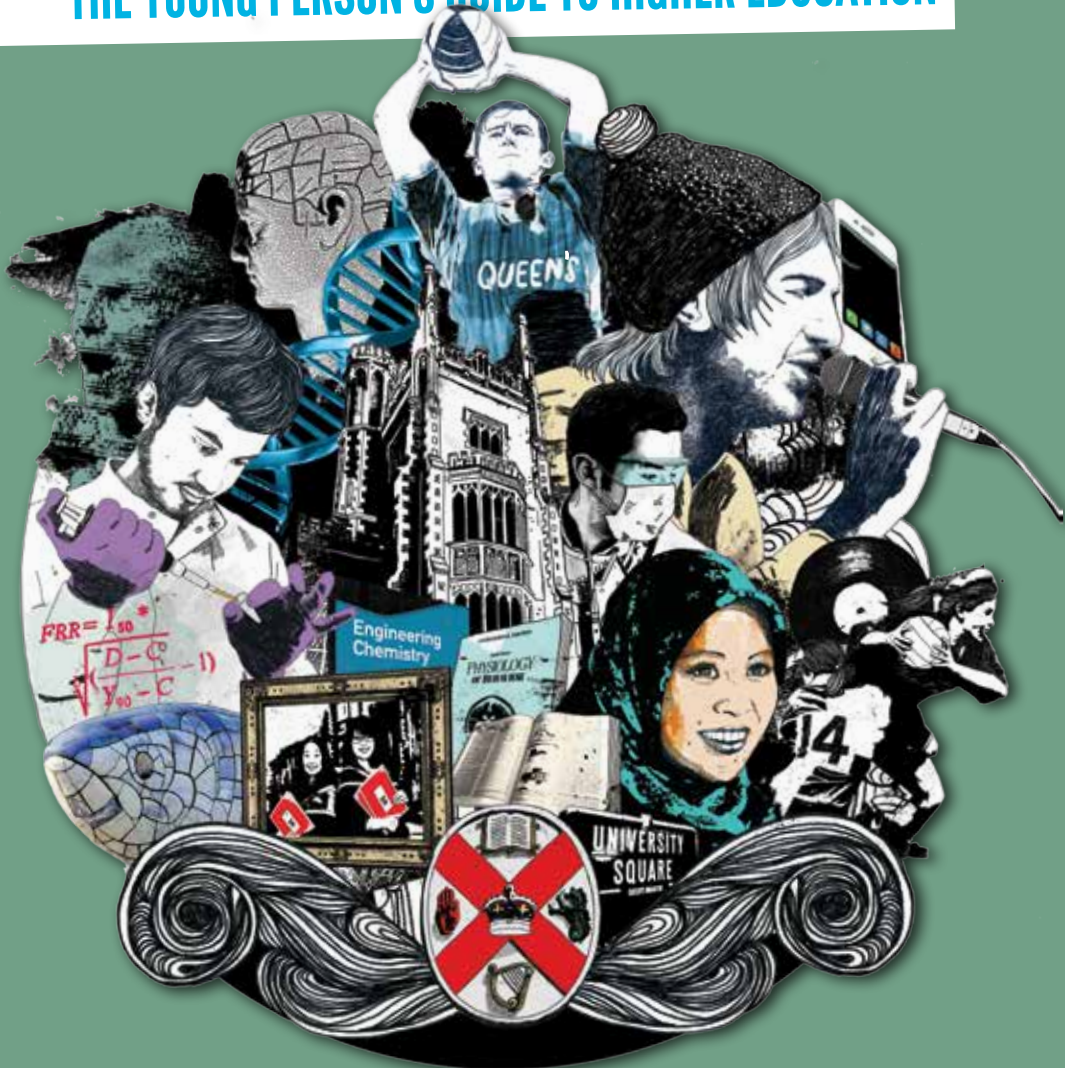




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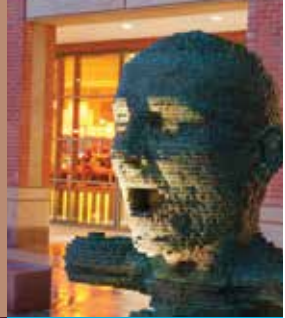
FIND YOUR FUTURE!

