

Your **complete** solution to gaining your postgraduate degree



# Get ready for your Masters degree

## So, you want to study your Masters degree?

Graduating with a Masters degree from an international university gives you a highly-respected qualification that is recognised around the world – confirmation of your expertise in your subject that can create new exciting opportunities for you and enhance your career prospects. Developed with our university partners, the NCUK Pre-Masters Preparation (PMP) qualification offers you a complete solution to gaining your Masters degree in the UK or other countries globally, such as the US and Australia.

The various modules that make up the Pre-Masters Preparation give you the high-level academic skills and knowledge you will need at Masters level, the advanced language skills needed to study abroad, and the support and guidance to successfully apply to take your Masters at a leading international university.

- **Preparing you for academic excellence.** The Subject module gives you experience of studying a relevant subject in English at a high academic level, before you go on to study your full Masters degree. NCUK Pre-Masters students progress to a wide range of subjects including common areas of Management, Life Sciences, or Engineering – or something completely different, such as Theatre and Drama, Artificial Intelligence, or Robotics. There are thousands of Masters degree courses to choose from.
- **Developing academic research skills for postgraduate study.** Successful Masters graduates need to have expertise in a wide range of academic research skills. When you take the Research Methods module, you will learn to effectively source and evaluate information from literature and the web, master qualitative and quantitative research methods, research and plan a project, analyse and manipulate data, and understand intellectual property conventions. Note, this module is assessed by a dissertation or project proposal.
- **Learning the advanced English language skills you need.** Taking the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) module will ensure you have the high-level reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills needed to succeed on a Masters degree course. Recognised by NCUK Universities, this qualification can be used for visa purposes and so you don't need IELTS or another proof of English exam.
- **Getting ready to study abroad.** The **Orientation to Western Study** module prepares you for the teaching and learning methods you will experience on your Masters course: introducing you to the main differences between studying in your own country and studying at a western university. Please note that we will not formally assess you for this module.
- **Guaranteed access to thousands of Masters degree courses.** When you achieve your NCUK Pre-Masters Preparation qualification, you have complete peace of mind that you will be guaranteed a place on a postgraduate degree at a leading university in the UK. NCUK will support you throughout the application process. Our unique one-stop application service means that you don't have to worry about applying to each university separately, or finding the right point of contact. NCUK students have also gone on to study in Ireland and Australia.

## High Achiever?

Each year, NCUK awards over 30 Prize Awards worth £50,000 for high achieving NCUK students that progress to an NCUK University.

All students are eligible and the awards are given based on exam results. NCUK universities also offer a range of awards and scholarships.

Please visit our website for further information.





The NCUK Pre-Masters Preparation qualification offers you a complete educational package: developing your academic knowledge, research skills and English Language ability to the highest levels, and giving you guaranteed access to a Masters degree course in the UK. This gives you the best possible preparation for success on your chosen postgraduate degree and in your future career.

### **Where can I study my Pre-Masters Preparation?**

You can choose to study in the UK or find a Study Centre closer to home. Visit our website to find all of our Study Centres – from China, Japan and Korea to the UK and Colombia.

### **When can I start and how long does it take?**

Our Study Centres take in Pre-Masters students in September, January and March each year. The length of the course will be either 10, 20, or 30 weeks, dependent on your current knowledge of English. This means you can plan your time and investment accordingly. With the Pre-Masters Preparation qualification and a one year Masters in another country, you could be back on your career track more quickly than anyone else. Shorter Pre-Sessional options are available at some NCUK Study Centres. Please contact your preferred Study Centre for details.

### **How do I enrol?**

Choose whether you want to study in the UK, Europe or at your nearest Study Centre from our list of quality approved Delivery Partners. Contact details and an enquiry form for each Study Centre are available online at: [www.ncuk.ac.uk/where-can-i-study](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk/where-can-i-study).

### **How much does it cost?**

Fees vary depending on where you choose to study. Please contact your preferred Study Centre for details.

### **Who awards the NCUK Pre-Masters Preparation?**

NCUK will present you with your certificate when you successfully complete the NCUK Pre-Masters Preparation qualification. We will also give you a transcript with details of your individual module results.

### **How long is a Masters degree?**

A Masters degree in the UK lasts one year. In Australia and the United States, they last two years. The NCUK Pre-Masters Preparation qualification prepares you to hit the ground running, whichever country you choose to study in.



