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Belfast Academy which includes A Levels, Adult Access & Languages at Belfast Metropolitan College is the largest provider of full-time A Level programmes in the N. Ireland further education sector. However, despite our size we take pride in the fact that every student joining our A Level programmes is made to feel welcome and given the level of pastoral and educational guidance required to make their time with us successful and enjoyable. Every effort is made by the teaching staff and management team to ensure that the student's pathway from the pre-entry guidance stage to final exams is clearly signposted and supported.

Leaving school and coming to a new college can be a daunting experience for many so, in addition to providing tuition of a high standard, we allocate every student an Adviser of Studies (AOS) who provides educational and pastoral guidance on weekly basis to help students make appropriate career/educational choices and arranges support when needed. The AOS system is also the focal point of the wide range of extra-curricular events and activities organised by the College including charity fund-raising events and visits by guest speakers.

We cater for students from a wide range of social, economic and cultural backgrounds who, provided they meet the entry criteria, can study on:
- The Two Year Programme
  (AS in year one, A2 in year two)

Or
- The Fast-Track Programme
  (AS/A2 combined in one year)

In addition, we may be able to accommodate students who have achieved AS but who wish to complete their A Levels at Belfast Met by enrolling on year two of the two year programme.

This prospectus provides essential information on the key features of the A Level Courses for all prospective students and their parents/guardians. Additional information can be found in our full-time prospectus.

Please note that whilst these courses are primarily for full-time students, we can accommodate part-time students but part-time study incurs fees (see fees section).
If you want to study day time A Levels full-time at Belfast Met there are three main routes, each of which have their own distinct set of entry criteria.

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Each course offers a broad range of subjects but please note that we cannot guarantee everyone’s preferred combination of subjects.
Subjects & Entry Criteria

Please note that our points tariff is: 6 points for an A* grade, 5 points for A Grade, 4 points for B, 3 points for C, 2 points for D, 1 point for E.

Below are listed the subjects and entry criteria for each course.

AS Level (First Year) – Application Code C3098 - subject list may be amended in line with demand for subjects

**AS Level (First Year) C3098**

- 16 or over on 1 July 2016
- At least 20 points at GCSE which includes 5 passes at Grade C or above
- The subject-specific requirements below:

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**A2 Level (Second Year) C3099**

- 17 or over on 1 July 2016
- Must have passes at AS Level in chosen subjects under 2008 exam board specifications (should normally be the same board). Students wishing to study A2 Business Studies, Economics and/or Sociology must have a pass grade in the new AQA Specification in the subject
- Subjects - as for First Year AS

**Fast Track A Level (One Year) C3423**

- 18 or over on 1 July 2016
- Must have completed an A Level course
- At least 25 points at GCSE including 5 passes at Grade C and the subject-specific requirements below:

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List is subject to change dependent on demand for subjects. Please note that 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.
Fees

Most full-time students on the two-year programmes pay no fees but two factors will determine whether charges will be incurred:

- Your age on joining the course
- Whether you are studying part-time or full-time

The fees for 2016-17 have not yet been fixed. The grid below shows the charges for 2015-16 which may be subject to change in 2016-17. Please note that these fees are per year

Two Year A Level (concessionary fee in brackets)

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<td>£460 (£275) course fee + £50 exam fee = £510 (£325)</td>
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<td>19 years of age or over on 1 July 2016</td>
<td>£460 (£275) course fee + £50 exam fee = £510 (£325)</td>
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<td>Aged between 18 and 19 on 1 July 2016</td>
<td>£460 (£275) AS course fee + £460 (£275) A2 course fee = £920 + £100 exam fee = £1,020 (£650)</td>
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<td>£920 course fee per subject = £1840 + £200 exam fee = £2,040</td>
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Mixing & Matching (concessionary fee in brackets)

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<td>Over 18 and under 19 years of age on 1 July 2016</td>
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<td>£460 + £460 + £920 + £200 (exam fee) = £2,040</td>
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Our Subjects & Specifications

Please pay particular attention to the information below, especially if you are intending to join year 2 of the two year course or the fast track provision. This is because it is at the discretion of Awarding Organisations (AO) whether to permit you to mix and match an AS qualification sat under one board with an A2 in the same subject under a different board. It is your responsibility to contact the relevant AO to request confirmation in writing that such a combination is permitted.

