INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

















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A WARM WELCOME

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM

We are delighted to introduce Robert Gordon University to you. Awarded best modern university in the UK by the Times Good University Guide 2012. The University is home to a vibrant community of 14.000 students from 132 different countries.

As an international office we have all been lucky enough to travel extensively, and we are constantly impressed by the high quality and determination of the students whom we meet.

The accolades and awards the University has received, and continues to strive for, emphasises our commitment to our students. This reinforces our strong links with professional industries and the value employers and professional organisations place on the quality of our undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications.

Our own international students tell us they find Aberdeen an extremely friendly and safe city, and consistently score us highly for overall student experience in the independent international student survey.

We have put this guide together to provide you with lots of information about the University, the student experience and what life is like in Aberdeen. Please also visit the website www.rgu.ac.uk, look at our undergraduate prospectus or postgraduate guides and follow us/speak to other students at: Facebook, Twitter or YouTube to find out more.

And finally thank you for taking an interest in Robert Gordon University, and we hope to welcome you to Aberdeen in the near future.

Mick, Michelle, Julie and Jamie

BEST MODERN UNIVERSITY IN THE UK 2012

The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2012

TOP UNIVERSITY IN SCOTLAND FOR GRADUATE LEVEL JOBS 2012

The Times Good University Guide 2012, The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2012, The Guardian University Guide 2012 and The Independent Complete University Guide 2012

TOP 50 MBA PROGRAMME

www.beyondgreypinstripes.org/rankings

TOP MODERN UNIVERSITY FOR RESEARCH IN SCOTLAND

RAE Guide 2008



UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AND FEES 2012/13

Fees are a guide only and are subject to change.
Please refer to www.rgu.ac.uk for the most up-to-date figures.

COURSE	PER YEAR
ABERDEEN BUSINESS SCHOOL	E
BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance	9,500
BA (Hons) Events Management	9,500
BA (Hons) Fashion Management	9,500
BA (Hons) International Business Management	9,500
BA (Hons) International Hospitality Management	9,600
BA (Hons) International Tourism Management	9,600
BA (Hons) Journalism	9,500
BA (Hons) Law and Management	9,500
LLB (Hons) Law (4 year course)	9,500
THE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME	
BA (Hons) Management	9,500
BA (Hons) Management with HRM	9,500
BA (Hons) Management with Marketing	9,500
BA (Hons) Media	9,500
BA (Hons) Public Relations	9,500
FACULTY OF DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	
GRAY'S SCHOOL OF ART	
BA (Hons) Painting	9,367
BA (Hons) Contemporary Art Practice (Moving Image/Photography/Printmaking/Sculpture)	9,367
BA (Hons) Fashion & Textiles Design	9,367
BA (Hons) Communication Design (Graphics/Illustration/Photography)	9,367
BA (Hons) Three Dimensional Design (Ceramics and Glass/Jewellery/Product Design)	9,367
BA Commercial Photography	9,367
SCOTT SUTHERLAND SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT	
BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology	9,700
(MArch) Architecture	10,200
BSc (Hons) Construction Design and Management	9,700
BSc (Hons) Surveying	9,700

COURSE	PER YEAR
COMPUTING	£
BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology	9,950
BSc (Hons) Computing (Application Software Development)	9,950
BSc (Hons) Computing (Graphics and Animation)	9,950
BSc (Hons) Computer Network Management and Design	9,950
BSc (Hons) Computer Science	9,950
BSc (Hons) Digital Media (Design, Production and Development)	9,950
BSc (Hons) Multimedia Development	9,950
ENGINEERING	
BEng (Hons) Engineering	11,100
MEng/BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	11,100
MEng/BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Offshore Engineering	11,100
MEng/BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering	11,100
MEng/BEng (Hons) Electronic and Electrical Engineering	10,250
FACULTY OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	
BA (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science	11,600
BSc (Hons) Applied Social Sciences	9,500
BSc (Hons) Applied Sport and Exercise Science	10,800
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science	11,600
BSc (Hons) Bioscience with Biomedical Sciences	11,600
BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography	10,800
BSc (Hons) Forensic and Analytical Science	11,600
Bachelor of Midwifery	11,600
Bachelor of Nursing – Adult	11,600
Bachelor of Nursing – Children & Young People's	11,600
Bachelor of Nursing – Mental Health	11,600
Bachelor of Nursing (Hons) Adult	11,600
BSc (Hons) Nutrition	11,600
BSc (Hons) Nutrition and Dietetics	11,600
BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	10,800
(MPharm) Pharmacy	11,800
BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	10,800
BA (Hons) Social Work	9,500

POSTGRADUATE COURSES AND FEES 2012/13

Fees below cover the duration of the course. They are a guide only and are subject to change. Please refer to www.rgu.ac.uk for the most up-to-date figures.

COURSE	INTERNATIONAL FULL-TIME FEES	ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL) FEES
PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES	£	E
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)	29,700	N/A
Doctorate of Engineering (EngD)	32,595	N/A
Professional Doctorate in Information Science (DInfSc)	24,300	N/A
ABERDEEN BUSINESS SCHOOL		
ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE		
MSc Accounting and Finance	9,600	N/A
MSc Financial Management	9,600	N/A
MSc Oil and Gas Accounting	10,500	N/A
MSc Strategic Accounting (with CIMA)	N/A	7,500
COMMUNICATION, MARKETING AND MEDIA		
MSc Corporate Communication and Public Affairs	9,600	7,430
MSc Fashion Management	9,600	N/A
MSc International Marketing Management	9,600	8,760
MSc Journalism	9,600	N/A
MSc International Tourism and Hospitality Management	9,600	N/A
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	·	
Graduate Certificate Information Studies	N/A	2,200
MSc Information and Library Studies	9,600	7,430
MSc Information Management	9,600	7,430
MBA Information Management	N/A	12,500
LAW		
LLM/MSc Construction Law and Arbitration	N/A	9,400
LLM/MSc Employment Law and Practice	N/A	8,760
LLM/MSc International Trade	9,600	N/A
LLM/MSc International Commercial Law	9,600	N/A
LLM/MSc Oil and Gas Law	8,760	8,760
PG Cert Mediation Law	TBC	TBC
MANAGEMENT		
Graduate Certificate Management Studies	N/A	2,200
Graduate Certificate Project Management	N/A	2,600
MSc Energy Management	17,500	12,800
MSc Health, Safety and Risk Management	N/A	8,760
MSc Human Resource Management	9,600	7,430
MSc International Business	9,600	8,760
MSc Management	9,600	8,760
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	16,250	12,500
Master of Public Administration	8,000	6,186
MBA Oil and Gas Management	18,850	16,000
MSc Project Management	10,500	9,400
MSc Purchasing and Supply Chain Management	9,600	8,760
MSc Quality Management	N/A	8,760

