



M.L.S
INTERNATIONAL
COLLEGE



MLS International College
UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

Building University Pathways for 20 Years

From MLS to MBA

Quality, recognised Foundation routes to Undergraduate and Postgraduate study in the UK.

MLS offers pathway courses leading to UK University degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate (Masters) level.

MLS has built strong relationships with many UK universities over the years and our students have been offered places at nearly 100 different institutions since 1991.

Programmes are delivered by a blend of subject specialism and British Council accredited language teaching to provide a strong preparation for University study.

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University Links

The MLS University routes are backed by a long history of agreements with a number of Universities since 1991. Although the MLS courses have been accepted widely over the last twenty years our current formal arrangements are as follows:

BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY

The MLS Foundation programme is recognised by Bournemouth University for entry on to a range of programmes including a number in the Business School and School of Services Management.



OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Oxford Brookes University recognises the MLS International College Undergraduate Access Diploma programme as suitable for entry to Year 1 of its undergraduate programmes and welcomes applications from students attending MLS. Oxford Brookes University would normally expect students to progress onto its undergraduate degree programmes provided they meet the following conditions:

- Evidence of completed High School certificate with satisfactory results.
 - Successful completion of the MLS International College programme with a minimum grade of 60% for most Oxford Brookes University undergraduate programmes. We may also require minimum marks on specific modules.
- Applicants for Law and Psychology will be asked to achieve a minimum grade of 65%.
- Fully completed UCAS application form, with an appropriate personal statement and good academic references from tutors.
 - Proof of English language proficiency. For most programmes, including Business School courses, this will be an IELTS score of 6.0 overall, with a minimum of 6.0 in Reading and Writing.

Law and Psychology require IELTS 6.5 overall with 6.0 in Reading and Writing.



ROEHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

Successful completion of the undergraduate University Foundation Programme offered by MLS International College is an acceptable equivalent to the General Entry Requirement for entry to undergraduate programmes. (Applicants are also required to obtain an IELTS score of 6.0 in all bands and may need to satisfy programme specific requirements).

Successful completion of the Pre Masters Course offered by MLS International College is an acceptable equivalent to the General Entry Requirement to postgraduate programmes. (Applicants are also required to obtain B- in all their modules plus an IELTS score of 6.0 in all bands and may need to satisfy programme specific requirements).



NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY



Successful completion of the MLS University Foundation Programme shall lead to an offer of entry to one of the specified courses at the University as selected by the student. The courses and specific entry requirements are as follows:

Successful completion of the University Foundation Course (Business) with an overall grade of 65% or above and an IELTS score of 6.5 minimum (including grade 6.0 in written element) is required for entry to the following courses:

- BA Hons Business Studies
- BA Hons Business Management and Economics
- BA Hons Business Management and Finance
- BA Hons Business Management and Information Systems
- BA Hons Business Management and Human Resources
- BA Hons Business Management and International Strategic Enterprise
- BA Hons Business Management and Marketing
- BA Hons Business Management and Operations
- BA Hons Business Management and Financial Services Planning
- BA Hons Business and Information Management
- BA Hons International Business
- BA Hons Accounting and Finance
- BA Hons Business Economics
- BA Hons Economics
- BA Hons Marketing, Communications and Design

NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY



The MLS Foundation programme is recognised by Northumbria University for entry onto a range of Year 1 Undergraduate programmes. Please contact the University directly for further details on individual programme requirements.

SOLENT UNIVERSITY



Upon completion of the MLS University Foundation Diploma – Undergraduate Access and the Technology Undergraduate Access, students can apply and progress on to our level 1 in the relevant subject area. This could be in either Business, Management or Computing.

This is with the understanding that students pass the Diploma with a grade of C (50% - 59% and above) together with an IELTS score of 6.0. Upon completion of the MLS Pre Masters Diploma in Management and English Studies, students can apply and progress on to our Masters in the relevant subject area.

For the degree requirements to complement the MLS Pre Masters Diploma, please refer to our recent International Postgraduate Prospectus.

This is also with the understanding that students pass the Diploma (50- 59% and above) together with an IELTS score of 6.5.



UNIVERSITY OF DERBY

University Foundation Course The University of Derby recognises the MLS International College University Foundation Diploma as satisfying the general entry requirements for undergraduate programmes. Graduates of the MLS International College Foundation Diploma will be offered places on the programmes providing they meet the requirements stated below.

For undergraduate entry to appropriate courses, students will need to have achieved an aggregate of 60% or above on completion of their Foundation Course with MLS International College together with gaining IELTS 6.0.

