

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



ROBERT GORDON
UNIVERSITY ABERDEEN



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International Student Guide



Robert Gordon University



STUDENT FOCUSED

90,000

global alumni

16,000

students

130

nationalities represented
on campus

(Top Universities, 2018)



HIGHLY RANKED

2nd

in the UK for
Health Professions

(Guardian University Guide 2020)

1st

in Scotland for Art

(Guardian University Guide 2020)



EMPLOYABILITY

97.6%

of our graduates
gain employment
within 6 months

(HESA, 2018)

#1

in Scotland for industry
connections

(THE Student Experience
Survey 2018)



INVESTMENT

£120m

recently invested in the
Riverside campus

HERITAGE

**250
years**

RGU's heritage
dates back to 1729

Unique riverside campus

The Robert Gordon University (RGU) tree-lined riverside campus provides a unique environment in which to learn, with first-rate facilities that include the latest equipment and IT, state-of-the-art teaching rooms and industry led technology.

Professionally focused degrees

The University offers a wide range of high-quality courses, working closely with industry and employers at every stage to prepare students for the professional world. RGU seeks accreditation for courses by the relevant professional body to verify that they are of industry standard.

Work-ready graduates

Many of the degrees offer practical elements throughout, with a high number of programmes offering placement and project opportunities. From professional projects to internships, the use of applied teaching methods provides students with opportunities to develop knowledge, professional problem solving skills and networks.



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Robert Gordon University (RGU) has been awarded a Gold rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF 2017), placing it in the top 20% of the best universities in the UK.

'HIGHER EDUCATION IS AN ADVENTURE THAT OPENS UP OPPORTUNITIES AND BROADENS THE MIND. IT IS WHERE EVERYONE CAN DISCOVER THEIR POTENTIAL, ENHANCE THEIR EMPLOYABILITY AND MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS IN THE PROCESS!'

Professor John Harper
Principal of Robert Gordon University



ICRGU:

YOUR PATHWAY TO ROBERT GORDON UNIVERSITY

The International College at Robert Gordon University (ICRGU) is based in the heart of the spectacular Garthdee campus and offers a modern and dynamic educational experience. ICRGU provides students a pathway onto a wide variety of degree programmes from Robert Gordon University.

ICRGU students benefit from:

- **a combined Offer of Admission:** successful applicants will receive an Offer of Admission covering the entire programme, from entry into ICRGU to graduation from Robert Gordon University
- **access to Robert Gordon University facilities:** ICRGU students are part of the University and enjoy full access to the excellent facilities and services
- **small classes with personalised attention:** ICRGU promotes a supportive approach to learning. Class sizes are limited to no more than 20 students allowing lecturers to know students personally and provide support to each student
- **guaranteed progression:** students progress directly from each stage of their programme to the next by successfully meeting academic criteria
- **value for money:** ICRGU fees are competitive, so students have an affordable, yet top quality education with a maximum return on investment
- **dedicated academic and student support services:** professional ICRGU staff are on hand to support with any academic or personal issues and have vast experience working with students from all over the globe
- **orientation week:** the Student Services team deliver a programme for new students covering city tours, accommodation, working in the UK, adjusting to your new home and so much more
- **flexibility:** ICRGU has a flexible entry system with three intakes, so you can begin your degree when it suits you.



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Dr Alistair Baker
College Principal and Director, ICRGU





Your study destination

ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND

Unique experience

Scotland is home to the highest concentration of universities in Europe, strong varied industry sectors, cosmopolitan cities and international festivals, offering international students a truly unique study experience.

Beautiful landscape

Scotland's scenery and landscape are world renowned, from ancient forests to beautiful lochs and one of "The World's Outstanding Coastlines (National Geographic)". Only a short distance from Aberdeen lies some of the most spectacular mountain ranges in the world as well as Cairngorm National Park – the largest National Park in Britain.

Adventure sports

If excitement is what draws you, Scotland is home to thrilling adventure activities such as bungee jumping, white water rafting, scuba diving, mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding, mountain climbing and surfing.

Castle country

Aberdeenshire is known as Scotland's Castle Country with over 250 castles in the region, including Balmoral Castle - Scottish residence of the Queen.

Vibrant city

With a population of 228,000 Aberdeen is the third most populated city in Scotland and the country's most international city with 17% of residents non-British nationals (National Registers of Scotland 2019). That's over 34,000 international residents! Combine this with the 30,000 students who call the city home and Aberdeen is the perfect study destination for international students.