*“The educational level in the UK is very high and there are many opportunities like internships – my language and communication skills have definitely improved.”*

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#### **RIMA HARUTYUNYAN**

from Armenia

MSc (Hons) International Business Management

Manchester Metropolitan University



*“I really improved my English language skills studying on the NCUK programme in China before coming to the UK.”*

### YIWEN LIANG

from China  
MSc International Business  
The University of Leeds

*“Studying with NCUK meant that I made friends on the programme in Japan and I can still keep in touch with them now we are studying in the UK.”*

### ERIKO WAKITA

from Japan  
MBA  
The University of Birmingham



## A place on a Masters degree, guaranteed

Taking the Pre-Masters Preparation gives you NCUK's unique guarantee\* that you will receive a place on a postgraduate degree course at one of our UK university partners. As an NCUK student, you will have at least two conditional offers, and when you pass the Pre-Masters, a guaranteed place at a respected UK university!

Over **80%** of our students get in to their first choice of university. You will be able to choose from thousands of postgraduate degrees in all subject areas from Art to Engineering, Life Sciences to Theatre Design, Business and Finance to Marketing.

\*Subject to NCUK Entry Requirements.

### Helping you apply for your Masters degree

We will support and guide you through the application process, giving you expert advice on your degree options and writing your supporting personal statement. Alternative routes into postgraduate degrees mean that you have to make multiple applications, one for each programme you wish to apply to. As a Pre-Masters Preparation student, you will have access to our unique Admissions and Placement Support Service. This means you make just one application, and then let NCUK follow through the applications with each individual university on your behalf.

### Where can I study my Masters degree?

Your NCUK Pre-Masters Preparation qualification will be accepted by universities worldwide, including the NCUK Universities listed in the next section. Please visit the **University Course Finder** on our website to see where your qualification could take you. If you can't find the university you really want to study at on our list, please contact us.

## The NCUK Guarantee – Admissions and Placement Services

NCUK always acts in your best interests, helping you realise your dreams and ambitions, both at university and afterwards, in your life and career.

Whether you're looking for a place as an undergraduate or a postgraduate, our qualifications and guaranteed access are the best there are. They are designed in collaboration with our universities, and combine high academic standards, with language, study, social and cultural skills.

If the university you would like to attend isn't listed, NCUK has a dedicated Admissions and Placement Service that will be able to support your application. And if you don't get into your first choice university, the NCUK Guarantee means you have an excellent choice of 16 leading universities who will offer you a suitable place based on your grades and area of interest. Better still, NCUK gives you that offer on results day and takes out all the stress of the application process.

# What Masters degree can I study?

Whether you want to study a Masters degree in Art or Computer Science and Engineering, Life Sciences and Pharmacy or Business, Law and Management, your NCUK qualification guarantees you two conditional offers and one guaranteed place. You will have the choice of thousands of degree courses, including the examples listed here.

Find thousands of Masters Degree courses in the NCUK University Course Finder online.

Visit [www.ncuk.ac.uk](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk).

The University of Bradford			
MSc	Big Data Science and Technology	MSc	Human Resource Management
MBA	Business Administration	MA	Media Studies
MSc	Cancer Pharmacology	MSc	Mobile Applications
MA	Conflict Resolution	MSc	Project Planning and Management
MSc	Finance and Investment	MA	Social Work
The University of Huddersfield			
MSc	Analytical Bioscience	MSc	Embedded Systems Engineering
MArch	Architecture (with interim award of Diploma)	MA	Education
MA	Creative Pattern Cutting	MSc	Forensic and Analytical Science
MSc	Design Integration and BIM	MA	Graphic Design
MSc	Engineering Control Systems and Instrumentation	MA	Urban Design
The University of Leeds			
MA	Advertising and Design	MA	Conflict Development and Security
MA	Biomedical and Healthcare Ethics	MMus	Critical and Experimental Composition
MSc	Business Analytics and Decision Sciences	LLM	Criminal Justice and Criminal Law
MA	Chinese and Management	MSc	Engineering Geology
MA	Communication and Media	MSc	Exploration Geophysics
Leeds Beckett University			
MA	Architecture	MA	Music for the Moving Image
MSc	Civil Engineering	MA	Music Production
MA	Documentary Filmmaking	MSc	Project Management
MA	Human Resource Management	MA	Social History
MA	International Relations	MSc	Sport Coaching
Liverpool John Moores University			
MA	Criminal Justice	MA	International Journalism
MA	Education, Globalisation and Social Change	MA	Mass Communications
MSc	Entrepreneurship	MSc	Port Management
LLM	European Law	MSc	Software Engineering
MSc	Integrated Building Information Management	MSc	Water Energy and the Environment
The University of Manchester			
MSc	Biomaterials	MSc	Financial Economics
MSc	Business Analysis and Strategic Management	LLM	Intellectual Property Law
MSc	Cell Biology	MSc	Organisational Psychology
MSc	Commercial Project Management	MSc	Plant Sciences
MSc	Endodontics	MSc	Science Communication