University Pre Masters Diploma in Management and English Studies

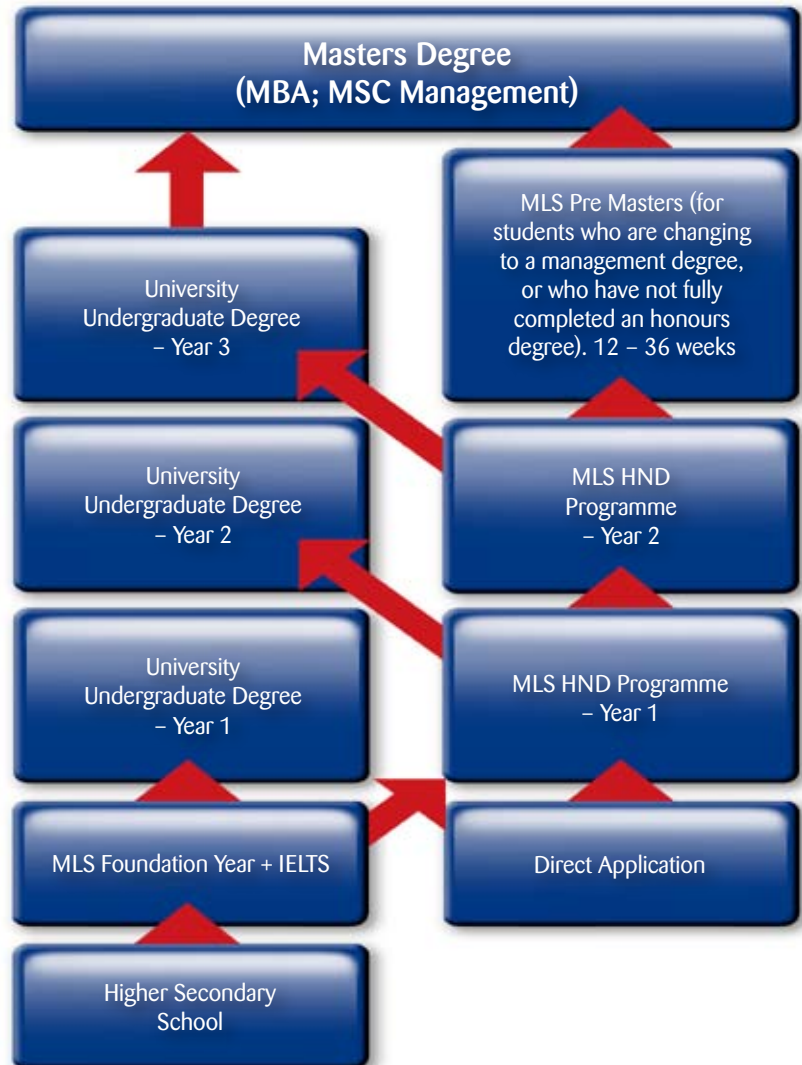
For postgraduate entry to appropriate courses, students will need to have achieved an aggregate of 60% or above on completion of their Pre Masters course with MLS International College, together with gaining IELTS 6.5. Students who wish to study the MBA will need approximately 2 years' relevant work experience.

(N.B. Some courses may require a higher IELTS score, interview or portfolio; students will be informed of this on their individual course by course offer).

*Please note that under all progression agreements quoted, the University concerned retains sole rights of admission to its courses and the rights to make alterations and modifications to their courses, as advertised here. MLS is a separate and independent body of the University, though it provides courses which are recognised as meeting degree entry standards for the specific University programmes as outlined above.



University Pathways



Foundation programme

The MLS University Foundation Diploma Programme

The one-year full time MLS University Foundation Diploma Programme is designed to meet the needs of international students whose existing qualifications are considered insufficient for their direct entry onto the first year of an undergraduate programme. It forms a foundation year for a first-degree programme at a British University. It is an NQF level 3 equivalent programme.

Working in collaboration with its university partners, MLS has successfully provided Undergraduate Access programmes since 1987. It has an excellent track record in this area, with the vast majority of students who apply receiving offers from British Universities and many going on to complete first-degree honours programmes. The standard MLS Undergraduate Foundation Programme currently operates with a modular structure and is offered over two pathways.



PROGRAMME MAPS

Business/Management Pathway

University Foundation Programme (Undergraduate Access)			UK NQF Level 3
Autumn – September*	Winter – January	Spring – April	Summer – June
English	English	English	English
10 hrs † / 1 credit	10 hrs / 1 credit	10 hrs / 1 credit	10 hrs / 1 credit
Academic Study Skills	Management	HRM & Organisation Theory	International Trade Management Case Studies
10 hrs / 1 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit & 4 hrs / 0.4 credit
Sales	Economics & Statistics	Financial Management & Accounting	Media & Communication Studies
4 hrs / 0.4 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit & 2 hrs / 0.2 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit
IT MS Word, PowerPoint & Excel	IT 2	PR Marketing	Social Studies & Business Law
6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	4 hrs / 0.4 credit & 4 hrs / 0.4 credit	2 hrs / 0.2 credit & 2 hrs / 0.2 credit
Totals			
30 hrs / 3.0 credits	30 hrs / 3.0 credits	30 hrs / 3.0 credits	30 hrs / 3.0 credits

* 12 week terms † Weekly hours of study

Technology Route Pathway

University Foundation Programme (Undergraduate Access)			UK NQF Level 3
Autumn – September*	Winter – January	Spring – April	Summer – June
English	English	English	English
10 hrs † / 1 credit	10 hrs / 1 credit	10 hrs / 1 credit	10 hrs / 1 credit
Academic Study Skills	Management	HRM & Organisation Theory	International Trade Management Case Studies
10 hrs / 1 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit & 4 hrs / 0.4 credit
Mathematics	Economics & Statistics	Financial Management & Accounting	Media & Communication Studies
4 hrs / 0.4 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit & 2 hrs / 0.2 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit
IT MS Word, PowerPoint & Excel	IT 2	Further Mathematics	Information Systems
6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	8 hrs / 0.8 credit	4 hrs / 0.4 credit
Totals			
30 hrs / 3.0 credits	30 hrs / 3.0 credits	30 hrs / 3.0 credits	30 hrs / 3.0 credits

* 12 week terms † Weekly hours of study

In order to qualify for a full diploma a student must meet the assessment criteria of sufficient modules to gain an accumulation of 9 credits in total (effectively pass 9 modules). The majority of candidates achieve this over a period of 3 academic terms (36 weeks).

