



International Foundation Year and Degree in Education

“You can ask the teachers whatever you want and they will answer with a big smile on their faces. I recommend anyone to study here, it's amazing!”

The Manchester Metropolitan University Institute of Education International Foundation Year opens up opportunities to prepare you for a professional career working with children and young people. Building on a solid foundation of academic skills, English skills and introductory education-related courses, you can progress to study your field of interest with confidence.

Special Features

- International Foundation Year provides smooth transition to undergraduate degree in education
- High quality learning experiences
- Strong support for international students
- Close links with hundreds of schools, early childhood centres and other education partners throughout the North-West and Midlands regions, providing numerous opportunities for placements and practical experience

The Institute of Education is the major provider of teacher education in north-west England, and is one of the largest teacher education centres in the UK, providing top-quality education for thousands of students. Over the last ten years, the Institute has expanded from its teacher training focus and has developed successful programmes in Education Studies, Youth and Community Work, Early Years and Childhood Studies, Educational Leadership and Management, and Educational Research.

“The Institute of Education has been a great place for us all and I'd love to return to Manchester.”



What can I study?

International Foundation Year: If you do not have the required qualifications to enter directly onto an undergraduate course in the Institute of Education, you can apply to do the International Foundation Year, and then continue to do a 3-year undergraduate degree. In the International Foundation Year, you will study 4 units:

- **Academic Skills for Higher Education (30 credits)**
- **English and Academic Practice (30 credits)**
- **Two Education units (60 credits)**

After successful completion of these units, you will automatically progress to Year 1 of your degree in the Institute of Education.

The main BA courses offered in the Institute of Education are the following.

BA Education Studies: This is a full-time, 3 year course that explores key issues in education from national and international perspectives. Education Studies combines aspects of history, sociology, cultural studies, philosophy and psychology. It provides you with the opportunity to explore key, contemporary issues in education through a consideration of the history, nature, purpose and politics of education, education policy and practice in the UK and other countries, race, gender and equality in education and learning, knowledge and the curriculum. The BA Education Studies does not lead to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), but does prepare you to work in a wide variety of education-related careers or to continue to postgraduate qualifications. If you want to obtain QTS, you can take a 1-year PGCE (Post-Graduate Certificate in Education) after finishing the BA Education Studies.

BA Early Years and Childhood Studies:

This is a full-time, 3 year course that gives you opportunities to understand children's experiences in a wide variety of settings. It combines theory with practical understanding of the ways in which professionals work with children and families. The emphasis is on an integrated approach to studying children and childhood through a variety of disciplines. Throughout the course, you will have opportunities to engage in placements and visits to a wide variety of early childhood education settings. This course prepares you to work in educational settings with young children, or to continue into postgraduate courses in childhood and youth studies.

BA Education and Early Childhood Studies:

This is a full-time, 3 year course that combines aspects of Education Studies and Early Childhood Studies, and is taught by experts in both fields. It allows you to explore a wide range of education issues, and provides breadth of knowledge and experience to prepare you to work in a number of diverse education-related roles.

BA Youth and Community Work:

This is a full-time, 3 year course that leads to a professional qualification validated by the National Youth Agency. It is taught by a team of dedicated academic staff, offering small group work, study skills support and individual tutorials. The course focuses on exploration of the relationship between theory and practice, and you will have opportunities to visit and engage in placements in a variety of youth work and community work settings in the north-west of England. This course prepares you to work with young people and community education services, or to continue into postgraduate courses in youth and community studies.

BA Primary Education: This is a full-time, 3 year course that prepares you to be a teacher of 4-11 year old children. The programme can lead to Qualified Teacher Status, which is a professional qualification required to teach in schools in England and Wales. QTS is recognized as equivalent to teaching qualifications in some other countries, but you need to check the requirements in the country

where you want to work as a teacher. The programme produces teachers who are highly competent and professionally aware. A series of placements in schools and early years settings throughout your course provides understanding of current educational issues, enhances your awareness of professional roles and responsibilities, and provides training in the essential skills that make you a good teacher.

“Support from Manchester Metropolitan University has been very friendly. I feel very happy with my studies and have not hesitated to make contact with University staff. Classes have been well organised and full of learning.”

Where will I study?

