

Go Beyond Boundaries





**TOP 15 IN THE UK AND
2ND IN SCOTLAND**

Guardian University Guide 2025 and Times and
Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025



**2ND IN SCOTLAND, WALES
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
Student Satisfaction**

National Student Survey 2024



**TOP 100 IN THE WORLD
Sustainability**

QS World University Rankings 2025



**10TH IN UK
Social Impact**

THE Impact Ranking 2024 (Based on UN SDGs)

**At Aberdeen, we've been
going beyond boundaries,
beyond expectation and
beyond tradition since 1495.**

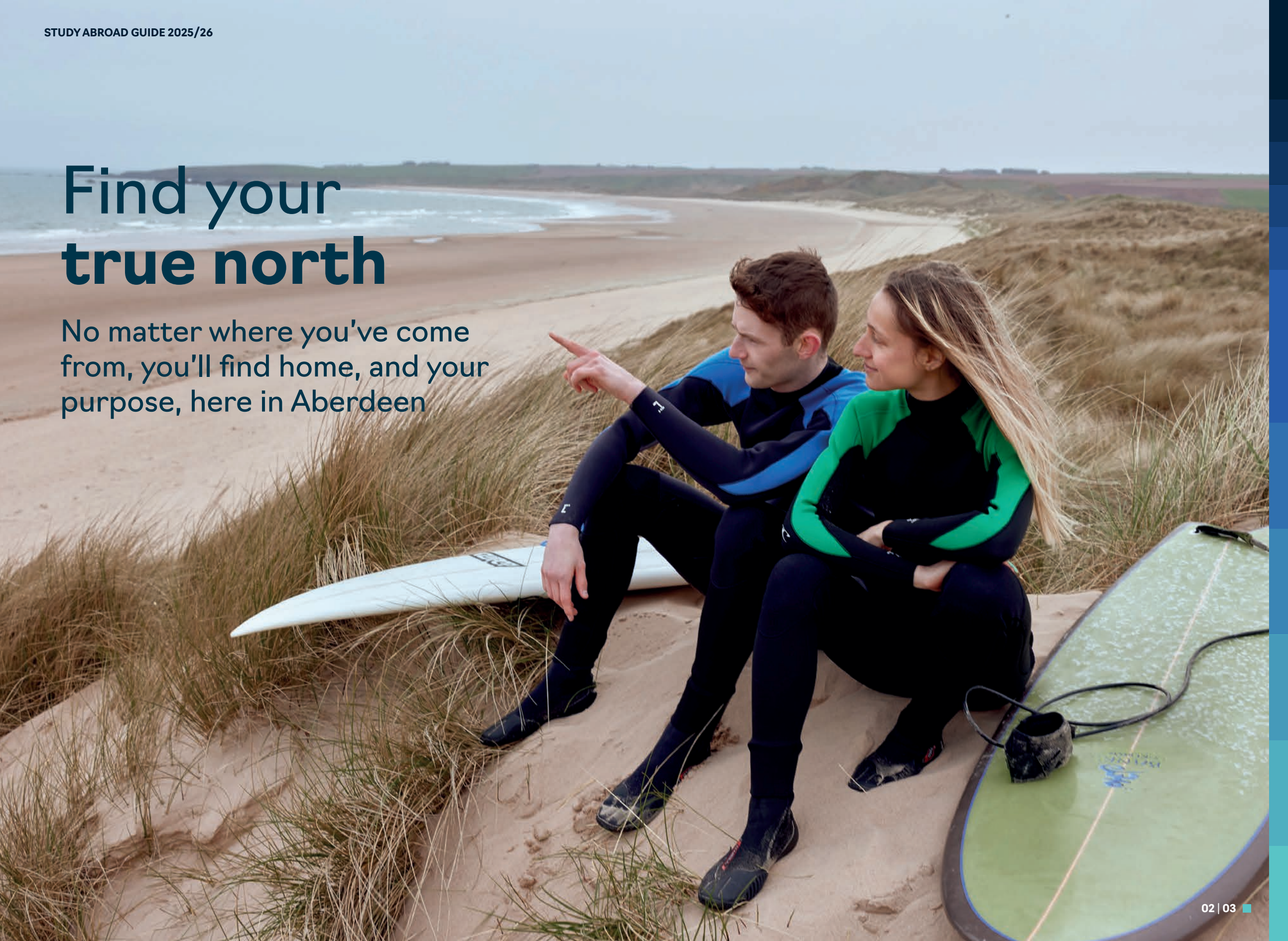
Global challenges are waiting for new ways of thinking - bright minds with even brighter solutions. Using your passion as your north star, you can create solutions for a more inclusive and sustainable world at a city open to all, a university forever evolving.