As an integral part of the MLS Undergraduate Access programme students are prepared for the British Council IELTS examination (International English Language Testing System), thus ensuring appropriate development in English language skills in parallel with academic subject study. The IELTS examination is the qualification most widely recognised by universities as a measure of language proficiency relative to academic study.



Admission Criteria

Before entry onto an MLS Undergraduate Foundation programme, students are normally required to have completed high school education or equivalent in their own country. Evidence of completion in the form of a school-leaving certificate is expected to be enclosed with the enrolment form.

Students must normally have a minimum English language proficiency level equivalent to intermediate level (IELTS 4.5 CEF B1+) prior to joining the programme. MLS assesses the language proficiency of all students on arrival to facilitate class placement and appropriate tuition.

Assessment and Grading

In order to qualify for a full diploma a student must meet the assessment criteria of sufficient modules to gain an accumulation of 9 credits in total (effectively pass 9 modules). With a total of 3 modules offered in any one term (see programme maps), the majority of candidates achieve their 9 credits over a period of 3 academic terms (36 weeks). Each module has a credit rating of 1. Where a module is made up of more than one subject the 1 credit rating is subdivided in accordance with the relative amounts of academic study involved. Credit ratings are shown on the learning programme maps.

The MLS assessment policy is to assess each module on a termly basis. With the exception of Academic Study Skills and English, formal assessment is completed twice per module; once at mid term and once at the end of term. Each assessment takes place against the learning outcomes of the module in a format, which may be formative or summative, as appropriate to subject and learning context. The assessment for Academic Study Skills is on a continuous basis, all other modules have a formal examination as part of the assessment process.

Students are graded on subject ability and language proficiency. Effort grades are also given to reflect the 'soft' skills of the candidate (e.g. motivation, attendance, participation in class, group and pair work activities etc.).

At the end of each term a progression report is compiled for each student so that a University can make a judgement about an individual's preparedness for undergraduate study. This is particularly useful when a student may not have fully completed the MLS University Foundation Diploma (Undergraduate Access) Programme prior to the University's enrolment date. Results are available at the end of each term allowing universities to be provided with the most up-to-date details of a candidate's performance on request.

Term dates are as published in the MLS prospectus and on the website.



Pre Masters programme

The MLS University Pre Masters Diploma (Postgraduate pathway) Programme

The one-year full time MLS University Pre Masters Diploma Programme in Management and English Studies is designed to meet the needs of mature international students. It provides an opportunity for those who have a first degree, diploma or business experience wishing to consolidate and update their skills in order to become more effective in the workforce. The programme is specifically intended to facilitate progression onto a post graduate business related course at a British University. It is an NQF level 6 programme.

Working in collaboration with its university partners, MLS has successfully provided Pre Masters programmes since 1987. It has an excellent track record in this area, with the vast majority of students who apply receiving offers from British Universities and many going on to complete Masters programmes. The standard MLS Pre Masters Programme currently operates with a modular structure and is outlined in the learning programme map shown below.

University Pre Masters Programme Management & English Studies			UK NQF Level 6
Autumn – September*	Winter – January	Spring – April	Summer – June
English	English	English	English
10 hrs † / 1 credit	10 hrs / 1 credit	10 hrs / 1 credit	10 hrs / 1 credit
Academic Study Skills	Marketing	Social Studies & Business Law	International Trade
10 hrs / 1 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	2 hrs / 0.2 credit & 4 hrs / 0.4 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit
HRM & Organisation Theory	Strategic Management	Operations Management	Advertising
6 hrs / 0.6 credit	8 hrs / 0.8 credit	8 hrs / 0.8 credit	8 hrs / 0.8 credit
Economics	Financial Management & Accounting	IT, MS Word, PowerPoint & Excel	IT, MS Access, Publisher & Front Page
4 hrs / 0.4 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit	6 hrs / 0.6 credit
Totals			
30 hrs / 3.0 credits	30 hrs / 3.0 credits	30 hrs / 3.0 credits	30 hrs / 3.0 credits

* 12 week terms † Weekly hours of study

In order to qualify for a full diploma a student must meet the assessment criteria of sufficient modules to gain an accumulation of 9 credits in total (effectively pass 9 modules). The majority of candidates achieve this over a period of 3 academic terms (36 weeks), but the opportunity is there for them to achieve their 9 modules over the full 48 week programme if required.

As an integral part of the MLS Pre Masters programme, students are prepared for the British Council IELTS examination (International English Language Testing System), thus ensuring appropriate development in English language skills in parallel with academic subject study. The IELTS examination is the qualification most widely recognised by universities as a measure of language proficiency relative to academic study.



