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“Ulster University will provide you with an opportunity to think outside the box and challenge yourself. Dedication and determination are the keys to success, but it’s the overall Ulster University experience and outstanding support that will provide you with the confidence and tools to succeed.”*

Fatima Amjad – Saudi Arabia
MSc International Business

*Quote not relative to featured imagery

Welcome to Ulster University

Welcome to Ulster – a university that places ambition at the heart of everything to create the most rewarding student experience possible.

It is our people and their successes that truly set us apart.

We are renowned for our teaching excellence, underpinned by world-leading research. Your learning is directly influenced by distinguished experts making pioneering breakthroughs, the benefit of which are felt far and wide.

Our strong collaboration with industry is reflected in our dynamic course portfolio, meeting new and emerging sector demands to ensure industry-relevant programmes, producing work-ready graduates.

This prospectus gives you a flavour of life at our London and Birmingham branch campuses; the unique student experience, central locations and stimulating learning environments where you can pursue your ambitions at one of the world’s top 150 young universities.¹

Our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes are timetabled over a maximum of three days a week - designed with flexibility and convenience for you in mind.

Whatever your aspirations today, our learning experience stretches minds, embraces challenges and strives for the inconceivable, to shape the artists, engineers, scientists and entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

Be a part of our extraordinary story.

With best wishes,

Professor Paddy Nixon
Vice-Chancellor



¹ Times Higher Education 2018

Section 1

Choose
Ulster
University

We recruit
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
FROM MORE THAN
100 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



94%
of our graduates are in
work or further study
6 MONTHS
after leaving university²



We are in the
world's Top
150
Young
Universities³

Why Ulster University?

We are renowned for the student experience we offer. From great teaching to first class resources and facilities, all within a welcoming and supportive learning environment, you will receive a 'uniquely Ulster' experience that will help you to fulfil your potential.

Great teaching

Ulster strives to deliver an excellent student experience in every way. We are renowned for the quality of our teaching, which is enhanced by world-class research.¹

Career-focused

Over 94%² of Ulster graduates are in work or further study six months after graduation – one of the best rates in the UK. Our courses are developed with employer and professional body input, ensuring that you graduate 'work-ready' and with the skills and knowledge that employers need.

Ulster welcome

The friendliness and support we offer ensures you will feel at home and make an easy transition to university life in London or Birmingham. Our campuses provide an inclusive learning environment, welcoming learners from all backgrounds.

Personal experience and great opportunities

With small class sizes and regular one to one time with your tutors, our London and Birmingham campuses provide a personal and beneficial study environment. You will be situated in one of the UK's fastest growing business communities, meaning you will be open to more networking opportunities than anywhere else in the UK.

Accessible education

Ulster is committed to widening access and participation to higher education. At the heart of this is the principle that education should be available to all those with the ability to benefit from it.

We consider a range of qualifications, learning credits, informal learning and prior work experience to assess your ability to study your chosen course.

Affordable learning

Undergraduate or postgraduate study can be a significant financial commitment but our courses are competitively priced to ensure good value for money. Ulster's courses represent an excellent investment in your future career.

¹ REF 2014

² DLHE Survey 2016/17

³ Times Higher Education 2018



See your career take shape

At Ulster, we don't just provide you with a first rate education, we also prepare you for life after graduation.

Our learning experience is career-focused and relevant, offering you a range of opportunities to enhance your CV and stand out to potential employers. This ensures that when you leave us, you do so with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make your mark in a competitive job market.

Teaching excellence

The quality of our teaching ensures that your learning experience is of the highest academic standard. Our programmes are regularly reviewed and we constantly monitor the changing employment market to ensure you attain the relevant knowledge, skills and professional qualifications to excel in your future career. Many of our academic staff have industry experience, which shapes and informs the teaching you receive at Ulster.

Professional accreditation

Most of our degree programmes are developed in collaboration with industry and professional bodies. Many offer an additional professional qualification* or accreditation, something you will find invaluable once you graduate and are applying for jobs.

* Dependent on module selection and performance

Career planning

Our Careers and Employability Service offers friendly and impartial advice to help you plan your career, as well as helping you to develop your employability skills. The Careers and Employability Service offers face-to-face, email and telephone advice, they will also be on hand to support you from your first day of enrolment right through to graduation and beyond.

How you can benefit from the Careers and Employability Service:

- One-to-one and group guidance sessions for students on topics such as;
 - Strategies for organising work experience and getting internships.
 - Information on career options based on your course of study.
 - Guidance and information on what employers look for in applications.
 - Effective networking.
- Campus-based Careers and Employability events with prospective employers.
- Webinars and seminars on specific employability topics.
- CV and job application advice and checking.
- Interview skills including phone interviews and opportunities to practice interviews.
- Advice on further study options and applications.

FIND OUT MORE

W: qa.ulster.ac.uk/careers

"If I could sum up the Ulster University experience in three words, I would describe it as: fresh, friendly and supportive. The relatively small learning community means that I can often book one-to-one appointments with my tutors and I can easily get help or advice if I need it."*

Mohamed Said – Egypt
MSc International Business

*Quote not relative to featured imagery



Welcoming students from near and far

If you live outside of the UK, and are considering studying here, we can offer you a range of programmes delivered in modern, exciting and dynamic study locations.

Ulster experience

Our international reputation for excellence in teaching and research makes us a leading UK education provider¹. Students from all around the world have chosen to study at Ulster and gain a highly valued degree. The Ulster experience not only offers you academic excellence, but you will also be part of a friendly and welcoming university, committed to providing you with a quality student experience.

Home to diverse communities within the UK's two largest cities, our locations offer great leisure and accommodation opportunities. You will also benefit from excellent teaching, student support, learning facilities and a range of extra-curricular activities to enhance your student experience.

Support

Our dedicated international team will provide you with advice on our courses, assistance with your application and information about life at Ulster. You will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of events organised for international students on campus throughout your time with us. You will also be encouraged to get to know other Ulster students through engagement with our Student Activities Association (SAA). Our Student Services team are also on hand to help you with any problems.

FIND OUT MORE

W: qa.ulster.ac.uk/international

¹ REF 2014

A taste of London



Ulster University, London

Right in the heart of the city, in historic Holborn, our London campus is housed within a beautiful red-brick building dating back to the 1800s. Recently refurbished, the campus provides you with an excellent environment in which to study and socialise, adding to your overall student experience. Equipped with modern teaching facilities and computer suites, library facilities and free Wi-Fi, the London campus delivers a great learning experience with the renowned teaching excellence of Ulster University.

Our campus has a bright, contemporary recreation area with microwaves, vending machines, PCs and comfy sofas. Our Student Services facility is conveniently located on campus and we have dedicated support staff who can help answer questions from finance and accommodation to questions about the city itself.

Attractions to life in London

Just minutes away from Chancery Lane and Farringdon tube stations you will be within walking distance of many iconic London institutions and attractions, from world famous museums and libraries to top restaurants and bars.

Situated in zone 1, this central London location is just a 30 minute walk or a short tube journey from Oxford Street and Regent Street, as well as world-famous attractions such as Covent Garden, Trafalgar Square, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. Attractions also include the London Eye and the theatre district, Soho and the historic financial borough.

You will be perfectly placed to take advantage of all that London has to offer, from its thriving international community, to the professional community where you can use the skills you've learnt with us to grow your prospects and shape your future.

As a student at the University you may also be entitled to discounted travel of up to 30% off the price of adult-rate Travelcards and Bus & Tram Pass season tickets.

How to find us

Ulster University
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Holborn, London, EC1R 4TF
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Nearest tube stations:

Chancery Lane (Central Line) and Farringdon (Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan Lines) and Thameslink for National Rail services.