Local culture

Aberdeen has captivating museums, a fascinating history, a wealth of art and culture and a lively social scene. Combine this with a variety of shops, restaurants, cafés, bars, cinemas, music venues all easily accessible within the city and Aberdeen is

perfectly set up for students. Many of these local businesses can also be a great source of part-time work.

Transport links

As a city with a vast business community Aberdeen has an extensive transport network and boasts an international airport just 5 miles away from the city centre. The city is very well connected, with regular rail and bus links that allow you to easily explore Scotland and the rest of the UK. Take a short flight to London in just over an hour, or Paris in two!

Energy capital

The energy industry is of huge value to the Aberdeen region. Aberdeen is a global centre of excellence for the research, development and sustainability of the industry – this is why many multinational oil and gas companies, such as BP, Shell and Total, choose to have major offices based within the city.



Student life

RGU:Union

RGU:Union supports students by providing opportunities and services to get involved and have the best student experience during their studies here in Aberdeen.

On progression to the University, ICRGU students are eligible to run in the yearly elections for a variety of positions such as Vice President or President. Former ICRGU students have held positions as both Student Vice President as well as the full-time Student President of Robert Gordon University student union.

Student societies

There are over 40 societies at RGU and students add more every year! From course-related groups to clubs that pull together students from across the University.

Student media

As a student at RGU, of any course, you are welcome to join the Student Media clubs on campus, including RGU:Radio, RGU:TV and Radar Magazine. From running your own radio show to presenting/filming RGU: TV - there are great opportunities for students to learn new skills or develop their passion for all things media related.

Sports facilities

Health and fitness is an important part of any lifestyle, support this with the RGU Sport building which offers students the opportunity to access a state-of-the-art gym, swimming pool and climbing wall. RGU Sport is also the home of 34 sports clubs, from basketball and rugby to rowing and mountain biking.

Campus security

ICRGU is located in the centre of the Garthdee campus, an area designed with the safety and happiness of students in mind. The campus is fully staffed, so even if you are studying in the library during the evening you can be sure that you will feel safe.





ResLife

ResLife is a support network designed for all students in accommodation, with a goal to enhance your living experience whilst at university. The team regularly organise a variety of trips and events so you can get to know what Aberdeen and the surrounding area have to offer. ResLife offers 24-hour support to those living in student accommodation.

Student support

Student life at university can be exciting and rewarding, but we recognise that it can also be stressful and overwhelming. RGU offers wellbeing advisors and has counsellors operating a confidential service, available to talk over any difficulties students experience whilst at university.

Accommodation

ICRGU students are eligible to apply for Robert Gordon University accommodation. RGU manages five different halls of residence in locations throughout Aberdeen city, including options that are near the University campus.

Cost of living

In 2018, Aberdeen was named as the most affordable city in Scotland for students (NatWest, 2018).

The cost of living can vary greatly depending on your lifestyle, budget and spending habits.

2019 - 2020 estimation

- **Rent (private):** £300 - £600
- **Food:** £70 - £200
- **Gas/electricity:** £40 - £80
- **Internet:** £15 - £40
- **Mobile phone:** £10 - £40
- **Laundry/toiletries:** £8 - £30
- **Printing/stationery and text books:** £20 - £45

Please note these costs do not include your tuition fees



Applying to ICRGU

English language requirements

To attain entry into the undergraduate or postgraduate programme, you must be able to demonstrate you have a suitable level of English proficiency. You can do this by obtaining one of the results shown in the table below.

Undergraduate:

IELTS Academic/UKVI 5.5 with no band below 5.5

Postgraduate:

IELTS Academic/UKVI 6.0 with no band below 5.5

ICRGU is also able to accept evidence of English competency through a wide range of other qualifications including GCSE, WAEC, NECO, HKDSE, UCE and International Baccalaureate (IB) and others.

RGU ELT

The Robert Gordon University English Language Test is now offered globally. The test assesses the English language level of students in the four skills of listening, speaking, writing and reading.

The test can be used as evidence of English ability for application to ICRGU.

To register for the RGU English Proficiency Test, students will be able to make a booking online using their 6-digit student ID.

Pre-sessional English

ICRGU offers 20 to 25 hours a week of English language classes, for either ten or thirteen weeks directly before each academic intake for students who do not meet the English language requirements listed above.

Successful completion of the English language course will guarantee you a place on your chosen academic course. Your student Tier 4 Visa covers the full duration of your English and academic studies through to graduation from Robert Gordon University.