3. Admission Criteria

Before entry onto an MLS Pre-Masters programme, students are normally required to have completed high school education or equivalent in their own country. Evidence of completion in the form of a school-leaving certificate is expected to be enclosed with the enrolment form. In addition candidates are required to hold a first degree / diploma or have evidence of at least 5 years relevant work experience. All students must be at least 21 years of age.

Students must normally have a minimum English language proficiency level equivalent to intermediate level (IELTS 4.5 CEF B1+) prior to joining the programme. MLS assesses the language proficiency of all students on arrival to facilitate class placement and appropriate tuition.

4. Assessment and Grading

In order to qualify for a full diploma a student must meet the assessment criteria of sufficient modules to gain an accumulation of 9 credits in total (effectively pass 9 modules). With a total of 3 modules offered in any one term (see programme maps), the majority of candidates achieve their 9 credits over a period of 3 academic terms (36 weeks). Each module has a credit rating of 1. Where a module is made up of more than one subject the 1 credit rating is subdivided in accordance with the relative amounts of academic study involved. Credit ratings are shown on the learning programme maps.

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Students are graded on subject ability and language proficiency. Effort grades are also given to reflect the 'soft' skills of the candidate (e.g. motivation, attendance, participation in class, group and pair work activities etc.).

At the end of each term a progression report is compiled for each student so that a University can make a judgement about an individual's preparedness for postgraduate study. This is particularly useful when a student may not have fully completed the MLS Pre Masters Programme prior to the University's enrolment date. Results are available at the end of each term allowing universities to be provided with the most up-to-date details of a candidate's performance on request.

Term dates are as published in the MLS prospectus and on the website.



The MLS Higher National Diploma (HND) – Business / Management / Marketing / Finance

Who is the programme for?

The MLS HND is designed for students who wish to commence their University studies but who require additional language support to guide them through their first year or two of study. Typically Universities require international students to have a minimum of 6.0 IELTS to obtain admission. At MLS, students can commence their HND at only 5.0 IELTS, as they will receive ongoing and integrated language support throughout their course.

What qualifications does this programme provide?

The MLS HND is offered with the UK QCA registered organisation EDEXCEL. The programme will provide students with a foundation degree equivalent level of study and successful students will be awarded with a recognised Higher National Diploma.

On successful completion of this programme students will be eligible to apply for direct entry onto a “Top up degree” (final year entry) at one of our partner Universities. On completion of the top up degree the student will be awarded with a full Bachelor’s degree.

What tuition is included in the course?

The programme is provided over two academic years, which run in cycles.

Modules are provided as listed on the following page.

Higher National Diploma (HND)

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PROGRAMME MAPS

Year A

BTEC HND/HNC – Business/Management/Marketing			UK NQF Level 5
Autumn – September	Winter – January	Spring – April	Summer – June
English	English	English	Vacation / work placement / Study Leave
10 hrs	10 hrs	10 hrs	
Academic Study Skills / Tutorial	Academic Study Skills / Tutorial	Academic Study Skills / Tutorial	
8 hrs	2 hrs	2 hrs	
Organisations and Behaviour H1	Business Strategy H2	Managing Financial Resources and Decisions	
6 hrs	6 hrs	6 hrs	
Marketing H1	Marketing Intelligence H1	Sales Planning and Operations H2	
6 hrs	6 hrs	6 hrs	
Totals			
30 hrs	30 hrs	30 hrs	30 hrs

Year B

BTEC HND/HNC – Business/Management/Marketing			UK NQF Level 5
Autumn – September	Winter – January	Spring – April	Summer – June
English	English	English	Vacation / work placement / Study Leave
10 hrs	10 hrs	10 hrs	
Academic Study Skills / Tutorial	Academic Study Skills / Tutorial	Academic Study Skills / Tutorial	
8 hrs	2 hrs	2 hrs	
Working with and Leading People H2	Managing Activities to Achieve Result H2	Managing Professional Development H2	
	6 hrs	6 hrs	
6 hrs	Managing, Communication, Knowledge and Information H1	Common Law H1	
6 hrs	6 hrs	6 hrs	
Marketing Planning H2	Advertising and Promotion H2	Research Project H2	
6 hrs	6 hrs	6 hrs	
Totals			
30 hrs	30 hrs	30 hrs	30 hrs

Please note, MLS reserves the right to amend modules or module timings and you are recommended to contact us for the current list module map.



English Language Only Programmes

General Course Information

Start date: Any Monday (excluding UK public holidays)

Course duration: 2-52 weeks

Entry requirements: Intermediate level of English

Minimum age: 18 years old (MLS can accept 16-17 year old students at its discretion)

Course content: 10 lessons of IELTS preparation plus 10 or 20 lessons of General English

Included in the course: Use of the Language Laboratory, Library and Internet; all course material and books; MLS welcome pack; academic counselling; initial placement and progress tests; student identity card.

Hours per week: 15 hours (20 x 45 min lessons) or 22.5 hours (30 x 45 min lessons)

Course Content

IELTS (International English Language

Testing System) is a multi level exam. You will follow an English and IELTS course which will give you the Academic English skills necessary to complete the following exam tasks:

Reading: You will learn specific reading skills such as skimming, scanning and dealing with unknown vocabulary. You will practise these skills by looking at authentic academic texts such as reports, essays and newspaper articles.

