



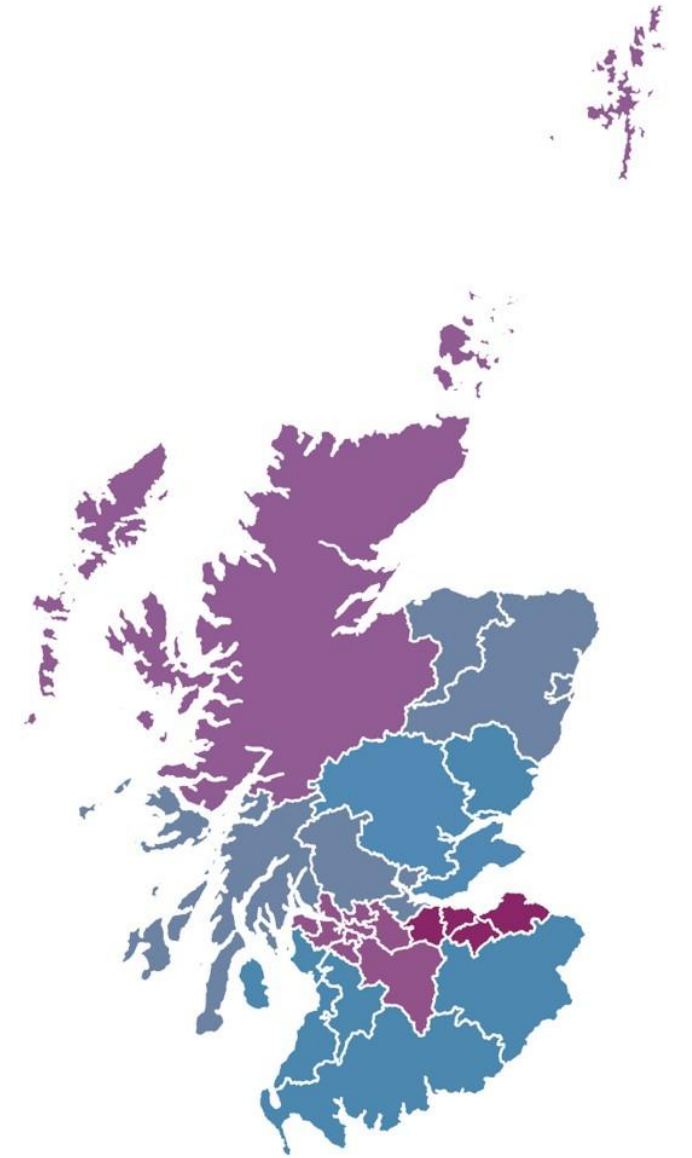
# Unicorns, Universities, and the Pursuit of Knowledge: The Scottish Higher Education Experience

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# SCOTLAND





# Introducing Scotland

- Thousands of years of **history**, breath-taking **beauty**, and the **warmest** of welcomes.
- Scottish Universities focus on preparing students for **career success** in a world that is constantly evolving.
- A global research hub and international academic community with **more world class universities per head of population than anywhere else in the world!**
- **Flexible** education at bachelor level and one-year master's opportunities.



# Scottish Higher Education

- With 19 world-leading institutions, Scotland's university sector offers **unparalleled quality and diversity of choice** for a small country
- **Ancient Universities** date back as far as the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, highlighting Scotland's distinctive higher education system and are complemented by **new, vocationally-focused institutions**
- Institutions range from **large, comprehensive Universities** with around 50,000 students to **small, specialist institutions** of around 2,500 students



# Scottish Degree Structure

Typical undergraduate degree is 4 years.

Scotland's degree structure offers:

- BREADTH in early years of study
- DEPTH in later years
- FLEXIBILITY
- High graduation & employment rates



# Scottish Degree Structure

Undergraduate courses – **4 years** (typically)

- 3 years with advanced entry (in some cases)
- 5 years (Sandwich courses/Integrated Masters e.g. Engineering/Modern Languages)
- 5 – 6 years (Clinical courses)

Encourages **independent thinking**, reasoning and **research skills**.

Emphasis on independent study, self-motivation and **critical thinking**.

Academic Year is 2 semesters – Sept to Dec and Jan to May

**Study abroad** option often available in 3rd year



- 3-year degree
- Subject chosen from start
- Focused



- 4-year degree
- Subject chosen from start but can change up to end of 2nd year
- Flexible



