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Higher Education  
Courses



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YOUR FIRST  
CHOICE**



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# WELCOME

Welcome to our Higher Education Prospectus.

We are delighted you are considering learning with us as you prepare to embark on the next chapter in your career.

At Belfast Met, we've been enabling the people of Belfast and beyond to reach their full potential for over 100 years. Today, our mission is "Equipping learners, driving innovation, transforming lives", meaning your ambition for your future is at the heart of everything we do.

As a Belfast Met learner, you will be provided with the skills and knowledge essential for your professional growth and the advancement of your career. You will also enjoy an educational experience that extends far beyond the classroom, equipping you with the expertise and confidence you need to thrive in your chosen field.

Belfast Met has a number of University partners we work with to ensure our HE Foundation Degree and Degree programmes are validated to the highest standards and offer progression opportunities for the future.

We're focused on innovation, inclusivity, excellence, and employability. That means you will be taught by talented and passionate industry experts, in a welcoming, stimulating, and top-class learning environment, on a course that is informed by leading employers and industry partners.

Choosing to learn with Belfast Met means choosing success. I hope you enjoy exploring all of the exciting options open to you in this Prospectus and look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Damian Duffy,  
Interim Principal and Chief Executive



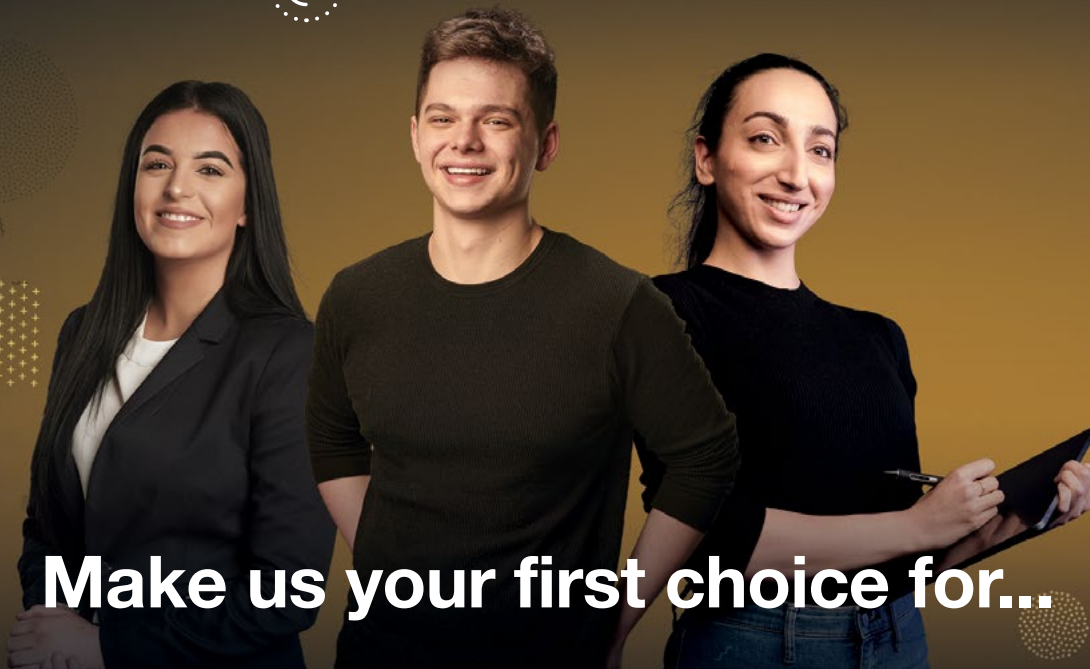
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# MAKE US YOUR FIRST CHOICE

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Higher Education



Make us your first choice for...

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Belfast Met offers a selection of Higher Education (HE) courses at all levels, specifically tailored to industry demand and run in conjunction with top UK education providers.

Our HE partners include Queen's University Belfast, The Open University, Ulster University and the University of Dundee. We also offer a range of professional and technical awarding organisation programmes including the Institute of Leadership and Management, Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, the Chartered Institute of Marketing and Pearson BTEC Higher Nationals.

As well as full degrees and foundation courses with our Higher Education partners, we offer a wide range of vocational courses and professional development, both full and part-time. All our Higher Education programmes face the same external checks and audits as a traditional university programme.



# Number One

Higher Education provider for overall student satisfaction in Belfast

## National Student Survey 2022

### Why Belfast Met for Higher Education?



#### Choice

The widest range of courses available for Higher Education in Northern Ireland and you can apply for up to 5 courses without affecting your UCAS choices. (Please note some courses go through UCAS.)