Where indicated “YES” in the tables below we will be delivering the new specification in the subject. Where left blank we will teach the legacy specification. This information is accurate at time of publication (Jan 2016) but may be subject to change as a consequence of decisions taken by AOs.

If you have any specific subject queries please write to the relevant College contact below.

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To apply online for any of these courses please visit: www.belfastmet.ac.uk
## Fast Track A Level (One Year)

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Supporting you at Belfast Met

The College seeks to foster academic excellence while meeting the needs of individual pupils within a well-structured, fully supportive pastoral care system designed to promote the overall development and welfare of each student and to ensure that students are protected from harm. Pastoral care permeates all aspects of College life and contributes to the creation of a supportive atmosphere in the College for students.

The aims of the personal tutorial system are:

- To support the student through the process of completing the UCAS application
- To provide appropriate tutorial support where students are encouraged to be active, self-directed learners, setting their own aims and goals and encouraging students to participate as much as possible in the learning experiences
- To advise students of their rights and responsibilities and to provide appropriate referral to other support systems where necessary within the College such as Student Services, Careers Advice & Guidance Service, Inclusive Learning and Safeguarding Officers
- To contribute to the personal growth and development of each student, helping them to relate positively and with respect for others both within and outside the College.
- To provide support and guidance to the students’ progression through the College

In undertaking these aims each individual student will be assigned and placed under the care of an Adviser of Studies (AOS) who seeks to build up a detailed knowledge of the needs, emotional development, progress and academic attainment of each pupil in the group. Advisers of Studies are at the heart of the pastoral care system and liaise closely with subject teachers and parents. Students will meet on a weekly basis as timetabled with their AOS.

Their role is to

- Offer guidance on general academic issues and, where appropriate, personal issues
- Encourage the student’s personal development and help him or her make their own decisions
- Review the student’s progress and achievement at least three times a year

The weekly study period is also an ideal time and forum for students to be made aware of and encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities such as charity events, local conferences and trips. Guest speakers are also invited to speak with students on a range of different issues.
Extra Curricular Activities

Belfast Academy within Belfast Met organises a range of extra-curricular activities throughout the academic year geared towards providing students with a broad-based educational experience.

This includes events involving guest speakers who deliver informative and engaging talks on everything from environmental issues to managing finances at university.

We want all students to feel their interests are catered for and AOSs are active in seeking out and responding to new ideas from students for extra-curricular activities.

Students’ Union

In addition to activities promoted within the Academy, Belfast Met has an active and innovative Students’ Union.

Every student enrolled at Belfast Met is a member of the Students’ Union. We put you, the learner, at the centre of everything that we do and hence, we want to hear your views and encourage you to get involved in Student Union activities.

The Students’ Union is run by students for students. It represents YOU while protecting and enhancing the quality of student life at Belfast Met. It can promote your concerns and ideas for change to the College authorities and external agencies and organisations.

As a member of the Students’ Union, you will be able to:

- Avail of all Students’ Union support services
- Obtain an NUS-USI card which will enable you to obtain discounts galore
- Attend social activities run by the Students’ Union
- Receive all free student offers and giveaways throughout the year

How can you become involved in the Students’ Union?

There are a number of ways that you, as a student, can become involved:

- Run for election as Students’ Union President, Student Governor or Campus representative.
- Become your class representative. This is an important line of communication between students and the College. The class rep will provide feedback of the group’s views to the Student Council which meets once per month.
• Participate in Students’ Union activities, events and campaigns - these are publicised throughout the year.
• Join or start a club or society
• Write for our Student Newspaper Impress – there are three editions per year

**Sporting Clubs and Societies**

Our Students’ Union has a number of established sports teams who have seen a significant amount of success over the last few years.

If you are interested in getting involved make sure that you sign up at our annual Freshers’ Fair which will be held during September 2016. Getting involved in sport is a great way to meet other students, stay fit and represent the College.

**Students’ Union Activity Fund**

We have a number of funds which can be accessed to help cover the costs of running non-curricular activities across the College.

All students are entitled to apply for these funds to help cover the costs of an event. In previous years, we have supported a variety of activities ranging from the annual fashion show and theatre visits to team building and volunteering events.

**Who do you contact for more information?**

If you would like to find out more about the Students’ Union and its activities we would be delighted to hear from you.

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