



DSE Specials

Beginning a UK education journey

As one of the highest recipients of overseas students, the UK offers a range of benefits that goes beyond just academic achievement.

Known throughout the world, UK schools are highly regarded for the quality of education offered. With over 160 universities and colleges and a comprehensive range of courses and study options on offer, students can make their UK higher education experience as unique as they are.

There are specialist universities, prestigious institutions of learning, modern innovative facilities and pioneering and progressive research centres in locations all over the country, offering those in search of knowledge the chance to tailor their learning to their aspirations and career goals.

More than just attending classes and lectures, students engage with tutors through seminars, discussions and practical projects. During their time there, the multimodal interaction helps students develop critical thinking, enhance creativity and build up confidence.

Outside of studies, students will have access to extensive student support and welfare services. At the beginning of

each school year, universities often hold a "Welcome Week" for the benefit of new students. During this time, university clubs and societies hold events and parties to look for new members.

Whether you like to discuss politics, learn how to bake, join a band or go scuba diving, most schools are certain to have something that interests you.

Beyond just having fun though, joining clubs and societies can be a great way to gain experience and add more soft skills to your CV. Many societies offer opportunities to organise events, raise money for charity or do some volunteering, all of which will stand you in good stead when you start applying for jobs.

The UK features diverse landscapes and a vibrant cultural scene:

It also has a multicultural

environment that enables you to make friends from all over the world. The country's performing arts heritage is deeply ingrained in its culture, with theatres featuring traditional plays as well as new, contemporary productions – from Shakespeare and opera to world-famous musicals and modern dance.

Taking place at the InnoCentre in Kowloon from July 15 to 16, the Study UK July Exhibition aims to help parents and students make informed decisions for their future after their examinations, and obtain the latest information on education pathway options in the UK. Organized by the British Council, the exhibition will see representatives from UK institutions presenting updates, answering any questions one may have, and providing immediate enrolment opportunities to potential students.

UK university websites and prospectuses have full listings of courses on offer, and applicants are advised to apply their research skills and find the right school for themselves.



Second shot to top UK universities – University of London International Foundation Programme in Hong Kong



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For those who unfortunately missed the offer grades (in DSE/IB/A-Level) required by top universities, University of London International Foundation Programme could be the ideal "second chance" pathway.

Entering a top-tier university is the aspiration of many students, competition is, therefore, very intense, and even more so for overseas universities. In the end, there are going to be some disappointed applicants who fail to make the grade.

With the aim of helping these students gain second chance for university acceptance, ARCH Education has been approved as the Teaching Institution to deliver the University of London (UoL) International Foundation Programme (IFP) in Hong Kong.

Starting in September, the one-year education programme is taught in a classroom setting by highly experienced faculty including a former LSE lecturer. Students will take a total of four courses, one compulsory in Maths and three electives (in Maths, Economics and International Relations), during the entirety of the programme. Each course will require 150 hours of combined in-class and self-study time, for a total of 600 hours. Post the UoL IFP, students will be able to pursue degrees in Management, Business Studies, Economics, Politics, and any other Social Science subjects.

Upon successful completion, and passing at 40%, students are guaranteed admission to the University of London International Degree Programmes. Since its initial global launch in 2013, 293 students have completed the programme, with 57% progressing to UoL international degrees, and the

rest directly progressing to well-recognized universities, including LSE, UCL, KCL, Durham and Warwick in UK as well as other top institutions in the US, Canada, and Australia.

"One of the most attractive aspects of the IFP is allowing students to complete it in their hometown," says Jennifer Ma, Founder and Director of ARCH Education. "Traveling overseas is not easy for young students, especially when it is compounded by their recent setback. The IFP gives them more space and latitude without the added worry of adjustments to a new environment, and allows them to focus their energy in maximizing their chance for success on the programme."

To make sure that students can benefit from the IFP, the programme does have entrance requirements. Applicants must have achieved a grade of three in English, three in Math and four in a subject of their choice in the DSE, as well as the ability to demonstrate fluency in academic English with qualification such as IELTS at 5.5 overall. ARCH Education will also apply their own test to assess applicants' suitability for the programme.

Students are advised to apply and consult with ARCH Education as soon as possible if they desire to enter the programme. "We want to get to know each applicant to see if they can derive benefits from IFP," says Ma. "Considering that these students are at the crossroads in their education journey, we want to make sure they are making the correct choice."



Programme Highlights:

- The ONLY foundation programme taught face-to-face in Hong Kong by top lecturers, including a former LSE professor;
- Guaranteed admission (upon completion and passing) into UoL international degree programmes;
- 43% of past cohorts progressed into top UK universities (e.g. LSE, KCL, Durham, Warwick etc)

University of London International Programme

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