

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY COURSES



EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING SINCE 1955

St Giles International

St Giles International has over fifty years' experience teaching English and designing language programmes, and is one of the largest and most established English language training organisations worldwide.

Our highly successful University Pathway Course (UPC), run at St Giles centres in Brighton (UK), London Highgate (UK) and San Francisco (USA), have seen 100% of our graduates obtain a place at a British University or American College.

St Giles Brighton and London Highgate are British Council accredited and members of English UK. St Giles San Francisco is a member of the American Association of Intensive English Programs. Our University Pathway Courses are recognised by highly respected universities and colleges in the UK and USA – meaning you'll have a guaranteed place upon graduating from a St Giles UPC course.

Choose St Giles and benefit from both our academic excellence and our links with prestigious institutions for further study in the UK and USA.

COURSE GUIDE

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY COURSES	Brighton	London Highgate	San Francisco
University Foundation Business Course (UFBC)	✓	✓	
International Semester Course (ISC) Pathway Programme			✓

St Giles offers top quality courses to students preparing to enter university in some of the best locations around the world.

Enjoy the cosmopolitan atmosphere of our city centre locations in the heart of Brighton and San Francisco, or choose London Highgate to experience the many attractions of the British capital.

Each of our schools offers first class study facilities and the latest ELT resources and materials.

- Small classes and regular one-to-one counselling with your trainer
- Free university advisory and placement service for complete support
- Well-stocked libraries, self-access centres with video and DVD facilities for private study
- Updated language and computer laboratories
- Interactive whiteboards
- Free Internet access in our on-site Internet cafés and free Wi-Fi at all centres
- Wide choice of accommodation
- Friendly student cafeterias serving good food at reasonable prices

Some of our UPC graduates and their study destinations:

- **Andrey Alexandroy Boretskiy**
Law with Business, University of Brighton Business School
- **Diego Cinelli**
Sports Management, University of Leeds
- **Ekaterina Izhakovskaya**
Psychology, University of York
- **Ela Daban**
Business Management, University of Brighton Business School
- **Eradzh Inamov**
Business Administration, Royal Holloway University of London
- **Eun Min Lee**
Business Management, London Metropolitan University
- **Liliana Bujak**
MA in Human Resources, Birkbeck College
- **Muriel Bouquillion**
Translation, University of Roehampton
- **Salomon Gebreyohannes**
MSc in IT, University of South Bank
- **Shima Khezri Azizi Far**
Pharmacy (MPharm), University of Brighton
- **Veronika Ovechkina**
Business Management, University of Sussex
- **Young-Ju Park**
Fashion Marketing, London College of Fashion
- **Zhiwei Li**
Business Management, University of Surrey

Entrance Requirements*

University Foundation Business Course (UFBC):

- IELTS minimum 5.0 for standard courses
- IELTS minimum 5.5 for fast-track courses
- Secondary or high school leaving certificate
- Letter of recommendation from your school

Students who have an intermediate level of English but who have not taken an IELTS examination may take the St Giles International Foundation Entrance Test.

Students below the required entrance level may be offered an International Semester Course or General English course prior to joining the Foundation Course.

ISC Pathway Programme:

ISC students that are planning on going to college after their course should submit the following documents with their English course application:

- Copy of High School, College and/or University transcripts
- Graduation Certificate from your most recent school
- Current bank statements (less than 3 months old) showing evidence of funds to pay for your study
- Personal statement explaining your reasons for wanting to study in the USA
- Copy of your passport

Transfer or Graduate Students will need to submit:

- Letters of Recommendation from at least two of your former college or university instructors

Minimum Ages

- University Foundation Business Courses: 18 years
- ISC Pathway Programme: 18 years

Maximum Class Size

- University Foundation Business Courses: 12 (average 8-10)
- ISC Pathway Programme: 14 (average 8-10)

St Giles Certificates

At the end of your course you will receive an official St Giles Certificate, providing you with a record of your achievement at St Giles.



Garden at London Highgate

* All submitted documents must be translated into English

"I have done a foundation course in St Giles College and I can say that it was the best time ever. This course gave me enough knowledge and practice of the English language to get into one of the greatest universities in Britain and made me confident in speaking English. I am truly grateful for everything the college has done for me. St Giles is great place to study where qualified teachers and staff are eager to help you in any way and to meet your special requirements. This college is a wonderful place where you can meet lots of friends, improve your English and ask for support and counselling about entering the universities you wish to apply for. St Giles is a college you will never forget."

Ekaterina Izhakovskaya, University of York





University Foundation Business Course (UFBC)

Our University Foundation Business Course is designed for students who want to prepare for a university first degree course in the UK.