For further information on the London Underground, visit: tfl.gov.uk

Buses:

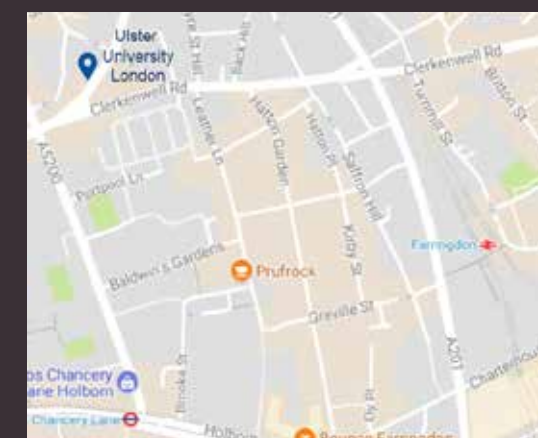
The number 19, 38 and 341 stop directly outside the campus.

The number 17, 45, 46, 55 and 243 stop less than a 3 minute walk away.

For more information about bus routes, visit: tfl.gov.uk/buses

FIND OUT MORE

W: qa.ulster.ac.uk/london





A taste of Birmingham



Ulster University, Birmingham

Located in the prominent Centre City building, our friendly Birmingham campus offers modern teaching facilities and experienced staff, ensuring it is geared towards your learning needs.

In addition to an on-site library, the Birmingham branch campus is close to Europe's largest regional library, the new Library of Birmingham, where you will be eligible for membership. The campus also provides numerous designated computer and IT research areas with free Wi-Fi.

Our on-site Careers Service can also assist you with writing your CV and covering letters, help you to prepare for interviews and provide you with information about graduate vacancies, fairs, forums and other networking opportunities.

The Birmingham experience

With a student population of more than 65,000, Birmingham has an eclectic social scene, making it one of the best places in the UK to be a student. You will be just minutes away from the recently refurbished New Street rail station, the city's famous shopping centres, restaurants and canal-side bars.

With many businesses moving to Birmingham, it is a truly exciting time to choose this city as your place of study.

On top of this, Birmingham saw over 17,000¹ new businesses created in 2016/17 above any other city in the UK, so you'll be embedded within the fastest growing entrepreneurial community in the country, meaning you'll be perfectly placed for part-time work and internship opportunities.

¹ Companies House data, 2017

How to find us

Ulster University
5th Floor, Centre City, 5-7 Hill Street
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Nearest train stations:

New Street station is situated next to the campus and Moor Street station is just a short walk away.

For further information about train travel, including ticket prices and timetables visit: nationalrail.co.uk

Buses:

A variety of West Midlands Travel buses stop within walking distance of the centre including the numbers 63, 126 and 850.

For more information about bus routes, please visit: nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands

FIND OUT MORE

W: qa.ulster.ac.uk/birmingham



Your home away from home

It's a big step moving to a new city or country to study. We understand that living away from home is a big part of the student experience and we appreciate the need for you to find the perfect place to live.

There are lots of different factors to consider when choosing where to live during your studies.

How to arrange your accommodation

Finding the right accommodation for you may seem like a daunting task, especially if this is the first time you will be living independently or living in the UK.

To help you get settled as smoothly as possible, we partner with reputable student accommodation providers, who can offer you further options for finding accommodation while studying with us.

Our accommodation partners are available to assist you with all your accommodation queries about living in either London or Birmingham.*

*Please note, your accommodation contract is with the accommodation provider and not with Ulster University or QA Higher Education.

Here are a few questions you should ask yourself when making your decision:

- How much is the rent?
- Where is it in relation to the campus?
- How long will it take me to get to classes and to get home?
- How many people will I share facilities (e.g. kitchen, bathrooms etc.) with?
- Are bills included in the rent or might there be extra monthly costs?
- Can I meet the housemates first?
- What is the local area like and what local facilities and amenities are available?
- What is the booking process?
- Is there a deposit to pay?
- How long is the accommodation booked for?
- Is it catered or self-catered?
- Where are the nearest shops for all those last minute groceries?
- How much will it cost me to travel to my classes?
- How do I pay my rent and when is it due?

FIND OUT MORE

W: qa.ulster.ac.uk/accommodation

T: +44 (0)121 314 4531



Your learning experience

We believe that everyone who has the ability should have the opportunity to study at university and we are strongly committed to your learning experience. We are proud to be one of the top 10 entrepreneurial universities¹ and awarded the most improved student experience in the UK.²

Ulster recognises that flexibility and convenience are important when it comes to your learning journey. That is why we offer a range of opportunities at a variety of levels to suit your lifestyle.

¹ HESA-HE-BCI 2016/17

² Times Higher Education 2016

* Selected postgraduate programmes. Open to UK and EU nationals only.

Academic year

Teaching is split into two or three semesters for most students (shorter courses may run for one). Each semester comprises 12 weeks of teaching followed by an exam period. Students will typically study three modules in each semester (18 modules of study make up a standard three-year degree programme).

To allow you to balance your academic studies with your personal life, you have the option to choose to study full-time during the evening and weekends* for postgraduate study (see page 56).

Successful completion of our undergraduate and postgraduate courses requires significant additional personal study time, but the reward is worth the effort.

Lectures, seminars and tutorials

Teaching is delivered through lectures, seminars and tutorials. Lectures are formal teaching sessions, often with a larger group of students. Seminars, which usually provide a form of follow-up to lectures, take place in smaller groups and are often used to promote group discussion about a specific topic. In tutorials, a small number of students meet with a tutor to discuss work and to raise points of particular interest or difficulty.

Assessments

You will be assessed at each stage of your course. The purpose of assessment is to provide you with feedback on your progress and to further develop course content and teaching. Your learning will be assessed in the most appropriate way for each subject.

"I love the learning environment, the lecturers use a mix of theoretical and practical teaching styles that are always tailored to our needs. They are extremely enthusiastic and informative and always there to support me if I need assistance. This makes me confident that I will succeed in my studies."*

Raja Nadeem Ashraf – Birmingham
BSc Business Studies

*Quote not relative to featured imagery



Help and advice when you need it

Life as a student is exciting, but it can also be demanding and you may face personal challenges along the way. That's where the Student Support teams can assist. We offer a range of services to help you cope, allowing you to make the most of your time at university.

Student Support

The University's Student Services and Student Welfare teams are always available to make sure that everything goes as smoothly as possible. We work hard to ensure you have a fantastic and fulfilling experience at Ulster, regardless of how your circumstances may change during your studies.

Our Student Support teams are ready to help with everything from health and disability, to counselling and faith issues.

Accessibility

If you have a disability or medical condition please get in touch as soon as you apply for a place at Ulster. Our Student Welfare team can help with additional study needs, provide guidance on funding for disability support and recommend any other reasonable adjustments required.

Health and wellbeing

It is important to look after yourself at university, both physically and emotionally. Our Student Welfare team can also provide guidance and support on academic issues, coping with stress, or family or relationship problems. Appointments with a trained counsellor can be arranged quickly and conveniently. Our services ensure that all students have the know-how to keep themselves safe and healthy while studying with us.

Student finance

We believe that the overall Ulster experience offers excellent value for money and is a great investment in your future. However, understanding the way funding and finances work can be quite challenging so our Student Finance team are on hand to advise you on financial matters.

FIND OUT MORE

W: qa.ulster.ac.uk/student-support

Section 2

Courses at Ulster University

Undergraduate courses at Ulster University

BSc undergraduate degree courses at our London and Birmingham branch campuses are designed for school leavers and mature students alike.

We specialise in business related degrees, boasting an industry experienced faculty with a strong focus on career opportunities and employability. Our degrees provide an ideal launch pad into relevant and engaging careers as well as a platform onto further study at postgraduate level.

Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk/ug for more information about our undergraduate courses.

