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# Digital learning with Kaplan Pathways

Digital learning is a convenient and cost-effective option for international higher education. It can offer you life-changing opportunities to study and develop new skills. It's also a great way to start your international study experience if you can't travel right away.

With Kaplan's digital degree preparation, you have the option to study your pathway course entirely online, then transfer to the UK for your university degree on campus. Our extensive experience in online education means we're able to offer high-quality online pathway courses, which are fully recognised for progression by many of our partner universities.

We appreciate that every student is unique, and every student has different needs. Digital degree preparation ensures that you have even more choice for your international education, and can go on to shape your future with a UK degree.

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*"Your education is the key to shaping your future to be what you want it to be.*

*Our digital learning solutions give you that opportunity: you can study your pathway course online without waiting, and progress to a degree like any on-campus pathway student. The high quality of our online programmes, expertise of our teachers and care of our support staff mean that your education will be in safe hands."*

**Linda Cowan, Managing Director, Kaplan International Pathways**

# 6 reasons to choose digital learning with Kaplan

Our digital learning solutions allow you to gain a fantastic education, from wherever you are in the world.



## Digital learning experts

We have 15+ years of experience with online higher education programmes and digital delivery, using innovative, effective and engaging online technology.



## Flexible admissions policies that fit around you

You don't need a visa to study your course online, and we can accept a wide range of academic and English language qualifications.



## Online pathway courses that are fully recognised and accepted by many of our university partners

When you study online, you're still guaranteed progression to your degree when you pass your pathway course at the required level, with good attendance.



## Dedicated academic and wellbeing staff

You'll have the same experienced and caring people supporting you from afar, and they will help you achieve your best during your digital learning experience.



## Start a world-class study programme online soon

You don't have to put your dreams on hold! You can start your path to university without delay.



## Be part of a global community of digital learning students

Thousands of students around the world have already studied online with us, and you can follow in their footsteps!



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digital pathway courses



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degree subject areas available



"Digital learning is a great option if you want to start your studies online and progress to a UK university. You'll have the same teaching expertise, high-quality learning materials, and exceptional level of support as you would in person. Online social activities and clubs will help you bond with your classmates and make friends. In sum, digital learning can open up a world of opportunities to you!"

**Adam Stewart**  
Digital Pathways Course Director, Kaplan International Pathways

# How digital learning works

When you study online with us, you'll have the same teachers, quality of learning materials, and level of support that you'd have if you were studying in person at one of our UK colleges.

During your digital learning experience, you'll become familiar with many online video collaboration tools, including Zoom and Microsoft Teams, and you'll have a dedicated Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), where you can easily access all your learning materials.

You'll be able to work closely with classmates and communicate with your teachers via online video calls and other platforms. We'll help you get set up so that you're ready to start your online studies right away.

## Available courses

- Foundation Certificate for Business, Law and Social Sciences
- Foundation Certificate for Science and Engineering
- International Year One in Business
- Pre-Master's for Business, Economics and Finance
- Pre-Master's for Law and Social Sciences
- Pre-Master's for Science and Engineering

## What equipment do I need?

It's easy to engage with your course online.

### You just need:

- a computer with camera and microphone
- reliable internet access
- a headset
- an environment suitable for effective study

## 2 main types of classes



### Synchronous sessions

A synchronous session is when you, your teacher and usually also your classmates, are present at the same time. These sessions take place at some point during UK teaching hours (9:00–18:00 UK time).

#### For example:

- Live video lectures and seminars
- Real-time interactive discussions with your tutor and other students
- Individual live tutorials
- One-to-one calls with your Learning Adviser



### Asynchronous sessions

An asynchronous session is when you study in your own time. During an asynchronous session, you can participate at a different time from others, and have some flexibility in when you study online.

#### For example:

- Recorded lectures, from which you then answer questions
- Completing tasks / assignments online
- Your own research and background reading
- Email / instant messaging conversations and collaboration

*"Digital learning has no geographical restrictions. You can do it at any time and at any place, which is a significant advantage for international students who are not able to come to the UK."*

**Caroline from China,**  
progressed from a digital pathway course to a postgraduate degree



### Learn more about available courses

Download the digital pathway courses booklet for full information.

