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FCV International Football Academy offers academic football courses for aspiring footballers aged 15 and upwards.

The academy opened in September 2007 and is dedicated to developing players while also providing a pathway for academic excellence. Former students have gone straight into professional football within the UK, Europe or at a significantly higher level in their home country.

Some have earned scholarships to play and study in the USA, and others have played semi-professional football while studying at a UK university.

The Academy has welcomed students from six continents since its inception; Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America and Australasia. The only continent remaining is Antarctica.



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FCV ACADEMY

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

FCV International Football Academy caters for football development and will also provide the opportunity to gain educational qualifications

TOP FACILITIES

Train and play at the £5.5 million Borderville Sports Complex and live at the Academy's exclusive boarding house, The Garden House

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE

Players from across the globe, from all walks of life, are welcome

OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPRESS

Unparalleled regular access to club scouts and respected coaches

EXPERT TUITION

Receive guidance from UEFA A licensed coaches

A RANGE OF ACADEMIC COURSES including BTEC, A Levels, degrees and language courses starting in January and September of each year

THE BOARDING HOUSE IS STAFFED 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

The Garden House, the boarding facility used exclusively by academy students during term-time, is conveniently situated in the heart of the idyllic stone town of Stamford in Lincolnshire, England.

All 19 twin rooms come with en-suite bathrooms and are fitted out to meet the everyday living and working needs of the modern student. High-speed wireless internet is available throughout the House which contains a dining conservatory room, study centre, large lounge and almost an acre of walled gardens, plus students can relax and socialise in the games room. Sky, Netflix and other streaming services are also provided.

The boarding house is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by our experienced and qualified residential team. A residential manager is available on site every weekday to help and assist students with any queries they may have and it is situated close to the Borderville Sports Complex, the base for all FCV football training and matches. Older students also have the option of being accommodated in other houses situated close to the Garden House to give them some more independence.

ACCOMMODATION



BORDERVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX

In the summer of 2015 FCV moved to the impressive £5.5m development at Borderville in Stamford.

Academy students play some of their home matches at the 2,000 capacity stadium with training on the floodlit full-size 3G all-weather pitch or grass training pitches. The complex also boasts a sports hall, a fully-equipped gymnasium, dressing rooms, medical room, canteen and classrooms.

RHINO'S GYMNASIUM

Strength and conditioning training takes place at Rhino's, a five-minute walk from Borderville. It is a unisex gymnasium for people who are serious about improving their health. The best-equipped gym in the area provides everything a student will need for a great overall body conditioning session and, with superb services and facilities, the 12,000 square-foot facility caters for all individual needs.

Rhino's boasts a wide range of cardiovascular resistance, strength, functional equipment and studios offering several classes which is all included in each student's complimentary gym membership.

STADIUMS

At the end of each season, the academy has held its final showcase match and presentations at some of the top stadiums in the UK including The Hawthorns (West Bromwich Albion), Ricoh Arena (Coventry City) and most recently at the King Power Stadium, home of former Premier League Champions Leicester City. Sessions have also been staged at St George's Park and Manchester City's Etihad Complex.

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FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Our training sessions and matches are led by highly-qualified UEFA A coaches, including experienced former professional players and managers. The Academy's intensive training programme has been designed to enhance every individual's game.

Sessions focus on improving individual's technique, as well as developing tactical awareness and an understanding of the game, that alongside strengthening physical attributes through a robust conditioning programme, is tailored to enable players to be fully prepared for the modern game.

The academy's team, FCV Stamford, became a FA Charter Standard Club in 2008. Regular competitive matches are played in the National League U19 Youth Alliance, British Colleges U19 League and Midland Football U21 League, as well as County FA tournaments.

Friendly fixtures are also arranged against Premier League and English Football League opposition, whilst specific showcase matches are staged in front of scouts, giving each student a chance to test and benchmark their development against professional clubs in England.

SUPPORT SERVICES

At the academy we are committed to supporting our players/students with pastoral care and valuing them as individuals is paramount in our ethos. Our dedicated team provides a variety of support across many avenues including but not limited to welfare support, physiotherapy treatment to aid recovery and specialist advice on a wide range of issues including finance, visas and accommodation, exit pathways, opening bank accounts, airport transfers and FIFA international clearance.