**At Aberdeen, there are no boundaries for
your ideas and their impact.**

EST → 1495

Find your true north

No matter where you've come from, you'll find home, and your purpose, here in Aberdeen



Scotland's alternative city

Aberdeen is exposed, adventurous, unafraid and forever evolving. The perfect place to find your purpose and your people.



Kellie-Anne Deary
International Relations
& Linguistics

"When I first came to Scotland from the US in 2021, I found myself in a whole new city and a country where I knew absolutely no one. I'm not going to lie, I was quite scared. But then, I took a breath and jumped into life here headfirst, exploring the amazing city I now call home.

I've grown to realise this was the best decision I've ever made. I've met my best friends and created a place for myself in the Granite City.

When my friends from home visit, I love showing them all my favourite places."

Aberdeen Beach

My personal favourite are the food trucks. You can get the best cheesecakes at Little Molly's, great woodfire pizzas, and even loaded fries. You can rent paddleboards and have a day on the water or even go to Codona's for a game of bowling, and go-karting (yes, I still go-kart at 21, no shame).

Castle Fraser

A nice wee walk to take when you realise you haven't left your flat in days and are starting to become a bit of a hermit. Castle Fraser is a beautiful place to take a stroll, unwind and just connect to nature.

Shiprow

Tucked away below Union Street this short road hosts a variety of different things. It has great food like Aberdam (nothing beats their brie bites and chips), and great pubs like Malones (their live music is always a vibe).

Stonehaven

If you're looking for more of a day trip, then Stonehaven is perfect. You can start the day off by exploring Dunnottar Castle and the trails around it, go on a lovely walk along the beach and end it with award-winning fish and chips.

Nightlife

Of course, no student guide is complete without nightlife. A student favourite area is Belmont Street just off Union Street lined with all types of bars, cocktail places and coffee shops- you'll find whatever you're looking for there. My favourite is Siberia, a bar with a nice vibe and all around good atmosphere.

Explore beyond boundaries



Aberdeen's location nestled between miles of golden coastline and the Cairngorms National Park means you don't have to go very far to push your boundaries.

Discover more and step outside your comfort zone with wild swimming, surfing, snowboarding and trail cycling on your doorstep.



An ancient tradition

Explore the meeting point of old and new on a campus that has helped shape the modern world.

Since 1495 our campus, and the world around it, have seen many changes. But the medieval core of King's College has remained constant.

We still use the historic King's Quad for teaching (although the classrooms have been updated!), but over the centuries we've continued to add and innovate, growing our campus to the ideal blend of old and new you'll find today.

Our health campus at Foresterhill has always been at the very heart of medical innovation. Students studying Medicine and Medical Sciences will work in purpose-built facilities where you can also find the world's very first full-body MRI scanner on display.



View a 360 degree Virtual Tour of King's College Campus here



...of modern thinking

To keep breaking boundaries in education and research, we need to keep innovating.

We are committed to investing in our campus to provide the very best learning resources for our students.

Our iconic Sir Duncan Rice Library is so much more than a study space. With social and collaborative spaces, a public lending library and museum, the Library embodies our foundational promise to be open to all in the service of others.



Campus Maps

Visit: abdn.ac.uk/about/campus/maps



2ND IN SCOTLAND
Student Library Resources
Student Satisfaction (NSS 2024)



4TH IN THE UK
Student IT Resources & Facilities
Student Satisfaction (NSS 2024)

Support that goes beyond

We want you to have the support you need to reach your full potential. Right from the start, our staff and student support teams will be here to help you.

