

Undergraduate and PGDE Admissions Student Recruitment & Admissions Service Directorate of Student Life, University Office, King's College, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX

STANDARD TERMS GOVERNING OFFERS OF ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Acceptance of an offer of admission is subject to the following terms and conditions You must read these before you accept

- Any offer of admission to the University is made on the understanding that in accepting it you will
 undertake to observe the Ordinances and Resolutions of the University Court and to abide by the rules
 and regulations which the University makes for its students from time to time, and also to observe the
 terms and conditions contained in the latest edition of the relevant University Prospectus. Any offer is
 contingent upon the acceptance of these terms and conditions by you and therefore you must read them
 before you accept it.
- 2. Any offer of admission is made without prejudice to the right of the University to vary or withdraw it if information of a serious nature comes to the notice of the university (whether relating to events occurring before or after the date of the offer) which could reasonably have influenced the University's decision if known at the time the offer was made.
- 3. The University of Aberdeen reserves the right to vary or amend any aspect of an offer of admission, including fee status assessment. Where a re-evaluation of an applicant's fee status, as at the relevant date, results in a student being liable for fees at a different rate, the student, or their sponsor, shall accept responsibility for payment of the revised fee rate. In such cases the University's offer may be withdrawn. If the offer remains, a revised offer of admission would be issued and where a student had already commenced studies, revised paperwork relating to fees due would be issued.
- 4. Any offer of admission does not imply that any financial assistance will be available from the University.
- 5. Admission to individual courses within any degree, diploma or certificate programme is subject to the satisfaction of academic prerequisites and, where course numbers are restricted, to the availability of places. ERASMUS and other full-time non-graduating students whose native language is not English wishing to register for courses at Level 3 in English may be required to sit a diagnostic test before being permitted to register for such courses.
- 6. With the exception of ERASMUS and other students admitted under reciprocal exchange agreements, all students are required to pay tuition fees annually. Details of these fees can be found at www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/tuition-fees.php Estimates of the other expenses which may be incurred by students taking courses in specified subjects are contained in the University Calendar, available at www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/calendar If you receive an award from a source which carries with it payment of all or part of your tuition fees direct to the University, these fees will be claimed from the award-giving body, and you will be invoiced for any balance, once the amount of their contribution is known. Otherwise you will be responsible for ensuring that tuition fees are paid. Your acceptance of this offer of admission to the University will be taken as an acknowledgement by you that you are aware of this obligation and of the time at which it must be met, and that you accept it. When Schools issue teaching materials to students, they may make a charge for this to cover reproduction costs.
- 7. If you are an overseas student whose native language is not English or, if you are from a country not recognised by the University as English speaking, you will be required to demonstrate, by way of a valid IELTS, TOEFL or PTE Academic test result, proficiency in the comprehension and use of English language before you begin to study. If, following admission, you do not demonstrate proficiency to a satisfactory standard you may be directed to attend remedial classes in the University's Language Centre until you have reached an acceptable standard.

- 8. The University will use all reasonable endeavours to deliver programmes and courses in accordance with the descriptions set out in the editions of its Undergraduate and Postgraduate Prospectuses current at the time an offer is made. However, it reserves the right to make variations to the contents or methods of delivery of programmes and/or courses, to discontinue programmes and/or courses and to merge or combine programmes or courses, if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary. If the University discontinues any programme or course, it will use its reasonable endeavours to provide a suitable alternative.
- 9. The University's Academic Quality Handbook contains the University's policies, procedures and regulations relating to all aspects of teaching and learning, including research degrees at the University of Aberdeen. A copy of the current Handbook is available on the University's website at: www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/teaching/academic-quality-handbook-838.php
- 10. The University cannot accept responsibility, and expressly excludes liability, for loss or damage to students' property, and transfer of computer viruses to students' equipment.
- 11. <u>Readmissions to study for students who will need a tier 4 visa.</u> Any offer of <u>readmission</u> made to a student will be based on academic reasons. The offer of readmission does not therefore mean that the University will be able to issue a Certificate of Acceptance for Studies number (CAS) which a student would need to obtain in order to apply for a Tier 4 visa.
 - The decision on whether to issue a CAS can only be made when the University has gone through a screening process of a student's immigration history, and other criteria required by the UK immigration authorities (UKBA). The UKBA's rules change frequently and the onus is on you to apply for the correct visa www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/
- 12. Students who are granted permission to defer their offer of admission, will be charged tuition fees applicable at the new year of entry.

INFORMATION ON THE COSTS OF STUDY

- a) Students commencing studies at the beginning of a new academic year are charged tuition fees for the academic year (1 October to 30 September). Students who commence after the start of a new academic year will be charged tuition fees in proportion to the remainder of that academic year. For example, if a student commenced study on 1 January, fees would be charged initially for the period January to September. Thereafter, the student would re-register in September for the next academic year (or part thereof) and fees would be charged accordingly. In line with other universities, tuition fees are subject to annual review and the University of Aberdeen reserves the right to routinely increase these from year to year. You should budget for an increase of between 5% 9% per annum. You can access tuition fees details www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/tuition-fees.php
- b) Students who owe money to the University from a previous academic year(s), may not be permitted to re-register in the new academic year. If permitted to re-register you will have the status of matriculated student withheld and be given Temporary Registration only. This will be for 3 weeks only to allow you to settle your debt. Lapsing of Temporary Registration means that you will no longer be a student of the University, you should no longer attend classes and you will be ineligible to appear for assessment in, or to obtain credit for, any courses which you may have registered for in the previous session. Additionally, for full-time students, it terminates your right to occupy University Accommodation, to exemption from Council Tax and to eligibility for student grants and loans.

<u>Please keep these notes carefully for future reference</u> Correct as at October 2013 and will be subject to amendment at any time