



Twin Foundation in Business FAQs

IELTS and VISAS

Question: Do I need a UKVI IELTS score to take the English for University Pre-term?

No, we will assess your level internally to make sure you have the equivalent to an upper-intermediate level of English. You will then need to achieve a UKVI IELTS 5.0 (with no score under 4.5) if you need a Tier 4 visa to carry on to the Foundation in Business course. We can also provide a conditional offer with a partner university.

If you take 10 weeks of English for University you will receive a free UKVI IELTS test.

Question: How do I know if I need to do a Pre-term English for University course?

If you do not have a UKVI IELTS 5.0 level of English, you need to achieve that before starting the Foundation in business in order to get a Tier 4 visa and to have the correct English level to follow the course.

Question: Do I need a UKVI IELTS score to take the Foundation in Business course?

Yes, you will need a Tier 4 visa sponsored by Twin, to take the Foundation in Business course.

Question: Can I get a conditional offer from a university if I apply for the Foundation for Business course?

Yes, we have a number of university partners who recognise the Foundation in Business with a guaranteed conditional offer for progression to their business related undergraduate degrees if you successfully complete the course.

After we have accepted you for the course you will receive a conditional offer from a partner university together with your certificate of enrolment for the Foundation in Business course.

Can I start the programme in January (for 2 semesters)?

No, the course content of the BTEC Level 3 National Diploma requires that students do a full 36-week academic year to complete the course.

University Pathways – after my course

Question: Can I apply for an undergraduate degree at any UK university with a Foundation in Business?

Many universities in the UK recognise the Pearson's BTEC National Diploma in Business together with an IELTS 6.0 or equivalent English level as meeting the entry requirements for their business related degrees. Others, especially, the higher ranked and Russell Group universities, will consider this alongside other academic requirements such as A-levels or other BTEC qualifications.

Question: What Universities can I apply to when I finish my Foundation in Business course?

Because your course includes the BTEC Level 3 National Diploma, you will have more university choices when looking for a business-related degree.

- Some 50+ UK universities will accept the BTEC Level 3 Diploma on its own together with the English language level.
- Other higher ranked universities, including some Russell Group universities, would require the BTEC Level 3 National Diploma + 1 A level. These universities will define their entry requirements.

The Twin University Foundation counsellor will help you understand your options and help you find the right course for you.

Question: What are my University Progression Routes?

Twin Pathway: The Foundation in Business will give you progression to a university that has an agreement with Twin – currently these are the University of Derby (104 UCAS points) or the Universities of Greenwich and Herefordshire (112 points)

Direct Route: You can apply to other universities through the UCAS system – most of which recognise your BTEC qualification as meeting some or all of their entry requirements. Higher ranked universities will require additional academic requirements such as an extra A-level or equivalent, as per their published entry requirements.

BTEC Course and Qualifications:

Question: How many BTEC Units are there in my Foundation in Business course:

You will have 8 units in business related subjects – 6 mandatory units and 2 optional units that we will choose at the beginning of the school year.

Question: What is the difference between the BTEC Level 3 National Diploma and the BTEC Extended Level 3 National Diploma?

The Level 3 National Diploma is composed of 8 Units (6 mandatory modules and 2 optional modules that Twin will decide at the beginning of the course). It is usually taken in one year.

The Level 3 *Extended* National Diploma is composed of 13 units and is usually taken over a 2-year period together with other subjects.

How many UCAS points can I achieve by completing the Foundation in Business course?

The BTEC Level 3 National Diploma grades for UCAS are as follows:

D*D* - 112 UCAS Points

D*D - 104 UCAS Points

DD – 96 UCAS Points

DM – 80 UCAS Points

Accommodation:

Question? What kind of accommodation can I book?

Twin has a good variety of residential accommodation, including Greenwich options McMillian Student Village, and the Scape Student Residence. Accommodation can be booked as with other Twin programmes.

Question: Can I book a homestay?

A homestay is a great way to practice your English and adjust to life in the UK. Twin families are all an average of 45 minutes from school.

Question: I need a Tier 4 visa – What accommodation should I book?

If you will travel on a Tier 4 visa we recommend booking and confirming your residential accommodation after you have received your visa as they require full payment in advance, and are non-refundable.

Homestays are more flexible and could choose to begin your programme in homestay and then change to a residence after your visa confirmation.

