services

Computing and Service Desk facilities at the University are managed by the Directorate of Information Technology (DIT).

Our computing resources and high speed internet access complement your studies and allow you to manage and review coursework at your pace and in your own time.

We support a variety of web and computer based services:

- > Individual email accounts and web space
- > Free wireless internet access in Halls of Residence and across campus
- > Secure and backed-up home file storage, 2GB for taught postgraduates and 4GB for research postgraduates
- > Student Portal: a secure web based portal through which you can view and check your personal details, accommodation fees, library loans and exam results
- > High specification computers distributed over classrooms, libraries and clusters on campus and in Halls of Residence
- > Wide range of software and high quality laser printing
- > Classroom internet access (faster than domestic broadband)
- > Wide range of training materials and courses
- > Assistive Technology: a range of specialist software on all classroom PCs and six individual occupancy Assistive Technology Booths
- > 24-hour access to many computing facilities

For further information about the services we provide in support of learning, teaching and research, visit our web pages at [www.abdn.ac.uk/dit](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/dit)

### Service Desk

Contact the Service Desk for advice on all computing matters. There are Service Desks on both the Old Aberdeen and Foresterhill campuses.

Email: [servicedesk@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:servicedesk@abdn.ac.uk)  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/servicedesk](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/servicedesk)

# Support For Your Studies

We aim to make sure from the start that you have access to any support you might need - academic, personal, medical and financial - from people who are easy to contact and who can give you friendly and expert guidance.

## Student Support Services

You'll find the University a caring community, with a wide range of services designed to help you negotiate some of the tricky parts of student life. Student Support Services consists of the Student Advice & Support Office and the Counselling Service and their aim is to help you achieve a successful and fulfilling experience at the University of Aberdeen.

### Student Advice & Support Office

Staff in this office provide advice and information on three broad areas - disabilities, international student matters and general advice and support.

The University Disability Advisers offer support and guidance and are a first point of contact for disabled students. The University welcomes disabled students, and it is our policy to consider applications from all students on the same grounds. Courses leading to professional qualifications (e.g. for Teaching, Medicine, Law) may require additional considerations but the University will always be proactive in making adjustments to remove or reduce any barriers as far as it is possible to do so. You are welcome to contact the Disability Advisers to discuss your application. You may also choose to visit the University, to meet academic and support staff and to discover the facilities and support structures which are available.

### Disability Advisers

Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935

Email: [student.disability@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:student.disability@abdn.ac.uk)

[www.abdn.ac.uk/students/disability-information](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/disability-information)

The International Student Advisers can provide information on many aspects of international student life at Aberdeen and in the UK, and are professionally trained to provide specialist advice on visa and immigration matters. British immigration legislation is complex. Our immigration advice and services are regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner.

### International Student Advisers

Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935

Email: [student.international@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:student.international@abdn.ac.uk)

[www.abdn.ac.uk/central/international-students](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/central/international-students)

The Student Support Advisers offer confidential, independent and non-judgemental advice on matters ranging from personal problems and academic issues to University procedures and financial matters such as student funding.

### Student Support Advisers

Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935

Email: [student.advice@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:student.advice@abdn.ac.uk)

[www.abdn.ac.uk/student-support/advice](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/student-support/advice)

The University can provide financial assistance to matriculated UK students, primarily from the government's Discretionary Fund, aimed at students who meet unexpected and/or exceptional financial difficulties (but not meet the cost of tuition fees or general maintenance), and Childcare Fund to contribute towards the costs of formal childcare arrangements.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/central/students/financial-assistance](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/central/students/financial-assistance)

## Counselling Service

The University Counselling Service is a free, confidential and professional service for students who have personal, social, emotional or educational concerns.

### Counselling Service

Tel: +44 (0)1224 272139

Email: [counselling@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:counselling@abdn.ac.uk)

[www.abdn.ac.uk/counselling](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/counselling)

## Chaplaincy Centre

The University Chaplaincy team is available to the whole community for people of all faiths and none. The Chaplaincy Centre will also provide you with details of denominational chaplains, chaplains for other faiths, and meeting and prayer facilities.

### Chaplaincy Centre

Tel: +44 (0)1224 272137

Email: [g.cursiter@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:g.cursiter@abdn.ac.uk)

[www.abdn.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/chaplaincy)

More information on student support is available on our website at [www.abdn.ac.uk/student-support](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/student-support)

## Looking After Your Health

Full National Health Service (NHS) medical services are available to students. The Old Aberdeen Medical Practice and Old Machar Medical Practice are located close to the King's College campus and cater for the general population of the surrounding area, including the student population of the University.

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary is the city's main hospital. It is a teaching hospital with the full range of medical and surgical specialities, which can be accessed through a medical practice when appropriate.

## Nursery

The campus-based Rocking Horse Nursery provides childcare for pre-school age children of students and staff. There are forty-seven full-time places available, and the nursery has three "departments" which cater for 0-2, 2-3 and 3-5 year olds respectively.

## Our Obligations and Yours

The University has a Student Charter, which sets out the responsibilities of the University and of students, and gives details of grievance and other procedures. Also, all students are required, as a condition of enrolment in the University, to abide by the University's Code of Practice on Student Discipline, as amended from time to time. Copies of these documents are available on request from the Registry, University Office, King's College, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX.

Finance is essential to university life. To help with money matters, the University has a range of financial support to help assist postgraduate students throughout their period of study.

### International Students

These figures provide an approximate guide to assist you with your financial planning. They may alter at any time and will vary between individual students.

#### Tuition Fees

Postgraduate students classed as international for tuition fee purposes may pay the following annual tuition fees:

#### 2012/2013

- > Arts-based programmes £11,000
- > Science-based programmes £14,000
- > Graduate Business School MSc programmes £11,500 - £14,500
- > Graduate Business School MBA programmes £14,500
- > PgDip in Business Administration £12,100
- > PgDip in Hydrocarbon Exploration £30,000

The fee for 'Arts-based programmes' applies to non-lab based courses. This includes the majority of courses within the College of Arts and Social Sciences as well as those in Geography, and Mathematical Sciences. It excludes programmes within the Graduate Business School. Please see [www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smarthinking](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/business/smarthinking) for details of programmes offered within the Graduate Business School.

The fee for 'Science-based programmes' applies to laboratory-based courses and includes the majority of courses in the Colleges of Physical Sciences and Life Sciences & Medicine, with the exception of Clinical Medicine, Geography and Mathematical Sciences.

Certain courses do charge additional costs for field trips, training charges etc, therefore students should refer directly to [www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/tuitionfees](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/tuitionfees) for further information.

It is possible to pay by four monthly instalments. Please see [www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/tuitionfees](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/tuitionfees) for further information.

As well as scholarships offered by the British Council, charities and organisations, the University of Aberdeen has a number of special scholarships particularly for research students, as well as bursaries for some taught Masters courses.

You will need to have financial evidence demonstrating that you have sufficient funds to accommodate and maintain yourself without earnings from any work you might do.

