

Full-Time Courses



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WELCOME

First of all, I would like to say how delighted we are that you are considering joining us for the next big step in your education.

We pride ourselves on the wide range of courses available, our great team and first-rate facilities. We know you will find everything you need at Belfast Met to help you fulfil your full potential.

Our goal is simple – to provide you with the technical and professional skills you will require for a future career. Our teaching staff bring real world knowledge to a wide range of courses that are carefully crafted with the needs of employers in mind.

At Belfast Met, you'll find a highly diverse and inclusive learning community, one of the great strengths of our College and one we respect and celebrate. We want you to not only learn but thrive. Above all, we want you to enjoy your time here as you gain the skills you need to succeed in the classroom, the workplace and beyond!

Interim Principal and Chief Executive

Danman Duffy



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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](#)



Millfield Campus

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

[Click to explore Millfield Campus](#)



Castlereagh Campus

As well as the student common room, Castlereagh boasts sports facilities, with the Rugby Team and Girls' Sports Club meeting every week.

[Click to explore Castlereagh Campus](#)



E3 Campus

E3 campus is home to the Belfast film and Television school. Most Higher Education creative and media production courses are taught here. It is a state-of-the-art venue that also includes specialist media studio facilities. E3 is one of the first campuses in the United Kingdom to offer a virtual production stage. The campus has a great café, offering plenty of space to hang out and chat over a coffee or lunch.

[Click to explore e3 Campus](#)



94%

Belfast Met is an excellent place to study

Learner Satisfaction Survey 2024

Student Support Services

Student Support

The cost of living crisis has heightened the many barriers to education and learning that our students face. To help you overcome these barriers and enable you to strive towards your full potential, we have a wealth of student support services including: Student Wellbeing, Inclusive Learning, Careers and Employability, Student Funding, Students' Union, Student Counselling and a dedicated College Safeguarding Team. Details of all of these services can be found here:

[Student Support](#)

Student Welfare and Well-Being

We have a dedicated Centre for Student Wellbeing whose purpose is to create an inclusive environment that supports and empowers students. We aim to do this through timely and accessible information. Providing guidance and access to services which will enable you to understand and proactively manage your wellbeing and mental health. We put on emphasis on not just preventing problems and/or seeking help, but promoting positive wellbeing. Our approach is friendly, confidential and student focused.

[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](#)



Inclusive Learning

At Belfast Met we welcome and encourage applications from students who have a disability, learning difficulty or long term medical condition. We are committed to ensuring that you have an equal opportunity to gain the maximum benefit from your experience here at the College. We are a dedicated, professional team who operate on all college campuses. We have a range of specialist services that we can offer while you are in College. For further information please email: inclusivelearning@belfastmet.ac.uk or call 02890 26 5064 /5097

Student Funding

For information, advice and guidance on funding options that may be available to you whilst studying please [click here](#), or contact our Student Funding team on 028 9026 5183 or email: StudentFunding@belfastmet.ac.uk

Careers and Employability

Sometimes knowing where to start is the hardest part. However it is important to take time to consider the various career and pathway options each course can lead to.

Belfast Met's Careers and Employability team is here to help you to better understand career and course options in order that you choose the course that is right for you. When you are on your course, you can also talk to us about how to enhance your skills and qualifications as well as availing yourself of professional support to help you achieve your next step.

Our Careers and Employability service holds the 'Matrix@ National Quality Award for information, Advice and Guidance. Contact us on 02890 26 5066 or email: careers@belfastmet.ac.uk to make an appointment.

Student's Union

Students' Union

The Students' 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 various 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.

For more information about our Students' Union [click here](#).

94%

Overall Learner
Satisfaction

Learner Satisfaction Survey 2024

Guide to Qualifications

Different types of qualifications are grouped together into various levels. This can help you and employers to see how different qualifications compare and how one qualification can lead on to another. The levels are based on the standards of knowledge, skill and competence needed for each qualification. Although qualifications at the same level are equivalent, they can vary in content and the length of time they take to complete.

What is Further Education? (Levels 1– 3)

If you want to develop your skills to advance your career, further education can provide the training and qualifications, delivered in a flexible way, to meet your demands.

Entry Level Qualifications

If you want to gain a qualification that is recognised across the UK, but don't feel ready for GCSEs or equivalent qualifications, an Entry Level Certificate could be for you. These qualifications are available in a wide range of subjects and can help increase your skills and knowledge and boost your confidence. They are known as certificates or awards, and are open to anyone interested in gaining a recognised qualification. There are no entry requirements.

Pearson BTECs, OCR, City & Guilds and Other Vocational Qualifications

These are work-related qualifications that are available in a wide range of subjects. Many have been designed in collaboration with industry,

so they can equip you with the skills and knowledge that employers are looking for. The qualifications offer a mix of theory and practice and can also include an element of work experience. They can take the form of, or be part of, a technical certificate, which is also one of the key components of an Apprenticeship.

A-Levels

It is possible to take full A-Levels in one year as a full-time or part-time option, provided entry criteria are met.

AS (Advanced Subsidiary) and A2 (Advanced level) qualifications normally take two years to complete full-time, although they are also available to study part-time. The qualification is split into two parts, with one part studied in each year; Advanced Subsidiary level (AS Level) is year one and the second part, known as the A2 Level, is year two.

The AS Level is a qualification in its own right, and the AS Level combined with the A2 Level forms the complete A-Level qualification. Most students studying for A-Levels take three or four AS Levels in their first year. Doing this means you can keep your options open about what subjects to study as a full A-Level.

What is Higher Education? (Levels 4-7)

The College offers a range of technical and vocational HE courses.

For more information visit [page 22](#).

Qualifications & Equivalencies		
Level	Title	Equivalent to
6	BA (Hons)	Bachelor Degrees
	BSc (Hons)	
5	Level 5 Higher National Diploma	Foundation Degrees
		Higher National Diplomas
		Diplomas of Higher Education and Further Education
4	IAM Level 4 Diploma in Administration Management	Certificates of Further Education
3	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Three GCE A-Levels
	QCF Level 3 NVQ Diploma	Three GCE A-Levels
	Level 3 Diploma	Two GCE A-Levels
	Level 3 (90-Credit) Diploma	1.5 GCE A-Level
	Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	One GCE A-Level
2	Level 2 Diploma	Four GCSEs A*-C
	Level 2 Extended Certificate	Two GCSEs A*-C
	Level 2 Traineeship Diploma	Five GCSEs A*-C
1	Level 1 Certificate/Award	GCSEs D-G

Minimum Entry Requirements (Level 1-3)

General entry requirements for full-time Further and Higher Education programmes at Belfast Met are outlined in this section.

