International Foundation Programme

2019/2020

www.mpw.ac.uk
Founded in 1973 by three University of Cambridge graduates, MPW is one of the best-known and well-respected independent college groups in the UK.

**Why Study the International Foundation Programme?**

The International Foundation Programme provides an ideal route to studying degree programmes at leading universities in London, or those offered by other universities, both in the UK and elsewhere.

By successfully completing the programme you will meet the academic standard equivalent to UK A levels and therefore have access to a wide range of degree courses. The prestigious nature and academic rigour of this course allows much greater opportunity to secure places at high ranking institutions and is more flexible than a pathway foundation linked to just one university.

More than this, the foundation course develops an independent way of learning so that you are better prepared for university, able to manage your studies, undertake research, analyse findings and present clear arguments. At MPW we also provide an environment to help with the important transition from school to university, both educationally and culturally.

**Study at an Approved Institution**

This is a taught programme and must be studied at an institution that has been approved to teach the International Foundation Programme. Studying at an institution provides students with face-to-face academic support and the opportunity to interact with fellow students in person.

**Specially Written Online Study Materials**

Your online study materials and resources, coupled with the tuition you receive at your institution, will guide you through your studies. Your study materials and resources include: a subject guide for each course you study; a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) containing interactive resources, discussion forums, news alerts and a study skills area; a student handbook containing practical information and advice; worked examples of mock examination papers and examiners’ commentaries which provide general feedback on examination performance; a University of London email account and web area which you can use to manage your personal information.
What is MPW?

For 40 years, MPW has been helping students to gain places at the UK’s top universities by providing intensive tuition in small groups (up to nine students in an A level class), regular testing and examination practice sessions, personal supervision by our Directors of Studies and Personal Tutors and lots of individual help.

Why MPW?

International students come to MPW because they want to gain places at the top-ranked universities. Most of our students are aiming at UK universities, but we also send students to universities in the United States, Singapore, Australia, Hong Kong and Europe.

In common with our British students, they are ambitious and understand that gaining offers from world-ranked universities will provide them with a platform for successful and fulfilling futures.

Estimated Study Hours

The University of London provide a guide of 150 hours of study per module. At MPW we go beyond this recommendation to ensure you are well prepared for the final exams. Six hours of class tuition per module (24 hours per week) is complemented by additional individual work and regular exam preparation tests. English language classes and study skills are provided for those that need support.

"The International Foundation Programme (IFP) equips you with the skills and knowledge necessary to embark on a wide range of demanding undergraduate degrees. It has been designed to ensure that you achieve high academic standards, learn appropriate subject knowledge and acquire both the skills and intellectual curiosity necessary for rigorous degree-level study. IFP graduates have gone on to study for degrees with the University of London International Programmes and at many other prestigious universities in the UK and elsewhere.

The IFP curriculum encourages active learning by engaging with contemporary issues. Classroom teaching is supported by comprehensive subject guides, textbooks and a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which includes a variety of interactive online material."

— Lynne Roberts, Head of International Foundation Programme, University of London International Programmes

Awarding Body

University of London International Foundation Programme 2018/2019
With this programme you take four Level 3 (A level standard) courses in total: one compulsory and three optional.

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*Please check website for full list of course for September 2019 entry.

"Teaching is highly successful in promoting the students’ progress and in supporting the aims of the college. Small teaching groups and the very good understanding of the needs of individual students evident in teaching enable excellent progress to be made."

— ISI Inspection Report
**FP0001 Foundation course: Mathematics and Statistics**

The course offers an overview of key mathematical methods and statistical concepts frequently applied to economics, management, finance and related areas. Topics include:

- An overview of arithmetic, algebra and calculus
- Insight into concepts of probability
- An introduction to financial mathematics
- Basic knowledge of how to summarise, analyse and interpret data
- Introduction to modelling the linear relationships

**FP0002 Foundation course: Economics**

The course offers a broad overview of the key economic concepts and their applications to everyday situations and current economic affairs. Topics include:

- Competitive markets
- Managing the economy
- Development and sustainability
- Market failure and government intervention
- The current financial and economic crisis
- An introduction to the nature and scope of economics

**FP0003 Foundation course: International Relations**

This course offers a basic introduction to International Relations (IR), its classical and contemporary theories, schools of thought and research areas. The course has three major aims: to provide an introduction to IR as a social scientific discipline, its history, key contributors and methodologies; to consider key ways in which knowledge derived from IR can be applied to real-life contexts and to provide tools that support students in critical thinking and argumentation.

**FP0006 Foundation course: Sociology**

This course offers a broad introduction to Sociology, its key thinkers, concepts and research areas. Topics include:

- An overview of sociology and the development of the discipline.