Accounting and Management BSc Hons

UCAS code: 79N6 London (V)

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London

Start date: September

Mode of study: Full-time classroom

Level of study: Undergraduate, FHEQ level 6

Duration: 3 years

Assessment methods: Combination of coursework and examinations

Delivery methods: Lectures and seminars

2019/20 entry conditions: Grades BCC at GCE Advanced Level (NARIC)

GCSE Profile to include Grade B in Mathematics and English at Grade C, or international equivalent. For those without formal entry qualifications, applications will be considered on the basis of experiential learning.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.0 with no component less than 5.5; internal English language assessment available.

2019/20 tuition fee:

	London
International	£10,000
UK/EU	£9,250

Overview

The BSc Hons Accounting and Management creates the opportunity to progress your studies within growing areas of professional services.

This course provides a comprehensive grounding in theory and practice, and an excellent foundation to becoming a qualified Accountant. It provides an opportunity to secure exemptions from the major Professional Accountancy Bodies, whilst keeping many options open to successful graduates to pursue other careers involving Accounting, Business and Finance.

You will have the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and insight in the following areas:

- The concepts and theories of accounting within a broad economic, legal, social and professional environment
- The basic principles of auditing, investment, finance, taxation and their implications for individuals, organisations, markets, societies and other disciplines
- Alternative recognition rules and valuation bases
- The recording, preparation, presentation and analysis of financial information
- Business and financial information, technology and systems, and professional ethics
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis of accounting data.

Professional accreditation

The course gives an opportunity to secure exemptions, dependent on performance, for 9 of the 14 papers for the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) qualification.

Career and progression options

This degree will provide you with an excellent basis for pursuing a professional qualification with one of the accountancy and management bodies. A qualified accountant may take up a position as a practitioner providing audit, accountancy and taxation services to a variety of businesses and individuals; a financial or management accountant in a large commercial enterprise or within central or local government, or a taxation specialist. A qualified manager may take up a position within a large commercial enterprise, within central or local government, as a management consultant or an educationalist.

The degree may, depending on classification obtained, permit further study at postgraduate level.

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

* Open to UK and EU nationals only.

** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

Year 1

Introductory Accounting
Academic, Professional and Managerial Awareness
Financial Mathematics and Statistics
Business and the Economy
Principles of Financial Accounting
Principles of Management Accounting

All single modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Year 2

Financial Accounting
Management Accounting
Personal and Business Finance
Law for Accountants
Career Entrepreneurship
Assurance and Risk Management

All single modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Year 3

Modern Taxation
Performance Management
Financial Reporting
Auditing
Governance, Risk and Ethics
Advanced Financial Management

All single modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Visit our online course prospectus at qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.

Computing Systems BSc Hons

UCAS code: GL40 London (V)

Faculty: Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment

Campus: London

Start date: September and January

Mode of study: Full-time classroom

Level of study: Undergraduate, FHEQ level 6

Duration: 3 years

Assessment methods: Combination of coursework and examinations

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures, tutorials and workshops

2019/20 entry conditions: Grades CCC at GCE Advanced Level (NARIC)

GCSE Profile to include Grade C in Mathematics and English Language, or international equivalent. For those without formal entry qualifications, applications will be considered on the basis of experiential learning.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.0 with no component less than 5.5; internal English language assessment available.

2019/20 tuition fee:

	London
International	£10,000
UK/EU	£9,250

Overview

The overall aim of the course is to provide a broadly based education in computing systems that will produce graduates equipped to apply best practice in software engineering to the development of a wide range of information systems in organisations. This will enable graduates to embark on a professional career in computing with specific vocational skills relevant to local industry needs. The course will also help meet industry's current shortage of high quality graduates in computing, particularly those with software development skills.

The BSc Hons Computing Systems course recognises that software development skills need to be complemented with people and process related skills. Consequently people, process and professional practice are important topics within modules of the course and allow the development of a broad base of skills appropriate to a software engineer.

You will have the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and insight in the following areas:

- The theory and principles of programming and software engineering, computer hardware and software technologies, and the role of computing systems in organisations
- The ability to analyse computing problems and formulate practical solutions to these problems, coupled with the ability to critically evaluate the approach and techniques used
- The development of practical skills in software development in a business/industrial context
- Developing key skills and competencies to support the student's progression into a career in the software industry or further academic study.

Professional accreditation

Graduates from this course have been successful in gaining full membership of the British Computer Society, the Chartered Institute for IT.

Career and progression options

Upon graduation students will be eligible to embark on a professional career in computing or to undertake further study at Masters or PhD level.

Career routes include:

- Designing business-critical computer systems.
- Providing consultancy on computing systems development.
- Managerial roles with responsibility for an organisation's computing resources.

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

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Example modules

Year 1

Mathematics for Computing
Software Development I
Study Skills and Professional Issues
Computer Hardware
Software Development II
Systems in Organisations

All single modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Year 2

Human Computer Interaction
Networks
Object-Oriented Programming
Communications
Database Systems
Dynamic Web Authoring

All single modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Year 3

Organisational Process Focus - 10 credits
Project Management - 10 credits
Mobile Technology
Web Applications Development
Embedded Systems Design
Computing Systems Project - 40 credits

All single modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Visit our online course prospectus at qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.

Computing Systems with Diploma in Professional Practice

BSc Hons

UCAS code: GL40 London (V)

Faculty: Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment

Campus: London

Start date: September and January

Mode of study: Full-time classroom

Level of study: Undergraduate, FHEQ level 6

Duration: 4 years

Assessment methods: Combination of coursework and examinations

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures, tutorials and workshops

2019/20 entry conditions: Grades CCC at GCE Advanced Level (NARIC)

GCSE Profile to include Grade C in Mathematics and English Language, or international equivalent. For those without formal entry qualifications, applications will be considered on the basis of experiential learning.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.0 with no component less than 5.5; internal English language assessment available.

2019/20 tuition fee:

	London
International	£10,000
UK/EU	£9,250
Placement year	£2,070

Overview

The intent of Work Based Learning (WBL) is significantly reflected in the programme learning outcomes. During year 3 of this programme, students will have the option to undertake a placement year module, Professional Practice – Computing. This module will provide an opportunity for students to develop knowledge and expertise that can be utilised in their final year studies, and in particular their final year project.

Students will also have opportunities to gain employability skills, reflect upon the applicability of their subject-specific skills, and gain insight into the graduate job market. Students who successfully complete the module are eligible for the award of Diploma in Professional Practice (DPP) or Diploma in Professional Practice International (DPPI) for international placements. Hence, the inclusion of placement year in this programme places strong emphasis on developing industry specific practical skills so that the learners are readily employable.

You will have the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and insight in the following areas:

- The theory and principles of programming and software engineering, computer hardware and software technologies, and the role of computing systems in organisations
- The ability to analyse computing problems and formulate practical solutions to these problems, coupled with the ability to critically evaluate the approach and techniques used
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- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

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** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

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Software Development I
Study Skills and Professional Issues
Computer Hardware
Software Development II
Systems in Organisations

All single modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Year 2

Human Computer Interaction
Networks
Object-Oriented Programming
Communications
Database Systems
Dynamic Web Authoring

All single modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Year 3

Professional Practice - Computing - 60 credits

Year 4

Organisational Process Focus - 10 credits
Project Management - 10 credits
Mobile Technology
Web Applications Development
Embedded Systems Design
Computing Systems Project - 40 credits

All single modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.

Visit our online course prospectus at qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.



Pre-Masters courses at Ulster University

Students who have completed one of our undergraduate degrees (or completed an undergraduate degree at another institution) and who wish to continue their education may consider studying one of our Pre-Masters courses.

Our Pre-Masters courses provide a route to postgraduate level study for students who may not meet the initial entry requirement of their target masters degree.

Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk/pm for more information about our Pre-Masters courses.