Further Education (Entry Level to Level 3)

Entry Level and Level 1

- Students must be at least 16 years of age on or before 1 July 2025.
- Students must have completed a programme of general education to Key Stage 4.
- Students must have achieved grade D-G (or equivalent) in GCSE English Language. Applicants who have not achieved grade D-G (or equivalent) must provide evidence of English Language competency.

Level 2

- Students must be at least 16 years of age on or before 1 July 2025.
- Students should have at least **three points** at Level 2. See tables opposite.
- Students must have completed a programme of general education to Key Stage 4.
- Students must have achieved grade D-G (or equivalent) in GCSE English Language.

Applicants who have not achieved grade D-G (or equivalent) must provide evidence of English Language competency.

Level 3 (Vocational)

- Students must be at least 16 years of age on or before 1 July 2025.
- Students must have completed a programme of general education to Key Stage 4.
- Normally students must have achieved grade C (or equivalent) in GCSE English Language. Please refer to individual course admission requirements on course web pages. Students who have not achieved a Grade C or Essential Skills Level 2 Communication will be required to undertake Essential Skills Communication as part of their programme of study. Applicants who do not have the above must provide evidence of English Language competency. Please refer to the course details page for specific details.

Schools will continue to liaise with ESOL & Modern Languages Curriculum area to assess required competency of English Language.

Students must have one of the following:

- Four GCSEs** at Grade C or above (in some circumstances, applicants with a qualifications profile equating to **12 points** with a minimum of three GCSEs at Grade C or above will be accepted). See table on [page 15](#).

- BTEC First Diploma or Certificate (with a qualification profile equivalent to **12 points** or above). See table on [page 15](#).
- NVQ Level 2 in a relevant subject area.
- Leaving Certificate (a profile equivalent to **12 points** of which three subjects must be at Grade C3 or above at ordinary level). See table on [page 15](#).

Please note students admitted for Levels 1-3 without a Grade C or above in GCSE English Language, Mathematics or ICT will be required to undertake Essential Skills qualifications in Literacy, Numeracy or ICT.

Students undertaking a qualification in Digital Technology / ICT will be exempt from having to undertake ICT Essential Skills.

The College welcomes applications from students who do not have academic qualifications but who wish to apply by virtue of experience. For further information, please refer to the [Recognition of Prior Learning \(RPL\) process](#) on our website.

Enhanced Entry Requirements

Some courses may enhance the entry requirements above the minimum. Exceptions are noted within the 'Requirements' section under each individual course.

In order to support learners in achieving their potential, progress reviews will be undertaken during their programme. Where appropriate, the target qualification may be reviewed and amended in line with projected learner outcomes as an agreed result of the progress review process.

International Qualifications

Belfast Met must verify that applicants holding international qualifications meet course entry requirements before they can be enrolled onto a course.

To help us verify that course entry requirements are met, applicants must:

- Get a full English language translation of your qualifications. Belfast Met will accept the full English translation from UK ENIC [www.enic.org.uk](#) UK ENIC is the UK National Information Centre for the recognition and evaluation of international qualifications and skills.
- Ensure that the translation provides clear evidence that your qualifications meet or exceed the course entry requirements. UK ENIC can also help with Statements of Comparability and UK Qualification Reference Statements. There is a charge for this service.

For more information on UK ENIC, visit their website at [www.enic.org](#). The Department for Communities can also provide information and/ or help with qualification equivalencies. For more information, visit their website at: [www.communities-ni.gov.uk/](#).

Minimum Entry Requirements (Level 1-3)

A Guide to Qualifications (Levels 1-3)		
Level	Title	Equivalent to
3	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Three GCE A-Levels
	QCF Level 3 NVQ Diploma	Three GCE A-Levels
	Level 3 Diploma	Two GCE A-Levels
	Level 3 (90-Credit) Diploma	1.5 GCE A-Level
	Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	One GCE A-Level
2	Level 2 Diploma	Four GCSEs A*-C
	Level 2 Extended Certificate	Two GCSEs A*-C
	Level 2 NI Traineeship	Five GCSEs A*-C (inc English & Mathematics)
1	Level 1 Certificate/Award	GCSEs D-G

Key Skills/Essential Skills	
Grade	Belfast Met Points Tariff
Level 2	3
Level 1	2

GCSE Points Tariff		
Grade	Grade (9-1)	Belfast Met Points Tariff
A*	9 or 8	6
A	7	5
B	6	4
C*/C	5 or 4	3
D	3	2
E-G	2	1

Leaving Cert Ordinary Level	
Grade	Belfast Met Points Tariff
A1	6
A2	5
B1-B3	4
C1-C3	3
D1-D3	2

BTEC First Diploma	
Grade	Points
Distinction	20
Merit	16
Pass	12

BTEC First Certificate	
Grade	Points
Distinction	10
Merit	8
Pass	6

Occupational Studies	
Grade	Belfast Met Points Tariff
Double Award Level 2	6
Single Award Level 2	3
Double Award Level 1	2
Single Award Level 1	1

English Language Qualifications

All courses within Belfast Met are delivered and assessed in English, apart from language specific courses. Your competence in English must be verified prior to enrolling on your chosen course. Belfast Met accepts the following qualifications as evidence of Level of English.

	CEFR	Generally Accepted ELT levels	IELTS	Cambridge Main Suite
Proficient User	C2	Lower Advanced / Advanced	IELTS 7-9	Cambridge CPE grade A-C
	C1	High Intermediate / Lower Advanced		Cambridge CAE grade A-C
Independent User	B2	Intermediate / high Intermediate	IELTS 5-6	Cambridge FCE grade A-C
	B1	Pre-intermediate / Intermediate		Cambridge PET Pass / Merit grade
Basic User	A2	Elementary / Pre-Intermediate	IELTS 2-4	Cambridge KET Pass / Merit grade
	A1	Beginner /Elementary		

The table above is based upon the Common European Framework for Languages (CEFR) [CEFR - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.](#)

Please note:

- Applicants must meet all entry requirements for individual courses and some courses may have enhanced English language requirements.
- Applicants should also check the English language criteria for progression to other further and higher education institutions as these may vary.
- Where a GCSE grade in English is specified as the only qualification accepted, other English competency qualifications may not apply.
- Where an ESOL qualification is used, the appropriate level must be achieved across all skills - Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening.
- Other qualifications may be accepted as evidence of level of competency on a case by case basis.