> [kaplanpathways.com/digital-courses-booklet/](https://kaplanpathways.com/digital-courses-booklet/)

# Staying on track

Our digital teaching methods allow you to engage with your classmates and teachers, just as you would during face-to-face lessons, so that you can stay on your path to university.

## Expert teaching

You'll enjoy interactive classes with plenty of discussion and opportunities to improve your English — you'll even be able to 'raise your hand' to ask questions, and learn from classmates who will be studying with you from all around the world.

Your teachers will be there to guide you, and you'll be assigned a Learning Adviser who will assist you with any challenges you face. Through self-study, you'll become an independent learner, an important skill that will prepare you for your university studies.

### Example timetable (based on Foundation Certificate for Business, Law and Social Sciences)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
<b>08:00–10:00:</b> Economics (live session)	<b>08:00–10:00</b> Mathematics (live session)	<b>08:00–10:00</b> Extended Project (live session)	<b>08:00–10:00</b> English for Academic Purposes (live session)	<b>08:00–10:00</b> Extended Project (live session)	
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<b>12:00–14:00</b> English for Academic Purposes (live session)	<b>12:00–14:00</b> Business Organisations and Management (live session)	<b>12:00–14:00</b> Economics (live session)	<b>12:00–14:00</b> Business Organisations and Management (live session)	<b>12:00–14:00</b> Mathematics (live session)	2 hours of self-study + asynchronous learning in your own time each day
<b>Rest of the day</b> 2 hours of self-study + asynchronous learning in your own time	<b>Rest of the day</b> 2 hours of self-study + asynchronous learning in your own time	<b>Rest of the day</b> 2 hours of self-study + asynchronous learning in your own time	<b>Rest of the day</b> 2 hours of self-study + asynchronous learning in your own time	<b>Rest of the day</b> 2 hours of self-study + asynchronous learning in your own time	



## Don't just take our word for it

See some of the results from our student satisfaction survey in 2024:



of students surveyed would recommend their digital college as a good place to study.



of students surveyed felt their digital pathway course helped them feel prepared for their university studies.



### Let's help you picture a typical week

You'll have live sessions from Monday to Friday during UK teaching hours. Don't worry, there are no synchronous classes on Saturdays and Sundays! The timetable above shows example modules to give you an idea of what to expect — exactly what you study depends on your pathway course and university degree.

# Support and student life

You'll have a lot of support during your digital learning experience, and you'll also have the opportunity to become part of a welcoming online community.

## Supporting you, wherever you are

Your College Services team will be there for you (virtually!) while you study online. They're available to assist you with any questions you have, and help you to make the most out of your digital learning experience. Remember, you'll also be able to speak to your Learning Adviser, who will support you with your academic development during your course, and help you along the way.

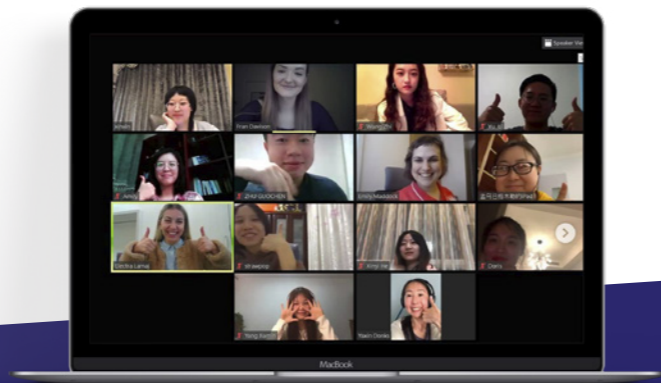
## Help getting started

Once you are registered to start digital learning, we will set up a video call with you to go through all the information you'll need before your pathway course begins. This includes:

- Taking you through the set-up process for the online learning platforms you'll be using
- Important dates and other information you'll need, so you can start planning your study time
- Welcome Week activities, which may include a virtual parents' evening, and an online welcome party with other students

## Have fun while you study online

Your College Services team will also organise lots of great online activities and events, including language clubs, quizzes and games, so you can meet other students who are studying online, and have fun outside class!