For further information please see [www.abdn.ac.uk/international/finance](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/finance)

### European Union Students

These figures provide an approximate guide to assist you with your financial planning. They may alter at any time.

#### Tuition Fees

##### Full-time Students

For 2011/12 students from within the EU pay tuition fees of £3,400 for the majority of taught courses including MSc, MLitt, LLM, MLE and MTh programmes.

Tuition fees for research degrees including PhD and Masters by Research courses are £3,600 for the majority of programmes.

At the time of print the 2012/2013 fees have not been confirmed for UK/EU students. Please refer to the following website for a full listing of postgraduate tuition fees: [www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/tuitionfees](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/tuitionfees)

### Part-time Students

The part-time fee rate for taught and research postgraduate programmes is 50% of the relevant full-time fee rate for Home/EU student; for Overseas students the part-time fee rate for taught and research postgraduate programmes is 37.5% of the relevant full-time Overseas rate.

Certain courses do charge additional costs for field trips etc, therefore students should refer directly to the relevant departmental website for further information.

#### Primary/Secondary PGDE Students

Students from the EU studying in Scotland and studying on a PGDE Primary or Secondary Education programme DO NOT HAVE TO PAY any tuition fees. The Students Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) will normally pay tuition fees for EU students (with the exception of students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland) studying at an institution in Scotland, up to a maximum of £1,820 for new students.

These fees do not have to be paid back. Students must apply to SAAS, ideally by applying online at [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)

#### All Postgraduate Students

Up-to-date information on tuition fees for taught degree programmes and research study can be found at [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance)

If you accept an offer of a place for any postgraduate taught course within the Business School, you will be asked to pay a deposit to confirm your place. The deposit is later deducted from the tuition fees payable at registration. Further information can be found at [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance)

#### Cost of Living

In addition to tuition fees, students will require a further £650 per month (minimum) to cover additional costs. A married student who wishes to bring his/her family should have additional funds of at least £400 per month, per dependent.

#### Funding

There are a number of Government research councils and other bodies who are able to provide financial assistance to postgraduate students. The University also has a number of bursaries and scholarships available. For more information on internal and external sources of funding visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding) or search our funding database at [www.abdn.ac.uk/funding](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/funding)

Students should also contact the College in which they are studying in, as they also have information on funding opportunities.

A thriving local economy in the Northeast means that part-time and holiday employment in Aberdeen is plentiful and the University's Joblink service can help you find part-time work. Advertised work does not exceed 20 hours per week, except during vacations.

For more information visit [www.ausa.org.uk](http://www.ausa.org.uk)

#### Alumni Discount Scheme

The University of Aberdeen offers a 20% discount in postgraduate tuition fees for all alumni who have graduated with a degree from the University of Aberdeen. The Alumni Discount Scheme applies to both home and overseas students, and applies to the self-funding element of the postgraduate tuition fee.

For more information visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding)

At Aberdeen, we have a proven track record in helping our graduates to take the first successful steps on the ladder of their chosen career. The number of our graduates who are still seeking for the right opportunity six months after their graduation is the lowest of all the traditional universities in Scotland.

#### Careers Service

The University maintains a professional Careers Service to support you in developing and fulfilling your career aspirations, throughout your studies and after your graduation. We provide:

- > **A team of Careers Advisers specialising in specific subject areas who work with academic programmes and offer one-to-one careers guidance interviews**
- > **A Duty Careers Adviser available every day for quick queries and application checks**
- > **Access to careers advice and guidance at any time and from anywhere through our Virtual Adviser Service**
- > **Three Careers Fairs and a programme of presentations and skills sessions run by local, national and multi-national employers who recruit our graduates**
- > **A library with information on a huge range of careers, postgraduate study, application advice and more**
- > **An extensive website, including up-to-date events, vacancies and our Virtual Library of careers resources**

Contact:

Careers Service, The Hub, 2nd Floor  
Elphinstone Road, Aberdeen  
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273601  
Email: [careers@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:careers@abdn.ac.uk)  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/careers](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers)

#### Employment During Your Studies

Aberdeen City and Shire's buoyant local economy means there is no shortage of holiday and part-time work.

Most international students in Aberdeen can undertake up to 20 hours per week of part-time employment during term-time, and full-time hours during vacations. However, part-time employment will not be sufficient to cover fees and living expenses. Immigration Rules require that you are able to meet certain maintenance levels at the point when you apply for your visa.

For further information, please see [www.abdn.ac.uk/international/employment](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/employment)

#### Employment After Study

Top companies target the University of Aberdeen. We have strong, ongoing links with a full range of employers, and the calibre of our previous graduates has created many opportunities for those who are completing their studies.

#### Skills for Research Excellence

As a graduate of the University of Aberdeen, you will be valued both within and outside academia. We are committed to providing you with skills that will both support your research as a postgraduate research student (PhD and Masters by Research) and will also be relevant when seeking employment within and outside of academia.

Your skills training begins at your induction where we describe the support opportunities that are available for you to gain relevant skills throughout your time with us, at times that support your research project and introduce you to our Skills for Research Excellence website.

This has been designed to assist you and your supervisors in managing your skill requirements and assist in your personal development.

You will be able to choose the skills courses that best serve your needs at your current stage of your research process. For example, you will have the chance to develop your skills in areas such as presenting your research and managing your research project, through to helping you to design your CV and enhancing your interview skills.

A sample skills training programme might look like this:

**Year 1:** skills for early career researchers, presenting your research, working with your supervisor, time management, project managing your research project

**Year 2:** creativity & research, negotiation skills, writing your thesis, writing for publication

**Year 3:** writing your CV, interviewing skills, assessment centres

These are, of course, only a sample of the skills training available and although we recommend them in the year illustrated many are applicable across the entire postgraduate research process.

Complementing and supporting the skills training available will be a range of e-learning opportunities ranging from an online research skills course to podcasts designed to assist the impact of the "live" skills training offered.

As well as the group skills training offered there is also a variety of supportive events as well as 1-to-1 support for postgraduate research students.





A warm welcome awaits all international students at Aberdeen. Here you will find a thriving cosmopolitan community which includes 120 nationalities, making up over 20% of the student population.

The University of Aberdeen has a long tradition of welcoming both international students and staff to Aberdeen. As one of the six Ancient Universities in the UK, Aberdeen boasts tradition which is rooted in our 500 year history - but we are focused firmly on the future and are at the cutting-edge of research in many fields. Postgraduate students are attracted to Aberdeen by the quality of our courses and teaching, the research opportunities we provide and our excellent facilities.

### English Language Requirements

For postgraduate study, there are two distinct English Language criteria, referred to as Postgraduate Standard and Postgraduate Higher as outlined in the table below. Postgraduate Standard refers to the English language proficiency required for entry to the majority of Postgraduate courses at the University of Aberdeen. Postgraduate Higher courses currently include all courses offered by the College of Arts and Social Science as well as MSc Oil and Gas Enterprise Management and MSc Integrated Petroleum Geoscience.