COURSE INTERNATIONAL ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING FULL-TIME FEES (ODL) FEES

COURSE	FULL-TIME FEES	(ODL) FEES
FACULTY OF DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	£	£
SCOTT SUTHERLAND SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT		
Graduate Diploma in Surveying	5,800	4,680
MSc Advanced Architectural Studies (2 years)	21,000	N/A
MSc Architectural Studies (2 years)	21,000	N/A
MSc Construction Project Management	8,760	6,000
MSc Design Management	N/A	6,000
MSc Property Development	N/A	5,400
MSc Commercial Practice for the Energy Sector	N/A	10,000
COMPUTING		
MSc Information Engineering	9,950	N/A
MSc Information Engineering with Network Management	9,950	N/A
MSc IT Management	9,950	9,700
MSc Software Technology	9,950	
MSc Software Technology with Network Management	9,950	N/A
ENGINEERING		
MSc Asset Integrity Management	N/A	13,655
MSc Communications and Computer Network Engineering	12,140	N/A
MSc Drilling and Well Engineering	15,900	14,685
MSc Offshore Renewables (subject to validation)	N/A	12,140
MSc Oil and Gas Engineering	15,100	11,900
MSc Petroleum Production Engineering	15,900	15,200
MSc Subsea Engineering	N/A	16,230/15,715
MSc Energy and Sustainability (subject to validation)	TBC	TBC
FACULTY OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE		
APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES		
MSc Corporate Social Responsibility and Energy	8,930	8,930
MSc Social Work	19,200	N/A
BA (Hons) Social Work by Distance Learning	N/A	9,270
HEALTH SCIENCES		
Graduate Certificate Magnetic Resonance Imaging	N/A	890
Graduate Certificate Computed Tomography	N/A	890
MSc Clinical Biomechanics	9,000	N/A
MSc Health Improvement and Health Promotion	N/A	13,030
MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration - 2 year course)	27,700	N/A
MSc Diagnostic Radiography (pre-registration - 2 year course)	27,700	N/A
MSc Sports Biomechanics	9,000	N/A
NURSING AND MIDWIFERY		
MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	N/A	5,800
BSc Clinical Practice (1 year top up)	8,800	N/A
BN Community Health	N/A	5,500
M Nursing	N/A	10,000
BA Occupational Health Practice	N/A	5,500
PHARMACY AND LIFE SCIENCES		
Advanced Pharmacy Practice	N/A	8,580
Clinical Pharmacy Practice	N/A	8,580
MSc Overseas Pharmacists Assessment Programme	10,650	N/A
MSc Instrumental Analytical Sciences DNA Analysis, Proteomics and Metabolomics	11,600	11,600
MSc Instrumental Analytical Sciences Drug Analysis and Toxicology	11,600	11,600
MSc Instrumental Analytical Sciences Environmental Analysis	11,600	11,600
MSc Instrumental Analytical Sciences Oilfield Chemicals	11,600	11,600

FINANCE, SCHOLARSHIPS **AND FEES**

Studying at Robert Gordon University not only offers a great return on your investment in relation to your future employability; our courses are also very competitively priced and in a recent student debt survey our students also accrue the lowest amount of debt of any other students in the UK.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The key to success is researching the expenses involved and planning your finances accordingly. Things you will need to take into consideration are tuition fees. accommodation, study materials and the cost of living.

The University's website has lots of valuable information relating to finance, tuition fees and the cost of living available at:

www.rgu.ac.uk/future-students/internationalstudents/money

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to our strong links with industry and the generosity of companies, the University is able to offer a range of scholarships at undergraduate and postgraduate level across our portfolio of courses.

To find out more about the range of scholarships we have to offer and how to apply, please visit:

www.rgu.ac.uk/future-students/finance-andscholarships

Merit based Scholarships:

Every year Robert Gordon University offers Merit scholarships to postgraduate students on a wide range of courses. Visit the website for more information on your subject area:

www.rgu.ac.uk/scholarships

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

British Council Scholarships

The British Council has gathered information on hundreds of awards that are available to international students. It also has information on the prestigious Chevening Scholarship programme.

Please visit www.britishcouncil.org

Scotland's Saltire Scholarships

In 2008, the British Council and Scottish Government announced the introduction of The Saltire Scholarships Scheme.

The scheme offers 200 awards to students applying from Canada, China, India and USA. The awards are open to students pursuing a taught one-year Masters degree at a Scottish university. Successful applicants will be offered a scholarship totalling £2000. Please visit:

www.scotlandscholarship.com

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

The role of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom (CSC) is to offer opportunities to Commonwealth citizens to study in the UK and to identify UK citizens to study overseas. They administer seven types of award and support around 700 awards annually. For more scholarship opportunities, please visit:

www.cscuk.org.uk

TUITION FEES

To find up-to-date information about course fees, visit www.rgu.ac.uk and search on the course you want to study.

