



The Language Centre General Foundation Programme

1. THE GENERAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (GFP)

The General Foundation Programme is a formal, structured, generic programme of study designed to prepare students to be successful in their higher education studies. It is a compulsory entrance qualification to undergraduate programmes offered in Oman.

The Oman's Academic Standards set the minimum requirement for the General Foundation Programme and the primary focus of the Programme is the achievement of the Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) in four areas of learning:

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Computing
- General Study Skills

The Programme is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR). This provides a common basis for the elaboration of language syllabuses, curriculum guidelines, assessments, textbooks and other teaching materials.

The General Foundation Programme prepares students to:

- Gain the necessary English language skills and equip them with critical and analytical skills required to cope with the demands of the degree programmes.
- To develop broad intellectual thinking and life skills which are vital in today's society.
- Develop and improve their Maths and IT skills required to cope with the demands of the undergraduate programmes.

2. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Programme extends over one year. Students who are not able to pass all modules during the allocated one-year period, are still able to complete the GFP over a longer period. Should students fail modules, students will be still able to re-register for the modules in the upcoming block, **provided that there are a minimum of 10 students in a class.**

The Programme is delivered in four blocks of eight weeks; two in each semester: autumn and spring.

A total of three (03) modules is offered in the General Foundation Programme: 1. English (EN), 2. Information Technology (IT) and 3. Mathematics (MA) and each module has four (04) levels:

3. MODULES AND LEVELS

English Module

- English 1 – EN1
- English 2 – EN2
- English 3 – EN3
- English 4 – EN4

Information Technology Module

- Information Technology 1 – IT1
- Information Technology 2 – IT2
- Information Technology 3 – IT3
- Information Technology 4 – IT4

Mathematics Module

- Mathematics 1 – MA1
- Mathematics 2 – MA2
- Mathematics 3 – MA3
- Mathematics 4 – MA4



4. PLACEMENT IN THE PROGRAMME

All new students take placement tests in English, Information Technology and Mathematics and are placed according to the placement test results.

▪ Test Scores and Placement in Levels

English		Information Technology		Mathematics	
0 – 20	EN1	0 – 30	IT1	0 – 20	MA1
21 – 40	EN2	31 – 40	IT2	21 – 40	MA2
41– 60	EN3	41– 50	IT3	41– 60	MA3
61– 80	EN4	51– 60	IT4	61– 80	MA4
81 and above	Specialisation	60 and above	Specialisation	81 and above	Specialisation

5. PROGRESSION OF STUDENTS

Students are required to pass each level of every module to progress to the next, higher level.

▪ Pass (60%)

- Students progress to the next level if they pass any of the three modules.

EN1, IT1, MA1 → EN2, IT2, MA2 → EN3, IT3, MA3 → EN4, IT4, MA4 → Specialisation

▪ Fail (less than 60%)

- If students fail any of the three modules, they must repeat the failed module in the next Block.

▪ Note:

- Final Exams: **All modules:** English, Information Technology and mathematics.
- **Re-sits: One re-sit** for Information Technology and mathematics **after the final exams.**
- **Fail English** → **Repeat**
- **Fail IT and Maths** → **Re-sit** → **Fail Re-sit** → **Repeat**

PROGRESSION

PASS
OR
FAIL



6. TUITION FEES - FULL-TIME MODE

An enrollment fee of RO 100 and a one-time admission fee will be charged. A fee of RO 50 will be charged for a request of Accreditation to Prior Learning (APL).

Semester	Module Code	Module Name	Weekly Contact Hours	Programme Fees	
All Semesters *	EN1	English 1	16		
	EN2	English 2	16		
	EN3	English 3	14		
	EN4	English 4	14		
	IT1	Information Technology 1	2		
	IT2	Information Technology 2	2		
	IT3	Information Technology 3	2		
	IT4	Information Technology 4	2		
	MA1	Mathematics 1	2		
	MA2	Mathematics 2	2		
	MA3	Mathematics 3	4		
	MA4	Mathematics 4	4		

7. TUITION FEES - PART-TIME MODE

Semester	Module Code	Module Name	Weekly Contact Hours	Programme Fees	
All Semesters *	EN1 – EN4	English 1 - 4	12		
	IT1 – IT4	Information Technology 1 - 4	2		
	MA1 – MA4	Mathematics 1 - 4	2		

* Classes will be delivered in all semesters, provided that there are a minimum of 10 students in a class. Students are given the option to 'Drop' a module not being offered and to 'Add' the module in the following eight week block.

8. ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR LEARNING (APL)

Applicants who meet the Programme exit requirements or have an equivalent score are requested to apply for credit transfer prior to joining the Programme.

9. GENERAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME EXIT LEVEL

The General Foundation Programme is benchmarked against the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR) and students exiting the Programme are expected to have reached a Global CEFR level of B1+ which is equivalent to an Intermediate General Language Level.

General Language Level	Global CEFR scale	
Advanced	Proficient User	C2
Upper-Intermediate		C1
Intermediate/Upper Intermediate	Independent User	B2
Pre-Intermediate/Intermediate		B1
Elementary	Basic User	A2
Beginner		A1