	Postgraduate Standard	Postgraduate Higher
<b>IELTS</b>	<b>Listening</b> - 5.5 or above <b>Reading</b> - 5.5 or above <b>Speaking</b> - 5.5 or above <b>Writing</b> - 6.0 or above <b>Overall</b> - 6.5	<b>Listening</b> - 5.5 or above <b>Reading</b> - 5.5 or above <b>Speaking</b> - 5.5 or above <b>Writing</b> - 6.0 or above <b>Overall</b> - 7.0
<b>TOEFL iBT</b>	<b>Listening</b> - 21 or above <b>Reading</b> - 22 or above <b>Speaking</b> - 23 or above <b>Writing</b> - 21 or above <b>Overall</b> - 90	<b>Listening</b> - 21 or above <b>Reading</b> - 22 or above <b>Speaking</b> - 23 or above <b>Writing</b> - 21 or above <b>Overall</b> - 100
<b>PTE Academic</b>	<b>Listening</b> - 51 or above <b>Reading</b> - 51 or above <b>Speaking</b> - 51 or above <b>Writing</b> - 54 or above <b>Overall</b> - 62 or above	<b>Listening</b> - 51 or above <b>Reading</b> - 51 or above <b>Speaking</b> - 51 or above <b>Writing</b> - 54 or above <b>Overall</b> - 70 or above

For further information please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/international/english-requirements](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/english-requirements)

### English Language Support

The University of Aberdeen offers various English Language Programmes which are provided by a team of experienced and friendly tutors at our fully-equipped Language Centre. Before the start of term, we have a number of English language courses that you can take including an English Foundation Programme and an intensive English Language Summer School, both focusing on the development of English for Academic Purposes.

We offer a 1-year English Foundation Programme from October to September each year for students whose English is below the minimum level required by the University. This course is offered full-time with a range of different entry points depending on individual needs and profiles. The course focuses on developing the four main language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and also helps to expand vocabulary and develop effective self-study skills.

### Summer School

The English Language Summer School runs between June and September each year and is aimed at students whose English proficiency is slightly below the level needed for direct University entry. The Summer School has two entry points depending on individual needs and profiles and consists of intensive language and skills preparation for studying at a UK university. It provides students with a solid base on which they can build their academic development.

After commencing academic studies, you will still have access to the wide range of language learning resources at the Language Centre and can sign up for in-session language support.

For further details visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre)

### Tuition Fees

Specific information on international student tuition fees are online at [www.abdn.ac.uk/sras/international/cost.shtml](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sras/international/cost.shtml)

In addition to tuition fees, we estimate that you will need at least £650 per month to cover all of your other costs.

You will need to have financial evidence demonstrating that you have sufficient funds to accommodate and maintain yourself without earnings from any work you might do.

As well as scholarships offered by the British Council, charities and organisations, the University of Aberdeen has a number of special scholarships particularly for research students, as well as bursaries for some postgraduate taught Masters courses.

For more information on internal and external funding visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/international/scholarships](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/scholarships) [www.abdn.ac.uk/funding](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/funding)

### Employment After Studies

International students have the opportunity to remain in the UK for four months following completion of their studies to seek graduate employment. Students who are offered graduate-level positions with an annual salary of £20,000 or more are able to apply for a UK work visa and many businesses sponsor work visa applications. International graduates who wish to start their own business in the UK will also be able to apply for a new student entrepreneur's visa.

### International Student Advisers

Once you have arrived in Aberdeen, members of staff in our Student Support Services are available to give confidential advice, information and support on a wide range of topics. They can provide information on many aspects of international student life at Aberdeen and in the UK, with specialist guidance on visa and immigration matters. Our immigration advice and services are regulated by the Immigration Services Commissioner.

Email: [student.international@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:student.international@abdn.ac.uk)  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/central/international](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/central/international)

### Meet a University Representative

Our staff travel all over the world meeting with prospective students. For more information on where and when they visit check: [www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international/my-country)



# Student Life

At Aberdeen you'll find study options to suit your academic interests, and social and leisure activities that will contribute to your enjoyment and personal growth.

Living with other students can give you a great start at university. You will make new friends that will stay with you throughout your university life and beyond.

### Make Yourself at Home

Aberdeen is unusual for a big city university in having most of its student accommodation within walking distance of its main teaching site. University accommodation houses approximately 2,500 students and all single, new students are guaranteed a place as long as they apply by the stated deadline. That is a real benefit compared with other universities of a similar size.

### University Halls of Residence

Effective administration and a comprehensive structure of care are ensured in all the Halls. Friendly help is available from the halls management and from Student Resident Assistants (SRAs), who are usually members of the University academic staff, senior students, or mature students, and are there to assist and advise students as part of the University's commitment to student support.

Hillhead Halls are self-catered halls with single study bedrooms. They are part of a 'student village' on the north bank of the river Don overlooking Seaton Park. It is 15 minutes walk from the main campus and there is a regular bus service to the King's College campus, city centre and Foresterhill campus.

Crombie Johnston Halls are catered halls with single study bedrooms. The complex is situated in the heart of the King's College campus with a regular bus service to the city centre and Foresterhill campus (Contract for 39 weeks - meals are provided for 37 weeks, you will be required to vacate your room during the 2 week Christmas break but you will be able to leave your belongings).

### Self-Catering Flats

#### Leases of 39, 40 and 50 Weeks:

Hillhead self-catering halls consist of both flats with shared kitchen and bathroom, and flats with ensuite facilities. They are located in the student village 15 minutes walk from the main campus.

### Self-catering Flats and Rooms Leases of 50 Weeks:

The Elphinstone Road and Kings Hall complex consists of single study bedrooms within flats. They are both located in the heart of the King's College campus, only a minute away from the Library and the Hub.

### Other Accommodation

Students choosing not to live in a Hall of Residence - or not wishing to stay in a Hall after their first year - can choose from a wide range of alternative accommodation throughout the city. There are student lodgings available in all parts of Aberdeen - single or shared rooms, at various levels of luxury, with prices ranging accordingly. There are also private flats which many students prefer to seek out and rent, or even buy, on their own or sharing with friends. The Accommodation Office can provide a list of solicitors and estate agents on request.

Information regarding alternative accommodation can also be obtained from the Students' Association.

[www.ausa.org.uk](http://www.ausa.org.uk)

### Costs

Up-to-date information on University accommodation, including costs, is available from the Accommodation Office.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)

### Applications

Information regarding how to apply for accommodation will be sent as part of your joining pack. Please ensure that you apply by the stated deadline. Every effort will be made to reserve a place for you, though we cannot guarantee late applicants a place. Before signing any agreement with the University concerning accommodation read it carefully, it may be difficult to release you from your commitments without financial penalty.

### Further Information

Accommodation Office

Tel: +44 (0)1224 273502

Fax: +44 (0)1224 272022

Email: [studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk)

[www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1) Is There Special Accommodation For Postgraduates?