Graduate Certificate Pre-Masters

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London or Birmingham

Start date: January, May and September

Mode of study: Full-time classroom

Level of study: Pre-Masters, FHEQ level 6

Duration: 1 semester (12 weeks)

Assessment methods: Coursework only

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures, tutorials and workshops

2019/20 entry conditions: A Third or a pass in a Bachelor's degree in any discipline; or a pass in a non-honours degree with any classification in any discipline; or a 3 year Diploma (Dazhuan) or equivalent (China only); or international equivalent.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.0 with no component less than 5.5; internal English language assessment available.

2019/20 tuition fee:

	London	Birmingham
International	£4,000	£3,750
UK/EU	£1,350*	£1,350*

* Not available as a stand-alone programme.

Overview

If you do not currently meet the entry requirements for direct entry to Masters level study, the Graduate Certificate will provide you with a solid foundation and the skills required for entry on to one of our Masters programmes.

This Pre-Masters programme has been designed as a bridging mechanism for students who wish to progress from undergraduate to postgraduate study at Ulster and will lead to a distinct award, the Graduate Certificate in Business.

The programme lasts for one semester and consists of three modules designed to develop your academic study and English language skills required for postgraduate level study.

You will have the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and insight in the following areas:

- The learning styles required for academic purposes at postgraduate level
- Problem-solving and decision-making skills to draw reasoned conclusions from data and make appropriate recommendations
- The ability to use academic literature and a wide range of research and evaluation methods
- Using a wide range of research methods to critically evaluate concepts, arguments and evidence in an objective manner.

Career and progression options

Students who successfully complete the Graduate Certificate and, on achieving a minimum average of 50% across all modules, will be in a position to progress on to one of our masters programmes in London or Birmingham.

Progression onto the MBA is conditional on passing the Graduate Certificate with an overall pass mark of at least 50% at the first attempt and normally the possession of two years relevant work experience.

Masters degrees

MBA - a FHEQ level 7 Masters degree aimed at developing management and leadership skills for aspiring and established middle managers from across a range of business sectors. See page 44 for more information.

MSc International Business – a FHEQ level 7 masters degree, designed to enable you to build, develop and integrate international business theory and develop the skills to apply this theory. See page 40 for more information.

MSc Marketing - a FHEQ level 7 Masters degree, which provides an advanced study of business and management with particular focus on marketing. See page 42 for more information.

Example modules

Semester 1

Research Methods for Postgraduate Study - 20 credits
Academic Essentials - 20 credits
Enterprise Development - 20 credits

Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.

Why choose an Extended Masters?



Prepare for **Masters-level study** if you do not meet the direct entry requirements



For international students, the Extended Masters have a **combined CAS**



One application process covers both the Graduate Certificate and Masters programme



Matched with two **industry-focused programmes**



After just **three months** and upon successfully passing the Graduate Certificate element, you will be able to start your Masters degree



Study in a **vibrant and multi-cultural** student city

How do Extended Masters work?

Month 1–3

Graduate Certificate stage:

- 3 modules need to be completed successfully:
 - Research Methods for Postgraduate Studies - 20 credits
 - Academic Essentials - 20 credits
 - Enterprise Development - 20 credits
- Upon successful completion of this programme you will have gained the confidence and core skills to progress on to MSc International Business, MSc Marketing or MBA.

Month 4–15

Masters stage:

- You will complete a masters programme in your chosen subject
- You will be taught through a mixture of lectures, seminars, workshops and visited by industry expert speakers
- You will be assessed entirely through coursework (may include class tests).

Extended International Business MSc

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London or Birmingham

Start date: January, May and September

Mode of study: Full-time: daytime

Level of study: Postgraduate, FHEQ level 7

Duration: 15 months

Assessment methods: Coursework only (may include class tests)

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures, tutorials and workshops

2019/20 entry conditions: A Third or a pass in a Bachelor's degree in any discipline; or a pass in a non-honours degree with any classification in any discipline; or a 3 year Diploma (Dazhuan) or equivalent (China only).

English language requirements: GCSE grade C (or equivalent); the minimum English language requirements for non-native English speakers, are IELTS 6.0 with no contributing band at less than 5.5 (internal English language assessment available).

2019/20 tuition fee:

	London	Birmingham
International	£15,500	£13,750
UK/EU	£6,500	£6,500

Overview

Our Extended MSc International Business integrates the Graduate Certificate programme to allow entry for students with equivalent to a standard degree (third class, pass or ordinary). Upon successfully completing the Pre-Masters Graduate Certificate with an overall minimum average mark of 50% across all modules studied and passed, you will be guaranteed progression on to the MSc International Business.

This extended programme aims to:

- political, social and cultural aspects of different trade blocs, particularly the European Union, Asia and the USA
- Analyse core management techniques from varying perspectives to understand their application on an international scale
- Develop knowledge, skills and insight in the shared experience of other students and business professionals from varied cultural, economic and employment backgrounds
- Develop your academic and study skills from the outset of the programme
- Help you be equipped to acquire a mastery of both the macro and micro contexts of international business
- Enable you to acquire, develop and integrate international business theory whilst developing the skills to apply this to international business practice.

Career and progression options

The course is designed to equip you for employment in a wide range of international roles within the public and private sectors and a significant number of graduates are successful in gaining promotion in their chosen fields.

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

* Open to UK and EU nationals only.

** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

Graduate Certificate

Semester 1

Research Methods for Postgraduate Study - 20 credits
Academic Essentials - 20 credits
Enterprise Development - 20 credits

MSc International Business

Semester 1

Global Business in Context - 15 credits
International Finance - 15 credits
International Marketing - 15 credits
The Digital Landscape - 15 credits

Semester 2

Applied Research Methods - 15 credits
International Entrepreneurship - 15 credits
International HRM - 15 credits
Global Strategy - 15 credits

Semester 3

Dissertation or Applied Research Project - 60 credits

Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.

Extended International Business with Advanced Practice MSc

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London or Birmingham

Start date: January, May and September

Mode of study: Full-time: daytime

Level of study: Postgraduate, FHEQ level 7

Duration: 24 months

Assessment methods: Coursework only (may include class tests)

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures, tutorials and workshops

2019/20 entry conditions: A Third or a pass in a Bachelor's degree in any discipline; or a pass in a non-honours degree with any classification in any discipline; or a 3 year Diploma (Dazhuan) or equivalent (China only).

English language requirements: GCSE grade C (or equivalent); the minimum English language requirements for non-native English speakers, are IELTS 6.0 with no contributing band at less than 5.5 (internal English language assessment available).

2019/20 tuition fee:

	London	Birmingham
International	£20,500	£19,000
UK/EU	£9,500	£9,500

Overview

The Extended MSc International Business with Advanced Practice integrates the Graduate Certificate programme, and the MSc International Business with Advanced Practice, which includes a work internship or an applied consulting project before your final semester, offering you an opportunity to gain valuable workplace environment experience.

This extended programme aims to develop your academic and study skills from the outset of the programme. You will then be well equipped to acquire a mastery of both the macro and micro contexts of international business. These programmes will include the ability to acquire, develop, and integrate international business theory whilst developing the skills to then apply this in terms of international business practice.

The Advanced Practice element of this programme takes place after you have studied the taught modules at the Masters stage and will enable you to undertake a 15 week long internship, or Applied Consulting Project, working with a real organisation on a live business problem. This gives you opportunity to gain experience of the workplace environment and/or practical experience of the "real world" issues faced by those currently engaged in marketing.

The Advance Practice stage module provides an excellent way to put your learning into practice and hence, enhance your employability. It also provides you with an enhanced knowledge of the workplace which will facilitate the completion of your Dissertation. Please note if you undertake an internship this maybe paid or unpaid.

Career and progression options

The course is designed to equip you for employment in a wide range of international roles within the public and private sectors and a significant number of graduates are successful in gaining promotion in their chosen fields.

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

* Open to UK and EU nationals only.

** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

Graduate Certificate

Semester 1

Research Methods for Postgraduate Study - 20 credits
Academic Essentials - 20 credits
Enterprise Development - 20 credits

MSc International Business

Semester 1

Global Business in Context - 15 credits
International Finance - 15 credits
International Marketing - 15 credits
The Digital Landscape - 15 credits

Semester 2

Applied Research Methods - 15 credits
International Entrepreneurship - 15 credits
International HRM - 15 credits
Global Strategy - 15 credits

For students undertaking an internship

Internship & Professional Development Project - 60 credits

For students not doing an internship

Applied Consulting Project - 60 credits

And one of the following modules

Dissertation or Applied Research Project - 60 credits

Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.

Extended Marketing MSc

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London or Birmingham

Start date: September, January (London only) and May

Mode of study: Full-time: daytime

Level of study: Postgraduate, FHEQ level 7

Duration: 15 months

Assessment methods: Coursework only

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures and workshops

2019/20 entry conditions: A Third or a pass in a Bachelor's degree in any discipline; or a pass in a non-honours degree with any classification in any discipline; or a 3 year Diploma (Dazhuan) or equivalent (China only).

English language requirements: GCSE grade C (or equivalent); the minimum English language requirements for non-native English speakers, are IELTS 6.0 with no contributing band at less than 5.5 (internal English language assessment available).

2019/20 tuition fee:

	London	Birmingham
International	£15,500	£13,750
UK/EU	£6,500	£6,500

Overview

Our Extended MSc Marketing integrates the Graduate Certificate programme to allow entry for students with equivalent to a standard degree (third class, pass or ordinary). Upon successfully completing the Pre-Masters Graduate Certificate with an overall minimum average mark of 50% across all modules studied and passed, you will be guaranteed progression on to the MSc Marketing.

This extended programme aims to:

- Provide an advanced study of business and management with a particular focus on Marketing
- Prepare and/or develop students for a career in marketing and business by facilitating the development of enhanced transferable skills necessary for marketing management at a variety of levels
- Develop students' ability to apply knowledge and critical understanding of marketing and business to complex issues, to improve entrepreneurial marketing and business practice
- Enhance students' lifelong learning skills and personal development in order to work with self-direction and originality and to contribute to business and society at large
- Critically evaluate the application and impact of marketing theories and concepts to practical marketing problems
- Develop strong transferable skills of logical reasoning, creative thinking, effective communication and the ability to critically evaluate contemporary issues
- Acquire the skills necessary to conceive, design and implement a substantial research project.

Career and progression options

Upon graduating, students should be eligible to apply for marketing positions across public and private sector organisations. Additionally, the skills acquired through completing the programme have inspired some to set up their own businesses.

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

* Open to UK and EU nationals only.

** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

Graduate Certificate

Semester 1

Research Methods for Postgraduate Study - 20 credits
Academic Essentials - 20 credits
Enterprise Development - 20 credits

MSc Marketing

Semester 1

Foundations in Management - 20 credits
Strategy and Innovation - 20 credits
Marketing Management - 20 credits

Semester 2

Global Marketing - 15 credits
Digitizing Marketing - 15 credits
Research Methods - 15 credits
Entrepreneurial Marketing - 15 credits

Semester 3

Dissertation - 60 credits
Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.

Extended Marketing with Advanced Practice MSc

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London or Birmingham

Start date: September, January (London only) and May

Mode of study: Full-time: daytime

Level of study: Postgraduate, FHEQ level 7

Duration: 24 months

Assessment methods: Coursework only

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures and workshops

2019/20 entry conditions: A Third or a pass in a Bachelor's degree in any discipline; or a pass in a non-honours degree with any classification in any discipline; or a 3 year Diploma (Dazhuan) or equivalent (China only).

English language requirements: GCSE grade C (or equivalent); the minimum English language requirements for non-native English speakers, are IELTS 6.0 with no contributing band at less than 5.5 (internal English language assessment available).

2019/20 tuition fee:

	London	Birmingham
International	£20,500	£19,000
UK/EU	£9,500	£9,500

Overview

The Extended MSc Marketing with Advanced Practice course is an academically challenging and strategically relevant programme in advanced marketing study, with a particular emphasis on entrepreneurship. The Advanced Practice element offers students the opportunity to gain valuable workplace environment experience. The course also integrates the Graduate Certificate programme to allow entry for students with equivalent to a standard degree (third class, pass or ordinary).

The programme is distinctive in exploring leading-edge thinking from scholarly sources, alongside a syllabus rich in the practical application of marketing. It has been designed in conjunction with senior marketing executives from industry to address the strategic importance that companies must become more marketing focused and more professional and entrepreneurial in marketing practices.

The Advanced Practice element of this programme takes place after you have studied the taught modules at the Masters stage and will enable you to undertake a 15 week long internship, or Applied Consulting Project, working with a real organisation on a live business problem. This gives you the opportunity to gain experience of the workplace environment and/or practical experience of the "real world" issues faced by those currently engaged in marketing.

The Advance Practice stage module provides an excellent way to put your learning into practice and hence, enhance your employability. It also provides you with an enhanced knowledge of the workplace which will facilitate the completion of your Dissertation. Please note if you undertake an internship this maybe paid or unpaid.

Career and progression options

Upon graduating, students should be eligible to apply for marketing positions across public and private sector organisations. Additionally, the skills acquired through completing the programme have inspired some to set up their own businesses.

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

* Open to UK and EU nationals only.

** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

Graduate Certificate

Semester 1

Research Methods for Postgraduate Study - 20 credits
Academic Study Skills - 20 credits
Enterprise Development - 20 credits

MSc Marketing

Semester 1

Foundations in Management - 20 credits
Strategy and Innovation - 20 credits
Marketing Management - 20 credits

Semester 2

Global Marketing - 15 credits
Digitizing Marketing - 15 credits
Research Methods - 15 credits
Entrepreneurial Marketing - 15 credits

Semester 3

For students undertaking an internship
Internship & Professional Development Project - 60 credits

For students not doing an internship

Applied Consulting Project - 60 credits

And one of the following modules

Dissertation or Applied Research Project - 60 credits

Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.

Postgraduate courses at Ulster University

Students who have completed one of our undergraduate degrees (or completed an undergraduate degree at another institution) and who wish to continue their education may consider study on one of our postgraduate (masters) degrees.

A masters degree provides a more intensive study into a particular field, enabling a graduate student to usually enter into a graduate job at a higher level than with an undergraduate degree alone.

Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk/pg for more information about our postgraduate courses.

Introducing Masters with Advanced Practice

What is a Masters with Advanced Practice?

First 2 semesters

The first two semesters are the same as the standard Masters

Penultimate semester

Advanced Practice in the penultimate semester, you will choose between two options:

- Option one is an internship & Professional Development Project, which is a 15-week internship at an external company
- Option two is an Applied Consulting Project, which involves working on a live business project in industry

Final semester

As MSc and MBA students, you will then complete your final semester, including either a dissertation or applied research project.

- Standard programme - 21 months
- Extended programme - 24 months



Enhance your employability skills



Put into practice the theory you've learned during your studies



Experience a real working environment during your internship*



Reflect on your experiences in your final dissertation or project



Unlock your potential and improve your problem solving skills



Study in a **vibrant and multi-cultural** student city

International Business (with Advanced Practice) MSc

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London or Birmingham

Start date: September (London only) and May

Mode of study: Full-time: daytime or evening and weekend (London only)

Level of study: Postgraduate, FHEQ level 7

Duration: 1 year or 21 months (Advanced Practice)

Assessment methods: Coursework only (may include class tests)

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures and workshops

Entry conditions: Second class honours (2:2 or 2:1) degree or international equivalent. For those without formal entry qualifications, applications will be considered on the basis of the accreditation of prior experiential learning.

English language requirements: GCSE grade C (or equivalent); the minimum English language requirements for non-native English speakers, are IELTS 6.0 with no contributing band at less than 5.5 (internal English language assessment available).

