

Foundation pathways at ARU

ARU College (formerly known as Cambridge Ruskin International College or CRIC) offers Foundation pathways for students whose grades are below ARU's entry requirements, or for art/design or architecture students who need to build a portfolio.

An ARU College undergraduate pathway provides you with the building blocks that you need in order to be successful at undergraduate studies in the UK.

During the Foundation pathway, you will complete a range of modules relevant to your chosen degree, as well as modules concentrating on the skills that are vital for university level education such as Critical Thinking.

A Foundation is usually a two trimester course. This means that your degree will take four years to complete. On successful completion of a Foundation pathway you will seamlessly progress to the first year of a bachelor's degree.

There is no need to reapply, you will simply progress between each stage until you reach the final stage and graduate with a degree from ARU.

Location

ARU College is located on both of the main campuses in Cambridge and Chelmsford. The majority of Foundation courses are taught on the Cambridge campus, with some exceptions of the foundation courses are taught in Chelmsford.

Student services

The transition from high school to university is a big step, perhaps the most important in your life. Staff at ARU College understand this, and will provide you with ongoing guidance, support, and the knowledge and skills you need. It is this partnership between you and the staff that will make this transition a smooth one.

The friendly Student Services team at ARU College are dedicated to ensuring our students have the best possible experience. We offer academic guidance, personal support services and wellbeing advice. We also encourage our students to get involved in activities, such as sports clubs and societies, alongside their studies which can open up many social and career opportunities.

Student finance funding

Students can apply for funding through Student Finance England for their full programme of study, including the ARU College Foundation year.

Entry requirements

Entry to foundation studies, for UK students, you are required to provide either of below,

- 5 GCSE passes at grade 3 or above (for GCSE's taken prior to 2017 a grade E will be accepted) plus evidence of having attempted two years of post GCSE study.
- 20-24 UCAS tariff points at a minimum of GCE A/AS-level or equivalent in at least two subjects.
- 19 points for International Baccalaureate.

Your pathway

High School

University Foundation Year
at ARU College

First Year degree
at ARU*

Second Year degree
at ARU*

Final Year degree
at ARU*

* For UK students, first year degree is taught by ARU. For EU/International students, first year degree is taught by both ARU College and ARU with the exception of business pathway.

Why choose ARU College

Small class sizes

meaning more individual support from tutors

Streamlined pathway through the different stages of study



Flexible entry requirements

94%

progression

from ARU College pathway to ARU

ARU student ID card allowing access to all ARU facilities



Subject areas

- Animal Sciences
- Architecture, Building and Construction
- Art and Design
- Business
- Computing and Digital Technology
- Education
- Engineering
- Language, Literature and Media
- Law, Crime and Investigation
- Music and Performing Arts
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Sciences and Pharmaceutical
- Social Care
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Sport
- Vision Sciences



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September and January*



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