Manchester Metropolitan University			
MA	Applied Linguistics	MA	Illustration
MSc	Cellular Pathology	MSc	Haematology and Transfusion Science
MSc	Data Science	MSc	Medical Microbiology
MA	European Philosophy (Aesthetics)	MSc	Rail Engineering
MSc	Food Innovation	MSc	Zoo Conservation Biology
The University of Salford			
MSc	Aerospace Engineering	MA	International and Online Journalism
MA	Art and Design: Communication Design	MSc	Islamic Banking and Finance
MSc	Audio Production	MSc	Midwifery
MSc	Gas Engineering & Management	MSc	Quantity Surveying
MSc	International Events Management	MSc	Robotics and Automation
The University of Sheffield			
MSc	Acquired Communication Disorders	MSc	Money Banking and Finance
MA	Aegean Archaeology	MSc	Osteoarchaeology
MSc	Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine	MA	Sonic Arts
MA	Landscape Archaeology	MSc	Sustainable Architecture Studies
MA	Librarianship	MSc	Work Psychology
Sheffield Hallam University			
MSc	Analytical Chemistry	MA	Public Relations
MSc	Applied Sport and Exercise Science	MSc	Real Estate
MA	Design (Packaging)	MSc	Sports Engineering
MA	Design (Jewellery and Metalwork)	MSc	Urban Planning
MSc	Information Systems Security	MSc	Urban Regeneration
Aston University			
MSc	Engineering Management	MSc	Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine
MSc	Finance	MSc	Supply Chain Management
MSc	Pharmacokinetics	MA	TESOL and Translation Studies
MA	Policy and Social Research	MSc	Wireless Communications and Networking
MSc	Product Design Enterprise	MSc	Work Psychology and Business
The University of Bristol			
MSc	Advanced Composites	MSc	Disability Studies: Inclusive Theory and Research
MSc	Applied Neuroscience	MSc	Education - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
MA	Buddhist Studies	MA	Garden History
MSc	Climate Change Science and Policy	MA	Landscape Archaeology
MSc	Deafhood Studies	MSc	Robotics
The University of Birmingham			
MA	African Studies	MA	International Relations (Diplomacy)
MSc	Cyber Security	MSc	Investments
MSc	Embedded Systems	MA	Theology and Religion
MA	Film and Television: Research and Production	MSc	Toxicology
MA	International Heritage Management	MSc	Money Banking and Finance

Kingston University			
MSc	Analytical Chemistry	MA	Marketing Communications and Advertising
MA	Art and Space	MSc	Mechanical Engineering
MA	Financial and Business Management	MSc	Pharmaceutical Science
MA	Journalism & The Creative Economy	MA	Photography
MSc	Logistics & Supply Chain Management	MA	Publishing

  

University of Kent			
MSc	Applied Actuarial Science	MSc	Group Processes and Intergroup Relations
MSc	Conservation Biology	MSc	IT Consultancy
MA	Dickens and Victorian Culture	MSc	Marketing
MSc	Economics and Finance	MSc	Networks and Security
MSc	Finance, Investment and Risk	MSc	Statistics with Finance

  

Queen Mary University of London			
MSc	Aquatic Ecology by Research	MA	London Studies
MA	Cities and Cultures	MSc	Telecommunication and Wireless Systems
MSc	Dental Technology	MSc	Trauma Sciences
MA	Film Studies	MSc	Public Policy
MA	Global Development Futures	MSc	Surgical Skills and Sciences

Visit our University Course Finder at [www.ncuk.ac.uk](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk) to explore thousands of other degree progression options.

# The perfect start to a successful career

Graduating with a Masters from an international university will give you knowledge and skills that are recognised and valued by employers all around the world. Your NCUK University can give you valuable advice and guidance to help you focus on the right job for you and to stand out from the crowd in an increasingly competitive jobs market. Studying for an NCUK Pre-Masters Preparation qualification is the first step to realising your dreams and ambitions.

NCUK students progress to a wide range of subjects from Theatre and Artificial Intelligence to Pharmacy and Robotics.





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*Lecturers on the NCUK programme helped me through the academic writing process – I learned how to write and structure my essays. It was about much more than just improving my English.*

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**– JIAYU LI**

from China  
LLM Commercial Law  
The University of Bristol

## Your best route to university

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