Our Foundation Studies programme enables entry into a wide variety of degree courses for students that have not studied the correct subjects, or not quite achieved the qualifications required, perhaps due to illness, family issues or other commitments.

Offers will not normally be made to those who apply simply because their A level grades/predictions are below the requirements for direct entry to the degree programme.

Foundation studies is a one year programme that gives you the opportunity to progress on to the first year of your chosen degree course, provided the relevant progression criteria are met.

As a foundation student, you will enjoy wide-ranging high quality facilities and resources on campus, including round-the-clock access to computer labs, extensive library resources, clubs and societies, student support services and our peer mentoring scheme.

If you are studying engineering, chemistry or physics, your learning experience will be further enhanced by STEMLab – an exciting £17 million investment in new state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities.

For more information, visit: www.lboro.ac.uk/stemlab

The value of Foundation Studies
If you missed out on obtaining the necessary qualifications for your chosen area of study, for whatever reason, our Foundation Studies programme is a great way to get your study and career aspirations back on track.

Our students frequently tell us that the extra year gives them greater confidence and prepares them for university life and the different style of learning, before starting their degree course. They also often tell us that they feel their foundation year ultimately led to a higher level of achievement in their finals.

The major advantage, of course, is that you are able to start enjoying the Loughborough University experience without taking additional A levels or resitting exams.

And once you complete your foundation course, provided you have met the progression criteria, you’ll be guaranteed entry into the first year of your chosen undergraduate degree.
There are many reasons why people may not have the appropriate qualifications for direct entry to a degree at Loughborough University. If you are in this situation, Foundation Studies may be your gateway to success.

You can apply to undertake any of the following courses with a foundation year:

- Aeronautical Engineering
- Automotive Engineering
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electronic, Electrical and Systems Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Geography
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Natural Science
- Physics
- Product Design Engineering
- Social Sciences

For more information visit [www.lboro.ac.uk/ug/foundation](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/ug/foundation)

**Entry requirements**

The entrance requirements are specific to each department. Candidates with alternative qualifications, including mature students with professional qualifications, are actively encouraged and considered on an individual basis.

For details of entry requirements, visit [www.lboro.ac.uk/foundation](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/foundation)

**How foundation studies is taught**

Our foundation courses are taught in-house by University staff. Although this will depend upon your final module choices, you will typically have about 18 hours a week of contact time with our highly experienced staff. This contact time may include a variety of tutorials (smaller classes), lectures (larger classes), workshops and laboratory classes. Foundation students will receive additional support from experienced students through our mentoring scheme.

From day one students become members of the University, giving them full access to all the University facilities, support services, clubs and societies that Loughborough has to offer.

**Diversity and inclusivity**

The University is committed to championing diversity and supporting students from all backgrounds. We encourage applications from students with a wide range of learning experiences, including those returning to education or leaving care. Our aim is to raise aspirations and maximise opportunity for all.

As a Loughborough University foundation student, you will have access to our peer mentoring scheme. There to provide encouragement, advice and signpost you to relevant staff and services, your peer mentor will support your transition into university life. All students have the opportunity to take part in outreach activities and to work as an ambassador at open days to encourage and inspire future students just like you.

Recognising the University’s commitment to improving representation of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) subjects, Loughborough holds the Athena SWAN Bronze award. In addition, all students will be invited to attend events such as the Claudia Parsons memorial lecture. Claudia Parsons was a pioneering engineer, the first woman to circumnavigate the world by car and a Loughborough graduate (1919-1922). The annual memorial lecture series invites inspirational female role-models to enthuse audiences and highlight the role women play in STEM.

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“The extra year prepared me mentally for the University lifestyle. As a result I found transition onto my chosen degree less stressful and ultimately more satisfying.”

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James
Product Design Engineering MEng
Elite athletes
At Loughborough, we recognise that elite athletes can find their demanding training and competition schedules challenging to manage alongside their academic studies without the underpinning support to be able to achieve in both areas. Our foundation programme now also offers the opportunity for students performing at a very high standard in a chosen sport, who wish to study at Loughborough, but do not have the required qualifications due to sporting commitments.

Designed for students performing at a very high standard in a chosen sport, our Elite Athlete Foundation Programme is ideal for students who wish to combine their sports training with academic study.

As an elite athlete or elite level coach studying at the UK’s top sporting university, you will benefit from:
- excellent coaching;
- expert strength and conditioning;
- sport medicine support;
- discounted gym membership;
- access to our world-class, unrivalled sports and training facilities.

Tailored individual support and further development opportunities are available through our performance sport programme.

In addition to the courses listed on page 4, elite athletes can also progress on to a range of degree courses we offer in the following subject areas:
- Business (including accounting, finance and management)
- Economics
- Human Biology
- Psychology
- Sport

We generally define “elite athlete level” as competing at junior international level or higher, or expecting to do so within the next 12 months. If you think your sport profile qualifies you to be considered for the elite athletes programme, please contact performancesport@lboro.ac.uk before applying.

Placements and careers
Loughborough University is ranked among the best universities for graduate employment and, having strong collaborative relationships with leading companies, our graduates are consistently targeted by the UK’s top recruiters.

Outstanding placement opportunities
Foundation year students who progress on to a degree course have the option of taking an additional year spent on placement, taking on a real role with real responsibilities and gaining invaluable work experience.

Examples of recent placement destinations include:
- Apple
- AstraZeneca
- Barclays Capital
- CERN
- Fujitsu
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Lockheed Martin
- Microsoft
- Red Bull
- Renault F1
- Unilever
- Walt Disney

Graduate destinations
Graduates across our courses go on to pursue a diverse array of exciting and rewarding careers.

Recent destinations have included:
- Academy Analyst (Chelsea Football Club)
- Business Analyst (Deloitte)
- Buyer (Sainsbury’s)
- Engineer (Aston Martin)
- Marketing Executive (American Express)
- Project Manager (Rolls-Royce)
- Retail Promotions Executive (Warner Bros. Home Entertainment Group)
- Software Engineer (Accenture)
- Technical Consultant (Hewlett Packard)