Provide evidence of English
Language competency process

Contact Belfast Met
studentportal@belfastmet.ac.uk
028 90265 265

Referral
- Curriculum Area

Demonstrate Competency
- Alternative qualifications / evidence
- Diagnostic assessment

Next Steps
- Meet course entry requirements
- Alternative options



Your FIRST CHOICE for A-Levels

Make Belfast Met your first choice for A-Levels, with a wide range of subjects to choose from, there is something for everyone. You will study at our Titanic Campus where you will find modern facilities and a real university feel, where our dedicated staff will help prepare you for future study and employment.

We recognise that for many learners A-Levels are a pathway to university and you will be supported through the completion of your UCAS application. The College maintains strong partnerships with local universities to enhance progression opportunities and many of our students have achieved exceptional academic success whilst others have progressed directly into employment or other training. Our dedicated careers service is always available on campus to support you in your next steps.

Supporting you in achieving success in your A-Levels is our priority and you will be allocated a Form Tutor who will work with our Year Heads and College management to ensure you have the best learning experience possible. This high level of pastoral care and support for learners is one of our key strengths and 93% of our A-Level students agree that Belfast Met is a great place to study.

AS Level

- 16 or over on 1st July 2025.
- At least 20 points at GCSE, which includes five passes at grade C or above.
- The Subject-specific requirements can be found on the table on [page 20](#).

A2 Level

- 17 or over on 1st July 2025.
- Must have 3 passes (grades A-E) at AS Level in chosen subjects awarded by the same Awarding Organisation. (We may be able to accept students with passes in Economics and Sociology sat through Awarding Organisations other than AQA.)

Fast Track A-Level

- 18 or over on 1st July 2025.
- Must have a pass grade (A*-E) in at least one A-Level subject - please note we do not accept Applied A-Levels and BTEC qualifications.
- At least 25 points at GCSE including five passes at grade C.
- The subject-specific requirements can be found in the table on [page 21](#).

Subjects and Entry Criteria - GCSE Points Tariff

GCSE Points Tariff for A-Levels		
Grade	Grade (9-1)	Belfast Met Points Tariff
A*	9 or 8	6
A	7	5
B	6	4
C*/C	5 or 4	3
D	3	2
E	2	1



AS Level subject-specific requirements below

(Please note that list of subjects may be amended)

Subject	GCSE minimum Grade C or as stated below
Biology	Double Award Science minimum grade BB or grade C GCSE Biology plus English and Maths. Must also take another STEM related subject
Business Studies	English & Maths (C* and above in either subject)
Chemistry	Double Award Science minimum grade BB or grade C in GCSE Chemistry plus English and Maths. Must also take another STEM related subject
Digital Technology	English & Maths
Economics	English and Maths with a minimum grade B in one of these subjects
English Literature	English minimum grade B & Maths
Geography	Geography, minimum grade B, English grade B & Maths
Government & Politics	English minimum grade C* & Maths
History	English minimum grade B & Maths
Maths	Maths minimum grade B (Higher Tier). Students who have not already passed GCSE Further Maths must take it in addition to their A-Level subjects Students who have not already passed GCSE Further Maths must take it in addition to their A-Level subjects UNLESS they have already completed GCE AS Maths.
Media Studies	English minimum grade B & Maths
Physics	Maths minimum grade B plus Double Award Science minimum grade BB or grade B in GCSE Physics, plus English. Must also take another STEM related subject. Students who have not already passed GCSE Further Maths must take it in addition to their A-Level subjects
Religious Studies	English & Maths
Sociology	English & Maths
Spanish	Spanish grade C & English and Maths
Criminology	English & Maths (A-Level equivalent offered as a certificate in AS)

Fast Track & A2 subject-specific requirements below

(Subjects below with * offered at A2 only)

Subject	GCSE minimum Grade C or as stated below
Biology	Double Award Science minimum grade BB or grade C GCSE Biology.
Business Studies	English & Maths (C* and above in either subject)
Chemistry	Double Award Science with minimum Grade BB or Grade C in GCSE Chemistry
Digital Technology	English & Maths
Economics	English and Maths with a minimum grade B in one of these subjects
English Literature*	English minimum grade B
Geography	English, Maths and Geography with a minimum grade B in at least one of these subjects
Government & Politics*	English minimum grade C* & Maths
History*	English minimum grade B
Maths	Maths minimum grade B (Higher Tier). Students who have not already passed GCSE Further Maths must take it in addition to their A-Level subjects Students who have not already passed GCSE Further Maths must take it in addition to their A-Level subjects UNLESS they have already completed GCE AS Maths.
Media Studies*	English minimum grade B & Maths
Physics	Maths minimum grade B plus English grade C Double Award Science minimum grade BB or grade B in GCSE Physics
Religious Studies*	English & Maths
Sociology	English & Maths
Spanish*	Spanish grade C & English and Maths
Criminology*	English & Maths (A-Level equivalent offered as a certificate in AS and Diploma at A2)

Please note: This list is subject to change dependent on demand for subjects. Applicants hoping to take A-Level Science subjects on the Fast Track course should have prior experience of having studied at least one Science subject at A-Level.

Higher Education

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

Our Higher Education partners include Queen's University Belfast, the Open University and Ulster University. 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.



Why choose Belfast Met?



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 Titanic Belfast.

Belfast Met scored above the UK and NI Higher Education sector averages for quality of teaching, learning opportunities, and academic support

National Student Survey 2024

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.

English Language & Mathematics Entry Requirements

There are minimum English Language requirements for full-time Higher Education programmes. Applicants must hold a GCSE pass at Grade C/4 or above in English Language. Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills Literacy may be regarded as an acceptable alternative to GCSE English Language. The College may accept an equivalent level of qualification. Some courses may require higher than the minimum Grade C/4. You are advised to check the individual course entry requirements. You can find these within the Entry Requirements section under each individual course. Where a GCSE grade in English is specified as the only qualification accepted, other English competency qualifications may not apply.

If you have not achieved GCSE English Language Grade C/4 or an equivalent level, you will be asked to provide evidence of English Language competency. Other qualifications may be accepted as evidence of level of competency on a case-by-case basis.

To provide evidence of English Language competency, please contact us on **028 90 265 265** or email studentportal@belfastmet.ac.uk. You will be referred to the appropriate curriculum area who will guide you on your next steps.

Where an ESOL qualification is used, the appropriate level must be achieved across all skills - Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening. Applicants should also check the English language criteria for progression to other further and higher education institutions as these may vary.