THE YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE TO HIGHER EDUCATION





9th oldest university in the UK



Ranked in the top 1% of the universities throughout the world



Member of the Russell Group of top research-intensive universities in the UK



Queen's is 'Ireland's Oxbridge' (The Sunday Times University Guide 2013)



Lowest cost of living in the UK (Mercer.com 2012)



5 consecutive Times Higher Education Awards (2008-2012), including Entrepreneurial University of the Year 2009

Top 17 university in the UK for graduate-level employment (The Sunday Times University Guide 2013)



Belfast: one of the world's top 10 destinations (National Geographic Traveler 2012)



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WELCOME TO “FIND YOUR FUTURE”:

The Young Person’s Guide to Higher Education, the ultimate companion to help you make the right choice for your future.

The best way to start making this choice is by choosing Queen’s as your student home!

It might seem like a long way off, but there really is no better time to start thinking about university: by this point at secondary school you will probably have figured out what subjects you like (very important when picking your degree!) and maybe even which career path you would like to follow. Whether you want to become a dentist, an archaeologist or a French teacher, Queen’s has the right course for you!

In this handy guide we’ll break down all that confusing university jargon and answer all your burning questions, like:

What is Higher Education – is it right for me?

What courses are there?

When do I pick my course?

What grades do I need?

How do I apply?

How much does university cost?

If I’m moving away from home, where will I live?

What do all the fancy words like, ‘seminar’ and ‘tutorial’ mean?

Where can I get more information?

When thinking about university, you must make the right choices for you and your future; it can be easy to simply follow the crowd and choose the same degree as your friends, but this may not be the right course for you.

For that reason, the aim of this guide is to get you thinking about your interests and strengths

so you make the best possible personal choices. Besides, your friends will still be your friends even if they choose a different degree pathway!

Of course before you apply for university, you need to know which subjects you want to study. So at this stage in your school life it can be very useful to think about which university courses interest you, so you can pick your GCSEs and A-levels accordingly; if you want to become an accountant, studying Geography instead of Maths won’t get you there!

Whatever degree you choose, by considering Queen’s as your university you are already giving yourself a head start in the world.

Where better to go than a university which was ranked in the top 20 among UK universities in 17 subjects by The Times Good University Guide in 2013 and named the UK’s ‘Entrepreneurial University of the Year’ at the Times Higher Education Awards in 2009?

Queen’s is the best place to test and improve those Junior Apprentice skills! A degree from Queen’s is a marketable asset around the world due to the University’s renowned high quality teaching standards, not to mention the fantastic facilities available to our students.

We hope you enjoy this useful guide to choosing your perfect degree at Queen’s, and the friendly folks here look forward to welcoming you through the famous University gates in the near future!

CAOIMHE CREGAN, BELFAST. 2ND YEAR, SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE STUDIES.

"Queen's offers loads of student support; you always know in the back of your mind that if something goes wrong there's someone you can go and see for advice.

Staff are really friendly and easy to approach, even if you think your question is minor or silly, they'll listen and help you out.

Queen's offers lots of placements, internships and short courses to build up your CV. I've taken part in Careers Mentoring nights and been given practical advice for my future career.

I was given the opportunity to study in Portugal for a whole month, and I'm going on a careers trip to Brussels to find out more about my options for the future. Queen's has really helped me to build up my personal profile."



WHAT IS

HIGHER

EDUCATION?



What is Higher Education – is it right for me?

Put simply, Higher Education describes the huge choice of courses available to study at university and college.

These courses are more in-depth and require more self-directed work than your current school studies, but you will be rewarded for all your hard work with a great qualification and better job opportunities! So if that sounds appealing (and why wouldn't it?) then give yourself the best chance in the competitive job market by applying to study at Queen's. Through a balanced combination of heritage, tradition and innovative, future-thinking values, we inspire our students to realise their full potential with a first-class student experience!



huge list of skills which will help you realise your potential in terms of your job options, but it will

How is university different to school?

In terms of teaching, there is a big difference between school and university life.

At school your teachers will keep an eye on your classwork and attendance, but at university you will be expected to become self-reliant and manage your own work, which of course means you can't sleep all day and miss classes!

Since your lecturers will not constantly remind you about assignments, you will have to learn to manage your own time and workload or your marks will suffer. Once you get into the habit of prioritising your work, you will have plenty of time for extra-curricular interests!

Speaking of hobbies, at Queen's you will have lots of chances to meet like-minded people by joining one of our many clubs and societies. Whether you have an addiction to archery or fancy yourself as the next Zane Lowe, you will be spoilt for choice!