- 4-year degree
- General education for first 2 years
- Broad

# MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND VETERINARY MEDICINE



## 5 Medical Schools

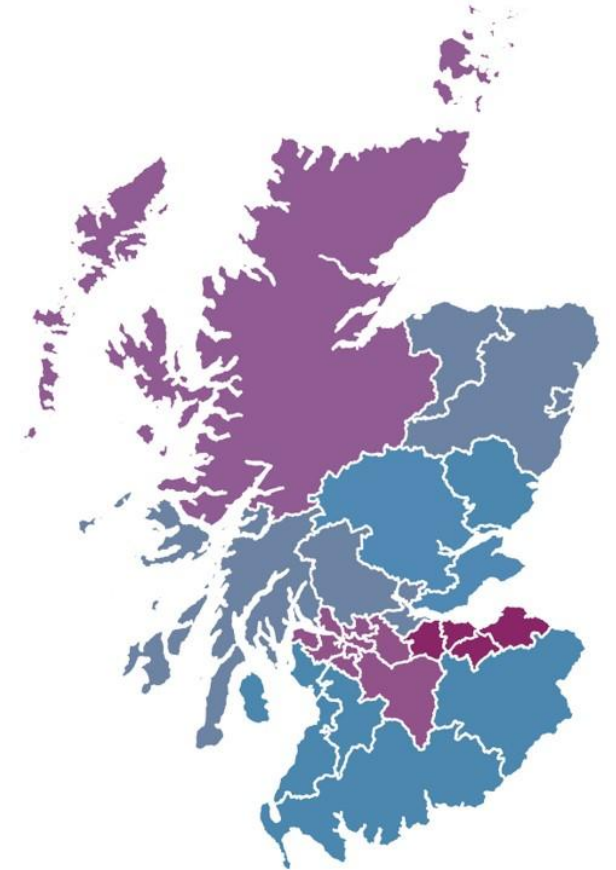
- Aberdeen
- Dundee
- Edinburgh
- Glasgow
- St Andrews

## 3 Dental Schools

- Aberdeen (graduate only)
- Dundee
- Glasgow

## 2 Veterinary Schools

- Edinburgh
- Glasgow
- \*Both AVMA accredited\*





# Flexible Degree Structure

Art/Humanities Example

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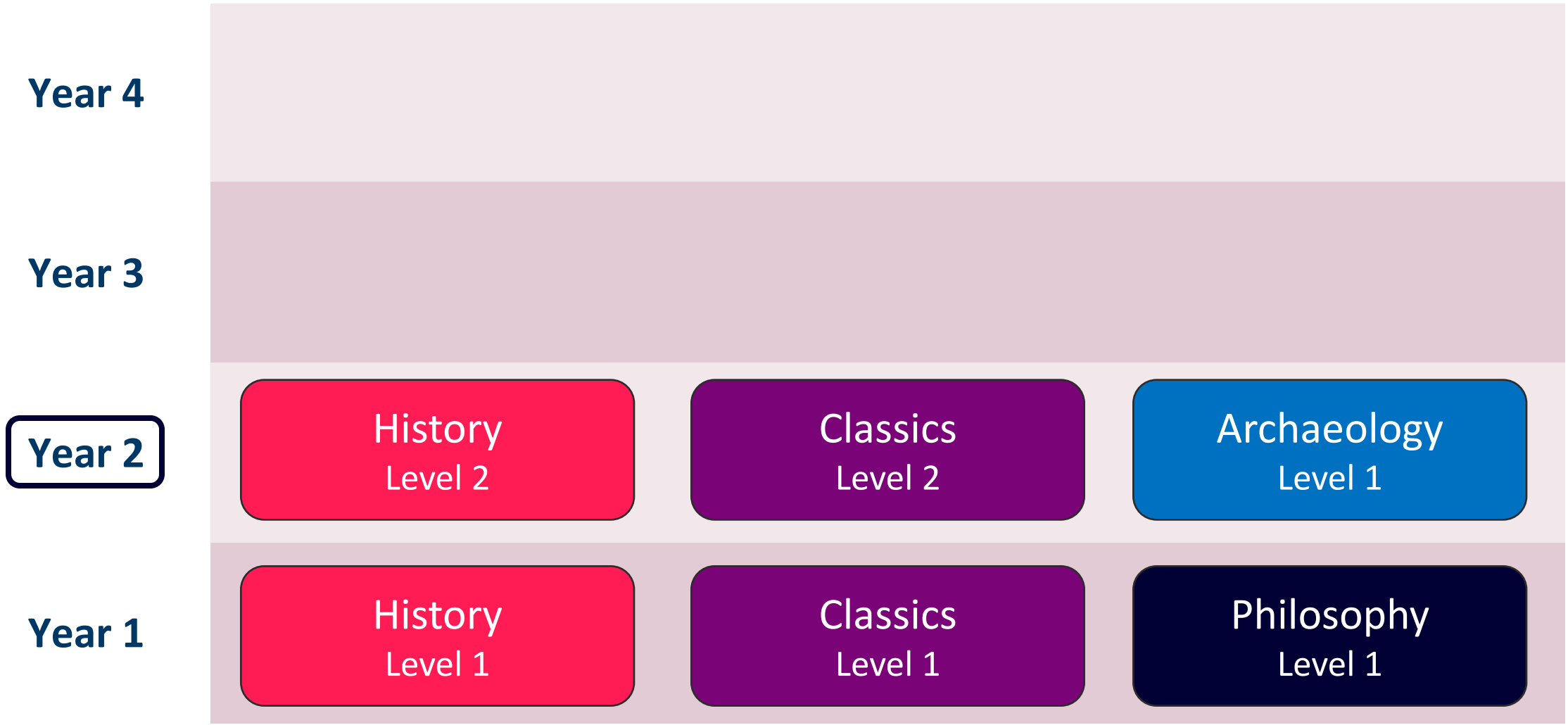
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Year 4

