

**Welcome to the  
International Academy**  
Your home from home



# Welcome to the University of Wolverhampton

"The University of Wolverhampton is a global university. From our central UK location, we provide opportunities to our students from home or abroad, in the UK and in countries around the world – helping you to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive in the global economy.

Each year, we welcome many hundreds of international students from over 100 nations to the University, who join us to study at one of our UK campuses or partner institutions overseas.

Wherever you're studying with us, we put you – our students – first in our efforts to provide the best possible student experience, as well as improving your overall life chances and employability.

We hope you find this guide useful. Many of your questions will be answered within these pages, but please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you'd like to find out more.

I look forward to welcoming you to the University of Wolverhampton."



**Geoff Layer**  
Vice-Chancellor,  
University of Wolverhampton

"Welcome to the University of Wolverhampton and the start of your academic journey with the International Academy.

Whether you are with us for a short course, pre-sessional or a foundation course, we want you to get as much out of your experience with us and hope you will enjoy the various classes and activities organised by our excellent academic team. You will get the opportunity to meet students from throughout the world and expand both your professional and personal networks. We are the University of Opportunity and we are delighted you have chosen the University of Wolverhampton.

All the best with your studies and I look forward to seeing you around the campus."



**Tim Steele**  
Pro Vice-Chancellor, International



# Welcome to the International Academy

"A very warm welcome to the International Academy.

I hope you enjoy your stay with us and find it to be your true home-from-home.

Your journey is of the greatest importance to us and the International Academy team joins me in offering you every opportunity for you to succeed in your chosen field.

I look forward to seeing you grow, learn, achieve and graduate and I am certain your time at the International Academy will be a most pleasurable and successful experience."



**Angela Molinari**  
Principal,  
International Academy

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# Why the University of Wolverhampton?

"I feel more prepared now than ever for a university degree. I have gained all the necessary support to improve my academic writing style and I look forward to coming to class every day."

Loretta Edozieuno, Nigeria  
International  
Foundation Year

## Our heritage

The University of Wolverhampton has a rich heritage and tradition of academic excellence.

Our origins can be traced back 190 years to the time of the industrial revolution. Over the decades, technical, health, teacher training and art colleges have merged to help us expand across several campuses. We gained University status in 1992.

Growing dramatically in size and reputation, we are now a leading modern university and a major part of the regional and UK higher education sector, as well as having an increasing presence worldwide.

## Student satisfaction

With over 500 courses to choose from delivered across our Schools and Institutes, the University's attractive offering to students from around the world includes teaching informed by world-leading research, strong business links, and state-of-the-art facilities.

## Joining our community

We provide an excellent range of student support services for all our students, with the International Academy offering additional support and study options tailored for our international students.

## World-class research

Our research encompasses a broad range of disciplines, focusing on aspects of life that affect us all. Over the last 20 years, we have invested heavily in growing our research activity and, as a result, various areas of research we have undertaken now have national and international recognition.

## Key facts

- Campuses in Wolverhampton (City Campus), Telford (Innovation Campus – home to the International Academy) and Walsall.
- Graduate employability: 96% of the class of 2017 were in work or further study just six months after graduation.\*\*
- World-leading research - our research has impact on your studies, and on real life.#
- We continue to expand our global reach, working with institutions around the world to deliver University approved courses.
- We're located centrally in the hub of the UK transport network with excellent and easy transport options.
- Our libraries combine traditional services with hi-tech facilities to offer students a much wider range of accessible materials than ever before.

\*This award recognises that the University delivers provision that is of high quality and consistently exceeds the rigorous national quality requirements for UK higher education with most students achieving excellent outcomes.

\*\* Destination of Leavers from Higher Education 2017.



# The International Academy, Priorslee Hall

The International Academy is based in the 18th century Priorslee Hall at our Telford Innovation Campus. Set in the beautiful county of Shropshire, it offers a friendly place of welcome in safe, relaxed surroundings for students from all over the world.