Yes, most halls have a postgraduate block. However, you cannot be guaranteed to be placed there, as it depends on when you apply.

### 2) What Kind of Accommodation Can I Apply For?

You can apply for a single study bedroom or flat, catered or self-catering, on-campus or off-campus, 39-50 week leases. The Accommodation Office aims to match your preferences as closely as possible, although it will not always be possible to offer you your first choice.

### 3) I Have a Family, Can I Get University Accommodation?

The University does not offer family accommodation but the Accommodation Office can help by providing a list of local solicitors and estate agents who may be able to assist in locating appropriate accommodation.

### 4) What are the Different Lengths of Leases?

- 39 weeks self-catering - runs from mid-September to mid-June, including holiday period
- 39 weeks catered - runs from mid-September to mid-June (meals provided for 37 weeks, you will be required to vacate the room during the 2 week break at Christmas but you will be able to leave your belongings)
- 40 weeks self-catering - runs from mid-September to end-June including holiday period
- 50 weeks self-catering - runs from mid-September to early-September, including holiday period

In general, it is better for postgraduate students to choose accommodation with a longer lease (i.e. 50 weeks) as then they do not have to move out during holiday periods.

### 5) When Do I Get My Application Form?

Information on how to apply for accommodation will be sent with your joining pack, please ensure that you apply by the stated deadline.



**Life in Scotland is a vibrant and exciting experience that celebrates a rich diversity of cultures. From stunning landscapes to dynamic cities, Scotland offers up a unique mix of tradition and innovation.**

Scotland is a beautiful country that boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Dramatic skylines accompany breathtaking seascapes in a place that is soaked in heritage and history. Yet, Scotland possesses a great diversity of landscapes and cultures, and cosmopolitan city living neighbours unspoilt countryside.

To many, Scotland is characterised by castles, kilts and ceilidhs, William Wallace and the works of Burns. However, Scotland's colourful cultural life creates a backdrop to its thriving arts and creative industries. For a modest sized country of just over five million, Scotland has proven to be a breeding ground for innovation and ingenuity, whilst retaining a unique cultural identity; although one of the four countries that make up the UK, Scotland possesses its own legal and educational system and, since 1999, its own devolved Parliament.

Scotland's businesses and education institutions are internationally recognised world leaders in many areas, specifically life sciences, computing and oil and gas. Higher Education in Scotland was established in the 15th century and many countries have since adopted a similar system, including the US and France. With an emphasis on independent thinking, a Scottish education encourages skills that are much sought-after by employers.

## Made in Scotland

Scotland has been the birthplace for an impressive number of inventions that have changed and shaped the world we live in. For example, the television and telephone belong to the Scottish-based scientific pioneers John Logie Baird and Alexander Graham Bell, respectively; whilst in the field of medicine, penicillin, antiseptic and anaesthesia have all been discovered and developed by Scots, as well as the more recent cloning of Dolly the sheep.

Today, Scotland's research economy goes from strength to strength. Ranking as 3rd in the world – ahead of the US and Germany – in terms of research publications and citations per capita, Scotland boasts many centres of research excellence.

## Arts & Culture

Scots are famous for their friendliness and zest for life and this can be seen first-hand during the year round programme of events and festivals. From the Edinburgh Fringe festival (the largest arts festival in the world) to Aberdeen's cultural engagement programme (University of Aberdeen Music Prize, Café Science Programme, Sound Festival and the Aberdeen International Youth Festival etc), through to T in the Park, one of the most critically acclaimed music events on the international festival circuit – Scotland has it all.

Museums and galleries showcase a wide variety of collections whilst theatre thrives. With plenty to offer in the way of bars, clubs, restaurants and shopping, Scotland doesn't disappoint.

## Religion

Like the rest of the United Kingdom, Scotland is a multi-ethnic society, where all backgrounds are welcome and all major religious denominations are represented.

## Weather

Although often epitomised as cold and wet, Scotland, on the whole, has a mild climate and four very distinct seasons. On the east coast, in particular, the climate is relatively dry, cool in the summer but rarely very cold in the winter.

## Useful Links

### Visit Scotland:

[www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com)

### Scottish National Heritage:

[www.snh.org.uk](http://www.snh.org.uk)

### Scottish Arts Council:

[www.sac.org.uk](http://www.sac.org.uk)

### Scottish Government:

[www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)

### Scottish Parliament:

[www.scottish.parliament.uk](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk)

**Student Life at Aberdeen offers the best of both worlds with beautiful coast and countryside neighbouring a bustling, lively city that has something for everyone. On-campus our student centre houses everything you could need and more.**

### The Students' Association

The Aberdeen University Students' Association (AUSA) is the organisation that represents and serves your interests, and works to make your time in Aberdeen as happy and enjoyable as possible.

### Advice & Services

AUSA attempts to alleviate student hardship through the provision of its services. It has an Information & Advice Centre to answer all your important questions from healthcare to bus routes and everything in between. AUSA provides a money advice service, which can help you manage your money and help keep you out of debt. The Centre provides a comprehensive resource of private accommodation which is also available online.

The AUSA Sabbatical Officers are there to help you with any problems you may have during your time at University. AUSA also hosts a comprehensive overnight support service called Niteline, which is a confidential listening and information service run by trained volunteers. AUSA runs a Joblink and Volunteering Centre with services to help you find part-time work and volunteering opportunities to enhance your CV.

### Societies and Student Activities

AUSA runs over 100 societies and has divided them under the following headings to make life easier for you:

**Departmental Societies** – Societies relating to the various departments at the University

**Cultural Societies** – Societies dedicated to celebrating different world cultures

**Faith Societies** – Societies celebrating different world faiths

**Create Change Societies** – Societies dedicated to environment or political concerns

**Creative Arts Societies** – Societies who like to perform or create art

**General Interest Societies** – Societies who have a particular interest or hobby

AUSA has a plethora of activities going on at all times and run successful 'Give it a Go' sessions throughout the year. Students can take part in one-off activities on campus or try out the activities of a particular society before deciding to become a full member. All current societies hold regular events and socials which offer a fantastic opportunity to meet like-minded students.

### Sporting Competition

AUSA is very proud of its sporting achievements, with many of its students actively participating in one of 56 sports clubs. Successes have been achieved in a wide variety of sports: British University medals have been won in rowing, boxing, shooting, climbing and athletics; and in team events such as volleyball, golf, fencing, rugby, and tennis. The University has an excellent record in the Granite City Challenge, where our students compete fiercely against our local rivals: Robert Gordon University. This is the largest multi-sports event in Aberdeen, and is supported and enjoyed by the whole city. If you don't want to compete, AUSA organises a wide range of non-competitive clubs, intra-mural leagues and one-off sporting events.

### Student Media

The University of Aberdeen has its own radio station, Aberdeen Student Radio, and is one of the only institutions in the UK with a free, weekly newspaper. This comes in the form of *Gaudie*, totally run by students, for students, which reports on news from the University and the wider world.