Writing: You will learn the necessary grammar and structure needed for producing a well composed piece of writing. You will be taught how to write in an academic style in order to produce effective essays and reports.

Listening Comprehension: You will be introduced to a range of accents and speeds of speaking within academic environments. Listening practice will be delivered through a range of authentic situations such as listening to lectures and talks. You learn how to listen for detailed information and general meaning.

Speaking: You will focus on improving your confidence and fluency through guided work, discussion and group or individual presentations. You will learn how to use English in an Academic environment and focus on structure, coherence and cohesion in speech. You will also practise your pronunciation and intonation skills through authentic tasks such as giving presentations and expressing your opinions in discussions and debates.

Course: English + IELTS

Course Options:

Course 3.05

English + IELTS 30 lessons per week
(22.5 hours)

Course 3.06

English + IELTS 20 lessons per week
(15 hours)

Academic Year - minimum booking
36 weeks – 20 lessons per week
(15 hours)





The University Counselling service explained

1. How do your qualifications compare to English students'?

MLS will check your current certification against UK NARIC, the UK's International Comparisons organisation. We will be able to advise you on your current academic equivalence.

2. Answering your questions

MLS will discuss your University requirements with you –

- a. What do you want to study?
- b. What career goals do you have?
- c. Where do you want to study?
- d. What type of environment do you want to study in?
- e. What else are you looking for from your University experience?

3. Giving you specific information

a. MLS will supply information relating to our key partner Universities, including

- i. Presentations
- ii. Meetings with University representatives
- iii. Prospectus library

b. In addition we will supply information and run searches on any other course or institution you request.

4. Making an application

- a. UCAS applications on line with MLS staff support.
- b. Direct application forms at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.
- c. Personal statements – advice and training as part of your course at the College.
- d. References – your teachers will supply written references on your suitability for University study based on your progress at MLS.
- e. Checking your application before it is sent.

5. Speaking directly with University admissions tutors

- a. MLS will follow up your application with admissions tutors.
- b. MLS will discuss any problems directly with the University and supply supplementary information in support of your application if requested.

6. Making an application

- a. MLS will discuss your choices with you to make sure you have all the information you request to make the right final choice of where you will study at University.
- b. Help with making University arrangements – MLS will advise you regarding accommodation forms, fee payment forms and many other forms that the University may send to you before you join the university.

7. After you leave MLS – getting advice once you are at University

- a. We are always pleased to hear from our past students and although you have been successful, studying in English can still require the odd word of support and we are delighted to be able to assist you with any further enquiries you may have.



Admissions

How do you enrol for a course at MLS?

All students seeking a place on an MLS University Pathway course are required to complete the standard MLS enrolment form, which is available from our website or in hard copy. Please contact us if you require a copy. In addition, we ask that you send copies of your academic attainment to date. Entry requirements exist for University Pathway courses.

All enrolments are made under the MLS terms and conditions, which are available on our website. Alternatively, these can be provided in hard copy.

Courses dates and fees are published annually and are available from our website or in hard copy.

Summary of
University offers
received by MLS
students since
2002

University		University		University		University		University		University	
	UG	PG		UG	PG		UG	PG		UG	PG
Aberdeen	1		ESSEX	9	1	Lon Metropolitan	11	1	Roehampton	25	1
Anglia Ruskin	3		Exeter College	1		Loughborough	3	1	Salford	1	1
ASTON	8	1	Exeter	5	2	LUTON (Bedford)	10		Sheffield	7	
Bangor	4		Glamorgan		2	Liverpool	6		Sheffield Hallam	4	
Bath Spa	7		Glasgow		1	Manchester	3	1	SOAS		2
BATH	3		Gloucester	1		Middlesex	12	3	Solent	71	1
BFTCS	4		Goldsmiths		2	MISTU	1		Southampton	36	6
Birmingham	13	1	Greenwich	9	1	MMU	9		South Bank	1	
Bournemouth	182	65	HAUC	1		NBRK	2		St Andrews		1
Bradford	5	1	Hertfordshire	3	3	Newcastle	7		Strathclyde	3	1
Bristol	1		Huddersfield	1		North London	1		Sunderland	2	3
Brunel	1	7	HULL	14		Northumbria	39	1	Surrey	38	2
Brighton	11		Heriot Watt	2		Nottingham Trent	19	1	Sussex	4	1
Buckingham	3		Imperial		2	Nottingham	9		Swansea Institute	2	1
Buck Chilterns	2		KEELE	9	1	Northampton	1		Thames Valley	1	
UWE	4		KENT	3	2	Oxford Brookes	175	6	UAL	2	
Cardiff	1	2	Kingston	8		Plymouth	26	1	UCL	2	2
Central England	19	2	Lancaster	32		Portsmouth	102	8	UEA	12	
CITY	6	3	LEEDS MET	1	2	QMUL		1	UEL	2	1
Coventry	9	1	LEEDS	4	5	QUEENS	1		UMIST		1
Demontfort	8		Leicester	24	5	Reading	13		Warwick	2	2
DERBY	18	4	LETAS	2		REGENTS		1	Westminster	5	7
Dundee	2		London G H	1		RGU	1		YORK	3	
Durham	3		Lincoln	6		Royal Holloway	5	1	YORKCOLL	1	
			Liverpool JM	3							

UG - Undergraduate / PG - Postgraduate
(includes up to 2007 entry cycle)

Client Services Information



About MLS

The College is situated in two buildings – beautiful Victorian and Georgian premises, only 5 minutes walk from the sea front and the renowned gardens of Bournemouth.

