

UCM



University College Isle of Man

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INVEST IN **YOUR FUTURE**



WELCOME

University College Isle of Man (UCM) is an Associate College of the University of Chester, which accredits and awards our degrees.

We also work closely with other national and international professional associations and awarding bodies. Studying on the Isle of Man offers important advantages and opportunities. UCM is an ideal choice for students who care about their future.

Employability is at the heart of our offering at UCM. We work closely with local businesses and our tutors are experienced academics with practical experience of working in their sector – a ‘real world’ driven approach.

WHY UCM

Studying at UCM means social and family networks are close to support you. You can find or maintain part-time work, as well as continue to enjoy and progress in your sport and recreational activities.

Students undertaking courses validated by the University of Chester have the option to complete part of their course in Chester.

Studying at UCM provides excellent value for money compared to alternative off-island options.

WE OFFER:

- Undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, including an MBA
- Professional qualifications in management, accounting and human resources
- Higher National Certificates and Diplomas

“UCM has allowed me to study my choice of degree within familiar surroundings at a much more affordable cost”

LEANNE FARAGHER – FD Sport

91%

of our students gain
relevant employment
at or before
graduation



16

undergraduate and
postgraduate
programmes

APPLYING TO UCM

Applications are made directly to UCM. In order to assist you in making the right decision consult the course fact files and contact us for an informal discussion prior to application. You do not need to go through UCAS.

Application forms are available on the UCM website: www.ucm.ac.im. As soon as you have decided on the course(s) that you would like to study, complete your application form and attach your CV or Personal Statement to the Application Form.

Email to HE@ucm.ac.im or post to UCM, Douglas IM2 6RB or drop it off at UCM Reception.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements for each course are described in the Course Fact Files.

Receipt of your application will be acknowledged by email. Whilst there is no closing date for applications we recommend you apply as soon as possible as places are limited. You can apply to UCM in addition to any application through UCAS to attend a UK University.

MATURE STUDENTS

If you are over the age of 21 on 1st September of the year you plan to start, you will be classed as a mature student.

We expect some evidence of study at an advanced level prior to your application. In some cases, experience obtained in a work setting may be considered in place of formal educational qualifications.

INTERVIEWS

UCM will invite you to an interview. This interview will give you an opportunity to ask questions and see your campus. Although your grades are an important requirement to be accepted on the course, your attitude, aptitude and enthusiasm are also considered.

You may be asked to bring evidence of your work or achievements with you.

OUTCOME OF YOUR INTERVIEW

Following your interview you will receive a letter confirming the outcome.

UNCONDITIONAL OFFER

You have already achieved the necessary conditions or grades/qualifications for the course. If you accept, you have a place on the course.

CONDITIONAL OFFER

You need to achieve specified grades or UCAS points or additional experience, prior to starting the course.

“Studying on island provide the opportunity to do work based learning placement in our second year from which I was offered employment”

JO-ANN CORR - BA (Hons) Event Management & Marketing



71%

of our students
achieve a
top grade



**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT
AVAILABLE**

ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

When you receive your letter of offer you will be asked to confirm, by email, your acceptance by a specific date. It is important that you do this otherwise we will assume that you do not want your place on the course and remove your name.

Once you have accepted your offer you should contact UCM Student Services about course fees and student grants.

After you receive your exam results or fulfil any other Conditional Offer requirements, you must immediately advise HE@ucm.ac.im and DEC Student Awards and provide a copy of your results.

NB: An offer will confirm your academic suitability for the course. Eligibility for tuition fee support is not part of this offer. You must apply separately to Department of Education Students Awards.

COURSE FEES & STUDENT GRANTS

Details of fees for all our courses can be found on www.ucm.ac.im.

Contact the UCM Student Services on 648254 to discuss your eligibility for a Department of Education (DEC) student grant or support from the Department of Economical Development (DED). Help with completing grant application forms is available if required. Information about student grants is also available from <http://www.gov.im/student-grants> or by phoning the DEC on 685790.

Depending on your course, exciting opportunities to participate in off-island and overseas visits and placements may be offered. These opportunities will incur additional costs.

"I feel more independent studying on the Isle of Man. I am looking after myself, not depending on a grant or others which allows me to focus on my studies."

DANIEL PRICE - BA (Hons) Fine Art

YOUR CAMPUS

Depending on your course you may be based at any one of our four delivery sites: The Nunnery, Elmwood, William Kennish Engineering Centre and the Homefield Rd Campus.

