

2020/21 HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDE



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a College of Further & Higher Education

Our mission: to serve
the Isle of Man community
through excellence in
training and education.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

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.

We provide a range of higher education programmes: undergraduate and postgraduate courses, Higher National Certificates and Diplomas, which are offered on a part-time and full-time basis.

We fully support and embrace lifelong learning, and therefore also offer a range of other professional qualifications, so you can continuously develop and progress in your career.

Employability is at the heart of our offering at UCM. We aim to equip you with the relevant skills and knowledge to have a professionally rewarding and personally fulfilling future. One of the ways we do this is by enabling you to gain practical experience during your studies, which is done via internships, work placements and field trips.

Our small class sizes mean that you will receive more individualised attention from your lecturers, all of who have substantial work experience in their relevant fields.

Whilst academic excellence is of vital importance to us, we also believe that health and well-being are key to your success and we therefore provide our students with a range of extra-curricular activities. In addition to that, living on the Isle of Man means you will be spoiled for choice with outdoor spaces, from beaches to glens and wild forests to rolling hills, where you can take a break from your studies and enjoy nature.

We look forward to welcoming you to UCM!

The UCM Team



WHY UCM?

Studying on the Isle of Man offers important advantages and opportunities.

- UCM is an ideal choice for students who care about their future: *91% of our students gain relevant employment on or before graduation.*
- 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* also have the option to complete part of their course in Chester.
- Studying at UCM provides excellent *value for money* compared to off-island options.

LIST OF COURSES

- Undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, including an MBA.
- Professional qualifications in management, accounting and human resources.
- Higher National Certificates and Diplomas, either full-time or as part of an apprenticeship programme.

| Course | Min Entry (UCAS points) |
|--|--|
| BA (Hons) Business Management | 96 |
| BSc (Hons) Accounting & Finance | 96 |
| BA (Hons) Event Management & Marketing | 96 |
| BSc (Hons) Computer Science/Applied Computing | 96 |
| BSc (Hons) Cybersecurity | 96 |
| BA (Hons) History & Heritage | 96 |
| BA (Hons) Communication through Digital Media | 96 |
| BSc (Hons) Public Health (level 6) | Successful completion of relevant Level 4 and 5 |
| Foundation Degree in Health & Society | 32 |
| Foundation Degree in Sports Coaching | 32 |
| Foundation Degree in Fitness & Health | 32 |
| MSc Advanced Computer Science | 2:1 degrees certification |
| MA/Msc Business Entrepreneurship (WBIS) | 2:1 degrees certification |
| BA/BSc (Hons) Professional Work Based Degrees | Interview and relevant studies/professional experience |
| Postgraduate & Masters Professional Work Based Degrees | Interview and relevant studies/professional experience |
| MBA (WBIS) | Interview and relevant studies/professional experience |
| Introduction to Education & Training | Level 3 or professional experience |
| Certificate in Education | Level 3 or professional experience |
| BN Nursing (Adult) | 112 |
| BN Nursing (Mental Health) | 112 |

| | Study Mode | Duration | Assessment | Progression |
|------|-------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------|
| | Full-Time/ Part-Time | 3/6 years | Examination/Coursework | Employment/Postgraduate study |
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| | Full-Time/ Part-Time | 1/2 years | Examination/Coursework | Employment/Postgraduate study |
| | Full-Time/ Part-Time | 2/4 years | Coursework | Employment/Postgraduate study |
| | Full-Time/ Part-Time | 2/4 years | Coursework | Employment/Postgraduate study |
| | Full-Time/ Part-Time | 2/4 years | Coursework | Employment/Postgraduate study |
| | Full-Time/ Part-Time | 1 year | Examination/Coursework | Employment/Postgraduate study |
| | Full-Time | Up to 2 years | Coursework/Work based projects | Employment/Postgraduate study |
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| ence | Part-Time | Up to 6 years | Coursework/Work based projects | Employment/Postgraduate study |
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| | Part-Time | 1 semester | Coursework | Employment/Further study |
| | Part-Time | 2 years | Coursework | Employment/Further study |
| | Full time | 3 years | Examinations / Written assessments / Oral assessments / Clinical assessments | Employment |
| | Full time | 3 years | Examinations / Written assessments / Oral assessments / Clinical assessments | Employment |



***A degree without
the student debt.***

APPLYING TO UCM

Applications are made directly to UCM. In order that we can assist you in making the right decision, once you have reviewed the course fact-files, contact us for an informal discussion prior to application. You do not need to go through UCAS.