The standard course lasts for 36 weeks, but there is also a fast-track course of 24 weeks for students who have already achieved a good score in IELTS. The programme is intensive and includes 30 lessons per week in classes of a maximum of 12 students. Our University Foundation Business Course is approved by the University of Brighton Business School and Oxford Brookes University. This means that you will have a 100% guaranteed place at a UK university if you pass the St Giles UFBC with a suitable grade and achieve the necessary IELTS score.

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Describe and explain the fundamental concepts in the many business subjects studied
- Discuss some of the key factors in the business environment and their influence on business
- Demonstrate critical thinking about business concepts, theories, models and issues
- Work independently to produce authentic individually written reports on business topics or issues
- Work effectively as a team member to deliver group presentations and projects
- Analyse case studies and information from a variety of sources and apply your learning from the course
- Conduct research effectively using appropriate resources
- Present logically consistent and appropriately supported written work
- Correctly annotate and cite published work from a variety of sources

Key Features

An affordable University Foundation Business Course at a leading language school; recognised by two highly respected British universities.

The UFBC has a record of good results, with successful placements in a selection of some of the UK's leading universities.

The main features of the course are:

- Pathway to a wide range of university degree courses
- A record of good results, with successful placements in a selection of some of the UK's leading universities
- Morning classes of intensive English practice with IELTS Preparation (15 lessons per week), which you will need to enter university in the UK
- Afternoon programme of Business Studies lectures (10 lessons per week), delivered by experienced tutors, to give you real experience of what studying Business at a UK university involves
- English for Academic Purposes and lecture preparation for university studies (5 lessons per week)
- Study skills including essay writing, independent research, critical analysis and thinking skills, advanced reading and presentation skills
- An introduction to British academic methods and learning culture
- Expert academic counselling throughout the programme, and assistance with university applications
- Field visits, presentations by outside speakers, and lectures by experienced university tutors



Oxford Brookes University



Oxford



Brighton University

About the course...

University Placement

Professional academic counselling by independent specialists with a wide knowledge of UK and North American education is included in the course. This allows you to consider the full range of opportunities; you are not limited to a particular university. Academic Counsellors will guide you through every stage of the application process and help you maximise your opportunities.

100% of our UFBC graduates have gained a place at a UK university.

Recognition from the University of Brighton and Oxford Brookes University means that any student gaining the required grade (usually 55% or 60%), and an IELTS score of at least 6.5, would be guaranteed a place at either of these universities



Garden class at London Highgate

Course Structure

The standard course is divided into eight modules to be studied over the three terms of the course. Each term lasts for 12 weeks, which allows for 3 or 4 weeks focusing on each module, with a further 2 weeks for remedial work and revision.

In practice, students are likely to find their academic subject studies more demanding at the beginning of the course when their English language skills are less developed, so two modules are taught in Term 1 and three modules in Terms 2 and 3.

Most students will complete three terms of studies (36 weeks). Students admitted with an IELTS score of 5.5 or higher may complete the course in two terms (24 weeks).

There are eight modules plus one optional module on the course:

Module 1: Business Basics

Module 2: Classification of Business Organisation

Module 3: Business Economics

Module 4: Marketing

Module 5: Business Management

Module 6: Introduction to Accounting and Finance

Module 7: People in the Workplace

Module 8: International Business

Module 9: Business Law (optional module)

Assessment

The UFBC university-style examinations include individual and group presentations, closed book written examinations, and individual and group assignments. Assessment is of the same standard and has the same criteria as that of UK universities.

By the end of the course you will be expected to reach IELTS 6.5 and to achieve a minimum "Pass" grade in the UFBC Business Studies examinations.

There are four pass grades on the UFBC, which reflect the grading system in place in UK universities:

40% - 49% Bare Pass

50% - 59% Pass

60% - 69% Merit

70% + Distinction

The course is intensive and will require serious commitment from you.



Brighton

St Giles students have already been awarded places at:

- Birkbeck College
- Birmingham University
- Brighton University
- Bristol University
- City University London
- Coventry University
- Essex University
- Greenwich University
- Herriot Watt University
- Kent University
- Kingston University
- Leeds University
- London College of Fashion
- London Guildhall University
- London Institute
- London Metropolitan University
- Middlesex University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Reading University
- Roehampton University
- Royal Holloway University of London
- South Bank University
- Surrey University
- Sussex University
- University College London
- University of the Arts
- University of London (Queen Mary College)
- York University



St Giles Brighton



St Giles London Highgate



ISC Pathway Programme

San Francisco International Semester Course: A Pathway to University in the USA.