We advise that you disclose any learning support requirements ahead of study to enable us to efficiently support your needs.

RELIGIONS

We have a diverse collection of players from a wide variety of cultures. We cater for different dietary requirements and the Academy will ensure prayer rooms are available when required, too.

- After graduating 93 per cent of our players are now competing at a higher level than when they joined
- Much of that is down to the dedication of the community environment here at the Academy and the growing reputation of sporting excellence we pride ourselves on

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EDUCATIONAL COURSES

BTEC

Loughborough
COLLEGE

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (Performance and Excellence) is a two-year course, requiring 15 hours of study per week.

The qualification is delivered in association with the world-renowned centre for sporting excellence, Loughborough College. Established in 1909, it has established a proud, long-standing reputation for providing excellent levels of high-quality training across the UK. In its most recent OFSTED rating Loughborough College received an Outstanding commendation for its apprenticeships, including elite sport apprenticeships.

The vocational course explores different areas of employment in the sports sector and meets the needs of those aspiring to a career in sport. It offers a solid foundation in the various aspects of sport, the broad study base provides a variety of experiences and the opportunity to acquire knowledge across a diverse range of subjects.

Upon successful completion of the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma, students will have the equivalent of three A levels. The course not only serves as a route to full-time employment, it is also a proven progression route to higher education including degree level.

COURSE INFORMATION

Duration: 2 years
Start Date: January and September
Fees: £24,995 for UK and EU, and £29,995 for international, inclusive of tuition fees
Age: 16 – 19
• UK/EU
• International (Student VISA required)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs at Grade C/4 and above, including one of either English and Maths.



CORE UNITS INCLUDE:

Anatomy and Physiology and Physiology of Fitness
Sports Coaching and Assessing Risk
Technical and Tactical Skills
Analysis of Sports Performance

Fitness testing and designing training programmes
Sports Injuries
Sports Psychology
Talent Identification
Current issues in sport

ASSESSMENT

The course is delivered in a vocational manner, with assessments ranging from written reports, portfolios, and posters to verbal assessments, presentations, and practical observations.

During the first year students will study the BTEC 90 Credit Diploma, which on successful completion will enable them to progress onto the BTEC Extended Diploma in year two.

The BTEC educational programme is delivered by college tutors of Loughborough College, with the students transported to campus by the Academy and College buses.

A LEVELS & GCSE'S

FCV International Football Academy can offer students the opportunity to take AS / A Level and GCSE qualifications to support their BTEC course. A variety of qualifications are available aimed at meeting the individual needs of the student.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

STAMFORD
ACADEMY
EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE CENTRE

FCV International Football Academy has linked up with Stamford Academy, a specialist English language centre, to offer a General English course for players seeking to improve their English Language skills whilst studying towards an internationally-recognised Cambridge Assessment English or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Exam.

Stamford Academy's teaching is accredited by the British Council and the academy itself is certified as a Cambridge Assessment English and IELTS Exam Preparation Centre. The course is designed to focus on developing the four key language skills: Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening.

The course has two main aims. The first is to provide a balanced programme of study, placing emphasis on traditional areas of learning such as grammar and pronunciation. The second is to help prepare players to sit one of four main English language exams provided by Cambridge Assessment English or an IELTS Test, which is recognised by education and training providers worldwide.

Small class sizes are essential to optimising learning on an English language course. With this in mind, class sizes for the General English courses are currently capped at 12 students – so early registration is recommended.

There are a range of class levels for students attending the 12-hour General English course, from Elementary through to Advanced. Students on the course are given a short placement test and an informal interview to assess their level of English before being placed into the appropriate class.

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COURSE INFORMATION

Duration: 1 – 2 years
Start Date: January and December
Fees: £31,995 for UK/EU and International inclusive of tuition fees
Age: 16 – 21
• UK/EU
• International (Student Visa required)

Which exam will I sit and where is it recognised?