We will provide you with the opportunity to achieve your academic aims and help you to reach the specific English language standard required to progress on to a full degree course at the University of Wolverhampton (upon successful completion of our courses and subject to professional body requirements).

We offer:

- Pre-sessional English language courses to support you with your English before starting your degree course.
- International Foundation Year courses in:
  - Arts, Social Sciences (including Business)
  - Education, Health and Wellbeing
  - Science and Engineering
- The International Business Communication (Top-up) degree allows you to achieve a BA (Hons) in International Business Communication in just one year of full-time study. It is aimed at international students who have successfully completed a two year diploma at post-18 level, and who wish to top-up their qualifications to degree level. (Available from September 2022).
- Occupational English Test (OET) bespoke provision for nurses in Healthcare Trusts and Hospitals.
- MA Teaching of English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Online 2 year course.

## How are the courses taught?

We offer classes with a maximum of 22 students. All courses include one-to-one tutorials and dedicated student support.

## Why does the University have an International Academy?

We recognise that going to university is an exciting but also daunting time, and that going to study in a foreign country can be difficult, where traditions, language and methods of teaching are different. We will give you the academic and personal support that you need.

## How can the International Academy help with my language needs?

Most international students do not have English as a first language. Whatever your standard of English, there will be an appropriate course to help you build the knowledge and confidence you need to study and communicate successfully in the UK. Our courses are delivered by friendly and experienced highly qualified staff and the Telford Learning Centre is open 24/7 with high-tech facilities providing access to materials to aid your studies.

## Can I get help outside my studies?

Yes. The International Academy organises all kinds of activities, from sport and social activities to pastoral care and counselling services should you need them. If you have a religious faith you will find facilities to pray on campus and a mosque, temple and church are nearby. We will help you to make new friends and connections, which are such an important part of University life.

"I found my classes motivating and my teachers professional. The Pre-sessional course prepared me very well and I feel confident to finish my MSc Computer Science."

Ariwan Mohammed Rasool, Iraq  
Pre-sessional English



# Our students

“I am enjoying the teaching on the IELTS Preparation course and I am gaining English language knowledge. The lessons are interactive and I have made friends with students from Germany and Spain. The IELTS Preparation course is benefitting my reading, writing, listening and speaking skills which will help me with my future career as I wish to continue my law studies on the Pre-Master’s in Law course.”

Monica Cozzone, Italy  
IELTS Preparation

“The teachers are very friendly, qualified and professional.”

Linda Wekoue Djuissi, Nigeria  
Pre-sessional English

“I really enjoyed my Summer School because the International Academy never allowed me to feel that I was far from home. I enjoyed every moment in the UK and would like to come back again!”

Aviyan Shrestha, Nepal  
Wolverhampton Experience (TNE) Summer School

“I think that Telford Campus is very beautiful and the teaching given to me was fantastic. I made lots of friends and the Summer School has played a key role in improving my English.”

Leonardo De Giorgi, Italy  
Summer School

“I feel the International Foundation Year is making me much more confident and it has helped me to improve my academic writing.”

Gioan Peloumpi, Greece  
International Foundation Year

“The International Foundation Year course helps me every day and I see and gain the type of knowledge that is relevant and preparatory for my undergraduate course.”

Mohammad Sayeed,  
Afghanistan  
International Foundation Year



# Finding the right course for you

Your course with the International Academy will be based on qualifications you have, your current standard of English, and your future academic plans.

Which of the following best describes your requirements?

- I have the academic qualifications for my course. + I have the English language requirements for my course. ▶ Direct entry to a University degree. Apply today!
- I have the academic qualifications for my course, but I don't have the English language requirements for my course. ▶ Apply now for a Pre-sessional English course.
- I don't have the academic qualifications for my course, but I have some English language. ▶ Depending on your level of English, apply now for Pre-sessional English/ International Foundation Year/ Pre-Master's.
- I just want to improve my English language skills and gain experience. ▶ Apply now for a short summer course or our Summer or Winter School/ Study Semester Abroad Scholarship course (UK).

