



International Foundation Programme

(subject to validation by Bangor University)

leading to Undergraduate Degree programmes at Bangor University and
Llandrillo College

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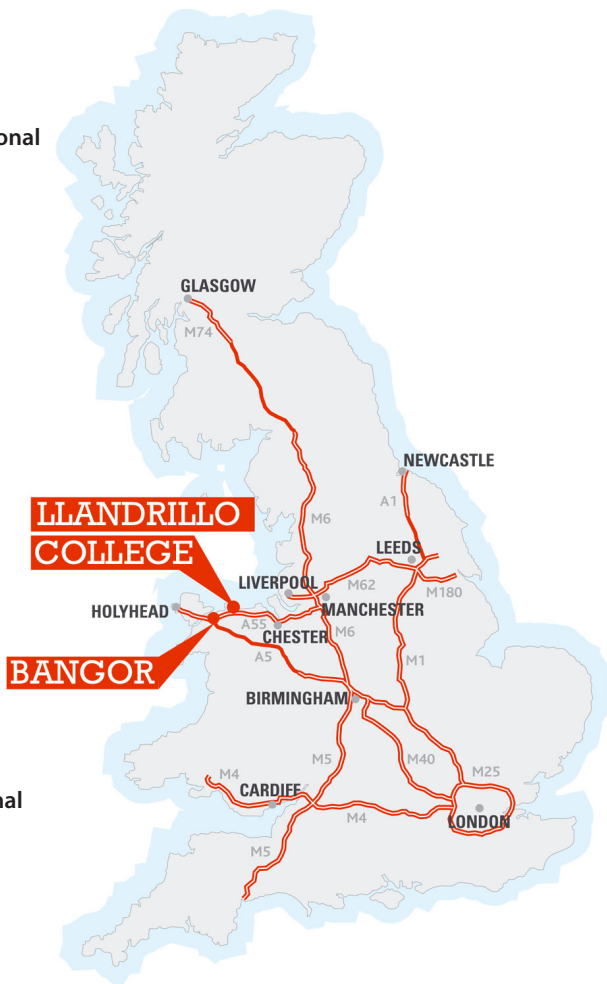
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INTRODUCTION

The International Foundation Programme (IFP) is a full time academic programme designed for international students who are interested in studying Undergraduate Degrees in Bangor University, Llandrillo College or elsewhere in the UK. The course can be taken over a nine month period or over one year and, depending on the subjects studied, will provide progression routes to Bachelor or Foundation Degrees in Business, Hospitality, Sciences and Engineering. The course has been designed as a progression route to degrees at Bangor University and Llandrillo College in North Wales but may also be suitable for those wishing to apply to other universities and colleges in the UK.

Both Llandrillo College and Bangor University are situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, close to the spectacular mountains of Snowdonia and with beautiful beaches close by.

Bangor University

Bangor University was founded in 1884, making it one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK. For more than 125 years, students from all over the world have graduated from Bangor and as a result have achieved great success in their chosen careers. Today, the University offers over 250 undergraduate/bachelor degrees and more than 150 courses at postgraduate level and research in around 40 unique areas.

In the latest assessment by the UK government into the quality of research at UK universities, research at Bangor was identified as world leading in the 19 assessed subject areas, with Accounting and Finance ranked No.1 in the UK and Electronic Engineering ranked No.2 in the UK.

Bangor is ranked in the top 5% of the World's universities (Times Higher Education World University Rankings). This reflects not just the high quality of teaching and research but also students' satisfaction ratings, standard of facilities on offer and the considerable investment which we make to support each and every student.

Situated near to the spectacular mountains of Snowdonia and with the sea close by, Bangor is one of the most attractive study locations in the UK, but yet one of the least expensive places to be a student in the UK.

With students from over 80 countries worldwide, the city has a thriving international community, and provides a welcoming and supportive learning environment for international students who wish to develop their full potential through our range of high quality, well-founded and established study programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Llandrillo College

Llandrillo College is situated in Colwyn Bay in North Wales, around 20 miles from Bangor. It is one of the largest colleges in Wales and the UK with over 24,000 students.

The College works closely with Bangor University and has its own University centre situated on the main College Campus in Colwyn Bay, where it offers several Foundation and Honours Degrees which are validated by Bangor University.

Llandrillo College has an outstanding quality profile and in 2009, it won the British Council Beacon Award for International Student Support. Students studying at the College can choose from a range of living accommodations: self-catered or catered in a family home, or in rented accommodation.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (IFP)

The IFP has been designed for international students whose school leaving qualification does not meet the entry requirements for Undergraduate Degree study in the UK. It has been designed to match progression routes to a number of specific degree programmes at Bangor University and Llandrillo College but may also provide progress to degrees at other universities and colleges in the UK.

Entry Requirements

Students will need to have successfully completed their secondary education at a level equivalent to 12th grade before you join the International Foundation Programme. Qualifications from all countries outside the EU are considered. For certain progression routes, for example in Mathematics, higher grades will be required. Depending upon the education system of the country of study, applications will be considered on an individual basis.