Non-payment of fees

The University's current sanction for non-payment of tuition fees is to withhold the conferment of awards to students who are in debt to the University



ACCOMMODATION: YOUR NEW HOME

Choosing to study abroad will provide you with an exciting opportunity to live independently; meet new people; make new friends – and because Aberdeen really is a truly student-focused city, you'll meet people from all over the world.

Finding somewhere to stay

The first thing you'll need is somewhere to stay; a place to call home. Robert Gordon University has various purpose-built accommodation developments situated in the city and at the Garthdee campus.

We call these 'Halls of Residence' and these halls are made up of self-catered apartments or 'flats'.

The flats are well equipped and in the main halls you'll have your own bedroom for some private space, while the kitchen and living areas are shared – usually with between four and seven other students.

Some of the accommodation is en-suite, whilst the remainder has shared washing and toilet facilities. If you are on a tight budget, we offer a shared room option and at the top end of the market there are self-contained one-bedroom flats.

The rent you pay generally includes 24/7 high speed internet access, all utilities, and personal contents insurance.

For the most current information about accommodation and up-to-date costs at RGU please contact +44 (0)1224 262129 or visit our website:

www.rgu.ac.uk/living/accommodation

We would be delighted to help and look forward to welcoming you to Aberdeen. You can make bookings for University accommodation online at:

www.rgu.ac.uk/roomonline

To apply you must have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer.

Private sector accommodation

We appreciate that Halls of Residence are not for everyone coming to University, especially if you have a family or are looking for something smaller or a bit quieter.

Prices in the private sector start at around £80 per week (excluding bills). Please see our website under 'Alternative Accommodation' for links to **www.rgustudentpad.co.uk** and other advertising sites for private flats/rooms.

Alternatively, contact our Private Sector Advisor on +44 (0)1224 262130.

Please book accommodation as soon as you can, so you can have more chance of getting your first choice.



ACCOMMODATION CONTINUED





1. WOOLMANHILL FLATS

LOCATION: City Centre

ROOM TYPES: 600 standard rooms, 136 en-suite rooms

CAR PARKING: Permits available to residents,

charge applies.

2. ROSEMOUNT HALL

LOCATION: City Centre

ROOM TYPES: 48 standard rooms, 98 en-suite rooms

CAR PARKING: Permits available to residents

charge applies.

3. ST PETERS HALL

LOCATION: Off King Street, 15-20 mins walk

from city centre.

ROOM TYPES: 78 standard rooms. 71 en-suite rooms

CAR PARKING: Permits available to residents.

charge applies.

4. LINKSFIELD HALL

LOCATION: Off King Street, 25 mins walk

from city centre.

ROOM TYPES: 44 standard rooms, 84 en-suite rooms

CAR PARKING: Permits available to residents.

charge applies.

5. GARTHDEE FLATS

LOCATION: Garthdee – in close proximity

to our Garthdee campus.

ROOM TYPES: 50 rooms have en-suite shower and sink

with shared toilet facilities.

CAR PARKING: Permits available from Travel Plan

Co-ordinator, charge applies.

6. ARDMUIR TRINITY COURT*

LOCATION: Off King Street, 20 mins walk

from city centre.

ROOM TYPES: 50 Standard

CAR PARKING: Permits available to residents,

charge applies.

* Internet provision is not included at this site

7. ARDMUIR KING STREET

LOCATION: King Street, 15 mins walk from city centre.

ROOM TYPES: 26 Standard

CAR PARKING: Permits available to residents,

charge applies. Wireless internet

8.CRAIGIEVAR DEVELOPMENT

LOCATION: Craigievar Crescent, Garthdee,

10 mins walk to Garthdee campus.

ROOM TYPES: 8 x 1 bedroom self-contained flats.

Suitable for single or couples..

CAR PARKING: Limited car parking space

available without charge.

Wireless internet

* Utilities are not included in the rent for this property.

9. RAMSAY DEVELOPMENT

LOCATION: Ramsay Gardens, 5 mins walk from

Garthdee Campus.

ROOM TYPES: 28 Ensuite

CAR PARKING: Limited spaces available.

STANDARD LEASE: 40 or 50 weeks

Wireless internet

10. CRATHIE STUDENT VILLAGE

LOCATION: Holburn St, 15 mins walk from Garthdee

Campus and Union Street.

ROOM TYPES: 97 Ensuite

CAR PARKING: Limited spaces available.

STANDARD LEASE: 40 or 50 weeks

We may be able to offer additional accommodation not listed on this page.

COST OF LIVING AT A GLANCE

LIVING COSTS

For undergraduate students, we currently estimate that you will need around £7,200 per year to cover your living expenses (including accommodation) for one academic year in Aberdeen. For postgraduate students, we estimate that you will need around £8,800 per year for living costs for a 14-month course. This figure does not include your course fees, or the cost of transport to and from your own country.

To plan your budget, the student calculator available at **www.studentcalculator.org.uk** can help you build a lifestyle budget and see how it balances by week, month or over a year. It also shows you ways to spend your time whilst you are in the UK.

Student discounts and offers are widely available in many shops, cafes, restaurants and cinemas.

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Prices are an approximate guide and are subject to change.

For further information, please go to www.rgu.ac.uk/future-students/international-students/money

HOW TO APPLY

We welcome applications from students of all nationalities and have a trusted network of education agents who can tell you more about RGU, help you with your university application and provide guidance on the visa application process.

UNDERGRADUATE (BACHELORS) COURSES

You can apply for the majority of our courses via 'International Apply' on the UCAS website. UCAS is the national body in the UK for undergraduate applications, representing all UK universities.

When applying on UCAS you need to quote our name – **RGU Institution** and our code number – **R36**.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

www.ucas.com/apply

Direct entry

Students can apply for direct entry into our undergraduate programmes through one of our country representatives who will be able to assist with this process.

