



# Foundation studies in Humanities, Social Sciences, Education and Psychology

The principal aim of the programme is to enable students to linguistically and academically negotiate the transition from school to university and be prepared for the demands of an undergraduate degree programme in an appropriate Humanities & Social Sciences discipline.

## In Semester one you will study:

- Interactive Learning Skills & Communication
- Principles of ICT
- Composition & Style (not for students studying Psychology)
- Interactive Learning Skills & Communication
- Exploring the Social World
- Maths (for Psychology students only)

## Module overview

### Composition & Style

Students will learn essential skills that will enable them to meet the demands required of them on their future degree courses such as: searching for relevant sources, developing critical 'reading to write' skills, structuring an essay, achieving effective academic style, citing and referencing sources, drafting, editing and proof-reading, making good use of tutor feedback and writing discursive essays effectively

### Critical Thinking

This module has been designed to present some of the fundamental aspects of critical thinking to students seeking to progress to one of the prescribed undergraduate degree pathways at Brunel University. By encouraging candidates to impart this knowledge in an open class forum (small group tutorial presentations), the beginnings of professional organisation and presentation skills in an academic and professional-facing context are developed and encouraged.

### Interactive Learning Skills & Communication

This module has been designed to help students develop their academic literacy and communication skills in preparation for undergraduate study and to understand the institutional culture, practices, norms and expectations of UK higher education in an international academic context and community; to enable students to develop basic academic research and communication skills and; to raise students' English language levels to the required entry point for undergraduate entry.

## In Semester two you will study:

- Intercultural Studies
- Critical Thinking
- Research Methods

### Intercultural Studies

The module is designed to allow students to reflect on and exploit the experience of studying abroad and/or in a multicultural environment to maximise the learning potential that this experience offers. It will also allow learners to discuss and analyse some of the challenges that are faced by students and citizens in contemporary multicultural and globalised societies.

### Principles of ICT

The module introduces candidates to the interesting challenges that ICT presents today and covers many anchor points that may serve as a bridge to their interests and lifestyles. These bridges include the technology in their smart mobile telephones, computing equipment, home appliances, motor vehicles, shopping, movies and entertainment software.

### Research Methods

This module has been designed to prepare students with an underpinning knowledge and skills in research methods to students seeking to progress to one of the prescribed undergraduate degree pathways at Brunel University.

### Exploring the Social World

The module is designed to allow students to explore the core theories and issues relevant to their studies and to familiarize themselves with the main discussions of Social Sciences and Humanities. It will also allow learners to discuss and analyse some of the challenges that are faced by contemporary globalised societies.

Please note modules may be subject to change

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