English Language

Students will need to take a Secure English Language Test (SELT) and achieve the following levels:

- IELTS 5.5: Not less than 5.0 in any element
- TOEFL iBT: Minimum 71 overall with minimum 17 in each section
- Pearsons online test: 65 overall with no area being less than 59



PREPARATION FOR FOUNDATION AND BACHELOR DEGREE STUDY

In Wales and England, most Bachelor's Degrees are studied for 3 years. Students should have a range of skills and knowledge prior to entry to ensure success on the degree programme. The IFP will help you to achieve these skills, prior to commencing the degree. This includes the ability to:

- Undertake individual research
- Write essays and academic reports
- Give presentations using power point
- Apply the use of IT and number with confidence
- Present opinions and findings logically and clearly
- Talk and write confidently about the key points and issues of your chosen study subject

Depending upon the subject modules studied, the IFP will provide progression to degrees in the following areas:

- Biological Sciences
- Business & Marketing Management
- Engineering & Electronics
- Finance, Banking & Accounting
- Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts
- Information Technology & Computer Science
- Psychology
- Sports Science & Sports Coaching
- Tourism Management
- Environmental Sciences

The course may provide progression to other degree programmes at universities and colleges throughout the UK.

Full support will be given by your tutors to apply for the degree course of your choice through UCAS.

It should be noted that progression to university will also be dependent on getting the correct IELTS results as required by the accepting university and UKBA.



COURSE DELIVERY & STRUCTURE

Students will follow a full-time programme with lectures, seminars, workshops and tutorials for a minimum of 15 hours per week over one year. The course may be offered as an intensive programme with 20 hours of study per week over 9 months. Students who require additional English support will be able to attend additional English classes at no extra charge.

ASSESSMENT

Each module will be assessed differently using a combination of:

- Essays and reports
- Individual projects and group work
- Tests and reviews examinations
- Individual portfolios
- Assessment of task performance

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES

Students who do not have the required level of English may be able to attend Pre-sessional English classes by arrangement at Llandrillo College or at Bangor University. The visa arrangements for this will need to be agreed in advance.



COMPLUSORY CORE MODULES
(60 credits in total)

Academic Study Skills
10 credits

Academic Reading & Writing
10 credits

Learning Strategies & Professional Development
10 credits

Statistics for Research
10 credits

Working Effectively with Computers
10 credits

Working Effectively with Numbers
10 credits

OPTIONAL SUBJECT MODULES
(60 credits in total)

Anatomy for Sport & Exercise
20 credits

Aspects of Biology
20 credits

Aspects of Psychology
20 credits

Business Accounting
20 credits

Business Communication
20 credits

Business Resources
20 credits

Computer Systems
20 credits

Customer Service in Travel & Tourism
20 credits

Electrical & Electronic Principles
20 credits

Environmental Systems
20 credits

Financial Accounting
20 credits

Fundamentals of Science
20 credits

Information Systems
20 credits

Mathematics for Engineering Technicians
20 credits

Mechanical Principles & Applications
20 credits

Scientific Practical Techniques
20 credits

Software Design & Development
20 credits

Sport & Exercise Physiology
20 credits

The Business Environment
20 credits

The Hospitality Industry
20 credits

You will study 120 credits at Level 0/NQF Level 3.

60 credits will consist of Core Modules. 60 credits will consist of selected subject modules to match your chosen Degree pathway.

Llandrillo College and Bangor University will assist you with your chosen pathway subject study choices.



TUITION FEES AND LIVING COSTS

The course fee for the International Foundation Programme is £6,000. Upon application, you will be required to make a payment of £2,000 registration fee with the remaining balance payable upon arrival.

This fee includes:

- Tuition and examination fees for the Foundation course
- Up to 6 hours of English language classes per week
- One IELTS student workbook and one IELTS examination fee

Living costs should be based on those recommended by the UK Border Agency, therefore £5,400 plus the tuition fee will need to be shown in your bank account, when applying for your visa. In reality, living costs in North Wales are lower than the national average.

For example:

- Host families cost £90 per week full board
- Additional costs will include a bus pass, textbooks, and personal items. You should allow approximately £30 per week

HOW TO APPLY

Students can apply directly to the College for the International Foundation Programme, or alternatively through Bangor University. The application form can be downloaded at www.llandrillo.ac.uk/international. A Career Plan is also required; this can also be downloaded from the College website. Submitted Career Plans should state clearly the chosen degree pathway being considered and any long-term career goals. To ensure that visas can be processed on time, applications should be made at least 5 weeks before the course start date.

The completed application form can be sent by post, fax or scanned in an email. You will also need to send with your application form, copies of:

- High School leaving certificate (translated)
- IELTS/TOEFL/Pearson certificate
- Sponsorship letter
- Academic letter of recommendation

Contact details are on the reverse of this booklet.