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

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

Please also note:

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

International Qualifications

Belfast Met and University partners (UU, QUB and UU) must verify that applicants holding international qualifications meet course entry requirements before they can be enrolled onto a course.

To help us verify that course entry requirements are met, applicants must:

Get a full English language translation of your qualifications. Belfast Met will accept the full English translation from UK ENIC www.enic.org.uk. UK ENIC is the UK National Information Centre for the recognition and evaluation of international qualifications and skills.

Ensure the translation provides clear evidence that your qualifications meet or exceed the course entry requirements. [UK ENIC](#) can also help with Statements of Comparability and UK Qualification Reference Statements.

There is a charge for this service. For more information on UK ENIC, visit their website at www.enic.org.uk.

The Department for Communities can also provide information and/or help with qualification equivalencies. For more information, visit their website at: <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/>.

Higher Education Graduation

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

The special ceremony is followed by entertainment, refreshments and photography at our Titanic Quarter Campus. 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
or email: MarketingandDesign@belfastmet.ac.uk

All students studying courses Level 4 or above may be eligible to graduate from Belfast Met.





Academic
& Continuing Education

The School curriculum plays an important role in promoting social inclusion and diversity in the College, with courses that are designed to remove barriers to education and support progression for all.

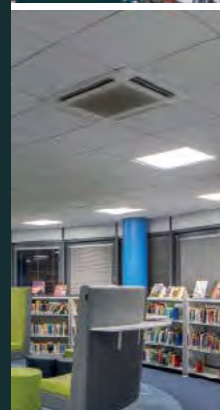


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94%

Of learners believe they have made the right course choice.

Learner Satisfaction Survey 2024



Essential Skills

- City and Guilds qualifications available in: Literacy, Numeracy and ICT at Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2.
- Compulsory component of your course if you do not have a GCSE Grade C in English Language, Maths and/or ICT.
- Essential Skills Level 2 is comparable to GCSE Grade C.
- For those with a GCSE grade D in English and maths, we offer assessment to progress to our 1-WEEK fast-track option. Essential Skills fast track courses will take place in September 2025.
- If you are planning to go on to further study (e.g. university), please check if a GCSE qualification (rather than Essential Skills) is required.

GCSE

- If you have achieved a D in English or maths and are enrolling on a fulltime FE or HE course in the College, there is the opportunity to improve your results in these subjects alongside your vocational programme provided that your vocational timetable allows for attendance.
- The GCSE will require weekly attendance for the full academic year.
- Initial assessments are mandatory to assess suitability for our GCSE courses.
- We would advise undertaking 1 of these GCSE subjects per academic year.
- Anyone achieving ES Level 2 in the first year of their course, may wish to enrol on GCSE in year two, particularly if university entrance requirements state that a GCSE C or above in English or maths is necessary.

Assessment For Essential Skills and GCSE

- GCSE Assessments will take place in June 2025.
- Assessments will take place August 2025 during the College's FE Endorsement period.
- Please contact Clíodhna Martin: CMartin@belfastmet.ac.uk for further information

Full-time GCSE programme >

Level 2 Full-time GCSEs
GCSEs >

Full-time A Level programme >

Level 3 Fast Track A Level (Full-time)
A Level (AS/A2 Combined on one year) >

Level 3 AS Level (Full-time)
A Level (First Year A Level) >

Level 3 A2 Level (Full-time)
A Level (Second Year A Level) >

Access to University >

Access Diploma
History/English Literature (One Year Full-time) >
[Validated by Queen's University](#)

Access Diploma
Sociology/Psychology (One Year Full-time) >
[Validated by Queen's University](#)

Access Diploma
Sociology/Psychology (Two Year's Part-time) (Day) >
[Validated by Queen's University](#)

Access Diploma
Sociology/Psychology (Two Year's Part-time) (Evening) >
[Validated by Queen's University](#)

Access to University >

Access Diploma
Maths and Physics (One Year Full-time) >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Access Diploma
Maths and Finance (One Year Full-time) >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Access Diploma
Computing for the Economy (One Year Full-time) >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Access Diploma
**Computing for the Economy
(Two Year's Part-time) (Day) >**
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Certificate in Higher Education >

Level 4 Certificate
Combined Social & Behavioural Sciences >
(Two Year's Part-time) (Day)
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 4 Certificate
Combined Social & Behavioural Sciences >
(Two Year's Part-time) (Evening)
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 4 Certificate
Humanities >
(Two Year's Part-time) (Day)
[Validated by Ulster University](#)





Skills & Apprenticeships

Belfast Met welcomes all those interested in developing a career through NI Traineeships, Apprenticeships and Higher Level Apprenticeships courses.

Through these programmes you will develop the professional and technical skills and qualifications you need in college and out with an employer or on placement. This mixture of attending college for classes and gaining practical skills out in the 'world of work' will provide you with a valuable opportunity to learn, gain qualifications and make connections in industry.



apprenticeships@belfastmet.ac.uk



NI Traineeships

NI Traineeships are open to all ages and normally take 2 years to complete, however some subject areas are offering a one year programme. Typically you will attend college for 2 days a week and attend a placement activity on a third day, however some subject areas may organise for you to attend a block placement for several weeks.

If you haven't already gained an equivalent qualification to a Grade C in maths and literacy, you will be able to attend additional classes to gain these qualifications.

On successful completion of the NI Traineeship programme, you will have gained a Level 2 qualification and be able to progress to an Apprenticeship or further education at Level 3.

Apprenticeships NI and Higher Level Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship programmes are offered at Level 2 and Level 3 and usually take around 2 years to complete. You will have found an employer willing to employ you for a minimum of 21 hours a week. The employer then releases you to attend college classes on your chosen subject and if required, for maths, literacy and ICT. Typically, you are with your employer for 4 days a week and attend college on one day a week.

Higher Level Apprenticeships cover Levels 4 to 6, You will have found an employer willing to employ you for a minimum of 21 hours a week. The employer then releases you to attend college classes on your chosen subject.

The following pages list all the subject areas we offer, together with links that will take you to the associated school for further details on the specific subjects and entry criteria.