### Aberdeen Students' Charities Campaign

Aberdeen Students' Charities Campaign is a collection of students from across Aberdeen who raise huge amounts of money for local charities through a variety of events.

Two of the largest events are the Student Show; and the Torch Parade, the largest torch-lit parade in Europe involving around 2,000 students, 45 lorries and 50,000 spectators. The Charities' Campaign also hosts a beautiful Fashion Show and are the people responsible for providing a charitable second hand book shop called Bookends.

**Aberdeen University Students' Association**  
**Butchart Building**  
**University Road**  
**Aberdeen, AB24 3UT**  
**Tel: +44 (0)1224 272965**  
**[www.ausa.org.uk](http://www.ausa.org.uk)**

### University Music

Even if you are not intending to study for a postgraduate qualification in music, there are many opportunities for musicians of all standards to take part in musical activities at the University. There are ensembles of all sizes, including a symphony orchestra, a concert band, a recorder consort, the chapel choir, a choral society and a new music group. University Music promotes a regular series of concerts, including recitals by visiting international artists as well as by students.

For more information:  
 Email: [music@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:music@abdn.ac.uk)  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/universitymusic](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/universitymusic)



**Aberdeen is one of the most successful universities in Scottish and British levels of university sporting competition. The University aims to be the centre of excellence for sport in north-east Scotland, with the opening of Aberdeen Sports Village - our new £28 million sports development.**

### **Aberdeen Sports Village**

Whether a budding sports star of the future or just an occasional exerciser, it is the most exciting time in the University's history for those interested in sport, exercise and health. In summer 2009, phase 1 of a new £28 million flagship sports facility opened, in partnership with Aberdeen City Council and supported by sportsScotland. These first-class sports facilities, backed up with an array of excellent services, provide the ideal venue for a range of activities, available to all students, at all levels.

**Facilities in the Sports Village include:**

- > Full size indoor football pitch
- > Indoor athletics area (135m running straight with throwing and jumping areas)
- > Large sports hall
- > 4 squash courts (2 glass-backed)
- > Large fitness suite and performance gymnasium
- > 2 studios
- > 400 metre outdoor athletics track and stadium
- > Floodlit water based hockey pitch
- > Performance and Well-being Centre (with physiotherapy clinic)
- > Crèche, café and spectator seating

**Services provided include:**

- > Exercise classes that cater for a wide range of tastes and levels of ability - from novice to advanced, including lunchtime and evening classes such as aerobics, circuits, sports conditioning, boxfit, body conditioning, step and studio cycling
- > Personal advice on all aspects of fitness and training, health-related fitness, nutrition and weight management, fitness assessments, body fat analysis and 1-to-1 training

Phase 2 of the development will be to create additional artificial pitches on the site. Finally, ambitious plans are being developed for Phase 3 of the Sports Village which will have as a showpiece a 50 metre swimming pool, with 25m diving pool and health suite.

The facility will allow the North of Scotland to play an integral part in the run up to the London 2012 Olympic Games and future Commonwealth Games. It will be a training ground for elite athletes and allow sports stars of the future to achieve their full potential and compete at the highest level. Add to this a vibrant and growing Sports Union with 56 sports clubs, 3,500 members, numerous events and six intra-mural leagues and we look forward to greeting students for a sporting experience second to none.

### **Other Facilities**

#### **King's Pavilion and Playing Fields**

The King's Pavilion contains a swimming pool and changing facilities. The attractive outdoor playing fields boast two rugby pitches, a lacrosse pitch, an artificial cricket wicket, as well as a single tennis court and three additional tennis courts, which double as a floodlit training area during winter.

#### **Balgownie Playing Fields**

Situated two miles from the King's campus in the Bridge of Don, Balgownie plays host to football and shinty teams, providing extensive pitches and changing rooms.

#### **Hillhead Centre**

Situated approximately one mile from King's campus next to the Hillhead Halls of Residence, the Hillhead Centre plays host to an exclusive stadium, grass football pitch, a full-size sand-dressed synthetic pitch, and an impressive sports pavilion. We also have a boathouse on the banks of the river Dee which serves the thriving rowing club, as well as a climbing bothy in Royal Deeside.

### **Who Are We?**

The University Sport & Exercise Team and the Sports Union work in partnership to provide sporting activities for everyone.

### **Sports Union**

The Sports Union is responsible for the management of all aspects of the sports clubs at the University of Aberdeen. We boast the second largest number of clubs of any Scottish University and are proud to offer competitive sport aimed at beginner level all the way up to international. Most clubs compete regionally, in British University & College Sport (BUCS) and Scottish University Sport (SUS) leagues against teams from any of 150 universities.

The second main function of the Sports Union is that of sports events coordinator. We run the second largest intra-mural programme in Scotland, with leagues for students to enter and compete against other University of Aberdeen students. We currently provide rugby, six-a-side football, eleven-a-side football, squash, indoor cricket and hockey leagues. We host the Blues Ball annually with 600 guests celebrating the years sporting achievements and nationally recognised rugby, football, cricket and hockey tournaments.

One of the highlights of the sporting calendar is Superteams, a multi-discipline event which attracts over 600 participants and is designed for those wishing to enjoy a light-hearted, fun filled day of sport with a healthy element of competitiveness!

There is a friendly rivalry with Robert Gordon University (RGU), culminating in the annual university Aberdeen Asset Boat Race and Granite City Challenge, in which all University of Aberdeen teams compete against their RGU counterparts. We proudly remain unbeaten in the Granite City Challenge.

### **Sport & Exercise Team**

Our professional team consists of highly qualified and experienced staff including sports scientists and physical education teachers. We provide excellent sporting, and health and fitness-related services for students, staff and members of the public. The team provides first-class instruction of exercise classes, from pilates through to specialist sports conditioning, for all levels of participant. The team also boasts a diverse range of sporting expertise, including Strength and Conditioning (coaching for the Scottish and Grampian Institutes of Sport), and extensive experience in coaching a variety of sports, from recreational to elite level.

### **The Alumni Future Fund Sports Bursary Scheme**

Each year we provide support for high performance athletes through our Alumni Future Fund Sports Bursary Scheme. Those individuals on the scheme receive a seminar programme, strength & conditioning programming and physiotherapy support, as well as financial support up to a maximum of £1,000. In the past the Scheme has supported up to 20 students who are competing at national level (or close to national level) in their chosen sport. Applications are available from the Sports department or through the University website. Other Sports Scholarship are available, see our website for more information.

### **What Does it Cost?**

Students and staff of the University automatically obtain use of facilities and services at a reduced rate. A flexible membership scheme also exists, providing excellent value for regular users.

### **How Do I Find Out More?**

For more information please visit our websites:

**Aberdeen Sports Village**  
[www.aberdeensportsvillage.com](http://www.aberdeensportsvillage.com)

**University Sports and Exercise Team**  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/sportandexercise](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sportandexercise)

**Sports Union**  
[www.abdn.ac.uk/sport](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sport)

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The Hub is the University of Aberdeen's student space for you to meet friends, eat, shop, go online or just chill out.

