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Study in Riyadh. Graduate globally.

The NCUK International Foundation
Year, taught in Riyadh

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International
Foundation
Year

80+

partner
universities in the
UK and worldwide*

Sept 2027

next intake
(32-week
Foundation Year)

60%+

in Thanawiyya, all
subjects or
equivalent

IELTS 5.0

or equivalent:
Password Test,
PTE Academic 41,
GCSE English 4

Not at IELTS 5.0 yet? Start Pre-Sessional English in Riyadh from November 2026 and progress straight into the Foundation Year.



Guaranteed**
Entry



Business or
Computing



Prepare in
Riyadh



Recognised
Worldwide

Programme Fee

SAR 58,000

Full academic year, including VAT.



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fee deposit by the
1st of June 2027.



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Training Corporation (TVTC), Kingdom of
Saudi Arabia



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Full entry requirements
and fees overleaf →



*Including 22 universities ranked in the QS World University Rankings Top 200 (2027).
The International Foundation Year (IFY) is benchmarked by Ecctis as comparable to UK GCE A-levels.

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Minimum age 17. Entry requirements are subject to change. English results must be from the last 2 years.

Entry Requirements

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Academic

Qualification	Requirement
Saudi General Secondary School Certificate (Thanawiyya)	Successful completion with a grade of 60% or more in all subjects
GCSE/IGCSE/Cambridge International O Level	Pre-2017 - Successful completion of 4 modules with grades of CCCC (to normally include Maths and English)
	Post-2017 - Successful completion of 4 modules with grades of 4 or above (to normally include Maths and English)
AS Level (UK board)	Two E Grades from a UK A-Level board
A Level (UK board)	One E Grade from a UK A-Level board
International Baccalaureate	Successful completion with a minimum of 22 points
American Diploma (US High School Diploma)	Successful completion and award of the High School Graduation Diploma, with minimum final GPA of 2.0 or 70%
Other curricula	Please contact us

English Language

Proficiency tests	Minimum requirements for Foundation
IELTS	5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5
Password English Language Test	5.0 overall
GCSE/IGCSE English	4
PTE Academic	41
Other approved test	Please contact us

Results must be from the last 2 years.

Below IELTS 5.0?

Get in touch. We'll help you find the right course.





Fees & Pathways

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH:

8-WEEK BLOCKS, 20 HOURS A WEEK, IN RIYADH

Your Password Test score	5.0 or above NCUK International Foundation Year	4.5 Pre-Sessional English 100 - 8 weeks	4.0 Pre-Sessional English 200 - 16 weeks	3.5 Pre-Sessional English 300 - 24 weeks
Nov				
Dec				Block 1
Jan				
Feb			Block 2	Block 2
Mar				
Apr			Block 3	Block 3
May				
Jun				
Jul				
Aug				
Sept				
Oct	IFY			
Total fee	SAR 58,000 Foundation Year - 32 weeks	SAR 67,750 incl. English SAR 9,750	SAR 77,000 incl. English SAR 19,000	SAR 86,500 incl. English SAR 28,500

English block	Starts	Ends	Teaching	Start here if your score is
Block 1	29 Nov 2026	21 Jan 2027	8 weeks, 160 hrs	3.5
Block 2	31 Jan 2027	1 Apr 2027	8 weeks, 160 hrs	4.0 (3.5 continues)
Block 3	11 Apr 2027	10 Jun 2027	8 weeks, 160 hrs	4.5 (4.0, 3.5 continue)

Every English route ends with Block 3 and feeds into the Foundation Year starting 19 September 2027. Below 3.5: English cost quoted after your test. Password Test fee: SAR 150, credited in full against your tuition when you enrol. All fees include VAT and tuition only.

Ways to save Foundation Year fee

EARLY BIRD

5% off (SAR 2,900)

Pay your SAR 3,000 deposit by 1 June 2027

PAY IN FULL

2% off (SAR 1,160)

Pay the full fee up front. Self-funded students.

Choose Your Stream

YOUR STREAM SHAPES THE BACHELOR'S
DEGREES YOU CAN APPLY TO

Business Stream

English for Academic Purposes,
Business Studies, Economics,
Global Studies

For business, economics and social
science degrees.

Computing Stream

English for Academic Purposes,
Computer Science, Technical
Maths, Business Studies

For computer science and
technology degrees.

University Partners

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