To find out where the agent nearest to you is please visit the international page of the website:

www.rgu.ac.uk/international

POSTGRADUATE (MASTERS) COURSES

For postgraduate entry to the University you can either apply through one of our international agents or you can apply directly to us.

To apply online, please visit the link below and follow the instructions.

www.rgu.ac.uk/applyonline

For more information on how to locate your nearest Robert Gordon University Representative please visit the website: www.rgu.ac.uk/inyourcountry

Supporting documentation

It is important that you upload the following supporting documentation when you apply. When we receive your completed application form, we will send you an email to confirm receipt of your application.

- Statement of Purpose (why you would like to be considered for the course)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)/résumé (if applicable)
- Copies of English-language certificates (ELTS/TOEFL or country equivalent) – get in touch with us for full details
- Copies of Senior/High School certificates
- Copies of University certificates and transcripts
- Two reference letters
 If you are applying for the MBA, one reference letter must be from your employer
- Certified translated documents (if they are not in English)
- A copy of your passport details page/s
- If you are applying for an Art and Design course or an Architecture programme, you must submit a portfolio. This should include 10-15 slides. (These can be on CD-ROM if you prefer.)

Please do not send your original documents as we are unable to guarantee their safe return. Please also note that we cannot consider any application that is incomplete.

A GUIDE TO STUDENT VISAS

All students coming to study in the UK must meet the requirements for a Tier 4 Student Visa, as set out by the UK Borders Agency (UKBA). Lots of information on how to apply for a student visa is available online to help with this process and many of our in country representatives and agents can also provide further guidance on visa applications as part of their services.

UK VISA REQUIREMENTS

From 31st March 2009 the UK government introduced a new Points Based System of immigration for all entrants to the UK from outside the European Union.

Students applying for entry clearance will be required to score 40 points to be awarded a student visa. So you will need to:

- have sufficient funds to pay for one years tuition fees and living costs in the UK (10 points)
- hold an Unconditional Offer of a place on a course at an institution holding a sponsor license (30 points)
- provide original and/or certified supporting documents, for example Degree or IELTS certificates
- hold a valid passport

For full details of how to show that you have sufficient funds to pay your tuition fees and living costs, visit the website of the United Kingdom Border Agency (UKBA):

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/ studying Robert Gordon University holds a Highly Trusted Sponsor (HTS) license which allows us to receive students coming to study with us under the new visa rules.

Our Sponsor License Number is EFAA7R620.

If you require any more information please visit: www.rgu.ac.uk/visainfo

Once you become a student at Robert Gordon University we have a full range of support services available to you (more information about that on page 17) but if you ever have any visa or immigration concerns you can always contact or visit the International Student Advice, Visa and Immigration Service on isa@rgu.ac.uk.

Student Services Building

Robert Gordon University Garthdee Campus Garthdee Road Aberdeen AB10 7QB



STUDENT SUPPORT

INFOZONE

The INFOZONEs, our student information and advice centres, should be your first point of contact for any enquiries regarding student life.

You can pay...

Tuition fees, accommodation instalments, emergency loan repayments, graduation fees.

You can request...

Student status letters, including letters for bank account or council tax purposes.

You can browse info on...

Careers, student finance, postgraduate guides, health, local info, what's on.

You can access services such as... Careers Consultants, International Student Advisors, Disability Advisors, Counsellors and an Enabling Technologist.

For more information, visit www.rgu.ac.uk/infozone

CAREERS CENTRE

The Careers Centre supports students and recent graduates to make informed decisions regarding their career and to assist them in achieving their employment goals.

The Centre is quality assured by the matrix quality standard for information, advice and guidance services.

The following services are on offer and students are actively encouraged to make full use of these:

Bookable appointments and daily drop-in advice sessions; careers information; weekly workshops covering the full range of career planning and job search topics; JOBSHOP; your online opportunities database on course career management programmes; employer events and careers fairs.

For further information on our services, visit: www.rgu.ac.uk/careers

CHILDCARE

The Treehouse Early Care and Education Centre, managed by Bright Horizons Family Solutions, is situated on our Garthdee campus. This purpose-built facility provides the highest quality care and education for babies and children of three months to five years of age. For more information, visit:

www.rgu.ac.uk/nurseryfacilities

WWW.RGU.AC.UK/STUDENTSERVICES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE, VISA AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE

This service provides international students with a wide range of support and advice, including:

- Extending/renewing Tier 4 student visa/ leave to remain
- Advice on post study work visa options
- Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) to support students' visa extension applications
- Working during studies
- 'Meet and greet' service on arrival at Aberdeen Airport
- Orientation presentations during enrolment
- Organise Police Registration and Health Screening on campus
- Providing general information on safety, transport and council tax

For more information, please visit:

www.rgu.ac.uk/studentservices/international

STUDY SKILLS AND ACCESS UNIT

The Study Skills and Access Unit can provide you with advice and support on a range of study skills, including:

- Exam preparation and revision
- Maths and statistics
- English language for non-native speakers
- Time and project management
- Presentation skills
- Presenting written work
- Tackling coursework assignments

We can arrange sessions for groups or work one to one depending on your individual needs. For further information, visit **www.rgu.ac.uk/studysupport**

DISABILITY AND DYSLEXIA SUPPORT

This service supports disabled students to realise their academic potential by working with academic colleagues to improve the teaching and learning environment. It is validated by the Scottish Government to undertake Needs Assessments. We provide advice and practical support to students, applicants and enquirers with disabilities. We support individuals with physical and sensory impairments, health conditions, dyslexia or other specific learning differences, and those with short- or long-term support needs. The service employs a dedicated Enabling Technologist who provides advice and support in the use of assisted and enabling technology, and an Educational Psychologist.

For more information call us on +44 (0)1224 262103 or email **disability@rgu.ac.uk**

OUR UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSES

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH PROGRAMME

The summer Pre-Sessional English Language Programme (PSP) is for students who want to study at Robert Gordon University but who have not yet reached the required level in English language.