Tuition fee:

	London	Birmingham
International	£11,500	£10,000
UK/EU	£5,150	£5,150

Advanced Practice Tuition fee:

	London	Birmingham
International	£17,000	£15,500
UK/EU	£8,150	£8,150

Overview

MSc International Business is a one-year postgraduate degree which aims to allow students to acquire mastery of both the macro and micro contexts of international business. It is designed to enable students to acquire, develop and integrate international business theory whilst developing the skills to then apply this in terms of international business practice.

This programme aims to:

- Build knowledge and understanding of the political, social and cultural aspects of different trade blocs, particularly the European Union, Asia and the USA
- Analysing core management techniques from varying perspectives to understand their application on an international scale
- The shared experience of other students and business professionals from varied cultural, economic and employment backgrounds.

Advanced Practice stage

If you decide to study with Advanced Practice, this stage will take place after you have studied the taught modules at the Masters stage and will enable you to undertake a 15 week long internship, or Applied Consulting Project, working with a real organisation on a live business problem. This gives you the opportunity to gain experience of the workplace environment and/or practical experience of the “real world” issues faced by those currently engaged in international business.

Career and progression options

Student and employer needs are reflected in the development of this programme and evidenced in the career destinations and further development of our graduates. The course is designed to equip you for employment in a wide range of international roles within the public and private sectors and a significant number of graduates are successful in gaining promotion in their chosen fields, or alter their career paths following completion of their programme of study.

Evening and weekend study

One of our study options available for UK and EU nationals includes evenings and weekends. This study option offers exactly the same levels of student support and the ability to balance your full-time studies with your personal life.

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

* Open to UK and EU nationals only.

** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

Semester 1

Global Business in Context - 15 credits
International Finance - 15 credits
International Marketing - 15 credits
The Digital Landscape - 15 credits

Semester 2

Applied Research Methods - 15 credits
International Entrepreneurship - 15 credits
International HRM - 15 credits
Global Strategy - 15 credits

Semester 3

Dissertation or Applied Research Project - 60 credits

Advanced Practice stage

For students undertaking an internship

Internship & Professional Development Project - 60 credits

For students not doing an internship

Applied Consulting Project - 60 credits

And one of the following modules

Dissertation or Applied Research Project - 60 credits

Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.

Marketing (with Advanced Practice) MSc

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London or Birmingham

Start date: January, May (London only) and September

Mode of study: Full-time: daytime

Level of study: Postgraduate, FHEQ level 7

Duration: 1 year or 21 months (Advanced Practice)

Assessment methods: Coursework only

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures and workshops

Entry conditions: Second class honours (2:2 or 2:1) degree or international equivalent. For those without formal entry qualifications, applications will be considered on the basis of the accreditation of prior experiential learning.

English language requirements: GCSE grade C (or equivalent); the minimum English language requirements for non-native English speakers, are IELTS 6.0 with no contributing band at less than 5.5 (internal English language assessment available).

Tuition fee:

	London	Birmingham
International	£11,500	£10,000
UK/EU	£5,150	£5,150

Advanced Practice Tuition fee:

	London	Birmingham
International	£17,000	£15,500
UK/EU	£8,150	£8,150

Overview

The MSc Marketing course is an academically challenging and strategically relevant programme in advanced marketing study, with a particular emphasis on entrepreneurship. The programme is distinctive in exploring leading edge thinking from scholarly sources, alongside a syllabus rich in the practical application of marketing.

This programme aims to:

- Advanced study of business and management with a particular focus on Marketing
- Development of enhanced transferable skills necessary for marketing management at a variety of levels
- Development of applied knowledge and critical understanding of complex issues, both systematically and creatively, to improve entrepreneurial marketing and business practice
- Critical evaluation, application and knowledge of the impact of marketing theories and practical resolutions of marketing problems
- Conception, design and implementation of a substantial research project

Advanced Practice stage

If you decide to study with Advanced Practice, this stage will take place after you have studied the taught modules at the Masters stage and will enable you to undertake a 15 week long internship, or Applied Consulting Project, working with a real organisation on a live business problem. This gives you the opportunity to gain experience of the workplace environment and/or practical experience of the “real world” issues faced by industry.

Career and progression options

Upon graduating students should be eligible to apply for marketing positions across public and private sector organisations. Additionally, the skills acquired through completing the programme have inspired some to set up their own businesses.

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

* Open to UK and EU nationals only.

** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

Semester 1

Foundations in Management - 20 credits
Strategy and Innovation - 20 credits
Marketing Management - 20 credits

Semester 2

Global Marketing - 15 credits
Digitizing Marketing - 15 credits
Research Methods - 15 credits
Entrepreneurial Marketing - 15 credits

Semester 3

Dissertation - 60 credits

Advanced Practice stage

For students undertaking an internship

Internship & Professional Development Project - 60 credits

For students not doing an internship

Applied Consulting Project - 60 credits

And one of the following modules

Dissertation or Applied Research Project - 60 credits

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MBA (with Advanced Practice)

Master of Business Administration

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London

Start date: September

Mode of study: Full-time: daytime or evening and weekend (London only)

Level of study: Postgraduate, FHEQ level 7

Duration: 1 year or 21 months (Advanced Practice)

Assessment methods: Coursework only (may include class tests)

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures and workshops

Entry conditions: Second class honours degree (2:2 or 2:1) or international equivalent. In addition, applicants would normally have 2 years' relevant work experience.

English language requirements: GCSE grade C (or equivalent); the minimum English language requirements for non-native English speakers, are IELTS 6.0 with no contributing band at less than 5.5 (internal English language assessment available).

Tuition fee:

	London
International	£12,000
UK/EU	£8,000

Advanced Practice Tuition fee:

	London
International	£17,500
UK/EU	£9,150

Overview

The MBA is a general management course aimed at aspiring and established middle managers from a range of business sectors.

The course has been designed to account for current (local, regional and international) market trends and has recently been updated to provide additional flexibility, choice and the opportunity to apply taught management skills.

The overall objective of this course is to educate and develop individuals as managers and business specialists, adding value through an integrated, applied and critical understanding of management and organisations, as well as the development of professional, transferable and intellectual skills that are essential for successful general and strategic management in private, public and third sector organisations.

You will have the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and insight in the following areas:

- Develop multidisciplinary and international perspectives, concepts and issues in the major management disciplines
- Gain an understanding of relevant toolkits and techniques for analysing business and management issues
- Cultivate the ability to analyse, synthesise and apply knowledge and understanding to solve management problems critically, rationally and rigorously
- Gain an appreciation and application of contemporary management and information systems to aid strategic decision making in business and management
- Develop an appreciation and responsibility for lifelong learning and personal development

Advanced Practice stage

If you decide to study with Advanced Practice, this stage will take place after you have studied the taught modules at the Masters stage and will enable you to undertake a 15 week long internship, or Applied Consulting Project, working with a real organisation on a live business problem. This gives you the opportunity to gain experience of the workplace environment and/or practical experience of the “real world” issues faced by industry.

Career and progression options

The MBA places a strong focus on enhancing the employment prospects of its graduates. Previous Ulster University alumni have secured positions within large multinational organisations such as Diageo, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte and KPMG as well as small to medium sized enterprises. Others have used the programme as a valuable springboard to gain a thorough understanding of business and management principles before starting up their own business.

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

* Open to UK and EU nationals only.

** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

Semester 1

Marketing - 15 credits
Accounting and Finance - 15 credits
Innovation and Entrepreneurship - 15 credits
Management Research Methods - 15 credits

Semester 2

Economics and the Business Environment - 15 credits
Managing People in the Organisation - 15 credits
Operations Management - 15 credits
Leadership and Change - 15 credits

Semester 3

Digital Transformation - 15 credits
Strategy - 15 credits
Business Project - 30 credits

Advanced Practice stage

For students undertaking an internship

Internship & Professional Development Project - 60 credits

For students not doing an internship

Applied Consulting Project - 60 credits

And one of the following modules

Dissertation or Applied Research Project - 60 credits

Visit qa.ulster.ac.uk for further details and up-to-date information.