OVER 170

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES FOR YOU

Is there a difference between university and college?

Queen's has recently invested £259m into its staff, students and infrastructure to provide some of the best campus facilities in the UK and Ireland. These include the award-winning McClay Library, one of the finest libraries in the world and home to 1.2 million books and 2,000 reader places.

The Students' Union is a hub of student life and has recently received a makeover; and the state-of-the-art Physical Education Centre is a must for all you fitness lovers! Aside from our fantastic staff and facilities, Queen's also offers a huge choice of degrees, so there is guaranteed to be a course to suit everyone.

If you are having trouble choosing between a few subjects, you have the option to do a Joint degree and then, if you find you enjoy one more than the other, you may have the option of switching to a Single degree pathway after completing your first year. You may also be able to study a Major-Minor degree which, as the name suggests, allows you to study one subject to a greater extent than the other.

At university, your tutor will not simply stand at the front of the room and dictate notes for you to copy; life as a student is much more interactive!

Most students will have to attend lectures, which are held in large rooms where there may be hundreds of other students present (hopefully all listening intently), and these lectures are often followed up with tutorials which give you the opportunity to discuss subjects in smaller groups. These can be daunting at first, but you will soon learn to make your voice heard and see these seminars/tutorials as useful study resources for your work.

Some degrees, like engineering and science-based courses, will also require students to attend practical sessions in studios or laboratories.

The amount of hours of class will also differ greatly depending on your chosen degree.

Some courses like English or Politics usually have less than 10 hours per week, while ones like Engineering will require more than 30 hours of class time.



How will I be taught?

It is important to remember that, just because your course may have fewer hours of class teaching than you are used to, this does not mean you can spend the rest of your week relaxing – you are expected to use much of your time reading and researching. Of course, once you get your work completed, there will be plenty of time for other activities!

Here at Queen's we also want to make sure you graduate with the best chance of getting your dream job and, although employability skills are already a huge part of our curriculum, we have also created an extra qualification for our students to prove to employers that they have left our University with transferable skills.

A degree with a plus

The Degree Plus Award is undertaken alongside your degree so it will not disrupt your studies, and you can even gain recognition for your hobbies, for example by being a member of a Queen's club or society. You can find out more about how this added extra will offer you a competitive edge in the next section of this guide (see page 23).

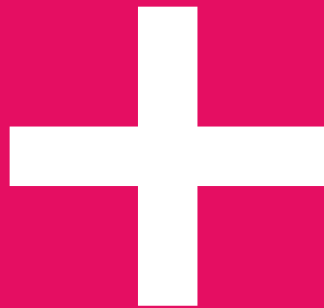
Chances are that in your first few days at Queen's you will have a question or 12, and that is completely normal.

The entire experience is new to you, but that does not mean it should be daunting.

All the other freshers (an affectionate name for new students) are feeling the same way and chances are they will have the same questions, so join them at the Student Guidance Centre, where the friendly staff will help with any issue, from student finance and all those complicated forms to providing assistance to students with disabilities.



**IT'S NOT A SIMPLE
9-3 THING ANYMORE**



**DEGREE PLUS MAKES
YOUR CLUBS COUNT**

What if I have problems?

During your enrolment at Queen's, you will be assigned a Personal Tutor and Adviser of Studies. These gurus will help you with module selections and keep in touch with you throughout the year to make sure you are settling in. Your Personal Tutor will support your academic development, while your Adviser of Studies will help you with formal degree issues like selecting modules.

The most important thing to remember is that, if you find yourself in any form of difficulty, make sure you share it with your Personal Tutor, staff at the Student Guidance Centre or even your lovely new classmates!

Around 60% of Queen's students live away from home during their time at the University, so it's important to decide whether you want to be one of them. Arguably, students that choose to live away from home get the 'real' student experience as they have to fend for themselves in terms of shopping, budgeting and, of course, getting themselves to class on time!

To make this transition easier for our freshers, Queen's offers fantastic halls of residence, where up to 1,800 students live together in modern, apartment-style accommodation.

The Elms Village (so called because it really is a cosy student village) is purpose-built student accommodation made up of 50 three-storey



Learning styles quiz

By now you have read quite a lot about university life in general, and Queen's in particular, so hopefully we will have answered some of your burning questions, but now we want you to ask yourself some!