MLS facilities

45 classrooms

Three IT suites

A digital language laboratory (Sanako Lab 300)

Free Internet access for students

Coffee Lounge with wireless internet connection

Private study areas / library

Executive lounge offering seclusion for our corporate and government clients, including IT access, daily newspapers and coffee/tea facilities.

About Bournemouth

Bournemouth is a premier holiday resort with miles of sandy beaches, national parks nearby and excellent shopping and leisure facilities. Tourism and education are major industries but the town is also a centre for banking, insurance and high-tech industries. Bournemouth is within easy reach of London and has good communication links with other parts of Britain. The area to the west of Bournemouth, known as the Jurassic Coast, is designated as a World Heritage Site and is famous for its geological importance and beauty. The area is favoured with a warmer than average climate for Britain and offers an excellent learning environment.

Bournemouth is a major holiday and leisure town in the UK and you will have a wide choice of activities to choose from during your stay.

Key places of interest near Bournemouth:

Bournemouth Beach

Poole Harbour

The New Forest

The Jurassic Coast

Salisbury Cathedral

About Activities

What activities can you add on to your course?

MLS and Bournemouth offer many activities outside of learning time.



Golf

There are over 10 golf courses within a 5 mile radius of Bournemouth. We will be pleased to arrange golf tuition or arrange a game of golf if you wish. Fees vary for golf but a good course can be found for as little as £20.00 per round.

Watersports

Poole Harbour offers one of the world's finest locations for watersports, including windsurfing, yachting and sea fishing.

Our reception and social staff are happy to advise students on all of the above activities and more. The area has superb sporting facilities including tennis, swimming, water-skiing, jet skiing, horse riding, golf, sailing, dry-slope skiing, bowling, football, squash and athletics. Bournemouth has an international events and conference centre and a number of leisure centres – all available for use by overseas students.

The MLS Social Programme

Social activities are regularly arranged by MLS, and these include weekend visits to sites of interest around the UK, including London, Bath, Oxford, Salisbury / Stonehenge.

We offer regular evening visits to places such as local country pubs, skittles, bowling nights, karaoke evenings and many other activities, giving you the chance to taste regular English life.

We also run a regular once a week sports session, involving either volleyball or football with other students. Additional costs may be incurred on all the above activities.





About Additional Academic Services

Reporting and Assessment

MLS offers a full reporting and assessment service.

You or your sponsor may request weekly, monthly or termly progress reports, depending on your course duration, which will include details of your language level. Sample reports are available on request.

Assessment is an integral part of any programme at MLS and we will assess your progress throughout and at the end of your programme. A summative report is available if you or your company require, which will indicate your achieved language level and (if relevant) certificate / diploma credit successes upon departure from MLS.

Tutorials

Throughout your time at MLS you will receive the support not only of your teachers and the client services staff but also a tutor. Your tutor will meet with you at least once a term to discuss your academic progress and will be available throughout your course to provide guidance in your studies.

Language Laboratory

As a full time MLS student, you will have access to MLS' state of the art Sanako Language Laboratory. This is a digital learning centre giving you superb independent learning opportunities using the wide range of digital resources on offer at MLS. Each afternoon a senior MLS teacher will be available to assist you in using the digital equipment and also to offer further advice and guidance with your language learning.

Additional Training

Throughout the year, MLS offers free further language training to its students – events such as conversation clubs, film clubs, writing support sessions, pronunciation classes. You will need to keep an eye on our notice boards to find out what is happening each week.

Work Placement

MLS offers a work placement service to students. This is usually unpaid work and will form part of a student's overall course at the College. Main industry types in the Bournemouth area are Tourism, Banking / Finance, Insurance, IT.

A charge is made for professional work placement and students will be required to send details of their qualifications / experience to MLS. We will send you a full work experience application pack should you require this service. Usually a minimum language requirement is needed by employers before work placement can be considered. Full details are available from the College.



About the MLS Accommodation and Welfare Service

You will spend much time at MLS College studying during your stay but it is likely you will spend more time in your accommodation. MLS believes that the quality of service you receive from your accommodation in the UK is a major factor in the success of your stay in Bournemouth.

MLS takes great care in selecting accommodation on behalf of its students and we aim to match your specific requests against our database of accommodation. Students have a good choice of accommodation options:

- Homestay accommodation
- Twin Homestay accommodation
- Private home accommodation
- Homestay accommodation – en-suite
- Executive Homestay accommodation
- Self catering Homestay accommodation
- Student residence
- Apartments
- Guest houses
- Hotels

Most clients stay in an English home, close to the College or in recognised student areas, and this is recommended for the advancement of English language learning. Each home is visited by our Accommodation Officer, who ensures that a high quality of service is maintained, in line with British Council requirements. You will receive a booklet about living in an English home to assist you in understanding any cultural differences. You will be able to talk with our Accommodation Officer for advice at any point during your stay, should you need this.

If you wish to stay in accommodation which is not part of the MLS homestay network, we will be pleased to assist you in providing information about alternative accommodation. Prices will vary and contractual terms will apply. Please contact the College for further information.