#### Cost

You will benefit from significantly lower costs than universities, which means less student debt in the future.



#### Job opportunities

Our courses reflect industry demand, providing you with the skills you need to get the job you want.



#### Location

With four main campuses in Belfast getting to classes is easier than ever, not to mention the great student nightlife.



#### Graduation

All students studying at Level 4 and above may be eligible to graduate from Belfast Met at our ceremonies held in November.





## Higher Education Entry Criteria



Each Higher Education programme has its own distinctive entry requirements. This is set as a minimum UCAS points for entry. On some programmes, applicants must also hold subject specific qualifications to gain a place. Therefore, it is essential that you check entry requirements for each programme you are applying for. Please note, these are qualifications that applicants must have completed and certified to gain entry onto the respective programmes.

Applicants must hold a GCSE pass at Grade C/4 or above in both English Language and Mathematics. Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Application of Number and Essential Skills Literacy may be regarded as an acceptable alternative to GCSE Maths and English.

We recognise that prior learning or experience may give some students credit towards a qualification to gain entry onto a programme or credit towards a programme of study. Please refer to our Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) process at:

Please also note:

The College reserves the right to increase the entry requirements for all Higher Education provision based on demand and required academic standards, as specified by the Awarding Body/validating organisation.

Applicants applying to programmes validated by university partners (UU, QUB and OU) who hold international qualifications must provide certificates to determine equivalence before an offer can be made.



[APL Guidance Notes for HE Applicants 2023](#)



## Higher Education

# Graduation

Every November, Belfast Met's students are rewarded for their hard work and achievements at a prestigious Higher Education Graduation Ceremony held in the iconic Titanic Belfast.

The special ceremony is followed by entertainment, refreshments and photography ensuring amazing memories from the day are captured. So, what are you waiting for - take on a course at Belfast Met and soon you could be celebrating too!

For further information visit our website [www.belfastmet.ac.uk/life-at-the-met/graduation](http://www.belfastmet.ac.uk/life-at-the-met/graduation) or email: [MarketingandDesign@belfastmet.ac.uk](mailto:MarketingandDesign@belfastmet.ac.uk)



### Did you know

- All students studying courses Level 4 or above maybe eligible to graduate from Belfast Met.

\*College events including graduation are subject to cancellation in line with Covid-19 restrictions and government guidance





**MAKE IT**

**AT THE MET**



## Campus Facilities & Student Spaces



All our student spaces offer a student support hub where you can get information on student funding, Inclusive Learning, careers and student wellbeing.



### Titanic Quarter Campus

The base for our student council and the hub for our wide range of clubs and societies, as well as pool, Fossball and table tennis facilities.



[Click to explore Titanic Quarter Campus](#)



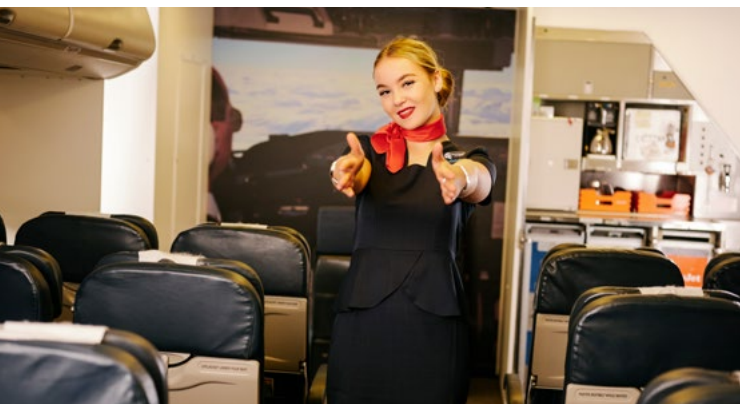
### e3 Campus

Situated less than ten minutes from Belfast city centre, e3 houses modern, spacious and comfortable meeting rooms of various capacities and configurations to suit all business requirements. The state-of-the-art venue also includes a production kitchen and specialist media studio facilities for hire.



[Click to explore e3 Campus](#)





### Castlereagh Campus

As well as the student common room, Castlereagh boasts sports facilities, with the rugby academy and girls' sports club meeting every week.



[Click to explore Castlereagh Campus](#)



### Millfield Campus

Our second-floor common room provides space to unwind, with pool and tennis tables and a PS4 and range of games for your use.