Application forms are available on our website. As soon as you have decided on the course(s) you would like to study, send us your completed application form along with your CV or personal statement, via email or post.



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Receipt of your application will be acknowledged by email. Applications close on the 15th May 2020 and although late applications are considered, we recommend you apply as soon as possible as places are limited. You can apply to UCM in addition to any application made through UCAS to attend a UK university.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Indicative or minimum entry requirements for each course are described in the course fact files and in most cases, successful completion of an interview is also required.

MATURE STUDENTS

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

If you do not hold the standard entry requirements, 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 education qualifications and you may be required to undergo a Higher Education Assessment.

INTERVIEWS

UCM will invite you to an interview. This interview will give you an opportunity to ask questions and view your campus. Although your grades are important, your attitude, aptitude and enthusiasm are also considered.

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

COURSE FEES & STUDENT GRANTS

To find out if you are eligible for a Department of Education, Sport & Culture (DESC) student grant to cover your tuition fees, please visit www.gov.im (search for student grants) or contact DESC on 685790.

UCM Student Services team offer further advice and guidance about course fees and student grants. Call 648254 or email studentservices@ucm.ac.im

Assistance may also be available through the Department of Enterprise (DOE). Visit www.gov.im (search for Vocational Training Assistance Scheme).

Details of fees for all our courses can be found on our website.

<https://www.ucm.ac.im/media/2578/a-quick-guide-to-course-fees-2019-20.pdf>

Please note: some courses offer exciting opportunities to participate in off-island visits and placements. These opportunities may incur additional costs.

OUTCOME OF YOUR INTERVIEW

You will receive a letter confirming the outcome of your application and interview.

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 either achieve specified grades or UCAS points, or have additional experience prior to starting the course.

NB: eligibility for a student grant is not part of this offer. You must apply separately for student grant support with the DESC.



**83% of our students
achieve a top grade*.**

*76% of 2017/18 UK graduates received a top grade (first or upper second class) Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency



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ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

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

After you receive your exam results or fulfil any other conditional offer requirements, you must immediately advise HE@ucm.ac.im and DESC student grants, and provide a copy of your results.