If you have any queries on these programmes please email: apprenticeships@belfastmet.ac.uk

Apprenticeships NI >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
Electronic Fire & Security Systems >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Bricklaying >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Business Administration >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
Business Administration >

Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship
Carpentry & Joinery (Castlereagh) >

Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship
Carpentry & Joinery (Millfield) >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Childcare (Evening) >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
Childcare (Evening) >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Customer Service >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
Customer Service >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Front of House Reception >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Hospitality Food and Beverage >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Hospitality Services >



Level 3 Apprenticeship
Hospitality Supervision and Leadership >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Information Technology >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Kitchen Services >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
Electrotechnical >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
Civil Engineering >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Providing Financial Services >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
Providing Financial Services >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
ILM Team Leading >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Professional Chef >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
Professional Chef >

Level 3 Diploma (Apprenticeship)
Pharmacy Services >

Level 3 Diploma (Apprenticeship)
Applied Science >

Level 3 Diploma (Apprenticeship)
Travel and Tourism >

Higher Level Apprenticeships >

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Accountancy >

Level 6 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Accounting Technology (Top-up Degree) >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Business Data Management >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Leadership for Children’s Care Learning and Development (Management) (Part-time) >

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Civil Engineering >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Culinary Arts >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 5 HLA Foundation Science Degree
Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management with Hospitality Specialism >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 HLA Foundation Science Degree
Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management with Events Specialism >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Cyber Security with Cloud and Network Infrastructure >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Higher Level Apprenticeship
Cyber Security with Cloud and Network Infrastructure (Top-Up) (Part-time) >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Software and Cloud Development with Data Analysis >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Higher Level Apprenticeship
Software and Cloud Development with Data Science (Top-Up) (Part-time) >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Marketing >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Property, Housing and Planning >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Traineeships >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Bricklaying >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Carpentry & Joinery (Castlereagh) >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Carpentry & Joinery (Millfield) >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Childcare (1 Year) >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Childcare (2 Year) >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Creative Media (Games Development) >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Hairdressing >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Health and Social Care (1 Year) >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Health and Social Care (2 Year) >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Hospitality >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Information Technology >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Motor Vehicle (Castlereagh) >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Motor Vehicle (Millfield) >

Level 2 - Traineeship
Plumbing & Heating >

Level 2 - Traineeship
Professional Chef >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Travel and Tourism >



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The Belfast Business School delivers a wide-ranging curriculum, which is aligned to the needs of the local economy. We are developing future leaders in marketing, business, accounting, hospitality, tourism and events. Our focus is on in-depth, real world knowledge and transferable skills as demanded by industry.



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Accountancy >

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Accountancy >

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

Level 6 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Accounting Technology (Top-up Degree) >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Administration >

Level 3 Diploma
FinTECH and Professional Services >

Bakery >

Level 2 Diploma
Bakery >

Business >

Level 2 First Extended Certificate
Business >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma
Business >

Level 5 Higher National Diploma
Business >

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Business Data Management >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management >

Level 5 Foundation Science Degree
**Tourism, Hospitality & Events Management with
Specialisms >**

Level 5 HLA Foundation Science Degree
**Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management
with Hospitality Specialism >**
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 HLA Foundation Science Degree
**Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management
with Events Specialism >**
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

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

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

Hospitality >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Hospitality >

Level 3 Diploma
Food and Beverage Service Supervision >

Hair, Beauty and Barbering >

Level 2 Diploma
Barbering >

Level 3 NVQ Diploma
Barbering >

Level 2 Diploma
Beauty Therapy >

Level 3 Diploma
Beauty Therapy Massage >

Level 2 Diploma (Traineeship)
Hairdressing >

Level 3 Diploma
Hairdressing >

Level 2 Diploma
Hair and Media Make-up >

Level 3 Diploma
Hair and Media Make-up >

Level 2 Diploma
Nail Treatments >

Marketing >

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Marketing >
Validated by Ulster University

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Marketing >
Validated by Ulster University

Professional Cookery >

Level 2 Diploma (Apprenticeship)
Professional Chef >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Professional Chef >

Level 3 Diploma (Apprenticeship)
Professional Chef >

Culinary Arts >

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
Culinary Arts >
Validated by The Open University

Travel and Tourism and Events >

Level 2 Certificate (Year 1) Level 3 Introductory
Diploma in Travel & Tourism (Year 2)
Cabin Crew >

Level 2 Diploma
Travel and Tourism >

Level 3 Diploma (Apprenticeship)
Travel and Tourism >

Level 3 Extended Diploma
Travel and Tourism >

Level 3 Extended Diploma
Events with Travel and Tourism >





Creative &
Digital Industries

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.



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Art and Design >

Level 2 Diploma

Art and Design Skills >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Art and Design Practice >

Visual Effects > & Animation

Level 3 Extended Diploma

Creative Media Practice (Visual Effects) >

Level 3 Diploma

Digital Art and Animation >

Level 5 Foundation Degree

Digital Art & Animation for Visual Effects (VFX) and Virtual Production >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Cyber Security/ Cloud Computing/ Networking >

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship

Cyber Security with Cloud and Network Infrastructure >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 5 Foundation Degree

Cyber Security with Cloud and Network Infrastructure >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree

Cyber Security with Cloud and Network Infrastructure (Top-Up) >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree

Cyber Security with Cloud and Network Infrastructure (Top-Up) (Part-time) >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Higher Level Apprenticeship

Cyber Security with Cloud and Network Infrastructure (Top-Up) (Part-time) >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Software & Cloud Development with Data Analysis & Data Science >

Level 5 Foundation Degree

Software and Cloud Development with Data Analysis >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship

Software and Cloud Development with Data Analysis >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree

Software and Cloud Development with Data Science (Top-Up) >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree

Software and Cloud Development with Data Science (Top-Up) (Part-time) >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Higher Level Apprenticeship

Software and Cloud Development with Data Science (Top-Up) (Part-time) >

[Validated by The Open University](#)

Esports >

Level 3 National Diploma
Esports >

Electronics and Industrial Automation >

Level 3 Extended Diploma
Electrical/Electronic Engineering >

Level 5 Higher National Diploma
Electrical/Electronic Engineering >

Level 5 Higher National Diploma
Electrical/Electronic Engineering (Part-time) >

Software Engineering & Computing >

Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma
IT (Applications and Software Development) >

Level 5 Higher National Diploma
Computing (Software Engineering) with
Forensics, Security & Networking >

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Computing (Software Engineering) with
Cyber, Mobile Development & Data Analytics >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Computing (Software Engineering) with
Web Development, UX Design & Software Testing >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Film, TV and Cinematography >

Level 3 Extended Diploma
Creative Media Practice (TV and Film) >

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Commercial Photography & Cinematography >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

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

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Screen Acting and Producing >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

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

Fashion >

Level 2 Diploma
Art and Design Skills pathway
Fashion/Wearable and Textiles >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma
Art and Design Practice - Fashion and Clothing >

Level 6 BSc(Hons) Degree
Fashion Production and Business >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Game Development >