The course then covers three main topics: sociology as a discipline; sociological issues in relation to policy and finally sociology in relation to contemporary issues such as urbanisation and environmental change.

**FP0007 Foundation course: Pure Mathematics**

This course develops proficiency in working with a range of mathematical methods including logic and proof by contradiction, algebraic equations, trigonometric functions and expressions, coordinate geometry, vectors and calculus. The theoretical concepts underlying these areas are explored and related to working methods and application which together build on the elementary techniques of mathematics.
Results and Destinations

MPW's students consistently achieve incredible success and our IFP graduates from 2018 are no different. After an intensive year of adjusting to life in the UK and a new academically intensive curriculum our students were rewarded with an excellent set of results culminating in an outstanding number of top university offers from around the world.

100% of students applying were offered places at UK universities

84% of students applying were offered a place at Russell Group or University of London Institutions
2018 Offers to Students

Our IFP graduates in 2018 received offers from over 30 universities worldwide. A selection of these offers were received from some of the UK’s most prestigious universities including:

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Further details available online.

University Placements of MPW IFP 2017/18 Graduates

Our IFP graduates are now studying on a wide variety of degree programmes at an impressive list of UK and international universities including:

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Testimonials

The teachers at MPW are experienced and friendly

“...The teaching is really interactive and because of the small class sizes, it is very thorough and teachers are able to spend more time with individual students, providing support and helping students to focus. My Director of Studies was always available, quick to reply, and someone that I could talk to about anything, school related or otherwise.”

IFP has exceeded all my expectations

“...My favourite thing about MPW is the independence they give to students. I would recommend MPW to others because of the fantastic teaching and the opportunity to study with others from different backgrounds and cultures which I’ve really enjoyed. The teaching is very good and personalised to each student. The teachers are more than happy to spend extra time outside of the classroom with students which I really appreciated.”

Friendly and supportive environment that is conducive to learning

“...It’s a good school for getting me into a top university. MPW gives me spare time and activities. There is a lot of communication between each student and teachers (much more than my previous school). My favourite thing about MPW is the friendly and supportive environment at school. Everyone is so friendly. I would recommend MPW because it is a good place to make friends with international and local students.”
I really enjoyed studying Economics and Politics at MPW. IFP has helped me follow my interests. The teaching staff and my Personal Tutor have been very supportive throughout my study. My Personal Tutor has assisted me with my university (UCAS) application.

He was constantly going through my personal statement drafts and making insightful comments and offering valuable advice. All this support from every member of the MPW team has resulted in me receiving offers from Queen Mary and Royal Holloway University. I am really excited that I will be studying Economics at Royal Holloway University this September.
Entry Requirements and How to Apply

Entry Requirements

To be eligible for the International Foundation Programme you must:

- Be aged 17+ at the start of the programme
- Meet our academic entry requirements (visit our website for further information)
- Meet our English entry requirements – 6.0 IELTS
- or equivalent (with 6.0 in writing and no less than 5.5 in any single band)

How to Apply

Please visit our website and complete our application form.

Fees for 2019/2020

The total fee payable for this 3-term programme is £21,750, which includes University of London registration and examination fees which we will pay on your behalf (currently £1900).

MPW Course Details

- Duration: 1 academic year
- Course start date: September
- 30 hours tuition per week
- Personal tutors
- University preparation & UCAS advice
- Sports & extra-curricular activities
- Available in London or Cambridge
- First class facilities

Key Dates

There is a University of London registration deadline in October. MPW will complete the application and registration process with the university on your behalf, including fee payment. Exams take place late April.

Further Information

Please visit www.mpw.ac.uk/ifp or contact us via email at international@mpw.ac.uk.
The Admissions Procedure

1. Complete application form and return with supporting documentation, below:
   - Copy of passport and previous UK visa(s)
   - Copy of any English language qualifications
   - Copies of previous school qualifications/reports/transcripts
2. Attend an interview with senior a member of MPW staff and sit an entrance test if required. During the interview we will offer expert and honest advice on programme/subject selection and making a competitive university application. A student may be required to sit an English or Maths test depending on their qualifications and the course they are applying for. An interview may take place at an MPW college, in-country when we are visiting your region or via Skype.
3. Receive a decision on the application (usually within one week).

If a place has been offered:

1. Complete and return registration form, consent form and registration fee (£350) to guarantee place.
2. Pay a deposit (to be refunded in the last term of study).
3. If the student requires a Tier 4 visa, a CAS will be issued once the deposit has been received (we are not able to issue a CAS more than 3 months before the course start date).

Please send all applications to your interviewer or international@mpw.ac.uk