[Click to explore Millfield Campus](#)

# Student Support Services



## Student Welfare and Well-Being

We have a duty of care for all students and have a wealth of student support services to support you on your journey. From careers to finance and counselling, we have a team of professionals on hand to make sure you can concentrate on your journey.



[Student Wellbeing](#)

## Library and Information Service

Our modern and vibrant Library Service is designed to provide resources to students both on and off campus. Electronic resources are available 24/7 through our remote learning facilities and our libraries provide physical resources and support for over 50 hours a week.



[Library Services](#)

## Careers and Employability

The Belfast Met Careers and Employability team is on hand to help you at every step in your Higher Education journey, from providing advice on what course is best for you as well as professional support for your next steps after qualifying.



[Careers and Employability Services](#)

## Student Funding

You may not have known that financial support is available for Higher Education students at Belfast Met. Find out more about fees, awards, bursaries and other potential sources of finance, contact our dedicated student funding by phone on **028 9026 5183** or email:

[StudentFunding@belfastmet.ac.uk](mailto:StudentFunding@belfastmet.ac.uk)



[Students Support Services](#)

## Students' Union

The Student's Union has three main aims.

1. Student Voice: We support your elected Student Council and help to train and support your Class Reps too, ensuring the student voice is heard within the College.
2. Student Engagement: We support and promote a range of extracurricular activities such as a range of sports clubs and societies.
3. Student Welfare: We campaign for and promote several initiatives targeted at improving student welfare.



[Students Union - Life at the Met](#)



### **International Applicants**

Every year we welcome international students who have chosen Belfast Metropolitan College as their place of study and who we sponsor for a student visa.

Our International Office can provide assistance to international applicants who require a student visa regarding course information and in making an application to the College. International Applications must be received before the end of April 2024.

For further information contact the International Office via email:

[internationaloffice@belfastmet.ac.uk](mailto:internationaloffice@belfastmet.ac.uk)





## Academic & Continuing Education

Progression to Higher Education is a pathway to countless opportunities and Access Courses are designed to help learners achieve this. The school acknowledges the challenges faced by learners and recognises students support as a foundation to ensure effective participation.



Contact:

[ace@belfastmet.ac.uk](mailto:ace@belfastmet.ac.uk)





## Academic & Continuing Education Subjects

### Social and Behavioural Science

#### **Combined Social & Behavioural Science**

**Certificate In Higher Education (Part-time) (Day) >**

(Validated by Ulster University)

**Certificate In Higher Education (Part-time) (Evening) >**

(Validated by Ulster University)

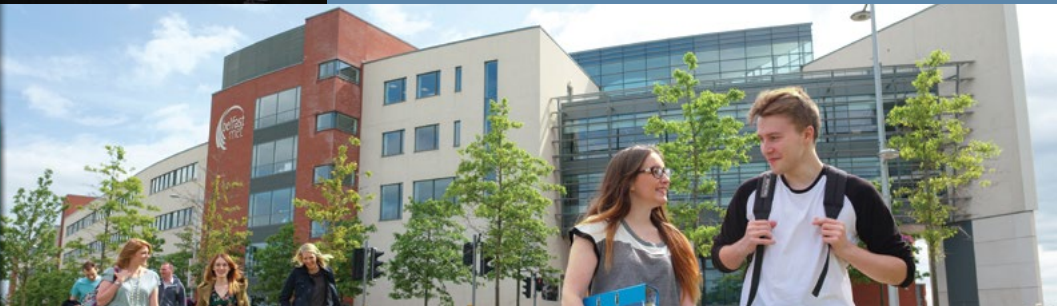
**Certificate In Higher Education  
in Combined Humanities (Part-time) (Day) >**

(Validated by Ulster University)

### CELTA

#### **Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**

**Cambridge ESOL Level 5 Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers  
of Other Languages (Part Time) (Evening) >**







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**The Belfast Business School delivers a wide-ranging higher education curriculum offer, which is aligned to the needs of the local economy. We are developing future leaders in marketing, business, accounting, hospitality, tourism and events.**



**Contact:**

**[bbsinfo@belfastmet.ac.uk](mailto:bbsinfo@belfastmet.ac.uk)**





# Belfast Business School Subjects

## Accountancy

[Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship >](#)

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)

(Validated by Ulster University)

## Accounting Technology

[BSc \(Hons\) Higher Level Apprenticeship >](#)

(Top-up degree) (Validated by The Open University)