Students will be regularly tested in class to monitor their progress. The academy's teachers will take class performance and test scores into account, before advising each student which exam is appropriate for them to study towards before the end of their course.

Cambridge Assessment English

Provides the world's leading English Language qualifications. Cambridge exams are officially accepted by thousands of universities, employers and governments globally. They can open doors to higher education, improve job prospects and, due to the internationally recognised status of Cambridge Assessment English exams, international mobility is increased.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

IELTS is jointly owned and managed by the British Council, Cambridge Assessment English and IDP Education Australia. If you plan to enrol at a university or college, apply to business organisations, or register for a visa from government agencies in countries such as the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, or Canada, the IELTS test can help you reach your education, career or life goals. The IELTS is also a requirement for students wishing to progress onto the BTEC or Degree courses offered by FCV International Football Academy, particularly for those that require a tier 4 student visa to study.

Distance Learning Courses

The FCV International Football Academy provide various education options and work closely with the students and their families to determine the right option for them.

We offer several Distance Learning courses through various academic partners including:

- AESA Prep International - a fully accredited online American High School which includes Maths, Science, English and Social Studies
- Cours Legendre a Distance - a fully accredited online French High School which follows the French national course curriculum
- Institute of Sport (iSport) - an innovative training and education platform, based in Australia, that offers courses to those looking to get into the management and business side of sport.
- There is also the possibility for students to continue their current studies by distance learning dependent on their current school's set up.

BLEND ED LEARNING DEGREES

In association with the world-renowned centre for sporting excellence, Loughborough College, FCV Academy offers the opportunity to study either a BA (Hons) Sport Management or BSc Sport Coaching degree via blended learning. Both degrees are three years in duration and are validated by Nottingham Trent University.



Blended learning provides the perfect combination of online/distance learning and contact day attendance, enabling students to perfectly balance their studies alongside the Academy's football development programme.

BA (HONS) SPORT MANAGEMENT

The programme provides opportunities to develop your management skills. You will cultivate a knowledge and understanding of operations, finance, human resources, leadership, quality and finance, which will be applied to sports facilities and events.

You will put your theory into practice through applied studies and assessments. Sports-specific modules include Sports Development and Physical Activity, Lifestyle and Wellbeing.



YEAR 1

- Customer Care in the Sport Industry
- Introduction to the Sport Industry
- Physical Activity and Health Promotion
- Industrial Work Placement/CPD
- Marketing Management in the Sport Industry
- Leadership in the Sport Industry

YEAR 2

- Research Project
- Human Resource Management in the Sport Industry
- Managing in the Health and Fitness Industry
- Financial Management in the Sport Industry
- Event Management in the Sport Industry
- Managing Sports Development

YEAR 3

- Research Proposal
- Research Project
- Strategic Management in the Sport Industry
- Sport Development
- Global Sport Marketing
- International Business of Sport

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Following this programme, many successful students have gained employment in sport and leisure management. Alternatively, you may progress on to postgraduate studies at master's level.

BSC SPORT COACHING

The programme provides opportunities to develop your teaching and coaching skills. You will cultivate a knowledge and understanding of the disciplines underpinning effective sports coaching and performance for different ages and abilities. You will put your theory into practice through applied studies, placements and assessments.

YEAR 1

- Applied Coaching Theory
- Coaching Practice and Placement
- Understanding Research
- Technical and Biomechanical Analysis of Sport
- Physiology of Fitness Training for Coaching
- Principles of Pedagogy and Physical Education

YEAR 2

- Athlete Welfare and Safeguarding
- Psychology for Coaches
- Leadership in the Sport Industry
- Work Based Experience and Project
- Foundations of Effective Practice

YEAR 3

- Advanced Coaching Practice
- Teaching Strategy: Pedagogy in Practice
- Tactical Analysis of Sport
- Managing Sports Development
- Research Project

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Following this programme, many successful students have applied to PGCE programmes to pursue a career in teaching, with others gaining employment in international coaching, local authority coaching, professional clubs and National Governing Body programmes. Students can also progress on to postgraduate study.