**Fancy a Tipple?**

Grab a coffee. Get a vitamin and energy boost with a range of fruit smoothies. Or if you fancy something stronger, Tiki also serves alcohol.

**Need to Check Your Emails?**

Comfy chairs, funky desks, wireless internet connection - what more could you ask for? Special sofas where you can slouch in style and pop your laptop on the arm? We've got those too.

**HubGrub. Food, Glorious Food...**

If you take a wander up to the first floor, you'll find our HubGrub area. We've got ItalianGrub, FastGrub, Grab-ItGrub, OrientalGrub and TraditionalGrub. Yum!

**ShopHub**

Indulge in some retail therapy. Check out the Hub shop. Tummy rumbling? Head to Subway for a fresh sub of your choice.

**GlobalHub**

Stay in touch with the world around you... kick back and relax in GlobalHub. Catch up on international news on the plasma screens.

**Infohub**

The Infohub is your first port of call for all student services, information and enquiries. You can drop in at any time to get key information or guidance from one of our friendly and experienced staff, or make an appointment to see a specialist adviser. As well as providing information on most student-related issues, the Infohub can check your registration status, prepare student letters, provide directions, issue ID cards, help with payment queries and much more!

[www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub)

**It's Good to Talk**

If you need to talk to someone, head to the Student Advice & Support Office where we can offer an impartial and confidential ear. The University Careers Service is also available for advice on future career planning.

The Hub - your one-stop student centre.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/thehub](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/thehub)



Almost 20,000 people create a big impact on our environment. Here at the University of Aberdeen we take this very seriously. Since 2005 the Environment Office has been working hard, putting environmental protection at the forefront of policy and practice.

The main role of the Environment Office is to reduce the impact the University has on the environment. This means that we give advice and support to help staff and students make informed decisions on travel, energy use, water use, recycling and waste disposal. Some of the things we get up to are:

## Travel

The University has a Sustainable Travel Plan which incorporates lots of projects and initiatives to help staff and students travel in environmentally sustainable ways. The University promotes many forms of sustainable transport and works closely with the local authority, bicycle groups and public transport operators to provide facilities and discounted rates to encourage sustainable travel. In particular, students can use lockers to keep their bikes safe and secure on campus.

## Energy and Water

The University has developed a Carbon Management Plan and this details the carbon emissions for the base year 2008/09 together with the target to reduce these emissions by 20% by 2014. One area where the University has reduced carbon emissions is by installing a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant. This provides over 50% of the electricity and over 90% of the heating for the Old Aberdeen Campus, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by over 3,000 tonnes p.a. compared to the old system.

Further, where electricity is purchased off the grid over 27% is green electricity. The Carbon Management Plan details a number of additional measures to be implemented, some of which have already been completed. In addition to reducing carbon dioxide emissions we place a high priority on water conservation, fitting toilet and showering facilities with a range of water saving technology and automatic controls.

## Recycling and Waste Disposal

The University currently recycles 35% of its waste and re-uses just over 1%. On campus, there are Recycling Points at two locations, at Hillhead and Crombie-Johnson, which cater for domestic waste from halls of residence including plastic bottles, glass bottles, food and drink cans, paper, cardboard, and textiles. We support waste reuse in particular and actively endorse the local reuse charity, the Creative Waste Exchange.

We also donate end of term hall clearance items to Instant Neighbour and the New Hope Trust, and have a partnership with Edinburgh based ReusingIT, donating between 400-600 phased-out PCs a year to NGOs, charities and community projects in the UK and Africa.

We have also been involved in the launch of 'SMUG Mugs' where if you use a thermal mug at Tiki outlets on campus you will receive a discount on your purchase. This, along with many other initiatives, have successfully raised the profile of sustainable waste management on our campus.

## Fairtrade

The University of Aberdeen and the Students' Association have been awarded Fairtrade University status. Fairtrade gives power back to consumers who can make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged producers in developing countries by choosing Fairtrade certified products. For more information, please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/fairtrade](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/fairtrade)



[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)  
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**able**  
to do your bit

## Able Campaign

Our impact is not just local but affects us nationally and internationally. It is so important that we encourage students and staff to adopt sustainable working practices which can also be adopted outside the University environment.

The Environment Office has developed the able campaign to highlight environmental information and initiatives. Whilst the overall task of minimising our environmental impact on the planet is huge, we can all take steps ourselves. You will see the able campaign on notice boards, e-bulletins, events, and more. Check out [www.abdn.ac.uk/able](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/able) for more information.

### Follow the Environment Office top tips to becoming a sustainable student:

- > Consider walking, cycling or taking the bus to campus. One third of all journeys are less than a mile in Aberdeen
- > Try taking the train home when term finishes. Students can save a third on most rail fares
- > Switch off unused appliances
- > Report any faults such as leaking taps to the Estates Section
- > Only boil enough water in your kettle for what you want to use
- > Switch off lights when there is sufficient daylight
- > Do not obstruct radiators
- > Instead of turning the heating up put on a jumper
- > Only print what is necessary
- > Duplex print and photocopy – this can be done on campus and will save you money!
- > Use single sided scrap paper for note taking
- > Use the 'Shred-It' Recycling Points to recycle the waste paper you produce
- > Consider giving unwanted clothing to charity through the textile banks



# Aberdeen the City

Aberdeen is an attractive city in which to live, from the buzz of a cosmopolitan city centre to the green parks, open spaces and sandy beaches of one of the most beautiful places in Scotland.

Welcome to Scotland's third largest city - a place with a lively combination of historic charm, thriving economy and cosmopolitan community. Aberdeen, home to 250,000 people, is the perfect centre for work, for leisure and for play.

Big enough for the 'big city' experience, student-friendly Aberdeen is compact enough to make it easy to find your way around and make friends. From the historic 15th century University campus in Old Aberdeen it's just a short bus ride to the bustling city-centre of Europe's energy capital. Local crime rates are low, and the University operates a 'Safe Campus' code for the benefit of students.

Aberdeen is an attractive city in which to live, with green parks and open spaces. To the east of the city lie the North Sea and a coastline of sandy beaches, while to the west stretches Royal Deeside, the beautiful valley of the River Dee. It's just half-an-hour from the buzz of Union Street to the tranquillity of the nearby hills and countryside in one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland.

Where else can you have lectures in the morning and ski in the afternoon, or sail, or wind surf, or hill climb, or canoe or...? From seaside to mountainside – it is all on your doorstep at Aberdeen! Look on our website for the huge range of sports and other activities waiting for you at Aberdeen.

### The Nightlife

At night Aberdeen really lights up with a nightlife second to none. The huge variety of pubs and clubs ranges from trendy nightclubs, to cosy, old world pubs full of atmosphere and everything in between.

A vibrant music scene includes regular major tours by the biggest names around and an eclectic mix of venues and dance floors promote the home-grown talent of local acts and DJs.