## Business

### Business

[Level 5 Higher National Diploma >](#)

### Business Data Management

[Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship >](#)

(Validated by The Open University)

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)

(Validated by The Open University)

## Event Management

### Events Management

[Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship >](#)

(Validated by Ulster University)

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)

(Validated by Ulster University)

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)

(Validated by Ulster University) (Part-time)

## Hair and Beauty Management

### Hair and Beauty Management (Beauty Pathway)

[Level 5 Extended Diploma >](#)

## Hair and Beauty Management (Media Makeup Pathway)

[Level 5 Extended Diploma >](#)

## Hair and Beauty Management (Part-time)

[Level 5 Extended Certificate >](#)

## Hospitality

### Hospitality Management

[Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship >](#)

(Validated by Ulster University)

## Culinary Arts

### Culinary Arts

[Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship >](#)

(Validated by The Open University)

## Marketing

### Marketing

[Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship >](#)

(Validated by Ulster University)

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)

(Validated by Ulster University)

## Travel and Tourism

### Travel and Tourism

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)

(Validated by Ulster University)

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)

(Validated by Ulster University) (Part-time)



**Creative &  
Digital Industries**

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**From Fashion and Visual Effects to Graphic Design and Music, our school combines artistry with cutting edge technology, as well as providing the tools to succeed within the tech and creative industries.**



**Contact:**

**[creativedigital@belfastmet.ac.uk](mailto:creativedigital@belfastmet.ac.uk)**



# Creative & Digital Industries Subjects

## Art and Fashion

### Art, Design and Media Practice

[Level 4 Foundation Diploma >](#)

[Level 4 Foundation Diploma \(Part-time\) >](#)

### Fashion Production and Business

[Level 6 BSc \(Hons\) Degree >](#)

[\(Subject to Revalidation by The Open University\)](#)

## Computing Technologies

### Computing (Software Engineering)

[Level 5 Higher National Diploma >](#)

### Electrical/Electronic Engineering

[Level 5 Higher National Diploma >](#)

### Engineering (Electrical/Electronic Engineering) in Industrial Automation

[Level 5 Higher National Diploma >](#)

### Software Engineering

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)

[\(Validated by Ulster University\)](#)

### Cyber Security/Cloud Computing/ Networking

### Cyber Security with Cloud and Network Infrastructure

[Level 5 Foundation Degree \(Full-time\) >](#)

[\(Validated by The Open University\)](#)

### [Higher Level Apprenticeship Foundation Degree >](#)

[\(Validated by The Open University\)](#)

### Top up your Foundation Degree/HND Cyber Security with Cloud and Network Infrastructure

[Level 6 BSc \(Hons\) Degree \(Full-time\) >](#)

[\(Validated by The Open University\)](#)

[Level 6 BSc \(Hons\) Degree \(Part-time\) >](#)

[\(Validated by The Open University\)](#)

### [Higher Level Apprenticeship](#)

[Level 6 BSc \(Hons\) Degree >](#)

[\(Validated by The Open University\)](#)

## Software and Cloud Development

### Software and Cloud Development with Data Analysis

[Level 5 Foundation Degree \(Full-time\) >](#)

[\(Validated by The Open University\)](#)

[Level 5 Foundation Degree \(Part-time\) >](#)

[\(Validated by The Open University\)](#)

### [Level 5 Foundation Degree - Higher Level Apprenticeship >](#)

[\(Validated by The Open University\)](#)

# Creative & Digital Industries Subjects

## Top-Up your Foundation Degree/HND Software, Cloud and Application Development

[Level 6 BSc \(Hons\) Degree \(Full-time\) >](#)  
(Validated by The Open University)

[Level 6 BSc \(Hons\) Degree \(Part-time\) >](#)  
(Validated by The Open University)

[Level 6 BSc \(Hons\) Degree -  
Higher Level Apprenticeship >](#)  
(Validated by The Open University)

## Visual Effects

### Digital Art & Animation for Visual Effects and Virtual Production

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Validated by The Open University)

## Esports

### Esports

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Validated by The Open University)

## Film, TV and Videography

### Commercial Photography & Cinematography

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Validated by The Open University)

## Acting and Production for Screen and Multimedia

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Pending Validation from The Open University)

## Film Production

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Validated by The Open University)

## Games Development & Multimedia

### Game Art, Design and Development

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Pending Validation from The Open University)

## Graphic Design and Illustration

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Pending Validation from The Open University)

## Journalism

### Journalism & Documentary Production

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Validated by The Open University)