The quiz below should give you an idea of your particular learning style and will point you in the direction of the right degree for you. Just remember: no cheating!

If somebody asks you a question and you have to think about it, what do you do with your eyes?

- V Look upwards
- A Look straight ahead
- K Look down

If somebody explains a problem to you and you understand it, which of the following responses are you most likely to give them?

- V "I see what you mean"
- A "I hear what you're saying"
- K "That feels right"

What type of class do you prefer?

- A Where you talk about things
- V Where you look at or draw things
- K Where you get to move around and move your hands

If you are bored, what are you likely to do?

- K Fidget with things
- V Doodle
- A Hum, sing or whistle

If you needed to learn something new, how would you prefer to learn it?

- V Watch somebody else showing you how
- K Figure it out for yourself
- A Get somebody to tell you how

What do you like to do in your spare time?

- A Listen to music
- V Watch a film
- K Play sport

If somebody asked you for directions, what would you do?

- K Go with them
- A Tell them how to get there
- V Draw them a map

What do you do when you're introduced to someone new?

- K Shake their hand
- V Remember their face, but forget their name
- A Remember their name, but forget their face

If an advert appears on television, what do you do?

- A Sing along or repeat the words
- V Watch the advert
- K Get up and do something

When you talk, which of the following are you most likely to do?

- V Talk quickly
- K Use hand gestures
- A Ask a lot of questions

When you hear a song on the radio, what do you do?

- A Sing along
- K Dance or tap your feet
- V Imagine the video

Count up your scores and see which letter was most frequent amongst your answers, then compare it to the chart on the opposite page to discover how you prefer to learn!



Mostly A

You are an **Auditory** learner, this means you prefer to learn through listening and remember information by how it sounds.

You might read aloud because you are more likely to remember information that you have heard rather than what you have read.

You probably find that you talk to yourself when bored. Teachers may often think you are not paying attention because you aren't looking at them, but you are still able to hear and understand them.

You prefer spoken instructions to written ones. At university, you would enjoy lectures and aural classes (where you get to listen to people talking in different languages and repeat it out aloud).

You should consider degrees in Music, Languages, Education and Social Work.



Mostly K

You are a **Kinesthetic** (or tactile) learner, so you prefer a hands-on approach to learning and remember things better through physical movement, like touching, drawing or building objects. You have difficulty standing still and like to move around a lot and need frequent breaks.

You use your hands to help you communicate, and you like to touch others, whether it's giving somebody a hug or a pat on the back.

You like to take things apart and put them back together again. You probably have great co-ordination and are good at sports. At university, you would thrive in practical classes, like working in a studio creating models, or conducting experiments in a laboratory.

You should consider degrees in Drama, Science, Architecture and Engineering.



Mostly V

You are a **Visual** learner and you find it easy to remember things that you can picture and often close your eyes to do so.

You are usually neat and tidy and if you are bored, you find something to watch.

You tend to talk very quickly. You have difficulty with spoken instructions, but find it easier if you are provided with a map or a diagram.

You like colour and enjoy reading stories that have lots of imagery.

At university, you would enjoy tutorials where you can discuss issues in detail, libraries where you can read up on your subjects, and studios where you can draw.

You should consider degrees in Architecture, Maths, Physics and Arts and Humanities subjects.

If I'm moving away from home, where will I live?



basis or a great value all-inclusive package.

Apart from the accommodation itself, fees for living in Elms Village also cover electricity and heating, Internet access, weekly cleaning of communal areas, cooking facilities, television in the common rooms and 24/7 security.

If you are looking for an even more independent way of living, then Queen's-owned houses are another great accommodation option.

Also located close to the main campus, these houses still include the peace of mind that comes with staying in the University's accommodation, but with that extra bit of freedom.

Of course, private accommodation is also available (see www.sulets.net for more information), but most first year students choose this route for their second year after meeting lots of new pals from living together in Elms Village!

The University knows that some students have more specific requirements and for this reason we also provide rooms in a choice of three lifestyle options: Single Sex accommodation, No Alcohol accommodation, and Quiet Living for those who prefer the study aspect more than the partying side of student life.

Whatever your needs, Queen's Accommodation staff will ensure you are placed in an environment where you feel comfortable.