St Giles San Francisco offers you the chance to enter a US college upon completion of your studies. The ISC Pathway Programme is open to all students who have completed high school education and there is no minimum level of English required to enter onto the course.

Once you have reached Advanced level in English you are eligible to transfer to an American college and study for a two-year Associates Degree in any Major offered by your chosen college.

An Associates Degree can be used as a stand alone qualification to help further your career opportunities. Associates Degrees also offer a pathway to the third year of a US degree programme, allowing you to use the credits you have earned at college and graduate with a four-year Bachelors Degree from a choice of American universities.

Within two weeks of arrival at St Giles San Francisco, a trained counsellor will meet with you to support your college application process.

Regular counselling sessions with your tutor will enable you to monitor your progress towards St Giles level 6 (Advanced level) and discuss your learning objectives for the course ahead.

Once you reach St Giles level 5 you will meet with the counsellor again to make plans to finish level 6 and finalise your transfer from St Giles San Francisco to your chosen College.

Partner Colleges

The ISC Pathway Programme at St Giles San Francisco is recognised by the following US colleges:

De Anza College Cupertino	California
El Camino College Torrance	California
Foothill College Los Altos Hills	California
Green River Community College Auburn	Washington
Menlo College Atherton	California
MiraCosta College Oceanside	California
Ohlone College Fremont	California
Santa Barbara City College Santa Barbara	California
Seattle Central Community College Seattle	Washington
Whatcom Community College Bellingham	Washington
Clark College Vancouver	Washington

Course Content

Our long-stay International Semester Course (ISC) is flexible and tailored to your individual learning needs. You will study General English and can choose to combine this with English for Business, Tourism or Art and Design.

Although not necessary for entry into our partner colleges, you can also take a public examination such as Cambridge FCE, CAE or CPE, IELTS or TOEFL as part of your International Semester Course. Please see our Course Dates and Fees brochure for details of which examinations will be available during your studies.

Shorter periods of language training combined with college placement may also be available to students who already have Advanced level in English.



San Francisco



St Giles San Francisco

All you need to know...

Accommodation

Our Accommodation Officers will be pleased to arrange accommodation for you during your course. We offer three main types of accommodation:

Homestay

Where you live with an English-speaking host. Students staying for 24 weeks or more can take advantage of specially discounted rates on homestay accommodation; the best option for English practice.

We recommend homestay if:

- You want to practise your English and learn about the British or American way of life
- You want to be in a homely environment
- You are looking for an economical accommodation option

All our homestays are carefully selected and monitored, to ensure you will be comfortable and happy. We do not place students with the same mother tongue in the same homestay.

Student Residences

We offer a variety of long-stay residence accommodation at **St Giles** London Highgate and San Francisco.

Guest Houses and Hotels

We have negotiated special rates for our students at a wide range of hotels, ranging from 3 and 4 star executive options to economical Guest Houses (which are small, often family-run hotels and offer good low-cost accommodation). Please visit our website for full details of all accommodation.

Social Programmes

We offer a varied and exciting social programme for everyone – from sport and music to shopping and cultural excursions – and ensure that all our students make the most of their time with St Giles International.

Typical UK excursions include visits to London's West End, Stonehenge, Loch Ness, Leeds Castle, and weekend excursions to Brussels, Dublin or Amsterdam, among many more.

St Giles San Francisco offers scenic cruises of the Bay Area, visits to Alcatraz and trips to the world famous Napa Valley as well as weekend excursions to Los Angeles, Yosemite, Lake Tahoe and even Hawaii.

All our schools also offer a busy weekday programme of activities including film evenings, sports, international food nights, parties, and games evenings. This gives you the opportunity to make friends from all over the world and practise your English.

Airport Transfers

We can arrange a private taxi transfer from the airport to your accommodation. Simply request this additional service when making your reservation.

Welfare

Our Accommodation and Welfare Officers are available to help you with any problems you may experience at St Giles. We can assist with doctors', dental or other specialist medical appointments. We also offer a 24-hour emergency telephone number, providing help and assistance outside normal college hours.

Passports and Visas

We can provide letters and certificates of acceptance to assist with visa applications where required. Our San Francisco centre is authorised under Federal law to enrol non-immigrant international students.

Personal Insurance

We strongly advise you to take out a comprehensive insurance package before you leave home. This should cover loss of and/or damage to your personal belongings, medical expenses in the event that you are ill, and tuition fees in the event of an unexpected cancellation or curtailment of your course. St Giles can offer you a very competitive insurance package, which can be booked at the same time as your course.

For more information, or to make an enrolment, please visit www.stgiles-international.com or contact your local St Giles representative.



Accommodation



Small classes

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