“My teacher always gave us support to be confident in ourselves and was very friendly and patient.”  
Nagla Osman Mohamed, Africa  
Pre-sessional English

# Intensive English Pre-sessional preparation courses

Students are required to hold an IELTS (or equivalent) score of 6.0 overall with 5.5 in each component in order to enter our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes directly. However, if you do not hold this score, do not worry! One of our intensive English courses will help you meet the requirements.

In these classes, you will practise writing, reading, grammar, listening, and formal and informal speaking. You will also find out about British culture and society and gain insight into the academic expectations of the University.

Level on entry (IELTS) <small>(Entry levels are subject to minimum band scores)</small>	Course (Duration)
4.0	Pre-sessional English and Academic Skills: <b>22 weeks</b> (Due to COVID-19 please email: ia@wlv.ac.uk for latest update)
4.5	Pre-sessional English and Academic Skills: <b>17 weeks</b> (Due to COVID-19 please email: ia@wlv.ac.uk for latest update)
5.0	Pre-sessional English and Academic Skills: <b>11 weeks</b> (Due to COVID-19 please email: ia@wlv.ac.uk for latest update)
5.5	Pre-sessional English and Academic Skills: <b>6 weeks</b> International Foundation Year (2 semesters) Study Semester Abroad Scholarship course (UK) ( <b>1 semester</b> ) (Due to COVID-19 please email: ia@wlv.ac.uk for latest update)

# Other offerings from the International Academy

## Testing

English language testing is available both overseas and in the UK. A score of 6.0 (equivalent to IELTS 6.0) overall with no less than 5.5 in any element in the **Wolverhampton English Proficiency Examination** will allow you direct entry to this University for most degrees, subject to professional body requirements. Visit: [wlv.ac.uk/english-testing](http://wlv.ac.uk/english-testing) for more details.

## Summer/Winter Schools and short courses

Short courses are an enjoyable and affordable way for you to gain skills and experience living and studying at a UK university.

Our exciting summer and winter schools welcome students from all over the world to study English, see local attractions and study specialised options such as art and design, media and culture, and professional communication.

Our **English classes** concentrate on developing your communication skills through studying a new skill or area of interest in English and therefore leaving you with an experience unique to your time in the UK.

**Optional classes** allow you to study a subject you might be studying at home – one reason why these courses are popular with groups of students from our many partner international institutions.

We are also well positioned to provide bespoke courses to groups, designed around your specific needs.

Our **Transnational Education Summer School** programme provides students from our partner institutions with the opportunity to visit the University of Wolverhampton and experience British culture and explore the UK.

We also offer a **Study Semester Abroad Scholarship (UK)** programme which enables students from overseas universities the opportunity to study a semester of English at the University of Wolverhampton.

To find out more or make an enquiry, visit:  
[wlv.ac.uk/english-shortcourses](http://wlv.ac.uk/english-shortcourses)  
[wlv.ac.uk/summerschools](http://wlv.ac.uk/summerschools)  
[wlv.ac.uk/studysemabroad](http://wlv.ac.uk/studysemabroad)  
[wlv.ac.uk/tnepartners](http://wlv.ac.uk/tnepartners)

**(Due to COVID-19 please email: [ia@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:ia@wlv.ac.uk) for latest update)**

## TEFL teacher training and teacher development

- Graduate teaching placement at a partner institution; open to all graduates from the University of Wolverhampton.
- Teacher development for international teachers of English.

For further details visit: [wlv.ac.uk/tefl](http://wlv.ac.uk/tefl)

## Language projects

We participate and contribute to a range of opportunities and projects when funding is available, providing opportunities for teachers, schools, local authorities and other educational professionals.

- International projects through the ERASMUS+ Programme.
- International immersion courses in many languages.
- Secondary school events through the **Routes into Languages** initiative.
- Teaching resources.
- Support for specific qualifications in the form of training, advice and resources.