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Professional Software Development MSc

Faculty: Business School

Campus: London

Start date: September

Mode of study: Full-time

Level of study: Postgraduate, FHEQ level 7

Duration: 1 year

Assessment methods: Coursework

Delivery methods: Seminars, lectures, directed tutorials and practical sessions

Entry conditions: Second class honours degree (2:2 or 2:1) or equivalent, with a maximum of 50% computing content. In addition, GCSE grade C (or equivalent) in Mathematics is also required.

English language requirements: GCSE grade C (or equivalent); the minimum English language requirements for non-native English speakers, are IELTS 6.0 with no contributing band at less than 5.5 (internal English language assessment available).

Tuition fee:

	London
International	£11,500
UK/EU	£5,150

Overview

The MSc Professional Software Development is a conversion course designed for highly motivated graduates with a good honours degree in any discipline, with no more than 50% computing content. This course is targeted at those graduates who are interested in advancing their existing degree to gain expert knowledge of software development and those who wish to enter the software industry.

Topics such as Mobile Devices and Applications will allow students to specialise their field of focus whilst modules such as Database Systems equip students with essential transferable skills in the ever expanding industry of data science and analytics. This programme also requires students to complete a major individual computing project, where students will be required to develop a computing solution to a realistic problem, combining all the knowledge they have gained on the course to do so.

The programme aims to:

- Equip graduates from non-computing disciplines or those with relevant experience, but no formal qualifications, with the skills necessary for a career in Computing
- Provide a rigorous study of the theory and principles underlying the development and maintenance of modern computing applications
- Develop a high degree of expertise in the application, integration and critical evaluation of a range of computing tools and facilities as well as in the development of computing applications

Career and progression options

This is a conversion course designed to allow graduates (in a degree subject with a maximum of 50% computing content) to specialise in software development.

As the world becomes more reliant on software to help manage our lives, both in commercial and domestic settings, there has been a rise in software development jobs. The demand for qualified software developers is ever more increasing and competitive salaries are on offer in both large and small organisations across a wide range of sectors.

Typical job titles include:

- Computer Programmer
- Software Developer
- Systems Analyst
- Software Engineer
- Technical Consultant
- Web Designer
- Database Developer

Financial support available:

- ✓ Student Finance*
- ✓ Flexible payment plan**
- ✓ Upfront payment discount**

* Open to UK and EU nationals only.

** For self-financing students only.

Example modules

Semester 1

Computer Hardware - 10 credits
Professional Software Development 1 - 20 credits
Professional Software Development 2 - 20 credits
Mobile Devices and Applications - 10 credits

Semester 2

Software Architecture and Design - 20 credits
Operating System Fundamentals - 10 credits
Database Systems - 10 credits
Web Based Application Development - 20 credits

Semester 3

Masters Project - 60 credits

Evening and weekend study – Frequently asked questions

One of our study options available for UK and EU nationals includes evenings and weekends. This study option offers exactly the same levels of student support and the ability to balance your full-time studies with your personal life, but what does this actually mean?

What would a typical week look like if I have chosen to study evening and weekends?

Evening and weekend study provides you with the ability to have flexibility with your personal commitments alongside your studies.

You are expected to attend 12 hours of classes per week on campus, and an additional 23-30¹ hours of self-study per week.

Your typical week on campus could look like this:

2 evenings per week: 5.45pm – 8.30pm²
1 Saturday per week: 9.30am – 3.00pm²

Can I still apply for Student Finance for evening and weekend study?

Your course is classed as a full-time course, with your classes taking place during evening and weekend hours. As a result, and as a UK or EU student, you can apply for a postgraduate loan through Student Finance England up to £10,609. Please see 'Fees and funding' on page 49 for more information and eligibility criteria.

Can I access the university campus outside my study hours?

Yes you can. As an evening and weekend study student, you will still receive the exact same support and access to university resources as students who study weekdays. Our campuses offer flexible opening hours to meet your study needs.

FIND OUT MORE

W: qa.ulster.ac.uk/courses

¹ 1 Hours of self-study per week and may vary depending on the course you take.



Section 3

Applying
to Ulster
University



Fees and funding

Finances are an important consideration for students. As an Ulster University student you can take advantage of our competitive fees and flexible payment options, if you are a self-funding student.

Your course fees cover registration costs, teaching for the course and access to the learning resources of our branch campuses and Student Support Services. They do not include the cost of course books, stationery and photocopying/printing costs, accommodation, living costs, travel, hobbies, sports or other leisure activities.

Funding for UK and EU students

Fees do not have to be paid up-front – a tuition fee loan can be taken out for both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes (up to £10,609 for postgraduate study). You can defer payment until you have graduated and are in employment earning over £25,000 (undergraduate) and £21,000 (postgraduate). If you are resident in the UK and are applying for a full-time undergraduate course then you may also qualify for a maintenance loan.

Terms and conditions apply and can be subject to change without notice, for more information on payment methods and full payment terms and conditions, please visit: gov.uk/studentfinance

Some courses may also have additional costs which are not included in your tuition fee. Check the individual programme specification on the website for more details.

Scholarships

A comprehensive range of financial scholarships are available to undergraduate and postgraduate students. Scholarships recognise the many ways in which our students are outstanding in their subject. Individuals may be able to apply directly or may automatically be nominated for awards.

For more information and eligibility criteria, please visit: qa.ulster.ac.uk/scholarships

Upfront payment discounts

Self-funded students can take advantage of a payment discount. You will qualify for an early payment discount if you pay your deposit for the academic year before the following deadlines:

Start date	Discount	Deadline date
September	£500	1 July
January	£500	1 November
May	£500	1 March

This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, offer or scholarship and the course fee stated on your offer letter must be more than £6,000. Any discount will be applied when the funds are processed and payment has been confirmed by our Admissions team.

Flexible payment plan

If you are a self-funded student, we are happy to offer an interest-free flexible payment plan spreading the cost of your course over three months during your first year. The first payment will be due on, or shortly before enrolment, with subsequent payments due on the last working day of each consecutive month thereafter.

We are committed to assisting you in your studies wherever possible. If you are experiencing unforeseen financial difficulties in paying your tuition fees, our Finance team are always on hand to help.

Alumni discounts

If you have completed your undergraduate degree at Ulster University, you are eligible to apply for our alumni discount of 10 percent off your tuition fees. You will be asked at application to provide details of eligibility. This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, offer or scholarship.

Payment options

We accept all major credit/debit cards except for American Express and Laser. The payment methods we accept are Direct Bank Transfer, payments by telephone, or in person. If you are an international student, you can pay your fees in your local currency via PaytoStudy. This helps to ensure that you receive competitive foreign exchange rates without incurring international banking fees. Please check the website for more information on payment methods and full payment terms and conditions.

FIND OUT MORE

W: qa.ulster.ac.uk/fees

W: gov.uk/studentfinance

How to apply – UK and EU applicants

Undergraduate programmes

Applications to full-time undergraduate courses can be submitted online through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). UCAS has a range of deadlines for different categories of applicants and course choices. Log on to the UCAS website for more details.

The UCAS institution code for Ulster University is: U20

W: ucas.com

You can also apply directly for your chosen course. To download an application form please visit: qa.ulster.ac.uk/apply

Course requirements

Ulster University recognises a wide range of qualifications for admission to its programmes of study. Although admissions requirements may be expressed as Advanced Level qualifications, offers can also be made at the equivalent level for applicants offering a BTEC or a combination of qualifications. For many programmes of study, applicants may be able to satisfy the requirement for one of the A Level grades (or equivalent) by substituting a combination of alternative qualifications to the same standard as defined by UCAS.

Applicants are encouraged to provide all qualifications that attract UCAS tariff points in their application. These qualifications may be considered by the University should conditional offer grades be narrowly missed.