Single Honours Degree

Year 3

History  
Junior Honours

Year 2

History  
Level 2

Classics  
Level 2

Archaeology  
Level 1

Year 1

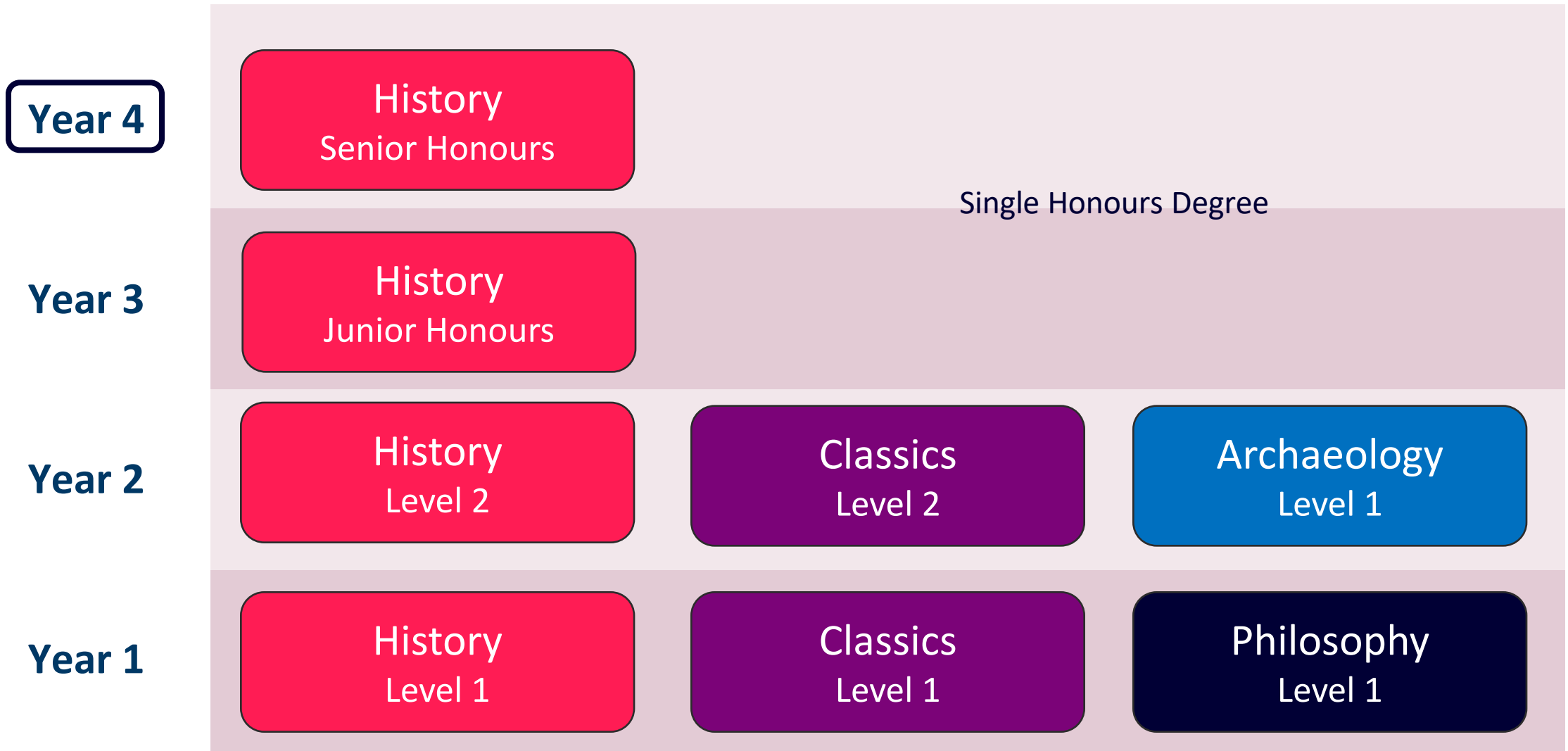
History  
Level 1

Classics  
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Philosophy  
Level 1