COURSE INFORMATION

Duration: 3 years	Age: 18 – 21
Start Date: January and September	• UK/EU
Fees: £31,995 for UK/ EU and International inclusive of tuition fees	• International (Student VISA required)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

72 UCAS points, including GCSE English and Maths (level 4 or above)

SHORT COURSES

FCV International Football Academy offers weekly courses while the Academy is open. They are designed to give players an experience of how professional clubs train and many players since we opened in 2007 have used this opportunity to see what life is like at FCV Academy, before joining us on a full-time basis.

Places are limited, so we do recommend booking early. All courses are fully residential using the same boarding house accommodation as the full-time Academy players. There are also optional extras including English Language and Distance Learning courses. These short courses offer intensive football coaching and training for players, aged between 15 and 21, from the UK and abroad and will provide match analysis, performance analysis and coaches advice.

SHORT COURSE PROGRAMME

Top quality football training facilities at the Borderville Sports Complex

First-class football coaching programmes with UEFA A License coaches

An intensive football training regime from Monday to Saturday

Fixtures against Premier League, English Football League and National League opposition with the opportunity to impress scouts (subject to dates booked)

Specialist coaching and advice including strength and conditioning, diet and nutrition, and goalkeeping coaching (if applicable)

Physiotherapy and sports injury cover

Welfare support

Full board accommodation with three meals per day

Recreational activities, excursions and team-building activities

Transport to fixtures and training

FEES:

From £799
per week

Optional extras

- English language / Distance Learning courses

- Airport transfers

Training kit pack to keep

- Prices on request



TASTER DAYS

Throughout the year FCV Academy conducts Taster Days for potential students interested in enrolling.

The individual taster days enable attendees to view the facilities at both the Garden House and at the Borderville Sports Complex, as well as meet Academy staff to ask questions. Potential students are also required to feature in a trial match or training session, enabling the coaching team to assess their ability before offering a place.

The dates can be found at:

<https://internationalfootball.academy/apply/taster-days/>

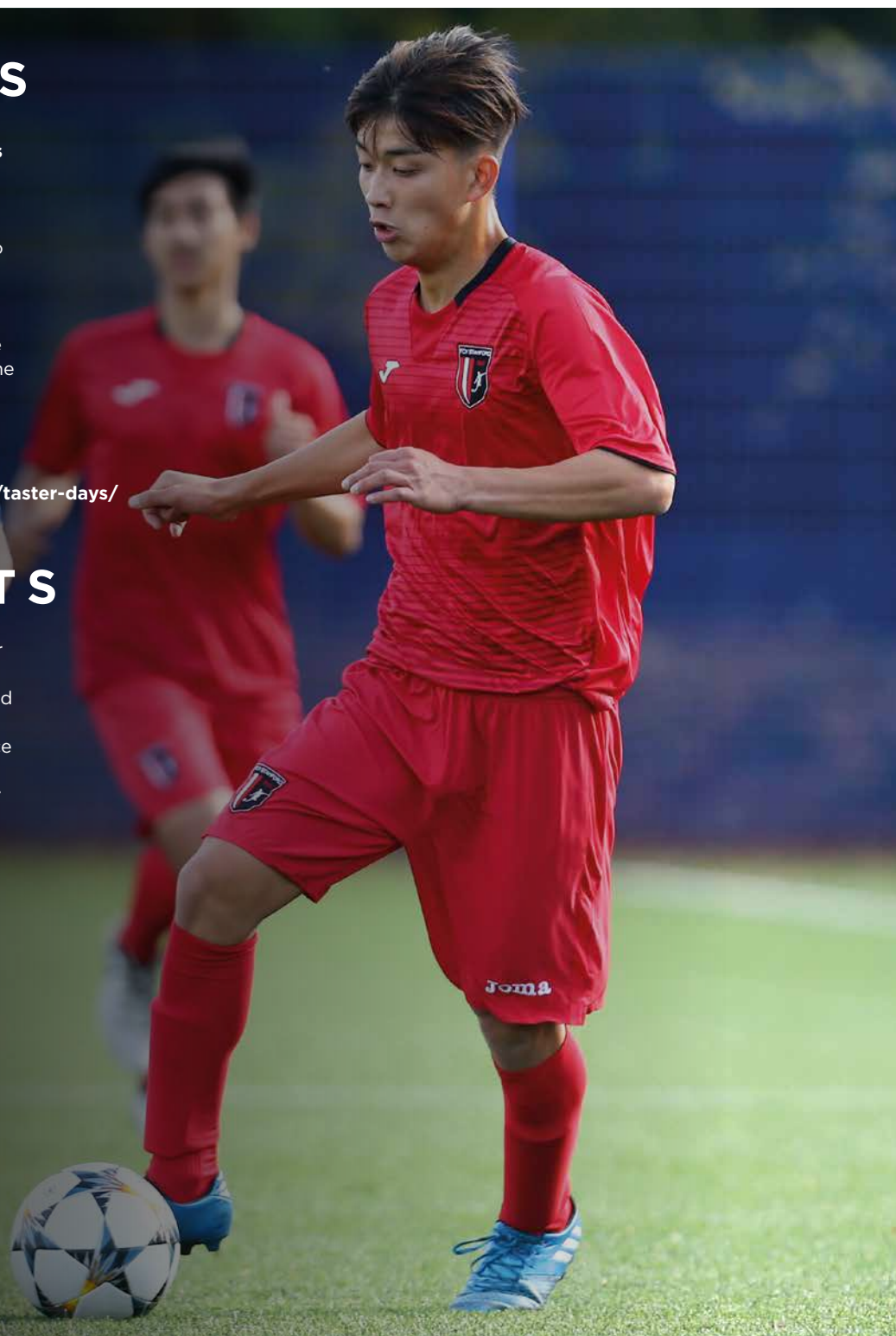
GROUP VISITS

FCV International Football Academy can offer groups the same facilities it uses – all football facilities at the Borderville Sports Complex and the accommodation at the Garden House in Stamford. Borderville offers players the chance to play at the 2,000 capacity stadium with training on the floodlit full-size 3G all-weather pitch and grass training pitches.

We can also host large groups at our educational partner, Loughborough College.

SHOWCASE MATCHES

Football trials are organised on a regular basis with the opportunity to showcase your talent in front of watching scouts. These are either run by either the FCV Academy or one of its trial partners. FCV Academy have been running these successfully since 2001.



DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

FCV International Football Academy have been running development camps for more than 15 years, combining top quality coaching, guest speakers, nutritional advice and culminating with a showcase match in front of scouts.

Players stay at the Academy's Boarding House in Stamford with training at the Borderville Sports Complex. The boarding house will offer use of all its facilities on an exclusive basis – bedrooms with en-suite facilities, dining room, communal rooms, games room, study centre, conservatory and nearly an acre of walled gardens. Broadband wireless internet is provided in the premises and the students will have all they need to enjoy a safe, friendly stay at the academy with 24/7 residential staff support.

Development camps are designed for players aged between 15 and 21 years old giving the ideal preparation and opportunity to develop all areas of their performance, culminating in a final day showcase match. As well as all the football activities all meals, accommodation and welfare are provided and each player will leave with an evaluation from our UEFA A License coaches, certificate and full training kit.

All dates and fees are listed at
[Internationalfootball.academy/football/trials-camps](https://internationalfootball.academy/football/trials-camps)

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IKECHUKWU OFILI
(2009-11)

Following graduation from FCV Academy, Ikechukwu completed an undergraduate degree in Sport and Exercise Management at the University of Kent and a master's degree in Business Administration at Coastal Carolina University in America. In September 2016, he started employment at the League Management Company in Nigeria, who run the Nigerian Professional Football League.



BRANDON TAVERNER
(2016-18)

Oxford United (England)

"The facilities are brilliant, the coaches were great and it's a fantastic environment to be in. "They were probably two of the best years I've had: I felt like we had a good group; it was always fun to be around and training was always enjoyable. I didn't take long to settle down here."



THABANG MAPONYA
(2015-16)

Thabang signed for Caudal Deportivo in Spain in January 2017 after a successful trial following his departure from FCV following the 2015/16 season. He then moved to CDA Navalcarnero in the summer of 2017.