Level 2
Creative Media (Games Development) >

Level 3 Extended Diploma
Creative Media Practice (Game Development) >

Level 3 Extended Diploma
Creative Media Practice (Game Art & Design) >

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Game Art, Design and Development >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Graphic Design >

Level 3 Extended Diploma
Creative Media Practice (Graphic Design) >

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Graphic Design and Illustration >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Music >

Level 2 Diploma
Music Industry Skills >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma
Music >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma
Music (Production) >

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Music and Sound for Media >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Information Technology >

Level 2
Information Technology >

Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma
IT (Cyber Security/Networking)

Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma
IT (Software & Website Development) >

Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma
IT (Software Development, Game Design
and IOE Applications) >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
IT >





Health, Wellbeing
& Inclusion

Our courses equip students with specialist knowledge, skills and qualifications recognised for employment in the Health and Social Care, Allied Health Care, Children's Care and Education and Sport and fitness industries. Our course teams have extensive industry and professional experience in their fields and courses include applied learning, such as a work placement and project-based learning. This makes the learning relevant and supports career development as well as academic progress. The School also delivers an extensive range of accredited full and part time courses tailored to the needs and interests of young people and adults with special educational needs and learning disabilities.

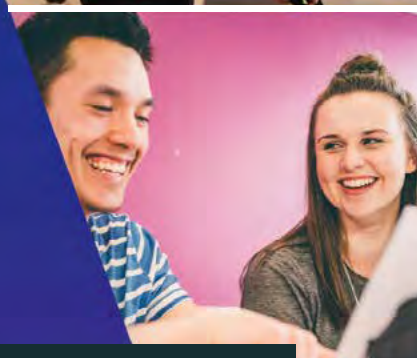


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Childcare, Childhood Studies >

Level 2 - Traineeship
Childcare (1 Year) >

Level 2 - Traineeship
Childcare (2 Year) >

Level 2 Apprenticeship
Childcare >

Level 2
Childcare - Early Years (Part-time) >

Level 3
Childcare - Early Years (Part-time) >

Level 3 Apprenticeship
Childcare (Evening) >

Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma
Childcare >

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship
***Leadership for Children's Care Learning and Development (Management) (Part-time) >**

Level 5 Diploma
***Leadership for Children's Care Learning and Development (Management) (Part-time) >**

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

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Early Childhood Studies (Part-time) >
[Queen's University Belfast offered in conjunction with Stranmillis University College](#)

Teaching Assistant >

Level 3 Diploma
Childcare - Classroom/Teaching Assistant >

Level 3 Diploma
Childcare - Classroom/Teaching Assistant (Part-time) >

Counselling >

Level 2 Certificate
Counselling Skills (Part-time) (Day) >

Level 3 Certificate
Counselling Studies (Part-time) (Day) >

Level 3 Certificate
Counselling Studies (Part-time) (Evening) >

Level 4 Certificate
Counselling Studies (Part-time) (Day) >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 4 Certificate
Counselling Studies (Part-time) (Evening) >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Integrative Counselling Practice (Day) >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Integrative Counselling Practice (Evening) >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

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Health and Social Care >

Level 2 - Traineeship
Health and Social Care (1 Year) >

Level 2 Diploma - Traineeship
Health and Social Care (2 Year) >

Level 2 Diploma
Health and Social Care (Part-time) (Day) >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma
Health and Social Care (3 A-Level Equivalent) >

Double Award GCE A Level
Health and Social Care >

Pearson Level 4 Higher National Certificate
Healthcare Practice (Health and Social Care) >

Pearson Level 4 Higher National Certificate (Part-time)
Healthcare Practice (Health and Social Care) >

Level 4 Higher National Certificate
Social & Community Work (Community Development) >

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Health and Social Care >
[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree
Social Work >
[In collaboration with Ulster University](#)

Public Services >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma
Public Services/Uniformed Protective Services >

Sports Academy >

Sports Academy - Boxing >

Sports Academy - Football >

Sports Academy - Rugby >

Sport >

Level 2 Diploma
Pearson BTEC First Diploma in Sport >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma
Sporting Excellence and Performance >

Physical Education and Sport >

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Physical Education and Sport >
[Validated by Stranmillis University and Queen's University](#)

Sport and Exercise Science >

Level 3 Diploma
Sport and Exercise Science >

Level 4/5 Certificate/Diploma
Sport and Exercise Science >

Sports Coaching & Performance Analysis >

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Sports Coaching and Performance Analysis >
[Validated by The Open University](#)

Sports Massage Therapy >

Level 3 Active IQ Diploma
Sports Massage Therapy (Part-Time) (Day) >

Level 3 Active IQ Diploma
Sports Massage Therapy (Part-Time) (Evening) >

Level 4 Active IQ Certificate
Sports Massage Therapy >

Gym Instructing and Personal Training >

Level 3 Active IQ Diploma
Gym Instructing and Personal Training (Millfield) >

Level 3 Active IQ Diploma
Gym Instructing and Personal Training (Titanic Quarter) >

Supported Learning >

Level 1 Pathfinder >

Entry Level 1/3 Independence for Life and Work >

Level 1 Skills for Employment >

Entry Level 3 Positive Action >





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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Alarms >

Level 3 Diploma

Electronic Fire & Security Systems Apprenticeship >

Animal Care >

Level 2 Diploma

Animal Care >

Animal Management >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Animal Management >

Level 4 Higher National Certificate

Animal Management >

Architectural Technology >

Level 5 Foundation Degree

Architectural Technology >

[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Construction >

Level 1 Diploma

Construction >

Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship/Traineeship)

Bricklaying >

Level 5 Foundation Degree

Construction Engineering with Surveying >

[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Foundation Degree

Property, Housing and Planning >

[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship

Property, Housing and Planning >

[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Construction and the Built Environment >

Level 3 National Foundation Diploma

Construction and the Built Environment >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Construction and the Built Environment >

Civil Engineering >

Level 3 National Diploma (Apprenticeship)

Civil Engineering >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Civil Engineering >

Level 5 Higher Level Apprenticeship

Civil Engineering >

[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Level 5 Foundation Degree

Civil Engineering >

[Validated by Ulster University](#)

Electrotechnical >

Level 3 Apprenticeship

Electrotechnical >

Engineering >

Level 2 Diploma (Apprenticeship/Traineeship)

Engineering >

Level 3 Diploma (Apprenticeship)

Engineering >

Level 5 Foundation Degree

Mechanical Engineering >

[Validated by Queens University Belfast](#)