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Sciences Example

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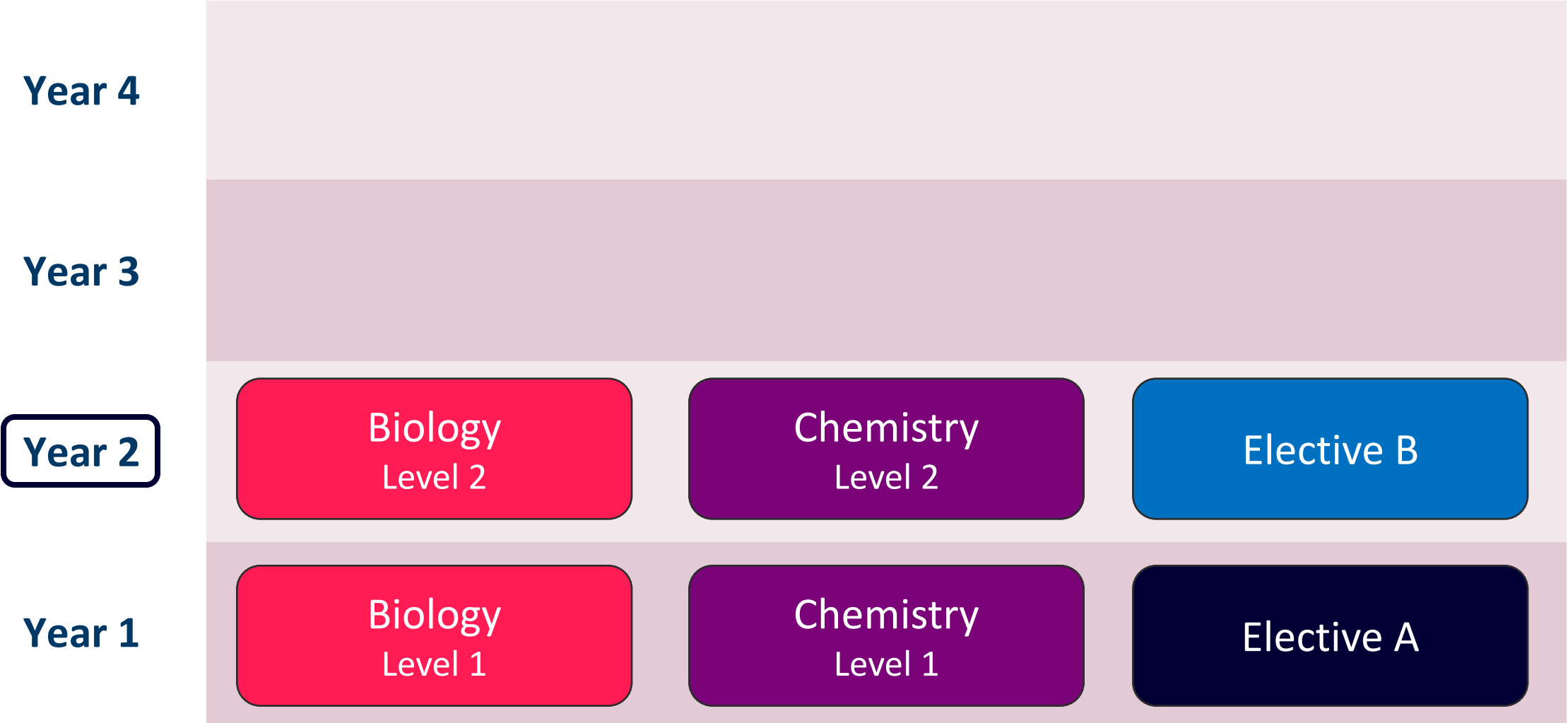
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