Main options

AC1. Homestay Accommodation

- Single room accommodation
- Homes situated within a reasonable distance of the College, or readily accessible to public transport
- Meals: Mon – Fri: Breakfast & Dinner Weekends: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- No more than three other students in the home

AC2. Twin Homestay Accommodation

- Twin room accommodation
- Homes situated within a reasonable distance of the College, or readily accessible to public transport
- Meals: Mon – Fri: Breakfast & Dinner Weekends: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Can only be booked with a twin of choice
- No more than three other students in the home

AC3. Private Home

- Single room accommodation
- Homes situated within a reasonable distance of the College, or readily accessible to public transport
- Meals: Mon – Fri: Breakfast & Dinner Weekends: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Greater than three other students in the home.

AC4. Self Catering Homestay Accommodation

- As with homestay accommodation, but you will be more independent, and will have the opportunity to cook for yourself. No meals will be provided by the family.

AC5. Homestay Accommodation En-suite

- Single room accommodation, with private access to a bathroom
- Homes situated within a reasonable distance of the College, or readily accessible to public transport
- Meals: Mon – Fri: Breakfast & Dinner Weekends: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

AC6. Executive Homestay Accommodation

- Single room accommodation, with private access to a bathroom
- Homes situated within a reasonable distance of the College, or readily accessible to public transport
- Meals: Mon – Fri: Breakfast & Dinner Weekends: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Free use of internet facilities in the home



AC7. Student Residence

There are a number of student residences available throughout the year in Bournemouth. MLS provides a detailed information pack on current residence availability. We will be pleased to send you specific information about residence availability for the time you will arrive at MLS. Contractual arrangements will apply.

AC8. Apartments

Bournemouth has many apartments or houses available for rent throughout the year. We will be happy to provide you with a list of available apartments for the time you will be staying at MLS. You will be required to pay a deposit to secure bookings and contractual arrangements will apply. If you wish we can arrange local homestay accommodation for one or two weeks to begin your stay at MLS, so that you can choose your apartment yourself, once you are in Bournemouth.

AC9. Guest Houses and Hotels.

Bournemouth is a major UK tourist destination and has hundreds of hotels and guest houses. MLS has corporate rates with local 3 and 4 star hotels which we are pleased to pass to our clients. Further information is available on request

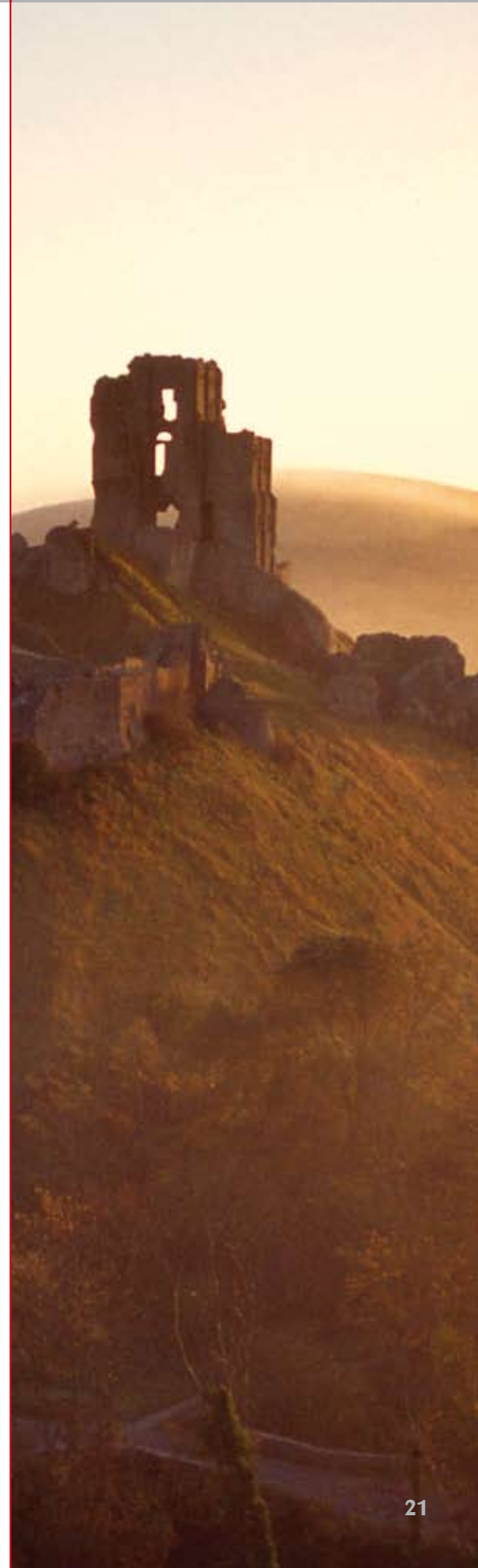
Pastoral Care

During your stay in the UK we hope you will never require medical or welfare assistance. However, should you need assistance in this regard, our Welfare Officer will assist in all welfare matters, e.g. appointments with doctors, dentists, opticians etc. Our staff are sympathetic to students' personal problems and are experienced in handling and solving the various difficulties that can arise when living away from home.