*"By having the flexibility to study online, the digital pathways course has enabled me to study wherever I want. This course has made the study and life balance possible and studying in new places keeps my study motivation high and also makes me feel inspired throughout the course."*

**Claudia from Indonesia, studied Pre-Master's for Business, Law and Social Sciences online.**

*"What surprised me about digital learning was just how similar it is to an actual classroom. There are still features such as raising your hand, spaces for group work, you can talk to classmates privately or message the whole class, and there's even a collaborative whiteboard!"*

**Beau from Australia**

*"I didn't think I would be in my room in Mauritius learning 9,000 kilometres away from the UK, but the College staff have done an amazing job. They've made it possible for us to learn and understand what they're teaching us from afar. They're heroes to me!"*

**Anuj from Mauritius**



# Progressing to university

When you study your pathway course online, you'll finish ready to travel to the UK to start your university degree in person. We're here to help you succeed, so that you can achieve your academic ambitions and look forward to an exciting future.

## How will I be assessed?

Your tutors will set you a range of tasks and assessments and continually provide feedback on your work. This will help you stay motivated and make progress during your pathway course.

### Your assessments will be a mix of:

- audio and video submissions
- essays
- exams
- live question and answer sessions
- presentations
- projects and coursework

Your college will send you the schedule for these assessments, along with clear instructions for how to upload these to meet important deadlines, and there will even be virtual supervisors available during your exams.

All the assessment methods we have put in place maintain high academic quality, and have been approved by our partner universities.

Our assessment methods are designed to ensure you're staying on your path to your degree — **we want to see you succeed.**



## Student success

We're proud of our students' track record of success on digital pathway courses, and this success continued in 2024.

**91%**

of students passed their digital pathway course.

**99%**

of passing students were accepted unconditionally by their chosen university.

# Helping you apply

We're committed to helping students around the world continue to gain access to the fantastic education the UK has to offer. That's why we have flexible policies in place to help you plan your future, and apply with all the support you need.

## Flexible applications and admissions

### A range of English language tests accepted

We are accepting alternative English language test results to UKVI IELTS as part of applications for digital learning — see below for more details.

### Online only course — no visa required

By accepting your offer, fulfilling offer conditions (if any), and paying your deposit, you'll secure a place on your chosen pathway course. This will enable you to progress to your degree at the earliest opportunity. You won't need a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) or visa to study your pathway course online.

### Course lengths and intakes to suit you

We offer various course lengths and start dates to fit your circumstances. You could even choose to take an integrated online internship as part of your course. See the full range in our digital pathway courses booklet.

> [kaplanpathways.com/digital-courses-booklet/](https://kaplanpathways.com/digital-courses-booklet/)

### Accepted proof of English

As well as UKVI IELTS, we can consider alternative, equivalent English language test score for digital pathways studied outside the UK. Please note, to study in the UK, a SELT would be required for your visa application.

Accepted alternative English tests for digital pathways:

- IELTS General or Academic, IELTS Indicator
- Skills for English UKVI (4 components)
- Kaplan Test of English
- TOEFL iBT, TOEFL at home
- LanguageCert
- High school English grades from selected countries
- PTE (Pearson Test of English)

For more details, please visit:

> [kaplanpathways.com/ielts](https://kaplanpathways.com/ielts)



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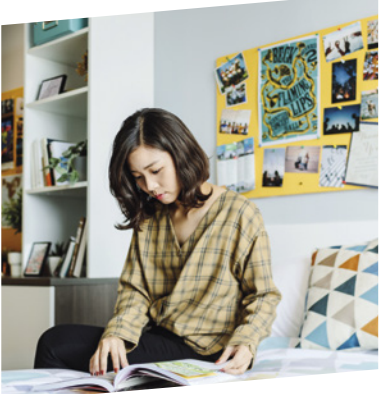
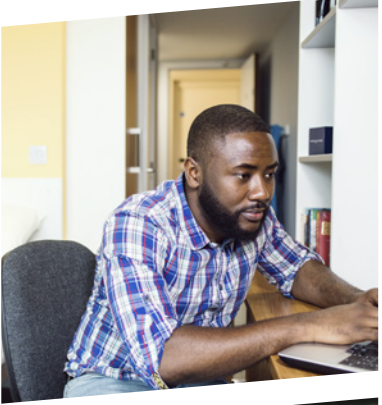
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It is therefore very important to check the website or contact us for any updates before you apply.

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