

International Year Zero Foundation

(with subject pathways)



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Why choose De Montfort University

Founded in 1870, De Montfort University (DMU) Leicester has grown into a global institution with 26,000 students and 2,600 staff. Our passionate and enthusiastic lecturers have excelled in the National Teaching Fellowship awards – the most prestigious awards for excellence in higher education. Our academics have industry experience, and our researchers have made a real difference in people's lives.

Our courses embed employability in their curriculum, and our research feeds into students' learning. DMU Leicester has been ranked in the top 20 universities for graduate prospects in The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020. Previous DMU graduates have gone on to win Oscars and work with organisations such as the BBC, HSBC, Nike, BMW and the NHS. At DMU Dubai, we welcome students from all backgrounds and are proud to offer the perfect combination of award-winning teaching, excellent facilities and a fantastic student experience.

The Global Pathways Centre

DMU Dubai's Global Pathways Centre is dedicated to helping students achieve their academic and career goals through individualized support services and a variety of foundation programmes leading to specific progression degrees.

Education 2030

We want to ensure you have the best learning experience possible and a supportive and nurturing learning community. That's why we're introducing a new block model for delivering the majority of our courses, known as Education 2030. This means a more simplified timetable where you will study one subject at a time instead of several at once. You will have more time to engage with your learning and get to know the teaching team and course mates. You will receive faster feedback through more regular assessment, and have a better study-life balance to enjoy other important aspects of university life.



Course overview

The IYZ is a gateway programme providing specialist pathways into many DMU Dubai degree programmes in business, law, social science, engineering, computing, and art and design.

Each pathway's curriculum will prepare students for entry to their chosen undergraduate degree by developing their English language proficiency, study skills and specialist subject knowledge. The curriculum will also help students familiarise themselves with DMU's approaches to teaching, feedback and assessment, preparing them for the challenges of their degrees and future success. Students will choose their destination degree when they apply for the IYZ but can change to another programme within their chosen field if required.

Students will study English for Academic Purposes (EAP) to achieve a minimum 6.0 (6.5 for Psychology) equivalent IELTS score to progress to their degrees

Key features

- A curriculum that will offer those new to a discipline a firm foundation from which to build critical skills and the portfolio of work necessary for successful progression and entry into their chosen undergraduate programme
- For students with more experience in their chosen degree discipline, the curriculum will consolidate and augment their existing knowledge and skills.
- The programmes offer innovative teaching and learning, with specialist pathways into various subject areas.
- The English (EAP) curriculum focuses on acquiring language skills and discipline-specific knowledge. The curriculum is unique in its design and focused on the UN Sustainability Goals (SDGs) - De Montfort University is the only higher education institution in Britain to be a global hub for one of the Sustainable Development Goals –SDG 16 to promote peace, justice and strong institutions.
- The teaching staff for specialist areas will also teach about the degrees, providing IYZ students with a solid link to their destination departments and the campus. The programme leaders are experienced professionals who ensure students receive a high-quality education. They are readily available to answer any questions or concerns students may have regarding the accreditation process or the course content.
- The diverse community of students will provide a unique opportunity for wider networks and broader cultural perspectives during the IYZ year and its graduates' subsequent degrees and careers. This programme is a four-year option with integrated international year zero for applicants with non-standard entry profiles.

Pathway Options

Engineering Pathway

The course gives you the core skills in science, mathematics, design and IT, required to study engineering or physics at undergraduate level. In the second term students study different curriculums within the specialist Engineering module –either Electrical and Electronic Engineering or Mechanical Engineering.

Computing Pathway

This course gives you the core skills in mathematics, and IT, required to study computing at undergraduate level a range of formative and summative assessments will support and demonstrate students' learning.

Social Science Pathway

Students will explore how theory and research informs psychology and learn about basic research methods and related issues such as ethics. The module will provide students with the necessary knowledge base for further study in psychology.

Art and Design Pathway

The course will help develop a broad, creative skillset that will enhance your creative potential in readiness for your degree. A series of technical and creative tasks provide students with the tools and perspectives needed to develop personal, creative portfolio.

Business and Law Pathway

The course will boost your confidence and prepare you for a wider range of business and law related courses.

Course

Award

Duration

Mode

Delivery

Intake

Annual Fees

Scholarships and flexible payment plans available

International Year Zero

Foundation

1 year

Full time

Day

January/September

AED 44,100 (including 5% VAT)



More info

Course modules

Course Structure

Each specialist pathway has its own term 2 programme of study that finally prepares students for their chosen degree.

English for Academic Purposes module

Academic and Study Skills Module

Specialist Pathway Study Skills Modules

- Art and design
- Business and Law
- Computing
- Engineering
- Social Science

Teaching and assessments

On this course, you will benefit from Education 2030 - DMU's new way of delivering courses. Through block teaching, you will focus on one subject at a time instead of several at once.

The teaching methods delivered on this course include staff directed learning via lectures, tutorials and laboratories, in addition to student-centred resource-based learning (including web-based resources), collaborative and group working, individual learning and student-centred learning via individual research / literature review. Students will be assessed via a range of methods including time constrained phase tests, portfolios of work, programming and other laboratory exercises, examinations, project work, individual work and group work.

Entry criteria

British GCE/ IGCSE: CCCC

Indian CBSE/ HSSC or equivalent: Year 11 – 60%
Year 12 – 45%

UAE Tawjihiyya: 70%

US American High School Diploma: 70% (without SAT)

Africa WASSC (WAEC/ NECO): 5 'C6' grades

Philippine High School: 70%

National Curriculum Russian / Kazakhstan:(Attestat) with minimum grades of 3

IB – MYP year 11: 28 points with a minimum grade of 3 in each component

English requirements

- **IELTS:** 6.0 (minimum 5.5 in each band)
- **TOEFL Internet-based:** 65
- **Pearson PTE Academic:** 51

Students with other qualifications may also be considered. Please scan the QR code or contact Admissions Office for details



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