The Institute of Education is located on two campuses. The Didsbury campus is located 5 miles (8km) out of Manchester city centre, while the Crewe campus is located in Cheshire, 36 miles (58km) south of Manchester and 90 minutes by train from London. Both campuses have excellent teaching facilities and libraries. The Crewe campus has an active social programme and its own Arts and Sports Centres, and is renowned for its sense of community, while the Didsbury campus provides easy access to the vibrant Manchester student social scene.

There is student accommodation at both campuses, and first-year international undergraduate students who have an offer and apply for accommodation before 30 June 2012 will have priority for a room. See www.mmu.ac.uk/accommodation/ for more details about accommodation.

The International Foundation Year is taught at Didsbury, though some units may be taught at the All Saints campus in central Manchester. The BA Youth and Community Work is available at the Didsbury campus. The BA Education Studies is available at the All Saints campus. The BA Education and Early Childhood Studies is available at the Crewe campus. The BA Early Years and Childhood Studies and the BA Primary Education are available at both Didsbury and Crewe campuses.

What career and further study opportunities could these courses provide?

The courses listed above all provide you with the knowledge and skills to begin a career in a wide range of education-related fields. The majority of graduates of Institute of Education courses go on to be teachers, early childhood educators, youth and community workers and local government employees. Other career opportunities include educational publishing, outdoor education, museum education and family support work.

Institute of Education courses also provide the foundation for postgraduate study. The Education and Social Research Institute at Manchester Metropolitan University is one of the top ten education research centres in the UK, and it is possible to study a wide range of Master's degrees as well as engage in PhD research in the Institute of Education. It is also possible to study for a PGCE, leading to QTS, in primary or secondary education.

What are the entry requirements?

Entry requirements are listed in the online prospectus. If you are not sure about the equivalence of qualifications, look at the “What qualifications do I need to study in the UK?” box on the Manchester Metropolitan University International website (www.mmu.ac.uk/international/).

What about English requirements?

If English is not your first language, you will need to pass IELTS at 5.5, at least 76 in TOEFL IBT, or equivalent (see www.mmu.ac.uk/international/courses/language_requirements.php for a list of equivalent qualifications).

Alternatively, you can enter with IELTS 5.0 and successful completion of a 5-week pre-session English Language Course, or IELTS 4.5 and successful completion of an 8-week pre-session English course at the Manchester Metropolitan University Language Centre.

What support will I have?

You will have access to a wide range of support during your time at the Institute of Education. Centrally, Manchester Metropolitan University International provides advice and guidance from your first enquiry through to graduation. They can help you with visa applications, pre-departure information and much more. You can find details on the website: www.mmu.ac.uk/international

There is an active International Society that organises activities, visits to different parts of the UK, classes, a hospitality scheme whereby you are invited to visit British families in their homes, and other events. Details are on the website: www.internationalsociety.org.uk

If English is not your first language, you can benefit from ELSIS, a programme of free English language classes and one-to-one support provided throughout your period of study by the Language Centre.

In the Institute of Education, you will be invited to an induction day for international/EU students in September, and will have opportunities to participate in regular meetings and events for international students throughout the year. Dedicated academic and administrative staff are available to help you with any questions or problems you may have at any stage of your Manchester Metropolitan University experience.

Do you offer scholarships?

Manchester Metropolitan University offers a number of Vice-Chancellor Scholarships, worth £2,500, to international students on full-time courses in the university. The deadline for application for these scholarships is 30 June 2012, and you need to have an offer of a place by this date in order to apply. Further details are available on the Manchester Metropolitan University International website at www.mmu.ac.uk/international/scholarships/. You can also find information about other scholarships you may be able to apply for here.

Where can I find out more?

Further details of the Institute of Education and courses available can be found on the website: www.ioe.mmu.ac.uk/international. If you have specific enquiries that are not answered on the website, please feel free to contact Dr Lynne Parmenter (l.parmenter@mmu.ac.uk).

How do I apply?

You can find details about how to apply on the Manchester Metropolitan University International website: www.mmu.ac.uk/international/courses/ug_apply.php

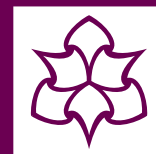
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For further information about study opportunities in the Institute of Education, please visit our website at www.mmu.ac.uk/ioe

As part of its continuing drive to deliver the very best quality programmes for students Manchester Metropolitan University is undertaking a review of the structure and processes which underpin them. Students joining the university in September 2011 will be the first to benefit from changes aimed at providing the very best learning experience.

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