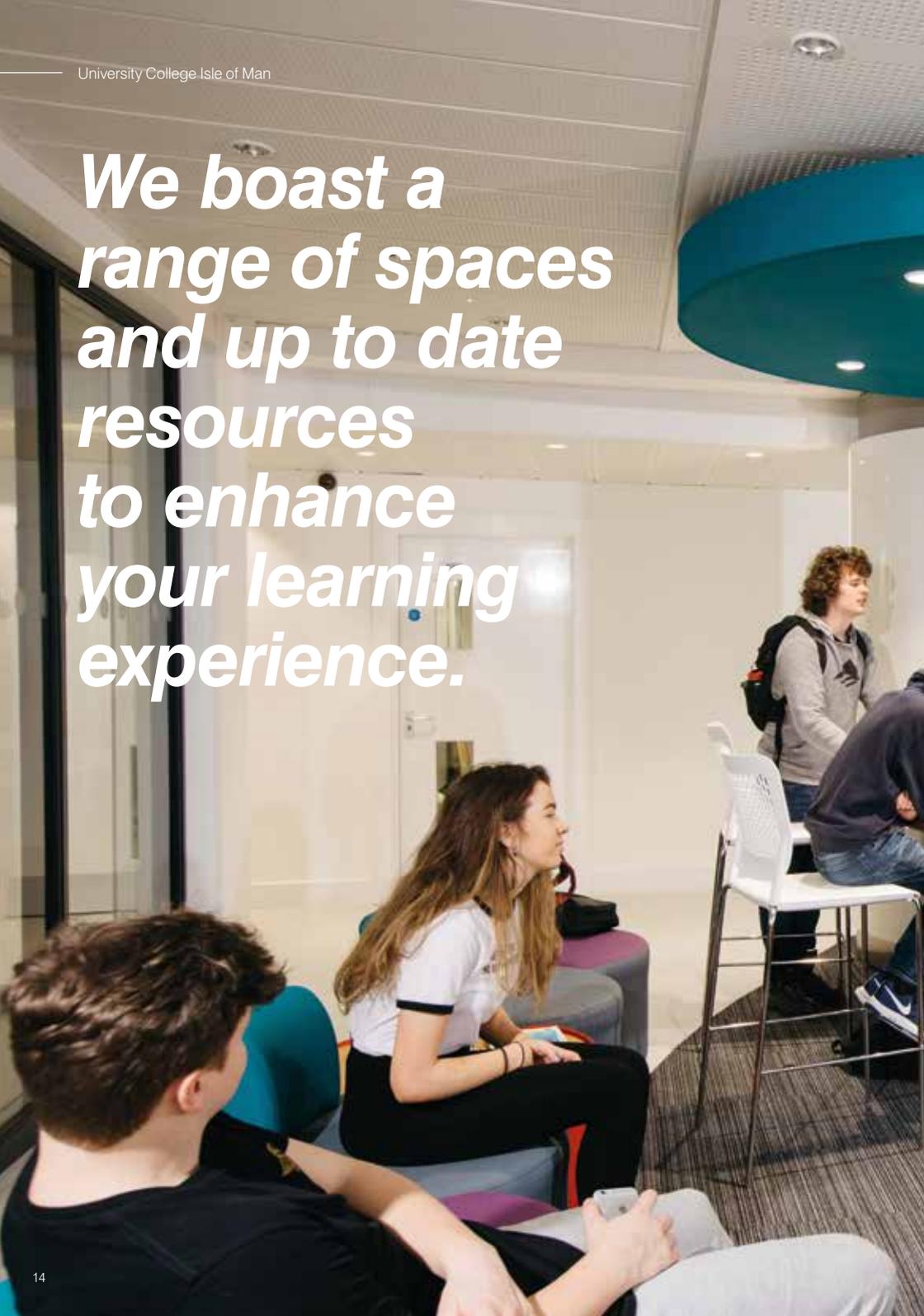
INDUCTION

Your induction is held at the start of your course. It is a chance to meet fellow students and 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 higher education students and become familiar with your campus, and the support services that are available. Details of your induction will be sent in your Higher Education Welcome Pack.

YOUR CAMPUS

Depending on your course, you may be based at any one of our five campuses: The Nunnery, Elmwood, William Kennish Engineering Centre, Keyll Daree or the Homefield Road campus.

***We boast a
range of spaces
and up to date
resources
to enhance
your learning
experience.***





LEARNING RESOURCES

All our campuses have Wi-Fi, specialist facilities, lecture theatres, tutorial rooms, informal study spaces and refreshment facilities.

You will have exclusive access to our partner university virtual learning environment (VLE), providing a world of additional learning and research opportunities. Our partner university has an outstanding catalogue of online texts and journals, which the team will assist you in accessing.

The UCM library offers a comprehensive service to all students and the library team is there to help you make use of online learning resources and provide you with other information and research skills to support your studies.

Although you are encouraged to 'bring your own device', all campuses have computers available for the use of students.

STUDENT SERVICES

Life as a university student maybe very different from any previous educational experience you may have had. We work hard to ensure your time with us is positive and happy. The friendly, helpful staff in the Student Services department are available to support you before and during your time at UCM.

- Financial advice and guidance
- Course fees and student grants
- Welfare support
- Childcare support scheme
- Health and well-being careers
- Careers Appointments & employability skills

Contact us on studentservices@ucm.ac.im



“ The power of learning outside a classroom has been a lesson on its own. Through my master’s in Business Entrepreneurship I have had the opportunity to work with the Isle of Man government preparing for Brexit. My work is being used by businesses all over the island – I would never believe that I could have done that. I couldn’t have done it without the opportunities that UCM gave me. ”

Farjana Jaigirdar - Master's in Business Entrepreneurship



“ We have a very small class size, which means that we get a lot of personal attention from our tutors during lectures and we also go on to have personal tutorials. ”

Alexandra Koyfman - Master's in Business Entrepreneurship

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 references.

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

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

All students will be allocated a Personal Academic Tutor (PAT) who will monitor your progress and provide guidance and academic support. Our small class sizes and high levels of tutor contact mean experienced tutors with a wealth of professional expertise, are able to treat you as an individual.

STUDY AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

In order to help you with coursework and assignments, regular study skill sessions will be offered throughout the course. Our partner's VLE also has an extensive range of study skills resources that you can access.

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 as an occupation.
- **Off-island experience** – international exposure is highly valued by employers and you can elect to pursue your work-based learning module overseas either in the UK or beyond. Field trips are also part of many degree programmes.
- **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 also be published on the Research Vannin portal.



“ The biggest advantage of studying at UCM is being able to network. Our tutors have many business contacts on island and I found that really helpful. ”

Hayden Armor - BA (Hon) in Events Management & Marketing



Our vision: deliver learning that is world-changing and drives our nation's future.

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