But the entire island is your campus!

INDUCTION

Induction is held at the start of your course. It's a chance to meet fellow students, find out about all the extra social, personal and professional opportunities available to you. It also gives you the chance to meet your tutors, understand what is expected of a higher education student and to become familiar with your campus and the support services that are available.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

As a student you will be allocated a Personal Academic Tutor (PAT) who will monitor your progress and provide guidance and the necessary academic support to enable you to succeed, including having regular tutorials with you. Our small class sizes and high levels of tutor contact mean you are treated as an individual by experienced tutors with a wealth of professional expertise.

"After studying in England for two years, I'm really happy with my decision to come back and study at UCM. I much prefer the smaller class sizes, the lectures feel more personal and the lecturers talk to you rather than at you"

FYNN SHIMMIN - BSc (Hons) Accounting & Finance



a whole Island for
your campus



A WORLD OF LEARNING RESOURCES

LEARNING RESOURCES

All our delivery sites have WiFi, specialist facilities, lecture theatres, tutorial rooms, informal study spaces and refreshment facilities.

You will have exclusive access to our partner university's virtual learning environment (VLE) providing a world of additional learning and research opportunities.

The Library offers a comprehensive service to all students.

The UCM Library Team is there to help you use the Library facilities, online learning resources and with other information and research skills to support your studies. The University of Chester has an outstanding catalogue of online texts and journals which the team will assist you to access.

You are encouraged to 'bring your own device' but all campuses have internet-capable computers for drop-in usage by students.

STUDY & PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

In order to help you with coursework and to complete assignments, regular study skills sessions will be offered throughout the course. The University of Chester VLE also has an extensive range of study skills resources that you can access.

"Studying the WBIS MA has provided me with the unique opportunity to gain an academic qualification whilst building experience in the workplace. It's been a fantastic opportunity to see how academic research can lead to practical results in an organisation."

ALEX DAY - MA Entrepreneurship (WBIS)

ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTRE (ASC)

The ASC offers one-to-one or small group support to students who require extra help with their academic work. Support given includes essay planning, research techniques and skills building in areas such as spelling, punctuation and referencing.

ASC staff work flexibly, arranging appointments at times to suit students to ensure that individual needs are met.

ENHANCE YOUR EMPLOYABILITY

We attach the utmost importance to securing excellent employment prospects for our graduates. Learning goes well beyond the lecture theatre.

Throughout our degree programmes, there is an emphasis on preparation for employment including:

Work Based Learning – through placements, liaison and interaction with employers, guest speakers and conferences, you can explore your graduate employment options and gain experience and expertise in a particular role or occupation

Off-island Experience – you can elect to pursue your work based learning module overseas either in the UK or beyond. Field trips are also a part of many degree programmes. International exposure is highly valued by employers.

Research – in your final year you will undertake a major Research Project or Dissertation and have the opportunity to work with businesses and organisations on a real world topic or problem.

Your research can make an impact at local level and beyond and you can build your reputation as a skilled researcher and entrepreneurial problem solver. Your work can be published on the Research Vannin portal.

FULL SUPPORT

from experienced
lecturers



JO PRETTY - PRINCIPAL UCM

Starting Higher Education (HE) at UCM is an excellent way to build for your future: it's your opportunity to embark on a journey that will be exceptional, rigorous, ambitious, collaborative and inspired. We're fortunate to be based on one of the most beautiful islands in the Irish Sea and what better place to live, study and research?

In this guide and the associated course fact files you can see a wide range of programmes and options to study both full-time or part-time, at a pace to suit you. Our curriculum is designed to provide both rigorous intellectual challenge and real-world relevance. We develop our programmes in partnership with the University of Chester, which validates our awards. HE at UCM is focussed on equipping you with the skills to take you further and because we work closely with employers, your progression is at the forefront of our minds.

We have fantastic resources and experienced and dedicated staff to enable us to deliver high quality teaching in a friendly and supportive environment. Our classes and tutorial groups are relatively small to create an atmosphere where you can feel relaxed and comfortable but these are also complemented by larger group lectures and an opportunity to study modules with students from other courses. So, you are always able to enjoy learning with your peers, problem solving, sharing ideas and having fun.

We believe that you will keep on developing and growing throughout your life and we promote and value an ethos of life-long learning. HE courses at UCM prepare you for that life-long learning - so come and join us and invest in your future.

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