With a student population of over 50,000, Aberdeen caters for all tastes in arts, culture, leisure and entertainment. Aberdeen has lots to offer, with the well-known His Majesty's Theatre, Music Hall and Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC) regularly attracting national and international artists and companies. Four cinema multiplexes, Art Gallery, Maritime Museum and first-class sports and leisure facilities means there is always plenty going on.

### Culture

The University is committed to supporting a wide range of cultural activities. Highlights include the Director's Cut series that attracts leading film-makers to Aberdeen to discuss their work, University Music which offers a programme of concerts throughout the academic year, and the University's Music Prize – now an established international composition event.

### The Shopping

Aberdeen has everything a city in the UK should have and more. You'll find all the major supermarket and retail chains in Aberdeen, with four large city-centre shopping malls, including the piazza-style Academy and brand new Union Square. From high street stores and designer boutiques to quirky independent outlets and thrift shops, shopaholics will be delighted by the quantity and quality of places on offer.

### More for Your Money

You may be surprised to hear that students find Aberdeen a cheaper city to live in than Edinburgh or Glasgow. If you need to boost your budget, Aberdeen City and Shire's buoyant local economy means there is no shortage of holiday and part-time work. Visit [www.ausa.org.uk](http://www.ausa.org.uk) for more information

### More Information

For more information about Aberdeen, visit

[www.aberdeencityandshire.com](http://www.aberdeencityandshire.com)

[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk)

[www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com)

To download the Lonely Planet Guide to studying in Aberdeen, visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/documents/lonely-planet.pdf](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/documents/lonely-planet.pdf)

### Fast Facts

- > A 15-minute walk east of the campus leads to the salt-tanged air of Aberdeen's miles and miles of sandy beach
- > As well as a mind-expanding stretch of sandy beach, Aberdeen has its own permanent fun fair, complete with 100ft Grampian Eye Ferris wheel, three roller coasters and a log flume. Nearby you'll also find a swimming pool, sauna, climbing walls, skate park, restaurants, cafés and a 10-screen cinema
- > Aberdeen is full of great multi-cultural grazing grounds. Restaurants and takeaways include Chinese, Vietnamese, Greek, Indian, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Mexican, Polish and Turkish
- > Aberdeen's harbour mouth is one of the best locations in Scotland for watching dolphins from the shore
- > Three of Scotland's five main ski centres are only two hours from campus. Aviemore, the Cairngorm Mountain, Glenshee and the Lecht provide perfect pistes for board-riders and alpine skiers
- > The University's cultural engagement programme includes year-round events like Director's Cut Series, Café Science Programme and University of Aberdeen Music Prize
- > Fifteen miles south of campus the historic fishing port of Stonehaven has an attractive cliff fringed harbour and the gloriously crumbling Dunnottar Castle. It's so picturesque Franco Zeffirelli filmed Hamlet with Mel Gibson here
- > For 267 years the city of Aberdeen had two universities when there were only two universities in the whole of England
- > A trace of Aberdeen's rich history can be heard in Doric, a form of Scots whose historic phrases and lyrical pronunciations pepper some local's everyday speech. Here are a couple of handy phrases to start you off: Fit like? – How are you?  
Nae Bad – Pretty good
- > "Bon Accord". Knowing what Aberdeen's motto means really helps you feel at home. In case anybody asks it means: 'happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again'. Kind of fitting really



# Travel to Aberdeen

The University is located within a city at the heart of a diverse and thriving regional economy. Aberdeen's pivotal role in the international oil and gas industry means that it enjoys excellent communications and travel links.

## By Air

Aberdeen's international airport is served by a number of major carriers, providing an extensive network of routes throughout the UK, direct to Europe and worldwide through major hubs. British destinations include three London airports (Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton - just over an hour's flight time at fares from £50 return), Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Dublin, Durham Tees Valley, Exeter, Humberside, Leeds Bradford, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Nottingham, East Midlands, Southampton, as well as the Scottish Highlands and Islands. Other destinations include Amsterdam, Bergen, Copenhagen, Esbjerg, Oslo, Paris, Stavanger and Tenerife. There is a frequent bus link to the city centre, and taxis from the airport to the University cost around £15.

## By Bus

First-class roads south to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and onwards, carry fast coach services linking Aberdeen with the UK's major cities. Competitive return fares, using Travelcard schemes, make coach travel popular with students. The earlier you book your travel, the cheaper the prices, for example:

- > Birmingham £33.00
- > Glasgow £2.50
- > Manchester £16.00
- > Inverness £16.00
- > Cardiff £18.00
- > London £30.40
- > Edinburgh £2.50

Sample fares taken from

[www.megabus.com](http://www.megabus.com), [www.citylink.co.uk](http://www.citylink.co.uk) and [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) and are correct as at June 2011. Taxis from the coach station to the University cost around £7.00.

## By Train

Rail services connect Aberdeen both north and south. There are regular direct trains to London, and services from Edinburgh and Glasgow link with other mainline routes. Inverness, the scenic West Coast and Highlands are reached northwards. Sample return fares using a 16 - 25 Railcard, excluding Friday travel are:

- > Birmingham £85.45
- > Glasgow £32.60
- > Manchester £68.60
- > Inverness £25.40
- > Cardiff £115.50
- > London £86.25
- > Edinburgh £25.75

A 16 - 25 Railcard costs £28. Taxis from the railway station to the University cost around £7.00. Sample fares correct as at June 2011.

## By Car

Entering the city from the south or west, follow signs for the A90 (Fraserburgh and Peterhead). This leads round the ring road (Anderson Drive). Exiting from a roundabout (signed Old Aberdeen) onto Cairncry Road, continue to follow the A90 signs through two further roundabouts onto St. Machar Drive. After a third roundabout, the road bisects Old Aberdeen and local signs will direct you to University sites. From the north, Old Aberdeen is signposted on the A96 (from Dyce and Inverness) and on the A90 (from Peterhead).

University Postcode: AB24 3FX

## GPS:

Lat: 57:09:54N (57.16501)  
Lon: 2:05:57w (-2.09912)

Grid Ref: NJ 941 082

## By Local Bus

The number 20, from Littlejohn Street, next to Marischal College, links the city centre with the main Old Aberdeen site, and the Hillhead Halls student village. The number 19, from Broad Street, opposite Marischal College, passes to the west of the University along Bedford Road. From Union Street, the city's main thoroughfare, the numbers 1, 2, and 14, travelling east, all run along King Street and pass the University. Alight just after the King's playing fields on your left. Aberdeen buses require exact fare, so have 10p and 5p coins ready, or buy a bus Farecard from local shops.

## Nearest Stops to the University:

Old Aberdeen (bus no.20)  
Bedford Road (bus no.19)  
King Street (bus no. 1,2 and 14)

Detailed information on travelling to Aberdeen can be found on our website at: [www.abdn.ac.uk/maps/travel](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/maps/travel)



# King's College Campus

## A King's College

One of the most beautiful and historic buildings at the University dating back to 1495. King's College houses Divinity and the King's College Conference Centre, and is connected to the University Chapel.