The focus of the PSP is helping you to cope with the demands of studying at a UK university and living in an English-speaking environment. The syllabus combines grammar, writing, communication, listening and reading skills.

The PSP is offered as two modules of five or six weeks. Each module consists of approximately 100 hours of lessons (20 hours in class per week).

Module one has been developed for students who currently have an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 5.5 overall or higher.

Module two has been developed for students who currently have an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.0 overall or higher.

You can study each module or just module 2, dependent on your ability.

There is no need for you to re-sit an IELTS exam during the programme as you will be continuously assessed and will take mid-course and end-of-course tests.

These tests are made up of various academic English language related tasks and will enable you to get to the level of English you need to confidently study on one of our undergraduate and postgraduate full-time courses.

On completion of this pre-sessional English programme, you will then meet with the English language requirements set by the UK Border Agency.

For an up-to-date list of PSP dates and further information relating to this service, please visit:

www.rgu.ac.uk/english

THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE AT ROBERT GORDON UNIVERSITY (ICRGU)

If you are an international student and unable to access Robert Gordon University directly, the International College at Robert Gordon University (ICRGU) could be an excellent option for you.

ICRGU is based in the heart of the spectacular Garthdee campus and offers entry to pathways that lead to Robert Gordon University degree awards.

From the very start of your time at ICRGU, you are a student at Robert Gordon University. However, you will learn in smaller and more personalised classes, study with international students from all over the world and have access to the dedicated academic and student support services in the college. As an ICRGU student you are also able to make use of the University facilities, including computer suites, the libraries and a fantastic sports centre.

ICRGU offers you entry to undergraduate and postgraduate pathways, the flexibility of up to three start dates per year, and a range of subject options including Business, Management and Accounting, Engineering and Computing.

For full information regarding pathways available, entry criteria and course fees, visit:

www.rgu.ac.uk/icrgu

E info@ic.rgu.ac.uk **T** +44 (0) 1224 263570





RESEARCH

The focus at Robert Gordon University is on applied research. An integral part of our purpose is to build a research base of staff and students who undertake highly relevant leading-edge research that advances knowledge and provides tangible benefits to the wider economy and society.

Our success in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) has led to substantial research grant income and corresponding significant increases in research project funding from the Research Councils, Technology Strategy Board, European Union, industry, charities and other external research funding bodies.

All research students belong to the Graduate School associated with one of our Research Institutes.



INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH & WELFARE RESEARCH

The Institute for Health and Welfare Research is a multidisciplinary research centre that focuses its activities on addressing major issues around the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, care and welfare of patients. We provide a dynamic and multi-disciplinary research environment that draws on the widely recognised research skills of academic staff in our schools and research centres. The institute is structured to harness this wide range of research strengths, spanning the broad based biomedical, chemical and pharmacuetical sciences, and professional practice in the Allied Health professions, to undertake studies that address the needs of the patient from the bench to the bedside.



Cardiovascular & Metabolic Disease

Cardiovascular & Metabolic Disease: Our aim is to better understand the pathology of cardiovascular and metabolic diseases at the cellular level to develop new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches that will be translated into clinical practice, and to enhance the care provided to patients. Our cross-disciplinary programmes of research include cardiovascular disease and diabetes, ischaemic heart disease, obesity and co-morbidities, nephropathic cystinosis.



Environmental & Occupational Health

Environmental & Occupational Health: Our research employs cutting-edge techniques to address health problems that are presented both within the environment and the workplace. Our interests focus on clinical and basic science research into environmental health and physical wellbeing. Our interests include drug discovery and novel forms of drug delivery of antibacterial agents, monitoring of dietary intake, lower back pain, movement and gait analysis, self management of chronic conditions, exercise and physical activity and medical evacuation procedures.



Neurological & Mental Health

Neurological & Mental Health: Our research is dedicated to the enhancement of lifelong mental health and wellbeing from a multidisciplinary perspective. We embrace an evidence-based approach to informing policy initiatives, clinical practice, and the education and training of healthcare professionals. Programmes of research within the theme include bereavement care, ante-natal care, promotion of healthy ageing, mental health policy, clinical care provision for ethnic minority groups, trauma care and mental health and forensic nursing practice.

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INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION, DESIGN AND SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH (IDEAS)

The IDEAS Research Institute is a multi-disciplinary research centre building on acknowledged international research excellence in:

Engineering: Renewable energy, oil & gas, environmental sensors, photocatalysis, bioremediation

Architecture & Built Environment: Design of low energy buildings, environments for people, project processes performance, sustainability

Computing: Data modelling, intelligent information systems, HCl, video communications, software systems development

Art & Design: Art in the public sphere, design & innovation, co-creativity of hand & mind, cultures of representation

It creates synergy by exploiting the rich potential of the interfaces between these diverse disciplines, to develop novel technologies that provide innovative solutions and new knowledge in the form of critical practice. Research in IDEAS is organised through three key themes:







IDEAS develops novel technologies that are highly relevant to business and industry, particularly for the Energy and Health sectors. It also generates creative spaces for thinking and new forms of practice that become a catalyst for social, cultural and economic change.

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INSTITUTE FOR MANAGEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND SOCIETY RESEARCH (IMaGeS)

The Institute for Management, Governance and Society (IMaGeS) builds on research recognised in RAE 2008 as internationally excellent or world-leading within business and management, accounting and finance, public policy, information management and law.