Go Abroad Tutor

Your Tutor can provide general academic support to you throughout your studies and will be a point of contact for any queries you have as a student. They will often be the first person you turn to if you encounter difficulties.

abdn.ac.uk/students

Student Advice & Support Office

Student Advice & Support Office offers impartial, confidential advice and support to students across a wide range of issues including finance, disabilities and specific learning differences, mental health and wellbeing, and more

abdn.ac.uk/students/support

Disability advice

A team of Advisers provide information, advice and support for students and applicants with physical and mobility difficulties, visual impairments, hearing impairments, medical conditions, specific learning differences, and mental health conditions.

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International Student



The Student Advice and Support Office is here for all students at the University
abdn.ac.uk/students/support

Advisers

Our ISAs are trained in student-related immigration legislation and can provide advice on Student visa extensions, dependants and Student visa conditions such as work regulations. You should only seek advice from a qualified adviser.

student.international@abdn.ac.uk
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Mental health support

If you have a diagnosed mental health condition we provide a range of professional, free and confidential support appropriate to your personal and academic needs through our team of Mental Health Mentors. You can also come and speak to us about any issues you may be experiencing and get help in seeking support in the local community and NHS.

student.support@abdn.ac.uk
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Chaplaincies

The University Multi-faith Chaplaincy is a community hub for people of all faiths and none.

abdn.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Student Support Advisers

Student Support Advisers provide free, impartial and confidential advice to students on a range of issues which include student loans, finance, University procedures, benefits and personal problems.

student.support@abdn.ac.uk
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Welfare support in Halls of Residence

A Community Liaison Officer and team of Student Resident Assistants (SRAs) are based in the University owned Halls of Residence to look after the welfare of residents. The team work very closely with the Student Advice and Support Office and often signpost students to see an Adviser in the team.

The Counselling Service
Free, confidential and professional service for students who have personal, social or emotional concerns
counselling@abdn.ac.uk
01224 272139



Visa and immigration regulations

Visitor Visa

Visa nationals coming for six months or less must apply for entry clearance as a Standard Visitor.

Find out more on visa nationals at: Immigration Rules - **Immigration Rules Appendix Visitor: Visa national list - Guidance - GOV.UK**

Non-visa nationals (including EU/EEA/Swiss students who don't have status under the EU Settlement Scheme) coming for six months or less can apply for a Standard Visitor visa in advance but this is not compulsory.

Further information on the Standard Visitor visa can be found at: **Visit the UK as a Standard Visitor: Overview - GOV.UK**

Alternatively non-visa nationals coming for six months or less can request entry as a Standard Visitor on arrival in the UK. An Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) has been introduced for nationals of certain countries who wish to come to the UK for up to six months for tourism, visiting family and friends, business or short-term study. You must apply for an ETA before you travel to the UK.

Further information on applying can be found at: **Apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) - GOV.UK**

A list of nationalities is given on the following UK Visas web pages:
www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-eta-national-list

All Standard Visitors (visa and non-visa nationals) are not permitted to do any paid or unpaid work. It is your responsibility to ensure you have adequate health insurance.

Student Visa

All full-time international students staying for more than six months will need to apply for a student visa. You will need a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) number from our Go Abroad Team:
goabroad.incoming@abdn.ac.uk

Study abroad programme

Undergraduates enrolled at a recognised international college or university can spend spring or fall term, or a full academic or calendar year at the University of Aberdeen.

With more than 70 subjects on offer, there's a great choice of classes.

We've been welcoming students from around the world for four decades, and make sure the process is as easy as possible, from the initial application, through to registering for classes and orientation.

You'll receive a transcript of your classes for your home university. From Anthropology to Zoology, most of our undergraduate courses are available to visiting students.

Study abroad students are assessed alongside full time degree students. This usually comprises a combination of continuous assessment, mid-term assignments, and an end of term examination.

Find online course listing at:
abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses

Find course selection guidance and information on prerequisites and restricted courses at:
abdn.ac.uk/studyabroad



Entry requirements

- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 or equivalent (on a 4.0 scale)
- An official academic transcript
- An English language test if English is not your first language.

Please see our website:
abdn.ac.uk/studyabroad

Tuition and costs 2024/25

International Students:

Term £10,400 / Full Year £20,800

EU National Students:

Term £7,900 / Full Year £15,800

Bilateral Exchange

Agreement Students:

Tuition fees are waived for students of bilateral exchange partners.