It is strongly recommended that students take out personal travel, medical and course cancellation insurance to cover unexpected events whilst in the United Kingdom.

Living in the UK

MLS will provide you with a full induction package on how to 'survive' in the UK. Our staff are always available if you need assistance with any aspect of living in the UK.





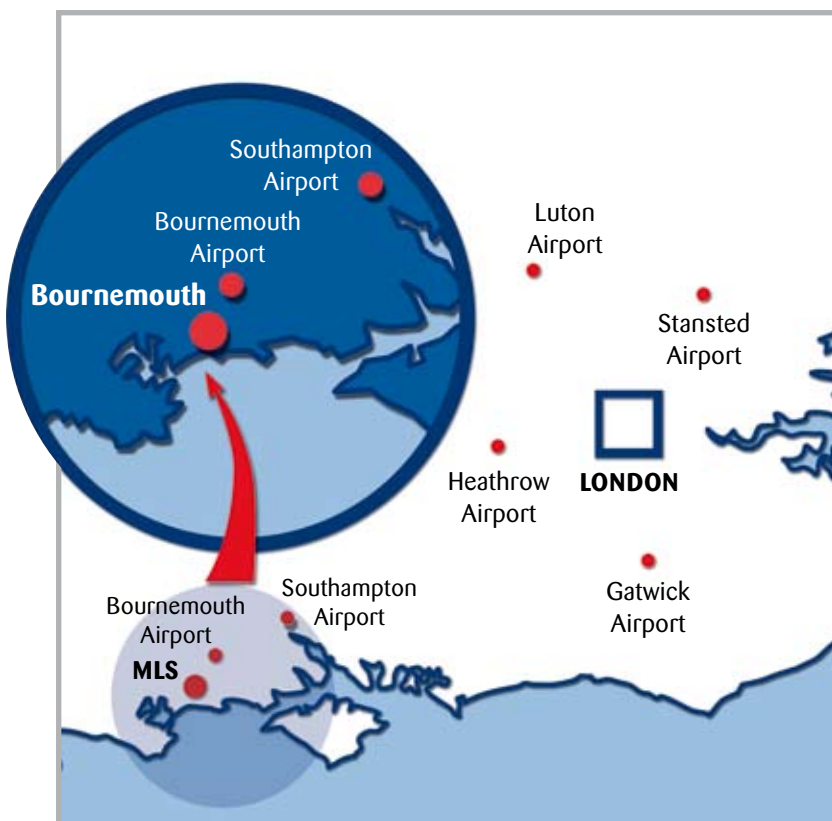
Getting to MLS and Bournemouth

Your course will take place at the main MLS International College buildings in the heart of downtown Bournemouth.

Bournemouth itself is situated approximately two hours south west of London and within easy reach of Heathrow, Gatwick, Southampton and our own Bournemouth Airport. Bournemouth is sited on a main line train route from London and National Express Coaches run regular services to Bournemouth. Please visit our website for current links to travel websites.

Airport Transfer Service

MLS offers a personal welcome at your point of entry in the UK, available on request. Our driver will meet you at the airport and take you directly to your accommodation. A return airport transfer service is also available on request. Please note Bournemouth has an international airport and many European flights now arrive weekly at Bournemouth.



MLS Useful English

Here are some common expressions and phrases which may be used in Academic English.

Advice	Where can I get counselling about..?	What do you suggest..?
Argument	Present a case for...	Justify your choice.
Assessment	WRITE YOUR FULL NAME IN CAPITALS. Your work will be assessed against the following criteria:...	Marks are awarded for... Question 1 is compulsory. Dictionaries are not allowed in the exam.
Choices	Select one of the alternatives.	The options are...
Classifying	...can be divided into...main groups	There are... main types of...
Defining	...may be defined as...	...is called/known as...
Differences	The difference between...and...is... ...as opposed to... ...in theory, but in practice...	How can I distinguish...from..? On the other hand...
Editing	Make sure that you proof read your first draft.	Check for relevance, meaning, organisation, and accuracy.
Examples	...illustrates the concept of... Support your answer with relevant examples.	For example,... For instance,... ...is a case in point.
Explaining	Would you mind explaining that again, please? Can you account for the fact that...?	Could you give us another example? Could you go over that again, please? Could you clarify that, please?
Focus	...concentrate on.../...deal with...	Another point worth mentioning is...
General/ Specific	In general,... On the whole,... In particular..., especially...	The general trend is... Which is the most significant aspect/feature of...?
Opinion	My view on this is...	In my opinion...
Process	First, the exam papers are collected. Next, they are given to the markers. Then, the marks are recorded. Finally, the results are reported.	The first stage is... The next phase involves...
Proportion	...accounts for 25% of the total	The majority of students...
Rephrasing	To put it another way,...	In other words,...
Research	How should I acknowledge my sources? What would you recommend as further reading?	What's the best way to quote a source? According to...,
Similarities	The two...have a lot in common. The two are not exactly interchangeable/the same.	There are some similarities between the two...
Time management	The deadline for submission is...	You must hand in your work by... If you need an extension, see...
Trends	Increase...decrease/decline Which type of chart would be the most suitable to represent...?	Rise..., fall... A gradual rise... Highs and lows/Peaks and troughs
Word limits	Write no more than...words on...	You should write at least...words.

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