The rich multidisciplinary research environment of IMaGeS enables the development of new perspectives and approaches to challenges in society. Our research and knowledge exchange activities are focused around three themes:



BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE



GOVERNANCE & SOCIETY



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Business & Enterprise: Entrepreneurship, marketing, organisational studies, economics and accountancy, environment

Governance & Society: Law, politics and public policy, accounting and finance, transport policy, energy policy

Information & Communication: Information literacy, communication, knowledge management, new media, librarianship, publishing, information management

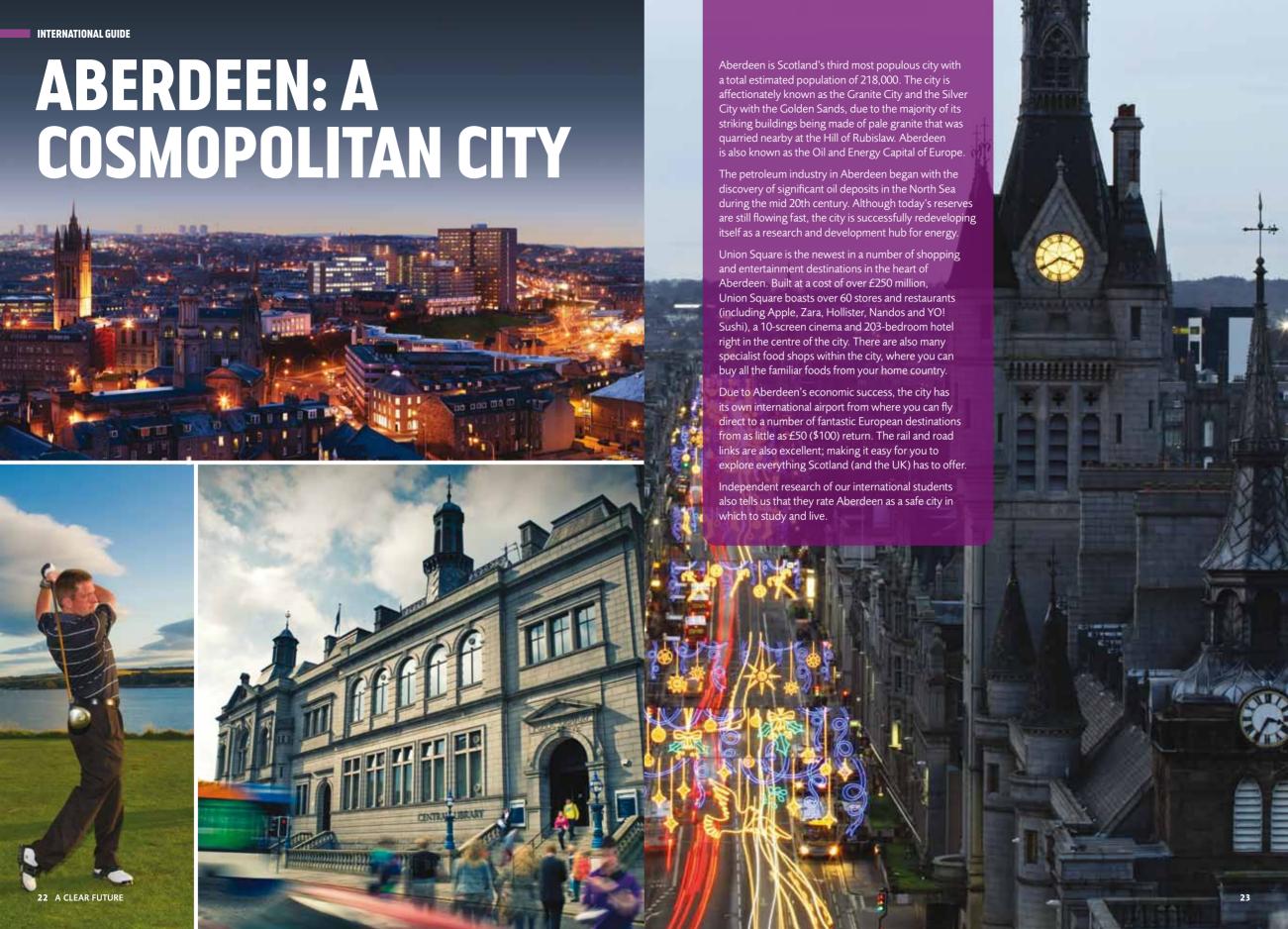
The work of our doctoral candidates adds richness and diversity across all three themes with particular clusters of activity focussed in areas such as entrepreneurship, oil and gas, African contexts, information literacy, and environmental issues.