## Sports Media

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Validated by The Open University)

## Music

### Music (Production) (Artist Development)

[Level 5 Foundation Degree in Music  
and Sound for Media >](#)  
(Pending Validation from The Open University)







## Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion

Whether it's in health and social care, counselling, sport, or children's care and education, staff and students within the School for Health, Wellbeing and inclusion have a united desire to make a difference. Our courses equip students with the specialist knowledge, skills and qualifications recognised by employers for working in these sectors, in practitioner, supervisory, managerial and professional roles. Our courses also provide academic study options with clear progression pathways and continuous professional development in these discipline. The school delivers the full range of courses to meet a diversity of learning and career aspirations. Most courses include elements of applied learning like work placement and project based learning. Not only does this makes learning more relevant and stimulating, it also helps develop self-confidence and important transferable skills that can give you a real edge with your academic and career success.



Contact: [hcsinfo@belfastmet.ac.uk](mailto:hcsinfo@belfastmet.ac.uk)



# Health, Wellbeing and Inclusion Subjects

## Childhood Studies

### Advanced Practitioner in Schools and Colleges

[Level 4 Certificate \(Part-time\) >](#)

### Playwork

[\\*Level 5 Diploma \(Part-time\) >](#)

### Children's Care Learning and Development in Leadership (Management)

[\\*Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship \(Part-time\) >](#)

[\\*Level 5 Diploma \(Part-time\) >](#)

## Early Childhood Studies

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Queen's University Belfast offered in conjunction with Stranmillis University College)

[\\*Full funding available](#)

## Counselling

### Therapeutic Counselling Supervision

[Level 6 CPCAB Certificate \(Part-time\) >](#)

### Counselling Studies

[Level 4 Certificate \(Part-time\) >](#)  
(In collaboration with Ulster University)

### Integrated Counselling Practice

[Level 5 Foundation Degree \(Part-time\) \(Day\) >](#)  
(Validated by Ulster University)

[Level 5 Foundation Degree \(Part-time\) \(Evening\) >](#)  
(Validated by Ulster University)

## Health and Social Care

### Healthcare Practice (Health & Social Care)

[Level 4 Higher National Certificate >](#)

### Social & Community Work (Community Development)

[Level 4 Higher National Certificate >](#)

### Health & Social Care

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(Validated by Ulster University)

### Social Work

[BSc \(Hons\) Degree >](#)  
(In collaboration with Ulster University)

## Sport

### Physical Education and Sport

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(validated by Stranmillis University College)

### Sport and Exercise Science

[Pearson BTEC Level 4/5](#)  
[Higher National Certificate / Diploma >](#)

### Sports Massage Therapy

[Active IQ Level 4 Diploma >](#)

### Sports Coaching & Performance Analysis

[Level 5 Foundation Degree >](#)  
(pending validation from the Open University)





Science, Engineering  
& Construction

Belfast Met has acquired the prestigious STEM assured status, guaranteeing a stellar standard in science, technology, engineering and maths. Our offering is designed with the help of employers and delivered by teams with years of industry experience.



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[scienceengconstruction@belfastmet.ac.uk](mailto:scienceengconstruction@belfastmet.ac.uk)





# Science, Engineering and Construction Subjects

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## Animal Management

### Animal Management (Animal Science)

Level 5 Higher National Diploma >

## Architectural Technology

### Architectural Technology

Level 5 Foundation Degree >

(Validated by Ulster University)

## Construction

### Construction and the Built Environment

Level 4 Higher National Certificate >

### Construction Engineering with Surveying

Level 5 Foundation Degree >

(Validated by Ulster University)

## Civil Engineering

Level 5 Foundation Degree >

(Validated by Ulster University)

Level 5 Foundation Degree (Higher Level Apprenticeship) >

(Validated by Ulster University)

## Engineering

### Mechanical Engineering

Level 5 Foundation Degree >

(Validated by Queen's University Belfast)

## Property, Housing and Planning

### Property, Housing and Planning

Level 5 Foundation Degree >

(Validated by Ulster University)

## Science

### Applied Sciences (Biology)

Level 4 Higher National Certificate >

### Applied Sciences (Forensic Science)

Level 5 Higher National Diploma >

## Biological Sciences

Level 5 Foundation Degree >

(Validated by Queen's University Belfast)







## Disclaimer



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[www.belfastmet.ac.uk/Information-for-applicants/](http://www.belfastmet.ac.uk/Information-for-applicants/)

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