## Language support

Whilst at the University of Wolverhampton, undergraduate and postgraduate language support and development sessions relevant to your subject and language needs are available to support your success in your chosen degree. For further information, visit: [wlv.ac.uk/language-support](http://wlv.ac.uk/language-support)

“Everything was good. I loved the library, teaching rooms and accommodation. The International Academy felt like my home and I really enjoyed the trips.”

Go Young Jeon, South Korea  
Summer School

“Everyone here makes me feel at home and the teachers are friendly and knowledgeable. Through this course, I have improved my spoken English and I’ll continue to improve my writing skills. I think this course is an interesting experience which will enrich my CV.”

Zhang Meng, China  
Winter School

“I gained confidence in speaking and listening and learnt about Marketing and Business English. The School is well located and I travelled to Liverpool, Edinburgh, Bath, Loch Ness and London!”

Eun Kyoung Jang, South Korea  
Study Semester Abroad Scholarship (UK)

# How to find us

## Welcome to Wolverhampton and Telford

Wolverhampton is a lively city in the centre of England, an interesting mix of historical buildings and modern developments. You’ll find a good choice of shops, art, sport and theatre to suit everyone’s taste and its central location and excellent rail connections make it ideal to explore the rest of the UK.

Restaurants, supermarkets, shops and market stalls cater for food tastes from around the world including the Caribbean, South East Asia, Eastern Europe and the Indian Subcontinent. Wolverhampton is a multicultural city with places of worship covering a wide range of religious faiths.

Telford lies in the heart of the rolling countryside, offering our students the opportunity to study in a relaxed, friendly community in safe, peaceful surroundings.

Telford and Wolverhampton’s convenient location in the heart of England means there’s a wealth of local, national and international transport services at your disposal. A short train journey can take you to Shakespeare’s birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon. London is a two and a half hour train ride and Birmingham, Britain’s second city, is just 20 minutes away.

## Travel times from Wolverhampton to:

Birmingham - 18 mins  
 Manchester - 1 hour 10 mins  
 London - 2 hour 30 mins  
 Edinburgh - 4 hours  
 British Coast - 2 hours

## How to get to us

### By plane

Birmingham International Airport is just 30 minutes away by train with direct routes from countries including China, India, the USA and much of Europe.

### By train

Wolverhampton City Campus is just 5 minutes’ walk from the West Coast mainline station with frequent trains to Telford, Birmingham, Manchester and London.

### By car

Wolverhampton and Telford are close to the M54, M5 and M6 motorways so you can easily get to us and travel around the UK by car or coach.





## Accommodation

You can live within University managed accommodation at the City, Walsall or Telford Campus with the option of either ensuite or standard (shared bathrooms) accommodation. When you are given an unconditional offer from the University, book your accommodation straight away to make sure you can be allocated your first preference.

Our accommodation offers great value for money – with a host of extras including:

- 24-hour security and caretaking service
- All utilities - heating, gas, electricity, water
- Wireless or plug-in internet access in your room and communal areas

Find out more about costs and how to apply, visit: [wlv.ac.uk/accommodation](http://wlv.ac.uk/accommodation)



## How to apply

Making an application to the International Academy is quick and easy, just follow a few simple steps:

- First of all, decide which course is right for you.
- Check the entry requirements, including the minimum English requirements for your chosen course.
- Check the visa requirements. (For visa and immigration advice please email: [visa-enquiries@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:visa-enquiries@wlv.ac.uk)).
- Make your application! You can do this via our online course directory or directly to the University via Admissions - email: [internationaladmissions@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:internationaladmissions@wlv.ac.uk)

You can find application links and more information online at: [wlv.ac.uk/ia](http://wlv.ac.uk/ia)



“I have gained in confidence and I am enjoying the teaching which is interactive and fun. I feel the University is welcoming and supportive and it has given me a whole new experience.”

Nisha Gurung, Nepal  
The Wolverhampton Experience  
(TNE) Summer School


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Our programmes are aimed at  
students aged 18 or over.