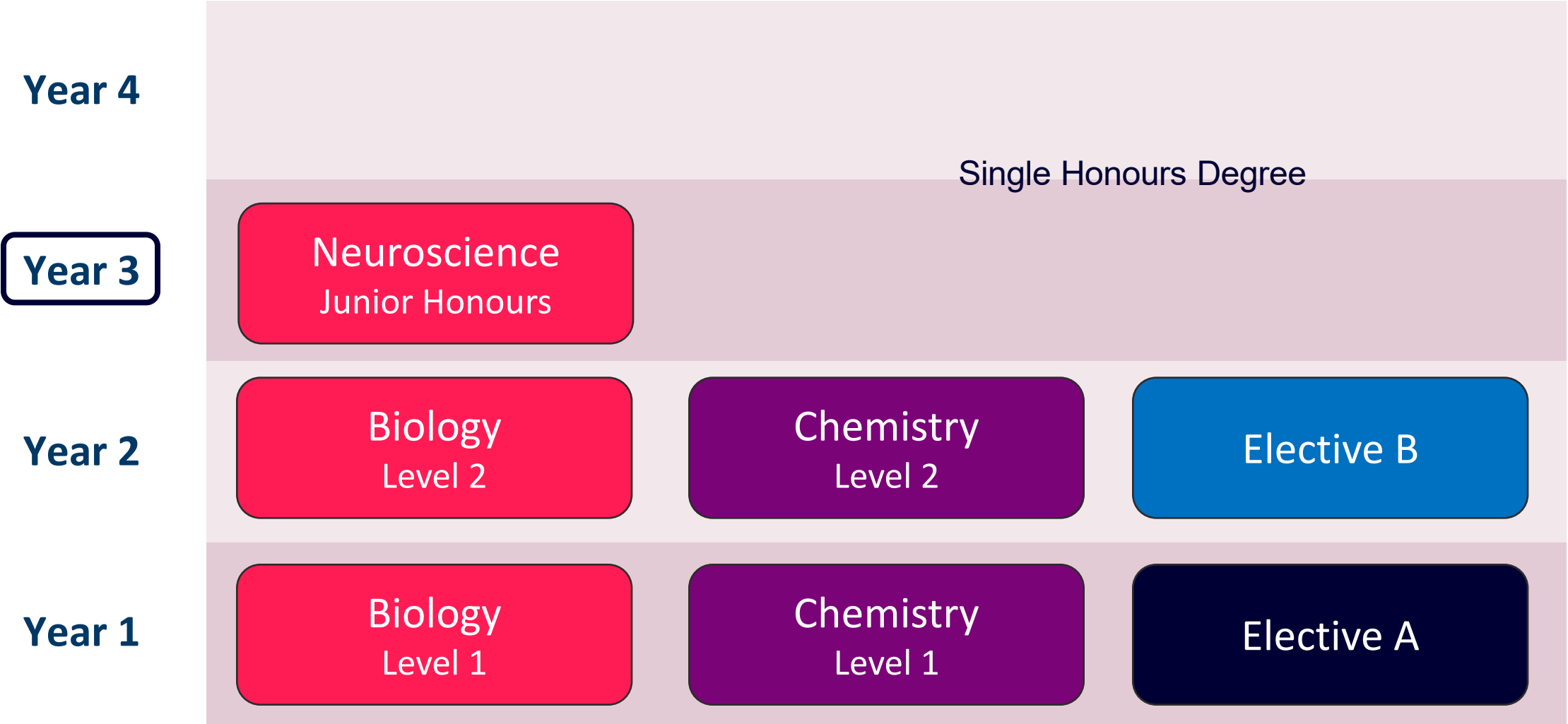
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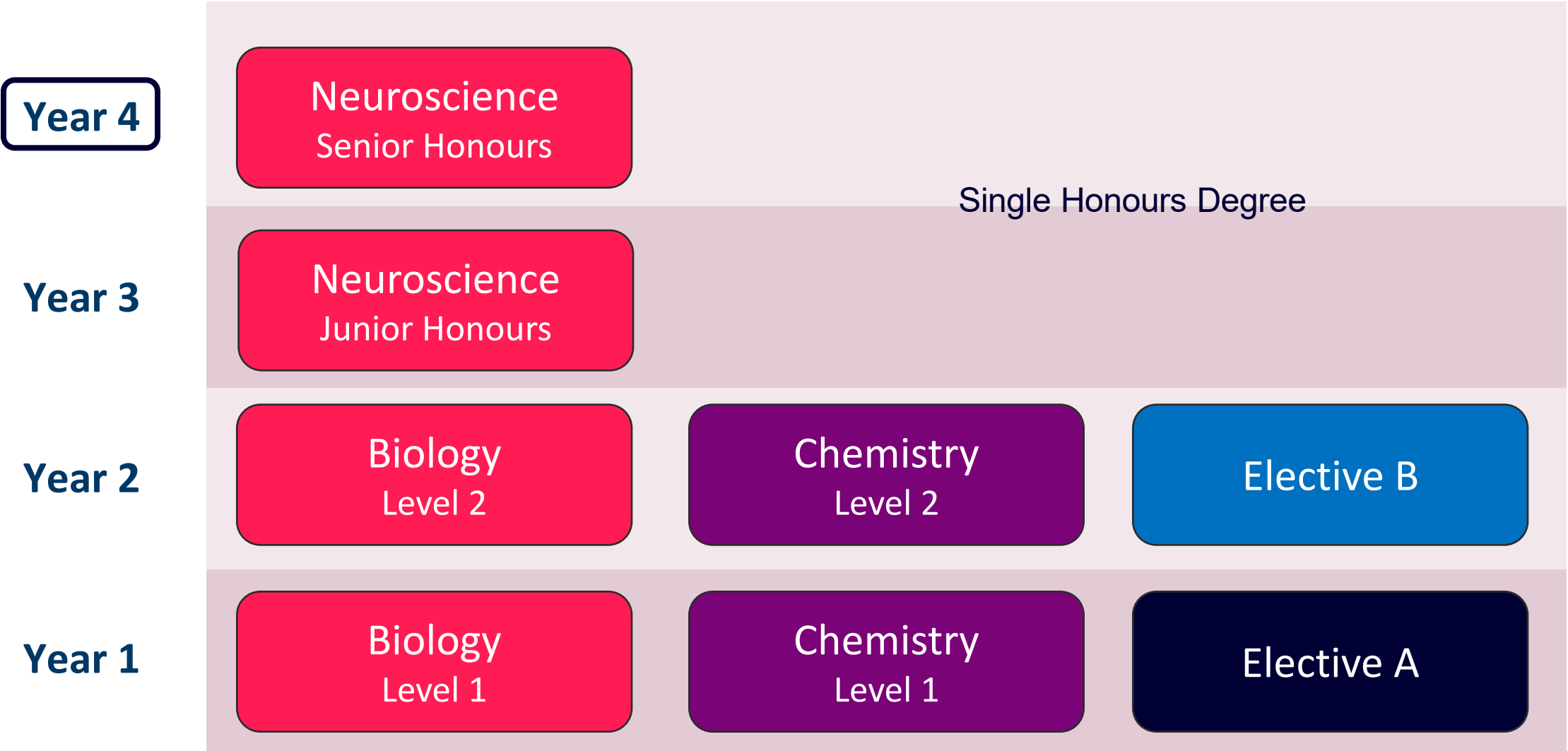
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# Typical Timetables