Additional spend

In addition to tuition fees, you will need approximately £1,136 a month to cover additional costs including housing, food, utilities, books, transport and recreation.

Application

When you are ready to apply, please email goabroad.incoming@abdn.ac.uk and you will be provided with a link to the online application. If you are a student from a partner university, you will be provided with the link after your home university nominates you for exchange or study abroad at the University of Aberdeen.

Application deadlines

First term:

(September - December):
15 May

Second term:

(January - May): 15 October

Academic Year:

(September - May): 15 May

Calendar Year:

(January - December):
15 October

Academic Structure

Teaching is organised across 12 schools, covering a broad range of disciplines:

- Business School
- School of Biological Sciences
- School of Divinity, History and Philosophy
- School of Education
- School of Engineering
- School of Geosciences
- School of Language, Literature, Music and Visual Culture
- School of Law
- School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition
- School of Natural and Computing Sciences
- School of Psychology
- School of Social Sciences

70+ subjects available

Most semester courses are 15 credits, equating to 3-4 US credit hours

Normal course load is 60 credits per semester, or around 15 US credit hours

Meet Emma...

Where are you from and what do you study?

I'm from Boston, Massachusetts in the United States. I study Chemical Engineering at Tufts University.

What made you apply to the University of Aberdeen?

I applied to the University of Aberdeen because it was one of the few universities abroad that offered the engineering courses I needed during the correct semester.

What have you enjoyed or found different about your studies in Aberdeen?

I have really enjoyed living with full-time students at Hillhead student village. My flatmates are Scottish and Finnish and it's been really great making friends from different countries and learning about their cultures. Academically, I really enjoy the change of pace. The

academic system here puts most of the weight on final exams, so there are very few graded assignments throughout the semester. I am used to having many graded assignments and problem sets, so it feels like I have more free time here.

I'm also really loving learning about Separation Processes in Scotland, because we are learning about whiskey and gin distillation in that course. I have been able to visit local gin distilleries and it's so cool knowing the science and engineering involved.

Do you think there are any specific benefits to studying abroad as an engineer?

Studying abroad as engineer is quite difficult to do, especially as a Chemical Engineer, so there is a lot of merit in doing it. I think studying abroad sets you apart from other engineers because it shows you care about expanding your interpersonal skills. It is really interesting learning engineering in a new place because there is a different emphasis on real-world applications depending

on where you study. For example, since the oil industry is prevalent in Aberdeen, I've been learning how to apply engineering principles discussed in class to oil drilling.

What have you enjoyed most about living in Scotland?

I have really enjoyed the beautiful scenery and architecture here. I love travelling around Scotland because there's always something to be impressed by, whether it's the Gothic buildings or rolling hills in the countryside. I also love how close it is to so many other amazing countries and cities.

Are you involved in any societies or sports clubs on campus?

Yes! I am in the Chemical Engineers Society, the Gin Society, and the Exchange Aberdeen Society.

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**EMMA MEEHAN -
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
STUDENT**



An ancient university with incredible choice

We offer a wide range of courses across the following subject areas:

Accountancy
Anthropology
Archaeology
Art History
Biology and Biological Sciences
Biomedical and Medical Sciences
Business Management
Celtic, Gaelic and Scottish Studies
Chemistry
Computing Science
Conservation, Ecology and Environmental
Science
Criminology and Sociology
Divinity, Theology and Religion
Economics
Engineering
English and Creative Writing
Film and Visual Culture
Finance
French
Gaelic
Geography
Geology and Geoscience
German
History
Language and Linguistics
Law and Legal Studies
Marine Biology
Mathematics
Medicine
Modern Languages and Translation &
Interpreting Studies
Music
Philosophy
Philosophy, Politics
and Economics (PPE)
Physics
Politics and International Relations
Psychology
Real Estate
Sociology
Spanish
Sports, Exercise and Health Sciences
Zoology

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The small print

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The University reserves the right to make variations to the contents or methods of delivery of programmes and courses, to discontinue programmes and courses and to merge or combine programmes and courses.

The University is constantly developing new programmes and courses, so please visit our website for the latest information.

The University of Aberdeen continues to pursue best practice and high standards of service for all students.

For more information visit:
www.abdn.ac.uk/amendments