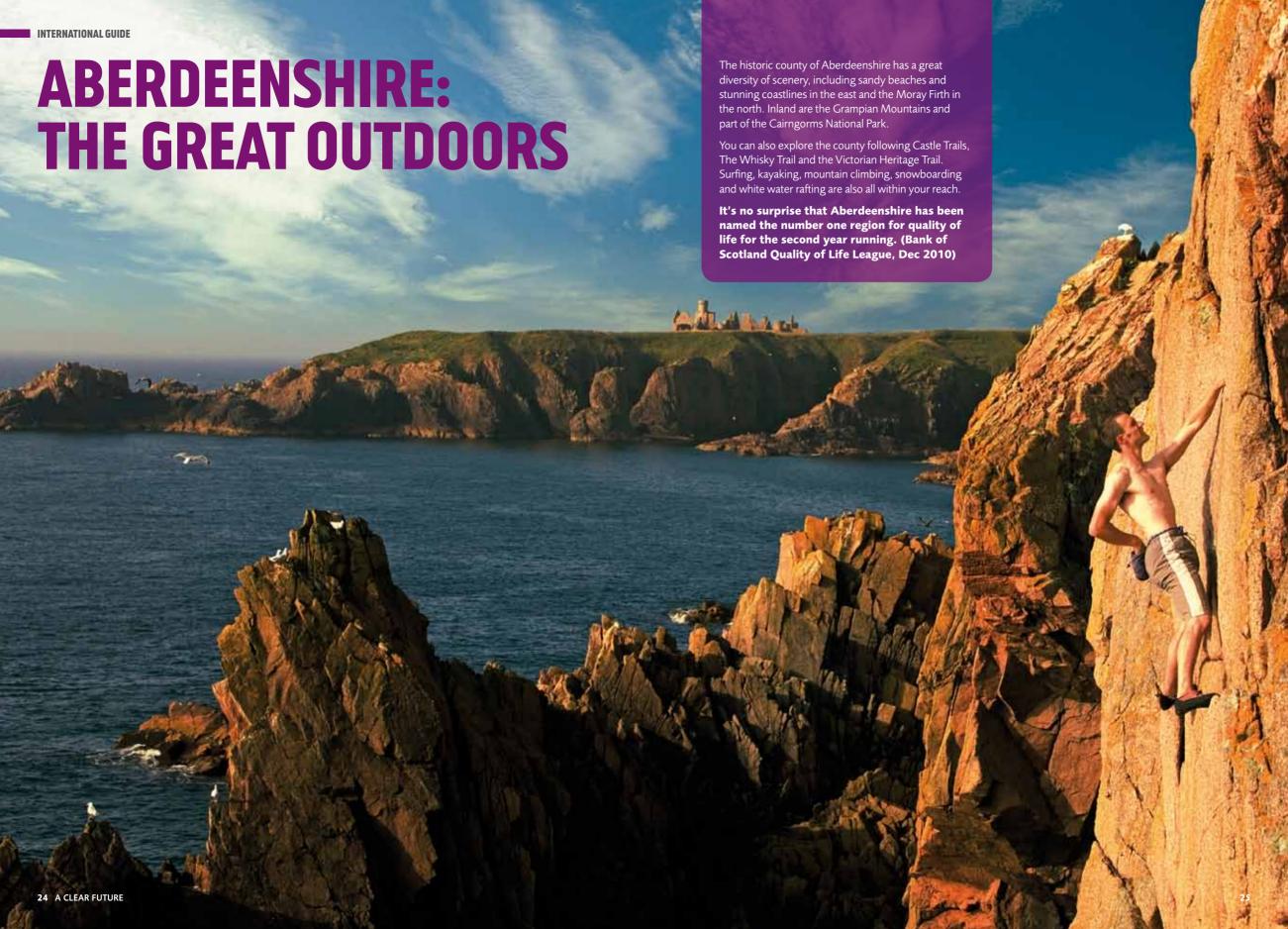
Our research and knowledge exchange activities are underpinned by the core values of scientific integrity, transparency, fairness, collaboration, openness to ideas and real social and economic impact. We work closely with industries, professions and government to extend the reach and impact of our research, empowering enterprise, business development, management and governance within a global knowledge society.

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INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

Robert Gordon University is proud of its tradition of attracting international students. This year over 800 full-time international students from 132 countries chose to study at our University. The resulting mix of cultures – local, national and international – provides a rich experience for both staff and students. Embedded within our University's vision is the want to increase and celebrate our diverse student population and ensure we meet the needs such diversity brings.





YOUR CAREER

RGU's graduates don't just get jobs, they get good ones, with 84.9% securing jobs commensurate with their qualifications, ranking it 11th on this measure with starting salaries at an impressive £20,897. The Sunday Times University Guide 2012

CAREERS CENTRE

The Robert Gordon University's Careers Centre is there to support all RGU students and Alumni in finding both part-time work during their studies and a career after they complete their course.

For up to the minute information follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/rgucareers or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rgucareers. Or for a guide visit our website at: www.rgu.ac.uk/careers.

The Careers Centre is a free resource offering the following services:

- CV and Application Forms Support
- Interview Preparation
 Identifying resources (both online and paper, UK and globally)
- Part-time Work
 Including part-time job fairs at the start of term
- Careers Fairs

We organise and host two main Careers Fairs as well as specialist area fairs

- Employer On-Campus Presentations
- Weekly Workshops

The Careers Team deliver tailored presentations and workshops on areas such as securing part time work, how to complete application forms and the importance of networking to support students in their search for graduate employment. These workshops are open to all students.

WORK PLACEMENTS (INTERNSHIPS)

In today's competitive job market, work experience gives graduates something extra. The skills a student learns on placement are invaluable assets when developing a graduate career. 90% of our undergraduate degrees and many of our postgraduate degrees include a professional placement experience. Over the placement period you will get to see the workplace from an 'informed' perspective, allowing you to put into practice the theories, strategies and skills that you have discovered during your studies.

WORKING PART-TIME WHILST YOU ARE STUDYING

As an international student it may be possible for you to work in the UK whilst you are studying, however your nationality will determine what conditions you need to meet so that you can work in the UK. The visa stamp on your passport will indicate if you are allowed to work or not.

As an adult student with a suitable visa:

- You are allowed to work part-time during term time up to a maximum of 20 hours a week and full-time during vacations
- The work you do must not fill a full-time permanent vacancy (other than on a recognised Foundation Programme), and you cannot be self-employed

Due to Aberdeen being a good sized, thriving, social city, there are lots of opportunities for part-time employment in restaurants, cafes, bars, shops, cinema and theatres. Some students also choose to take a part-time position which relates to their career ambitions, working in an office or agency environment.

We know that planning for your career will have big influences on which university you choose to continue your education. At Robert Gordon University, we have a number or resources you can access to help with your career planning before you even set foot on campus. For more details, please visit:

www.rgu.ac.uk/future-international-careers



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

Our graduates are equipped to make an enduring and valuable contribution to industry and the professions on a regional, national and global scale. Here's what some of them have to say:

"I LOVE ABERDEEN, ESPECIALLY THE WEATHER. I AM FROM CHINA AND IT CAN GET VERY HOT THERE SO IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO STUDY IN A MILD CLIMATE. IT WAS REALLY EXCITING IN WINTER WHEN I GOT TO SEE SNOW FOR THE FIRST TIME. IN SUMMER IT IS GREAT IN ABERDEEN; THE CITY REALLY COMES ALIVE AS IT IS LIGHT UNTIL LATE IN THE EVENING. THIS IS GREAT AS YOU CAN EXPLORE THE CITY IN THE EVENING AND GO FOR WALKS ON THE BEACH AFTER CLASS.

