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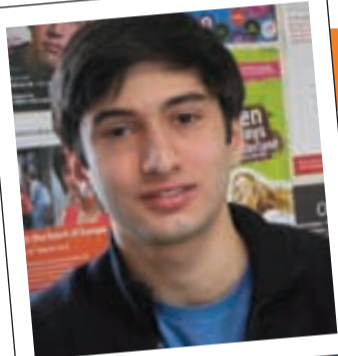
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Meet three of our students who talk about their University Foundation Programme experience



Shahin
from Azerbaijan

What are your future plans?

I'd like to study law at university and become a lawyer, therefore the subject modules I've chosen to study are Law, Economics and Politics.

What have you found most challenging?
It is a demanding programme with lots of research. In addition to the subject modules, I've also found the Academic Skills helpful. I've learned how to write and structure academic essays, how to take notes and learned new academic words in English.

Which universities have you applied to?
I've applied to five universities: Queen Mary, LSE, Southampton, Leicester and SOAS. Staff at Bell have advised me on which universities would best suit me. I wanted to know what the entry requirements were, which offer the best quality of teaching for my subject, I also wanted to study in or close to London. I've just heard that I've been offered a place at Southampton, subject to achieving 75% in my foundation programme, and I've also been offered a place at Leicester. I've got an entrance exam for LSE too. It's my dream to study at this university, but I know it's very difficult to get a place.



Carolina
from Venezuela

Why did you choose a university foundation programme?

I could have applied straight to university

from home, however I needed to improve my English and also I didn't know what universities were like in Britain, so I decided on a foundation programme to prepare me for university life.

I've always wanted to study in the UK and friends had told me how Bell had prepared them for university. Before the University Foundation Programme I developed my English on Bell's intensive English course. I started at lower intermediate and my teachers tell me I'm now advanced!

Which universities have you applied to?

I've applied to Sussex, Kent, Essex, London Met and Queen Mary to study international relations. I've been offered a place at Essex and Kent. My first choice is the University of Kent because it offers a four year programme, where I can study for one year in a different country such as France.

What's been the best thing about your experience?

For me, one of the best things about studying at Bell is meeting people from all around the world. I've learned about new cultures and countries which is particularly interesting for me as I want to study international relations.



Jack
from Belgium

Which universities have you applied to?

At the beginning of the programme Bell staff explained how to apply to a university and told us about UCAS, the organisation responsible for managing applications to higher education courses in the UK. They also explained what elements we have to consider when making an application and also how to write a personal statement.

I've applied to UCL, Newcastle, Queen Mary, Essex and Warwick to study law. So far I have received two offers - one from Newcastle and the other from Essex. My preferred university is UCL, but I know the competition is good. The UK is the right destination for me as I'm particularly interested in international law which is based on the English legal system.

What have you found most challenging?

Studying in English has been challenging. It's completely different to study a subject like law in depth in a foreign language. However, the staff at Bell are very helpful and they are always available. In addition to developing my knowledge in subject areas, my written Academic English has really improved. You have to write a lot of essays, which is good preparation for university.