For more information about Queen's fantastic accommodation, head to www.stayatqueens.com or for general information about student housing around Belfast check out www.studentpad.co.uk





If the distractions of your new student digs are getting in the way of your studies, the best place to go for some peace is the modern, award-winning McClay Library.

Opened in September 2009, this impressive building includes all the traditional library features (lots of books – 1.2 million to be precise – and quiet areas) and is also home to an IT Helpdesk, more computers than you will ever need, and a dedicated Language Centre where you can learn or brush up on your skills in over 20 languages!

No mention of this impressive library is complete without a mention of the CS Lewis Reading Room, which even includes a replica of the famous wardrobe doors leading into a Narnia-themed space; not many libraries can boast that!

During busy teaching periods, such as the exam season, the McClay Library remains open 24 hours a day to give students enough time for (sometimes necessary) all-night cramming sessions. For speed, students can make use of QCat, Queen's online library search engine, which allows students to search for a specific book and find its exact location.



Where do I study?

THE MCCLAY LIBRARY HAS OVER 1.2 MILLION BOOKS AND, DURING BUSY TEACHING PERIODS, REMAINS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY



DANIEL BENNETT, NEWRY. 2ND YEAR, ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

"I chose my course based on my interests. I firmly believe that if you are studying something you are interested in you will be far more successful. The staff at Queen's are very approachable and guide their students, not only when they make the transition to university, but onwards through their university career. Queen's is helping to give me the tools I need for the professional world. I feel I am more confident due to the nurturing nature of the staff. Queen's is not just about learning in books. You learn many life lessons here too.

The Welcome Week and Student Guidance Centre are excellent resources. They give constant support if and when needed, from financial guidance to personal help.

Socialising in Belfast seems like second nature! My friends and I go out and enjoy ourselves a lot; the social aspect of student life is one that is much talked about because it is a very important aspect of a balanced student life."



Where can I hang out with my new friends?

Queen's students are lucky to be able to make use of one of the most advanced sports and fitness facilities in the UK and Ireland, offering modern equipment at student-friendly rates.

Following a £7m investment in 2007, the Physical Education Centre (PEC) has become the main sporting hub at Queen's. Whether you like to visit the gym every day for a workout or go to a weekly class to let off some steam, the PEC will have something to suit you.

As well as this, the University also owns a boat house on the River Lagan, a cottage in the Mourne Mountains for avid mountaineers and (following a recent £13m refurbishment) top-quality playing fields for a variety of outdoor sports.

Our sporting facilities are so impressive that the London 2012 Olympics chose them as one of their official training camps. We were also very proud to host the 2013 World Police and Fire Games.

For all you sports enthusiasts reading this, Queen's has a special treat just for you! We are soon launching a new Elite Athlete



THE MANDELA HALL OFFERS SOME OF THE BEST GIGS IN THE CITY, ALL IN YOUR STUDENTS' UNION



What about keeping fit?

100 acres of playing fields

State-of-the-art, fully air-conditioned,
120-piece fitness suite

Over 90 exercise classes per week (with
everything from Bootcamp to Ballet)

Two free-weights suites and four
dance and exercise studios

A central climbing and bouldering
wall scaling two floors

A 25-metre swimming pool,
diving pool and sauna, two
sports halls, 10 squash courts,
two handball/racquetball courts
and table tennis area

Martial Arts dojo

Outdoor training area

High-performance and lifestyle centre

And, of course, a café to re-fuel
in after a tough workout!



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What courses can I study?

Each module will be assessed in a variety of ways, including assignments, essays, presentations, reports, projects and exams. There are three main types of degree pathway offered by Queen's:

Vocational

Upon completion of this degree you will be qualified to work within a particular profession, like Midwifery, Dentistry or Medicine.