MINGMAI WANG FROM CHINA

I THINK ABERDEEN IS A GREAT PLACE TO SPEND TIME AS A STUDENT. I FEEL REALLY SAFE HERE AND THERE IS A GOOD SUPPORT NETWORK AROUND ME IF I NEED SOME EXTRA ADVICE OR HELP. THERE IS PLENTY OF SHOPPING AND A GREAT NIGHT LIFE BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT IS ALSO VERY EASY TO GET OUT OF THE CITY TO VISIT SOME BEAUTIFUL SCENERY. IMPORTANTLY AS WELL IT HAS GREAT TRANSPORT LINKS THROUGHOUT THE UK AND EUROPE.

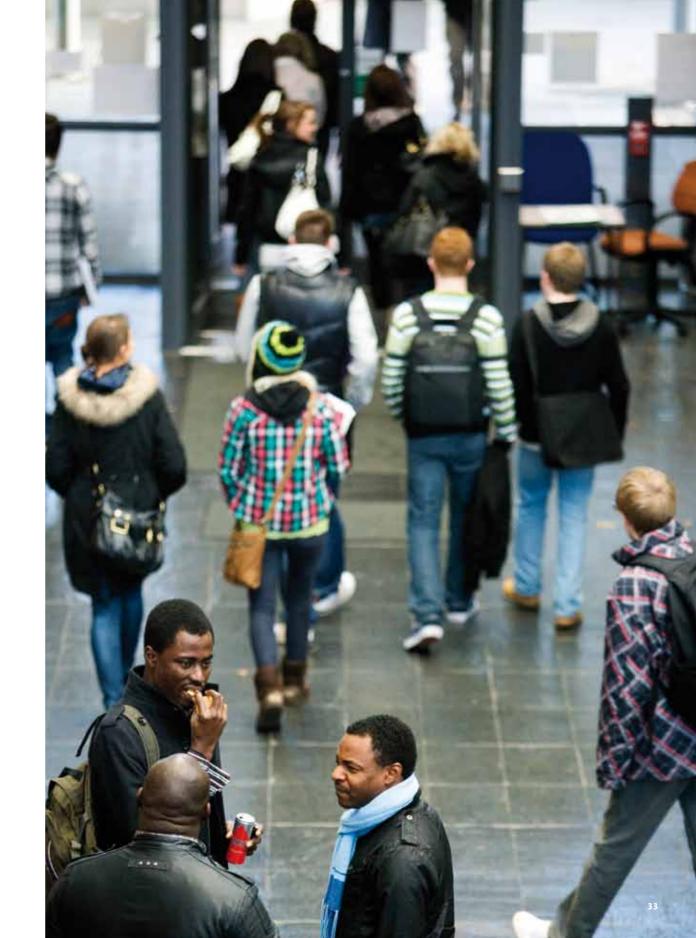
PIYUMI LIYANAGE FROM SRI LANKA BA FASHION DESIGN

I HAVE CLASSMATES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT WHAT I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED MOST IS GETTING TO KNOW THE LOCAL SCOTTISH PEOPLE. THE SCOTTISH FRIENDS I HAVE MET IN ABERDEEN ARE REALLY FRIENDLY, WELCOMING AND OPEN TO PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO GET TO KNOW THEM AND I FEEL I HAVE MADE SOME LASTING FRIENDSHIPS.

DELCIO HENJENGO FROM ANGOLA
BSC ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

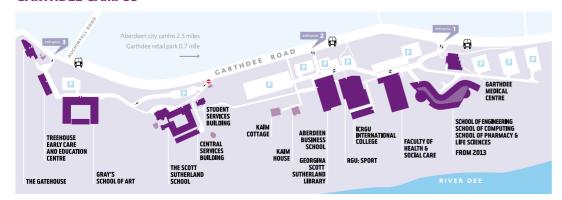
ABERDEEN IS SMALL, BUT DUE TO IT BEING A MAJOR OIL HUB AS WELL AS A UNIVERSITY CITY IT HAS A REALLY INTERNATIONAL FEEL TO IT. THROUGH MY COURSE, STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AND MY CHURCH I HAVE MET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. I AM A BIG CHELSEA FAN AND I WATCH ALL OF THEIR GAMES ON THE BIG SCREEN AT THE RGU UNION. MY LIFE IS REALLY CENTRED ON THE UNIVERSITY AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE TIME I GET TO SPEND WITH MY CLASSMATES.

CHARLES OLUWASEYI ARIGBABOWO FROM NIGERIA MSC COMPUTING SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY





GARTHDEE CAMPUS



OUR CITY

ABERDEEN CITY CENTRE MAP



- 0 Arts Centre
- Art Gallery
- Braided Fig
- Bus Station
- Café 52
- 7 Cinnamon Ferry Terminal
- Galleria Shopping Centre
- Howies
- 11 La Tasca
- Œ Lemon Tree

- Maritime Museum
- Music Hall
- Bon Accord Shopping Centre Premier Travel Inn
 - 16 Public Library
 - Railway Station
 - City Centre Campus
 - 19 Rustico
 - 20 Pizza Express
 - 2 St Mary's Cathedral
 - St Nicholas Shopping Centre
 - 43 His Majesty's Theatre
 - The Academy Shopping Centre

- The Square
- Thistle Hotel
- Trinity Shopping Centre
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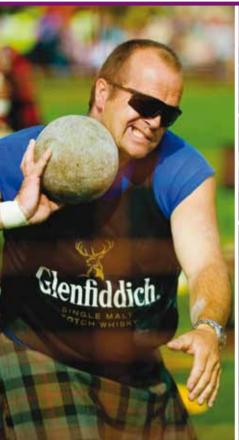
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