Humanities and Engineering Examples

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# EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

Example shows Politics & Economics degree

Core 1

Core 2

Elective

| Time/Day | Monday                    | Tuesday                   | Wednesday          | Thursday                  | Friday            |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 09.00    | Economics lecture         | Independent study         | Independent study  | Economics lecture         | Independent study |
| 10.00    | Independent study         | Independent study         | Independent study  | Economic History tutorial | Politics tutorial |
| 11.10    | Economics tutorial        | Independent study         | Independent study  | Independent study         | Independent study |
| 12.10    |                           | Independent study         | Independent study  | Independent study         | Independent study |
| 13.05    |                           |                           | Sports & Societies |                           |                   |
| 14.00    | Economic History lecture  | Economic History lecture  |                    | Economic History lecture  | Independent study |
| 15.00    | Intro to Politics lecture | Economic History tutorial |                    | Intro to Politics lecture | Independent study |
| 16.10    | Independent study         | Independent study         |                    | Independent study         | Independent study |
| 17.10    | Independent study         | Independent study         |                    | Independent study         | Independent study |

# EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

Core 1

Core 2

Elective

Example shows Mechanical Engineering degree

| Time/Day | Monday                                    | Tuesday                                             | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                                  | Friday                                    |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 09.00    | Economics 1 (lecture)                     | Independent study                                   | Core course Maths for Sci & Eng (tutorial) | Economics 1 (lecture)                     | Independent study                         |
| 10.00    | Core course Eng - Mech (lecture)          | Core course Eng - Sustain (lecture)                 | Independent study                          | Independent study                         | Core course Eng - Elec (lecture)          |
| 11.10    | Independent study                         | Independent study                                   | Independent study                          | Independent study                         | Independent study                         |
| 12.10    | Core course Maths for Sci & Eng (lecture) | Core course Maths for Sci & Eng (lecture)           | Independent study                          | Core course Maths for Sci & Eng (lecture) | Core course Maths for Sci & Eng (lecture) |
| 13.05    |                                           |                                                     | Sports & societies                         |                                           |                                           |
| 14.00    | Economics 1 (tutorial)                    | Core course Engineering 1 - Mechanical (laboratory) |                                            | Core course Eng - Mech (tutorial)         | Independent study                         |
| 15.00    | Independent study                         |                                                     |                                            | Independent study                         | Independent study                         |
| 16.10    | Independent study                         |                                                     |                                            | Independent study                         | Independent study                         |
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# APPLICATION PROCESSES