By completing the English language course, you will:

- increase your understanding
- improve your pronunciation, grammatical skills and reading comprehension
- develop a broad, academically useful vocabulary
- become confident at public speaking and delivering presentations
- build on your writing skills for essays, reports and assignments.

| | Undergraduate | Postgraduate |
|--|---|--|
| 10 week pre-sessional English | IELTS Academic/UKVI overall 5.0 Minimum 4.5 in each band | IELTS Academic/UKVI overall 5.5 Minimum 5.0 in each band |
| 13 week pre-sessional English | IELTS Academic/UKVI overall 4.5 Minimum 4.0 in each band | IELTS Academic/UKVI overall 5.0 Minimum 4.5 in each band Writing minimum 5.0 |
| Health Science and nursing pathways require overall IELTS academic 6.0 with no score below 5.5 | | |

How to apply

We welcome applications from international students and have a trusted network of education agents around the world. Our agents can tell you more about ICRGU and RGU, help you with your application and provide guidance on the visa application process.

You can apply by using our online application form, where you can upload your documents, select your chosen course and complete an application in full, visit www.rgu.ac.uk/icrgu

Undergraduate programmes

School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences

University Foundation: BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience*
 University Foundation: BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science*
 University Foundation: BSc (Hons) Forensic and Analytical Science*
 University Foundation: BSc (Hons) Food, Nutrition and Human Health*
 University Foundation: Master of Pharmacy (MPharm)*

School of Health Sciences

University Foundation: Master of Occupational Therapy (MOcc Th)*
 University Foundation: Master of Physiotherapy (MPhys)*
 University Foundation: Master of Dietetics (MDiet)*
 University Foundation: Master of Diagnostic Radiography (MDRad)*

School of Nursing and Midwifery

University Foundation: BSc Nursing – Adult*
 University Foundation: BSc Nursing – Children and Young People*
 University Foundation: BSc Nursing – Mental Health*
 University Foundation: BSc (Hons) Nursing – Adult*

Aberdeen Business School

BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance
 BA (Hons) International Business Management
 BA (Hons) Management
 BA (Hons) Management with Human Resource Management
 BA (Hons) Management with Marketing

School of Computing Science and Digital Media

BSc (Hons) Computer Science
 BSc (Hons) Cyber Security
 BSc (Hons) Digital Media

School of Creative and Cultural Business

BA (Hons) Events Management
 BA (Hons) Fashion Management
 BA (Hons) International Hospitality Management
 BA (Hons) International Tourism Management
 BA (Hons) Media
 BA (Hons) Digital Marketing

School of Engineering

BEng (Hons) Electronic and Electrical Engineering
 BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
 BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
 BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Offshore Engineering

Gray's School of Art

BA (Hons) Contemporary Art Practice
 BA (Hons) Painting
 BA (Hons) Communication Design
 BA (Hons) Three Dimensional Design
 BA (Hons) Fashion and Textile Design

Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment

BSc Architecture
 MArch: Master of Architecture
 BSc (Hons) Construction Management
 BSc (Hons) Building Surveying
 BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying

10 week pre-masters

Aberdeen Business School

MSc Accounting and Finance
 MSc Financial Management
 MSc International Business Management
 MSc Business and Management
 MSc Business and Strategic Risk Management
 MSc Business and HR Management
 MSc Business Leadership and Management
 MSc Project Management
 MSc Procurement and Supply Chain Management
 MSc Oil and Gas Accounting and Finance
 MSc Business with Marketing Management
 MSc Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship
 MSc Business with Financial Management
 MSc Energy Management

School of Creative and Cultural Business

MSc Fashion Management
 MSc International Marketing Management
 MSc Corporate Communications and Public Affairs
 MSc International Hospitality and Tourism Management

School of Computing Science and Digital Media

MSc Cyber Security
 MSc Data Science
 MSc Information Technology
 MSc Information Technology with Business Intelligence
 MSc Information Technology with Cyber Security
 MSc Information Technology with Network Management
 MSc IT for the Oil and Gas Industry

The Law School

LLM/MSc Law
 LLM/MSc Law and International Commercial Law
 LLM/MSc Law and Dispute Resolution
 LLM/MSc Oil, Gas and Renewable Energy Law
 LLM/MSc Law and Energy Law
 LLM/MSc Law and International Law

School of Engineering

MSc Drilling and Well Engineering
 MSc Oil and Gas Engineering
 MSc Petroleum Production Engineering
 MSc Solar Energy Systems

Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment

MSc Construction Project Management

* University Foundation leading to Year 1 of Robert Gordon University degree programmes.

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