Postgraduate programmes

Applications for full-time postgraduate courses are made directly using our downloadable application form.

Before applying, check that you meet the University's General Entrance Requirements and the specific requirements for your chosen course(s). These can be found at: qa.ulster.ac.uk/entry-requirements

When to apply

Places are limited so we encourage you to apply early to ensure you are considered for your chosen course. For key dates and deadlines for each of our programmes, please visit: qa.ulster.ac.uk/dates

What happens next

The Admissions team will consider your application and send you details of the outcome. If you are sent an offer you will also receive details for registration and enrolment.

Questions about your application

The Admissions team will help you with enquiries about admission and the progress of your application.

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W: qa.ulster.ac.uk/apply

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How to apply – International applicants

Undergraduate and postgraduate programmes

If you are an international student, you can apply directly to us for your chosen course using our downloadable application form. You can complete this process at your own pace and check the status of your application with our Admissions team.

Before applying, check that you meet the University's General Entrance Requirements and the specific requirements for your chosen course(s). You can also check how country-specific qualifications compare by visiting: qa.ulster.ac.uk/entry-requirements

When to apply

We recommend that you apply as early as possible to ensure that you have sufficient time to prepare for studying in the UK, make visa arrangements and arrive ahead of enrolment. For key dates and deadlines for each of our programmes, please visit: qa.ulster.ac.uk/dates

Application process

1. Contact us to request an application form, or visit qa.ulster.ac.uk/apply to download the form. Complete and return this form, along with your supporting documents by email to us.
2. Once we receive your fully completed application form and supporting documents our Admissions team will assess your application.
3. If you are a suitable applicant we will send you a conditional offer letter.
4. Once you have met your conditions, your application will be sent to Faculty for review. If your application is successful, we will issue you with an unconditional offer letter.
5. You will then need to pay your first year tuition fees (or minimum required deposit) and supply qualifying bank statements.
6. Once we receive this paperwork and your fees have been paid, we will issue you with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS).
7. Once you have received your CAS, you will need to contact your local UK Embassy to apply for your visa.
8. Your visa will be granted once you have satisfied all of the UKVI requirements to obtain a Tier 4 Visa.
9. You can then travel to the UK to begin your studies.

What happens next

The Faculty office for your chosen course will consider your application and send you details of the outcome. If you are sent an offer you will also receive details for registration and enrolment. Only students who meet the visa entry requirements will be enrolled onto the course.

Applying for a visa

Unless you are a national or permanent resident of a European Economic Area country, you will be required to have obtained appropriate immigration permission in order to study at the University.

You can apply for your visa online or by completing Application Form VAF9 and PBS Appendix 8 Tier 4 General Student Self-Assessment at your nearest British diplomatic post or visa application centre. Further information about visa applications is available at: gov.uk/ukvi

Important information for International Applicants

If you are applying to study a new programme in the UK and have previously studied in the UK using a Student or Tier 4 (General) Student visa, the new programme must represent academic progress from your previous study.

The Tier 4 Policy Guidance states that in order to show academic progression, your new programme must:

- normally be above the level of the previous course for which you were given Tier 4 leave.

If the course you are applying for is not at a higher level than your previous course, there are exceptions to this rule where the University (the Tier 4 Sponsor) confirms that:

- the new course is related to the previous course for which you were given Tier 4 leave and involves deeper specialisation of your chosen subject; or
- your previous and new course combined support your career aspirations.

You will be required to articulate how the new course demonstrates academic progression for you in the form of a personal statement. You should outline which modules you previously studied at this level and how they have prepared you for study at Ulster. Ulster Admissions staff will carry out a full assessment and may ask for additional information if it is not clear that you satisfy the UKVI requirements on academic progression.

Questions about your application

You can contact our Admissions team for advice at any time during or after the application process. The Admissions team will help you with enquiries about admission and the progress of your application.

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Get to know us

Ulster online

A vast amount of information is available through our website and it's a great way to start your journey with us.

W: qa.ulster.ac.uk

Visit us

The best way to experience Ulster, and find out what it's like to study here, is to visit us. Come along to one of our campuses where you can meet staff and students and get more information about the courses you are interested in. Family members are also welcome.

Contact us

If you have a query that can't be answered online, send us an email or give us a call.

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Get here

Both campuses are situated in the heart of the city, with great transport links from various cities across the UK, Europe and beyond.

London branch campus

St James' House, 10 Rosebery Avenue
Holborn, London, EC1R 4TF

By rail

Chancery Lane (Central Line) and Farringdon (Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan lines).

For further information about getting to the campus on the London Underground, please visit: tfl.gov.uk

By bus

The number 19, 38 and 341 stop directly outside the campus. The number 17, 45, 46, 55 and 243 stop less than a 3 minute walk away.

For more information about bus routes, visit: tfl.gov.uk/maps/bus

By air

London is served by four international airports:
London City (LCY): londoncityairport.com
Heathrow (LHR): heathrow.com
Gatwick (LGW): gatwickairport.com
Luton (LTN): london-luton.co.uk

Birmingham branch campus

5th Floor, Centre City, 5-7 Hill Street
Birmingham, B5 4UA

By rail

New Street Station (Grand Central) is situated next to the campus and Birmingham Moor Street Station is just a short walk away.

For further information about train travel, including ticket prices and timetables please visit:

nationalrail.co.uk

By bus

A variety of West Midlands Travel buses stop within walking distance of the campus including the number 63, 126 and 850.

For more information about bus routes, please visit: nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/

By air

Birmingham is served by one international airport:
Birmingham International (BHX): birminghamairport.co.uk

Disclaimer

1. Ulster University and QA Higher Education are committed to being equal opportunities education providers and will therefore make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants and students.

2. All programmes included in this prospectus are delivered as part of a partnership between Ulster University and QA Higher Education – a UK higher education provider. All of our programmes at the London and Birmingham branch campuses are validated by the University and taught by QA Higher Education and University staff.

3. The University and QA Higher Education endeavours to deliver courses and programmes of study in accordance with the description set out in this prospectus. This prospectus is produced at the earliest possible date in order to provide maximum assistance to individuals considering applying for a course of study offered by the University and QA Higher Education. QA Higher Education makes every effort to ensure that the information contained in the prospectus is accurate but it is possible that some changes will occur between the date of printing and the start of the academic year to which it relates. Please note that the branch campus website is the most up-to-date source of information regarding courses and facilities and we strongly recommend that you always visit the website before making any commitments.

4. Although reasonable steps are taken to provide the programmes and services described, the University or QA Higher Education cannot guarantee the provision of any course or facility and the University or QA Higher Education may make variations to the contents or methods of delivery of courses, discontinue, merge or

combine courses and introduce new courses if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary by the University. Such circumstances include (but are not limited to) industrial action, lack of demand, departure of key staff, changes in legislation or government policy including changes, if any, resulting from the UK departing the European Union, withdrawal or reduction of funding or other circumstances beyond the University's reasonable control.

5. If the University or QA Higher Education discontinues any courses, we will use reasonable endeavours to provide a suitable alternative course. In addition, courses may change during the course of study and in such circumstances the University or QA Higher Education will normally undertake a consultation process prior to any such changes and seek to ensure that no student is unreasonably prejudiced as a consequence of any such change.

6. The University or QA Higher Education does not accept responsibility (other than through the negligence of the University, QA Higher Education, its staff or agents), for the consequences of any modification or cancellation of any course, or part of a course, offered by the University but will take into consideration the effects on individual students and seek to minimise the impact of such effects where reasonably practicable.

7. The University or QA Higher Education cannot accept any liability for disruption to its provision of educational or other services caused by circumstances beyond its control, but the University and QA Higher Education will take all reasonable steps to minimise the resultant disruption to such services.

8. The information given in this publication is accurate at the time of going to print in March 2019.

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