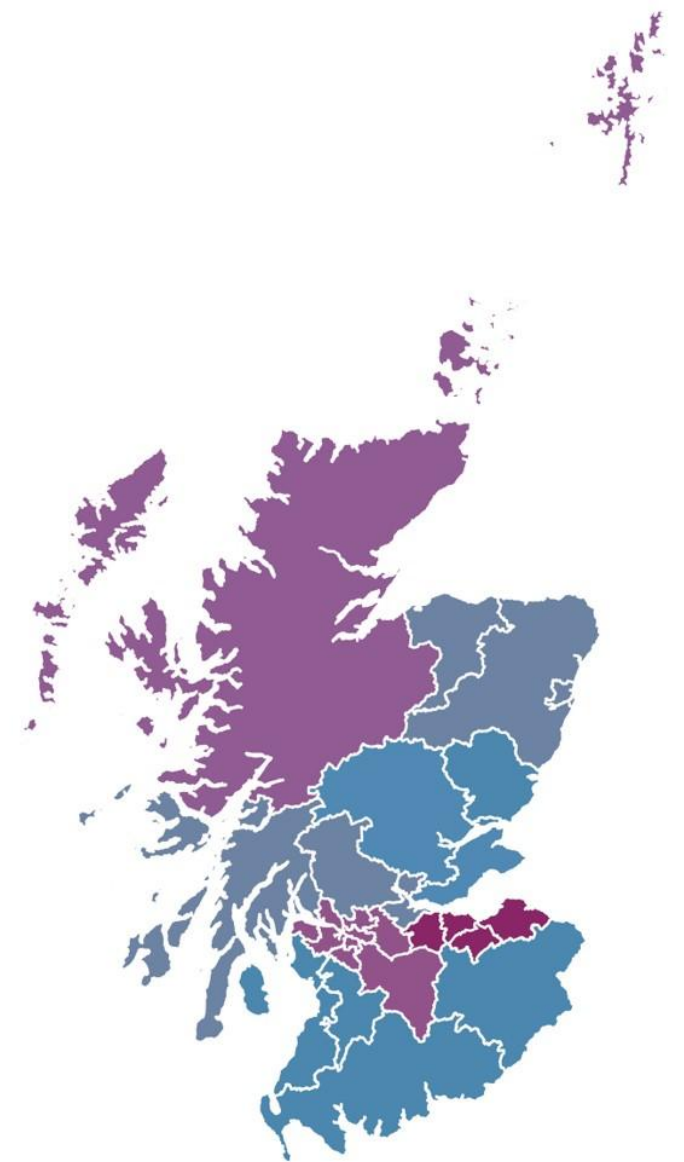
# MAKING A UCAS APPLICATION

Need to provide:

- Personal details
- Course details
- Education & qualification details
- Criminal conviction declaration
- Personal statement
  - Demonstrate interest in your chosen course
  - What makes you a suitable candidate (skills & experience)
  - How can you contribute to university life/what are your interests

Supporting reference

- Someone who knows you academically and can talk about your work ethic and suitability for higher education or a future career.





# STUDENT LIFE

1000 Student Societies in Scotland

All Scottish universities provide student support and wellbeing services

Over 500 sports clubs

Opportunities for Study Abroad



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# ACOMMODATION

- Every university has student residences
- New students get priority
- Safe, friendly and welcoming
- Range of styles, locations and prices
- Catered or self-catered options
- Separate application process



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# POSTGRADUATE STUDY

Taught Masters (MSc / LLM / MEd / MBA)

- 9-months taught, 3-months research project

Research Masters (MRes / MPhil)

- 1-3 year duration; 90% research
- In-depth study of specific field & thesis/dissertation

Doctoral study (PhD)

- 3 to 4 years of study
- Conduct original investigation
- Assess ideas critically





# EMPLOYABILITY

International students can work up to 20 hours per week on a Student Visa during term time

University Careers Services and Job Hubs to help students find short or long term opportunities

Booming retail and hospitality sectors for part-time options

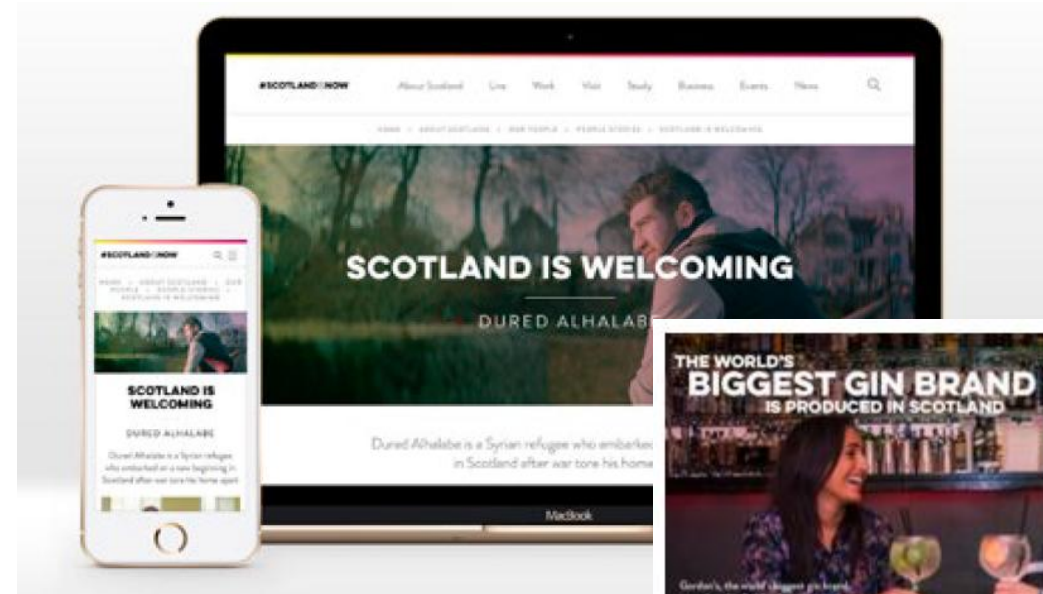
Course-related internships and placements