Carpentry and Joinery >

Level 2 Diploma (Apprenticeship/Traineeship)
Carpentry & Joinery (Millfield) >

Level 2 Diploma (Apprenticeship/Traineeship)
Carpentry & Joinery (Castlereagh) >

Level 3 Diploma
Joinery (Millfield) >

Level 3 Diploma
Joinery (Castlereagh) >

Motor Vehicle >

Level 2 Diploma (Apprenticeship/Traineeship)
Motor Vehicle (Millfield) >

Level 2 Diploma (Apprenticeship/Traineeship)
Motor Vehicle (Castlereagh) >

Plumbing >

Level 2 Diploma (Apprenticeship/Traineeship)
Plumbing & Heating >

Sciences >

Level 2 Certificate
Applied Science >

Level 3 Diploma (Apprenticeship)
Pharmacy Services >

Level 3 Diploma (Apprenticeship)
Applied Science >

Level 3 National Extended Diploma
Biomedical Science >

Level 4 Certificate
Applied Biology >

Access Diploma (One year)
Biological/Biomedical Science >
[Validated by Queens University Belfast](#)

Access Diploma (Two Years)
Biological/Biomedical Science >
[Validated by Queens University Belfast](#)

Level 5 Foundation Degree
Biological Sciences >
[Validated by Queens University Belfast](#)



Fees and Support

Tuition fees are payable in full at the time of enrolment. Payment is accepted online via Worldpay, or by cash, direct debit, or credit card.

Direct Debit

Students can arrange for fees to be paid by direct debit if their course is of at least 16 weeks duration and the total cost is greater than £200, with students paying a minimum of 25% of the total fee upfront, followed by three equal monthly payments by direct debit. Fully completed Direct Debit Forms must be provided at time of enrolment.

Payment by Sponsor or Employer

Please provide all information that will enable us to raise any appropriate invoices and allow your sponsor to pay on your behalf. Please bring a letter to your enrolment confirming their intention to pay your fees. It remains your personal responsibility to ensure your fees are paid.

Refund Policy

The College policy is that all tuition fees are paid in full and are not refundable. The exceptions are as follows:

- A course is cancelled by the College, in this case students will be Offered either a place on an alternative course, or full refund.
- If the time, day or evening of the class has been changed and the student is unable to continue attending because of these changes.
- Other applications shall be considered only in exceptional circumstances by a member of the College Directorate or Head of Finance.
- All applications must be in writing to the Finance Department.
- Where a refund had been authorised the student will be refunded within 20 working days.

Student Loans Company

If your fees are to be paid by the Student Loan Company (SLC), then, at time of enrolment, you must present a letter from SLC confirming they will pay the fees, or evidence that you have applied for funding. Otherwise, you will pay fees at time of enrolment. Please note that if you withdraw before completing your course, SLC will not pay your tuition fees in full. You will be expected to pay the balance in this case.

Student Funding Information

The following information provides a brief overview of the various funding opportunities that may be available for Full-time courses at Belfast Met.

EMA

Students aged between 16 and 19 on or between 2 July 2024 and 1 July 2025 and studying a Full-time Further Education course may be eligible to receive £30 per week. This is a means-tested award based on household income.

Travel Pass

Students aged under 19 on 1 July 2025, studying a Full-time Further Education course and living at least three Miles from the College, with no closer College offering a similar course, may be eligible for a travel award.

Care to Learn Scheme

Students aged between 16 and 19 who have care of a child may be eligible to receive assistance with childcare and travel costs under this scheme.

Further Education Grant Full-time

Students must be 19 or over on 1 July 2025. This is a means-tested award for Full-time Further Education students up to a maximum of £2,092.

Please Note:
Applications for the Further Education Award usually open in April and close at the end of October 2025.

Further Education Grant Childcare

Students must be 20 or over by the start of their course and eligible for the Further Education Award Full-time or Part-time. The Award provides funding towards childcare costs; however, applicants must indicate that they require childcare support when completing their Further Education grant application.

Higher Education Full-time

Students undertaking HNDs, Degrees and Foundation Degrees may seek financial support from Student Finance NI for the following: Tuition Fee loan, Maintenance loan, Maintenance grant. Additional support may be available e.g. Parents' Learning Allowance, Disabled Students Allowance.

Higher Education Bursary

This is a Belfast Met Bursary that may be awarded to students who have applied to Student Finance NI for assistance; consented to share their financial information with a third party; and who meet all other criteria as set by the College.

Higher Education Full-time Childcare Grant

Students on a Full-time Higher Education Course may seek financial support for childcare costs through Student Finance NI. For more information, please visit Student Finance NI's website: www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

Further Information:

For further information regarding potential sources of funding, please contact the Student Funding Team on tel: **028 9026 5183** or email **studentfunding@belfastmet.ac.uk**

For further information and criteria relating to each of the funds listed above: **www.belfastmet.ac.uk/student-funding**

Please Note:

Students eligible for both Further Education Grant and EMA cannot receive both.
This information is correct as of January 2025, but is subject to change in line with Government guidelines.



Student Funding Information

Full-time students applying for a first degree or HND or equivalent should apply for financial help through Student Finance NI who will carry out the financial assessment. This will decide how much funding is available to you. You may be eligible to receive the following:

Tuition Fees and Charges 2025/26

Most of our full-time foundation degree/HND’s will cost £3,110 per year. The BSc Social Work Degree £4,855 per year, subject to formal notification from the Department for the Economy.

All eligible Northern Ireland students studying full-time can get a loan to meet their course costs. The loan is paid directly to the College on your behalf.

This loan does not have to be repaid until you are earning more than £24,990 per annum and you pay 9% of your income over the threshold.

If you choose not to take a tuition fee loan you will have to pay for your tuition at the time of enrolment.

Maintenance Loan

The amount you can get depends on where you’ll be living during term-time. It is also affected by your income and that of your parents or partner.

Your living arrangements during term-time	Maximum Maintenance Loan available
Living with your parents	£5,250
Living in your own home and studying outside London	£6,776

Maintenance Grant

The Maintenance Grant is based on your household income. If it’s £41,065 or less, you’ll be eligible to receive all or some of the support.

The amount you can get depends on your income and that of your parents or partner. The amount available is the same for both grants.

Total annual household income	Amount available
£19,203 or less	Full grant, £3,475
Between £19,204 and £41,065	Partial grant
Over £41,065	No grant

Further Education Grants

Further Education Grants for those 19 years of age or over on 1st July prior to the start of your course in September available for the academic year 2025/2026. Further Education Grants range in value from £2,092 down to £1,402 depending on household income.