EMMANUEL OYELEKE (2009-10)

Port Vale (Since 2018)
Has played for: Brentford, Northampton Town, Exeter City and Aldershot Town (all England)

Mum's view (Abi Oyeleke): "Sending Manny to FCV International Football Academy was the best decision we've ever made. The Academy provides the perfect opportunity for playing football and discipline needed to focus on studies. The belief in him gave him the confidence that was lacking before he joined the Academy. All the coaching and residential staff helped Manny to develop to his full potential - physically, emotionally and academically."



SUCCESS STORIES

CALAUM JAHRALDO-MARTIN
(2009-11)

Billerica Town (England)
Has played for: Hull City, Oldham Athletic (both England) and Newport County (Wales)

"I've got great memories of my time at FCV International Football Academy - it's where it all began for me. I learned lots of life skills. "The facilities are great, and even better than some clubs I've visited. Not everyone will go on to have careers in football, but they can learn so many other things from this experience."



RUDOLF BLAGOGEE (2016-18)

After two years at the FCV Academy Rudolf signed for top Croatia club NK Osijek, before moving on to sign for Sporting CP in Portugal and then Czech Premier League side MFK Karviná.



MATTHEW WHIBLEY (2014-16)
FC Versoix (Switzerland)

"FCV International Football Academy was a great experience and helped me a lot in terms of developing as a player.

"As well as helping me grow my understanding of the game and my position, it also helped me build up my confidence."



TOM DE LA MARE
(2010-12)

Guernsey (Channel Islands)
Has played for: Royal Racing Montegnee (Belgium)



GUEST COACHES

GORDON STRACHAN
Former Scotland Manager

"I've loved every minute coaching FCV International Football Academy lads - it has been really enjoyable and they're a good bunch. It's a good set up here and I wish them all the best."



GUS POYET
Former Uruguay international

"It was a pleasure to coach FCV International Football Academy players. The facilities are fantastic and the Academy is run very professionally."



SHELDON LINDSAY
(2015-16)

K. Berg en Dal VV. (Belgium)

"Life at FCV Academy placed me outside my comfort zone. I learnt more about myself all the time and how I respond to certain situation.

"I couldn't imagine doing anything better than training and playing football every day. It has been awesome."





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FCV International Football Academy welcomes students from around the world. To ensure your arrival at the academy is as smooth as possible we can offer to arrange travel from the airport when you arrive in the UK. We will be able to help with opening a bank account, registering with local doctors and gaining employment whilst studying if necessary. Anything you need, we will do our best to help. Fees for International Players will be from £29,995 for students wishing to study one of the college courses on offer.

EASY STEPS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TO JOIN US FULL-TIME:

Easy steps for an international student to join us full-time:

Attend an open day or individual tour

Provide copies of educational certificates and references

On offer of a place, complete relevant paperwork

Pay relevant fees

Complete IELTS test if required

If relevant to course, acquire CAS number from Academic partner once evidenced above steps

Apply for visa if required through embassy

Complete and return further Academy registration forms as instructed

Make travel arrangements

Inform FCV International Football Academy of visa confirmation (if applicable) and travel arrangements

Please note airport transfers can be arranged for you

UK/EU STUDENTS

Fees for UK/EU students will be from £24,995 for students wishing to study one of the college courses on offer.

EASY STEPS FOR A UK/EU STUDENT TO JOIN US:

Attend an open day or individual tour

Provide copies of educational certificates and references

On offer of a place, complete relevant paperwork

Pay relevant fees

Complete IELTS test if required

Complete and return further Academy registration forms as instructed

Make travel arrangements

Inform FCV International Football Academy of travel arrangements

Please note airport transfers can be arranged for you

HOW TO APPLY

We would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in attending FCV International Football Academy on a full-time or short course basis. Please send us an enquiry and one of our football and education advisors will respond to assist. You can also sign up on the website to receive a copy of our free monthly e-newsletter featuring all the latest news from FCV including new programmes, dates of events and news about what we have in store.

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