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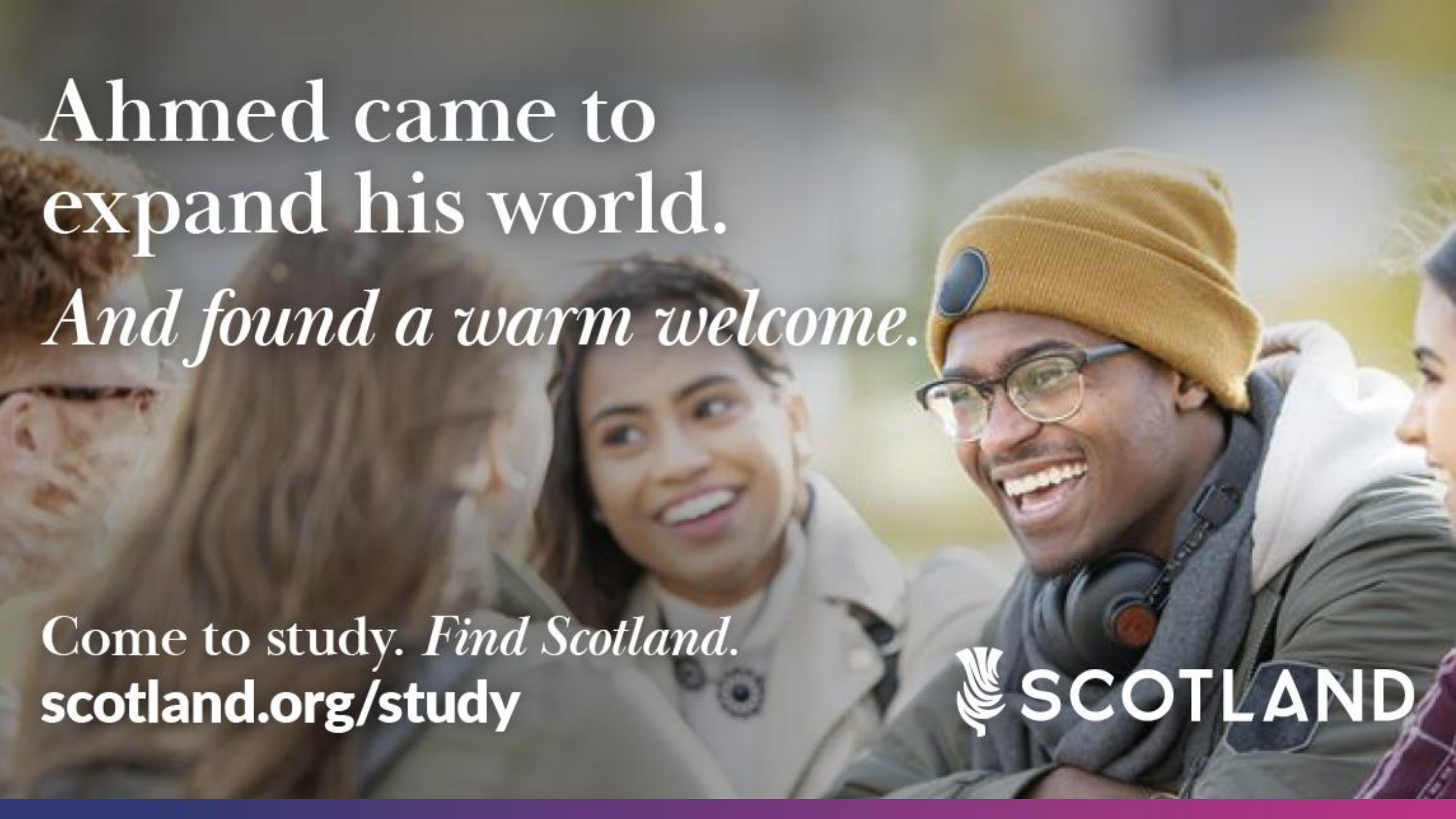


# Scotland Is Now

- Curated features, people stories and resources on a dedicated platform
  - [scotland.org](https://scotland.org)
- Centralised social channels
  - [twitter.com/scotland](https://twitter.com/scotland)
  - [instagram.com/scotlandisnow](https://instagram.com/scotlandisnow)
  - [facebook.com/scotlandisnow](https://facebook.com/scotlandisnow)
  - [youtube.com/user/aboutscotland](https://youtube.com/user/aboutscotland)





A group of diverse young people are shown in a candid, outdoor setting. In the foreground, a young man with glasses and a yellow beanie is smiling broadly, wearing large headphones. Behind him, a young woman with dark hair is also smiling. To the left, another young man with glasses is partially visible. The background is softly blurred, suggesting an outdoor environment with trees and a bright sky.

Ahmed came to  
expand his world.  
*And found a warm welcome.*

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Taj came for our world-renowned  
research and innovation.

*And found other peaks to conquer.*

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Sara came for some of the  
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**Thank you, any questions?**

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