## B University Office

Student Recruitment & Admissions

Home to the Student Recruitment and Admissions Service.

## C Regent Building

Houses the Language Centre and the Centre for Lifelong Learning.

## D Library

£57 million flagship library. An icon of the North East.

## E The Hub

Student centre and home to the Infohub, Student Support, Careers Service, dining and retail outlets.

## F Cruickshank Botanical Gardens

A beautiful and peaceful 11 acre Garden to support studies in Biological Sciences.

## G St Mary's Building

St Mary's houses Geography, Geology and Planning.

## H The Old Town House

The focal point of Old Aberdeen and the visitor gateway to both the University and our charming medieval campus.

## I Fraser Noble Building

Home to Engineering and Maths.

## J Zoology Building

Supports students' studies within the discipline and houses the Zoology Museum and The Natural History Centre.

## K MacRobert Building

Home to the School of Education and Music.

## L Meston Building

Houses the departments of Chemistry, Physics, Geology and Computing Science.

## M Aberdeen Sports Village

£28 million Olympic sports centre created for sporting excellence.

## N Butchart Building

New Student Centre opened in 2010, and home to Aberdeen University Students' Association (AUSA).

## O Taylor Building

Home to Law, English and Modern Languages.

## P Edward Wright Building

Houses Social Science, Business and the IT Help Desk.

## Q William Guild Building

The home of Psychology.

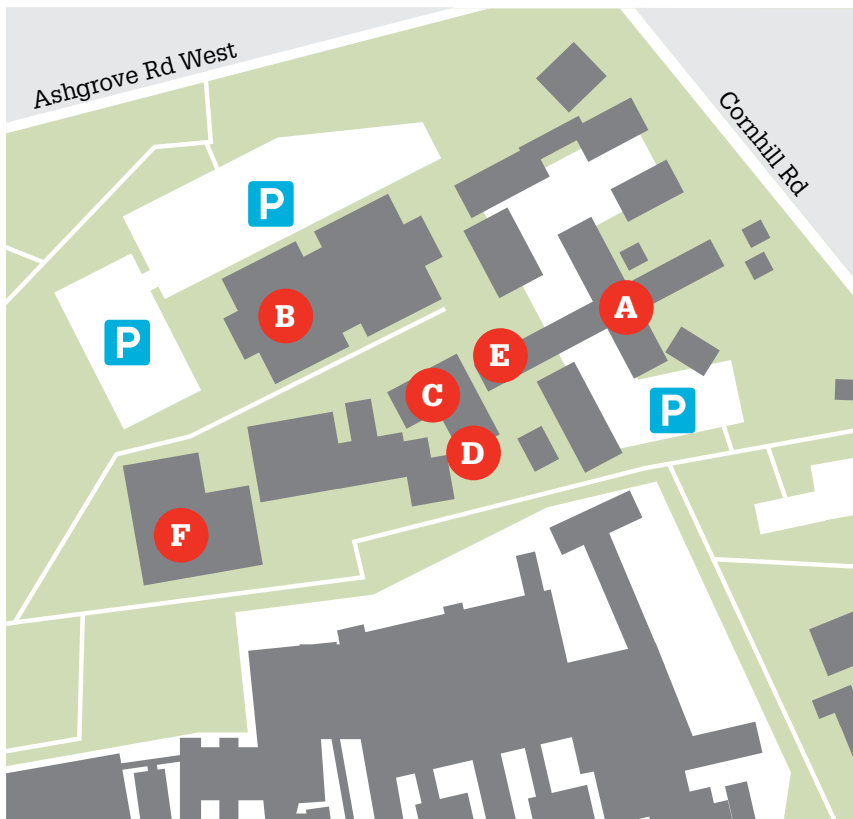
## R Old Brewery

Contains Philosophy and Film Studies.





# Foresterhill Campus



## A The Polwarth Building

The Polwarth Building houses the School of Medical Sciences.

## B Institute of Medical Sciences

The Institute of Medical Sciences is home to Principal Investigators leading cutting edge molecular and cell biology research in a variety of fields.

## C The Medical School Library

Subjects covered in the Medical School Library include hospital, laboratory, pre-clinical and community-based medicine and medical sciences.

## D Medico-Chirurgical Hall

The Medico-Chirurgical Hall is often used for conferences, and has an important collection of old books, instruments and portraits.

## E Institute of Applied Health Science

Home to IAHS members who contribute to local, national and international research and development activities in both primary and secondary care sectors.

## F The Suttie Centre

£20 million new state-of-the-art centre for Teaching and Learning in Healthcare.



## Aberdeen within Europe

Located in North-east Scotland, Aberdeen is easily reached from all major cities within Europe and throughout the world.

For detailed maps, visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/maps](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/maps)

# Acknowledgements

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# Useful Contacts

## University of Aberdeen Contacts

If you have a query regarding Admissions/  
Course Details/Progress of your application:

### Postgraduate Admissions

Tel: +44 (0)1224 273506

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### Tuition Fees

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Email: [registry@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:registry@abdn.ac.uk)

Web: [www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/tuitionfees](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/tuitionfees)

### Postgraduate Bursaries and Scholarships

Web: [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding)

### Accommodation

Email: [studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk)

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Web: [www.abdn.ac.uk/careers](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers)

## Part-Time Work

Email: [joblink@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:joblink@abdn.ac.uk)

Web: [www.ausa.org.uk](http://www.ausa.org.uk)

## International Student Advisers and Immigration/Visas

Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935

Email: [student.international@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:student.international@abdn.ac.uk)

Web: [www.abdn.ac.uk/international](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/international)

## Graduate School Websites

College of Arts and Social Sciences

[www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate)

College of Life Sciences & Medicine

[www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/clsm/graduate)

College of Physical Sciences

[www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate)

Online Postgraduate Prospectus

[www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/prospectus)

## Disabled Students

If you are a disabled student, or have a particular impairment or medical condition, our Disability Advisers can answer specific queries relating to the accessibility of the University and its courses.

Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935

Email: [student.disability@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:student.disability@abdn.ac.uk)

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## Other Useful Contacts in Aberdeen

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Tel: +44 (0)1224 272137

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Tel: +44 (0)1224 288828

Aberdeen & Grampian Tourist Board

Web: [www.aberdeens-grampian.com](http://www.aberdeens-grampian.com)

Aberdeen City and Shire Portal

Web: [www.aberdeencityandshire.com](http://www.aberdeencityandshire.com)

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- > Tour our campus and departments
- > Talk to our staff and students

- > Find out how our degrees will give your career a head-start
- > Get up-to-date information on funding for Postgraduate courses

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email: [pgopenday@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:pgopenday@abdn.ac.uk)  
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### **Online Postgraduate Open Day**

The University will host an Online Postgraduate Open Day on Tuesday 15th November 2011, for details visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/online-postgraduate-openday](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/online-postgraduate-openday)



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