Applications are usually released after Easter 2025. Applications for this fund close at the end of October 2025 however eligible students who submit an application by 30th June 2025 will be guaranteed funding for the 2025/26 academic year.

Household Income	Amount of Grant if living at parent’s home	Amount of Grant if living away from parent’s home
Up to £21,330	£1,674	£2092
£21,331 - £26,160	£1,490	£1,863
£26,161 - £31,580	£1,306	£1,633
£31,581 - £38,805	£1,122	£1,402
£38,806 and over	No Funding	No Funding

For more information/criteria or detail of how to apply: www.eani.org.uk/fegrants

Learner Support Fund

The Learner Support Fund is a grant available to students studying FE or HE who have exhausted all other available sources and find themselves in financial difficulty. Students that apply to the Learner Support Fund and meet the means test and the eligibility criteria can be assessed under the following categories:

Funding Category	Full-time	Part-time
Fee Assistance	Yes	Yes
Living costs associated with learning	Yes	No
Travel assistance	Yes	Yes
Books and Equipment Costs	Yes	Yes
Childcare	Yes	Yes

Students cannot be double funded for the same category. If a student is in receipt of Fee support from Student Finance NI, the Learner Support Fund will be unable to assist further under that category.

Applications will be available from September 2025. For more information or full criteria contact: studentfunding@belfastmet.ac.uk or 028 9026 5183.

Applying to Belfast Met

Need help?

How to apply? Password reset? Evidence upload? What happens next?

Contact **02890 265 265** or email: studentportal@belfastmet.ac.uk

Application Process

01

- Look at courses available
- Check out all the information on course details pages
- Talk to our Careers & Employability Team

02

- Apply for up to 5 courses using online application facility
- Upload evidence of qualifications achieved and right to study / identity
- Download Engage app to stay up-to-date

03

- Pre-entry advice stage
- Stay in contact to move to next stage
- Assessments / interviews may be required depending on course
- Ensure email address and phone numbers are up-to-date

04

- Offer holders must accept or reject within 5 working days
- Ensure email address and phone numbers are up-to-date
- Follow instructions contained in emails

05

- Update pending to achieved qualification grades
- Offer holders – attend enrolment appointment
- Waiting list – follow instructions in emails

Remember!

- Applications stay open until course fills.
- Offers are made based on number of places currently available.
- The earlier you apply increases the chances of getting onto your first choice.
- If place becomes available, applicants on waiting lists will be contacted.

Student Loans Company

Talk to us if you need extra support to apply or if you are attending Open Days, pre-entry advice sessions, assessments, or enrolment appointments.

Please telephone or email using the contact details shown on our communications to you. Alternatively, telephone **028 90265 265** or email: studentportal@belfastmet.ac.uk



Pre-Entry Advice

Pre-Entry Advice Sessions allow you to:

1. Find out more about the course.
2. Ask any questions you may have.
3. Make sure that you have applied to the correct Level and subject area.
4. Transfer to a more suitable course if you need to.

Pre-Entry Advice Sessions will take place on one of our campuses or as an online meeting. Some courses may also send you some Pre-Entry materials, e.g. a course information video.

Please follow all instructions you receive about Pre-Entry Advice to make sure you can progress to the next stage of your application.

Belfast Met Engage App

You can keep track of your application using your online account. You can also download the Belfast Met 'Engage' app to track your application(s) and receive notifications throughout your application process.

The app is available via Google Play and the Apple App Store.

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Promoting Equality and Diversity

Belfast Metropolitan College believes that everyone has a right to study in a harmonious welcoming environment. We are committed to creating and ensuring an atmosphere where learners, customers, staff, governors and other stakeholders celebrate equality and diversity in all activities. We respect all our students, staff and service users, and we celebrate our similarities and value our differences.

We seek to provide a supportive learning environment which demonstrates respect for, and acceptance of, difference. Additionally, in keeping with our legal obligations, we aim to provide the opportunity for all members of the community, irrespective of perceived religious belief, political opinion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, ethnicity, those with or without a disability or dependants, to participate fully in all levels of academic, vocational and leisure courses which we provide.

Terms and Conditions for enrolment and application

Terms and Conditions for enrolment and application will apply to all potential and existing learners. These Terms and Conditions are issued in relation to enquiries, applications and/or enrolments at Belfast Met.

Changes to Terms and Conditions

Belfast Met may change the Terms and Conditions at any time but only under exceptional circumstances. Therefore, it is advised that you print and keep a copy at the time of enrolment

for your records. We will continue to review these Terms and Conditions using information obtained from our Student Council (e.g. via the Student Voice), from student surveys, and feedback from our Awarding Organisations, Regulators, DfE, QAA, ETI, Partner Universities and our Quality Assurance forums. Please visit the College's website regularly for the up-to-date policies and procedures referred to in these Terms and Conditions.

Requests for Alternative Formats

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Please be advised that some courses may have additional costs that students will “Need to Provide”. These are indicated as “NTP” in the prospectus e.g. equipment and resources. See course listing for more information.

Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk and in Need of Protection

Belfast Met aims to ensure that all students, staff and stakeholders of the College experience an inclusive, enjoyable and safe environment, in which they feel respected and valued. We all share an objective to keep children, young people, adults at risk and adults in need of protection, safe from harm. This College Safeguarding, Care & Welfare

Policy and associated procedures document are built upon a foundation of ‘zero tolerance’ of abuse to all children, young people, adults at risk of harm and adults in need of protection.

They provide robust guidance on how to report and respond to concerns about disclosed or suspected abuse. Abuse of Children and Young People can be Physical, Sexual, Emotional, Neglect or Exploitation, in nature, with respect to Adults at Risk and in need of Protection, this list is extended to include Institutional and Financial.

The College has a Designated Safeguarding Team who lead out on the College's safeguarding provision. Details of our Designated Safeguarding Team can be found on the [College website](#).

In the most recent ETI inspection (March 2022), the inspection team determined:

Based on the evidence available at the time of the quality improvement planning inspection, the arrangements for safeguarding participants reflect current legislation and practice.



Disclaimer

This information is correct at the time of publishing, however, it may be subject to change and no course advertised is guaranteed. Where a course is cancelled, applicants will be invited to apply to another course and the date of their original application will be applied to the new application.

Please note that courses are delivered in English (unless otherwise stated). The location referenced may be the primary location and you may have to attend at an alternative campus. The information contained within this prospectus is accurate as of January 2025.

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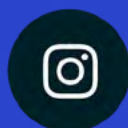
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