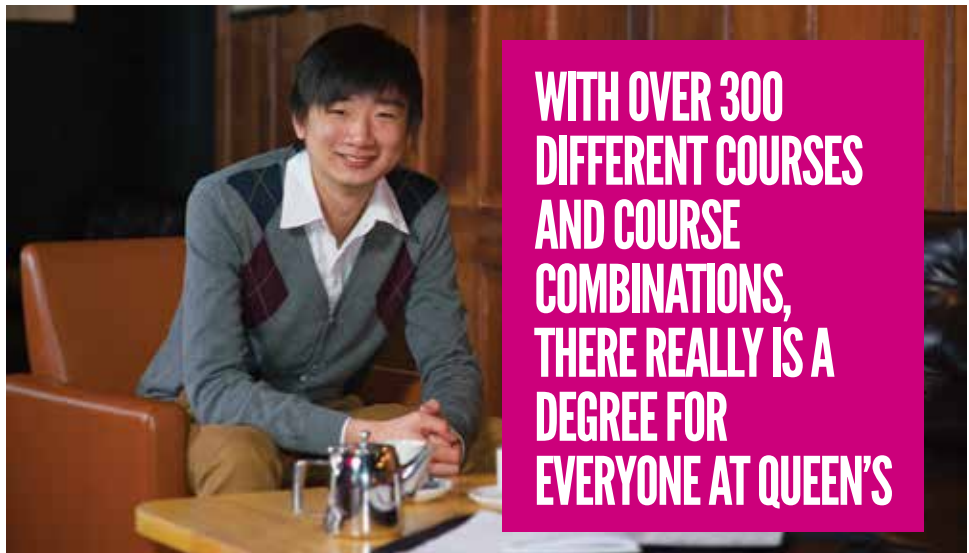
Semi-vocational

This degree will part-qualify you for certain jobs, but will also require further study whilst working – for example Accountancy and Architecture.

Non-vocational

This option won't necessarily qualify you to work in a specific field, but your degree result will show potential employers that you have a high level of academic and intellectual ability combined with solid transferable skills.

For more information on subject requirements check out the at-a-glance guide from page 38.



**WITH OVER 300
DIFFERENT COURSES
AND COURSE
COMBINATIONS,
THERE REALLY IS A
DEGREE FOR
EVERYONE AT QUEEN'S**

LIZZY GRAHAM, NORTHERN IRELAND. 2ND YEAR, PHYSICS.

“Studying at Queen’s has had a very positive, life-changing effect on me. I have learned a lot and met many very interesting people. My School has an excellent physics department, which undertakes cutting-edge research and is highly responsive to industry developments. Staff are friendly, supportive and welcoming.

Queen’s offers excellent student support services. There is a very active Students’ Union, a well-appointed physical education centre, an award-winning library, an on-campus job shop and an opportunity for students to complete the Degree Plus Award – an initiative that increases their graduate employability and appeal to future employers.

The University campus is situated in a very safe area of Belfast; it is close to the city centre and an excellent location for accommodation, shops and socialising.”



Can I study abroad?

The Study USA programme is also very popular and this scheme provides our students with the chance to spend the summer working in the United States to improve their knowledge and experience in their chosen degree. There is also the Washington Ireland Program, which gives students a taste of life as an intern to US politicians and government departments.

If you decide to study at an overseas university, you don't need to worry about financial issues, because while you are away sampling another way of life, you are still entitled to your student loan and students of any nationality taking part in the Erasmus scheme will normally receive a grant to help cover any extra expenses.

The Careers, Employability and Skills service at Queen's will help you explore your options and guide you in the right direction.

Aside from being an amazing experience, studying abroad also gives your CV another important boost by showing employers you are adaptable, motivated and open to new challenges. More information can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/studyabroad

Degree Plus

Queen's believes its students should get credit for their non-academic work (shopping and watching TV don't count sadly!), so for that reason we created the Degree Plus Award.

This added extra is an employer-recognised qualification which allows Queen's students to gain recognition for skills developed outside their degree through, for example, part-time work, volunteering or involvement in the various sports, clubs and societies that the University has to offer.



**STUDENTS CAN
SPEND BETWEEN
THREE MONTHS AND
A YEAR STUDYING
AT ANOTHER
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY**

What else will boost my CV?

Additional courses may also be included, such as the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL), languages, and training and career development programmes offered by the Careers, Employability and Skills service.

Opportunities to study overseas are also recognised and the qualification will not take up much of your time; you simply have to attend a one-hour workshop and then there are three routes to obtaining this valuable, CV-boosting award.

Further information on Degree Plus can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/degreeplus

While it may seem like a long time before you start your new life as a fresher, it's never too early to start thinking about which degrees interest you and what grades you need to be accepted on your dream course.

As well as having the right grades, you also need to select the correct GCSEs and A-levels, as some courses have specific subject requirements: an 'A' in Biology is of more use to a future Medical student than an 'A' in Geography!

If you are unsure which degree is right for you, now is the perfect time to start researching different careers by talking to those who are already there, or even arranging a work placement to give you a taster.



When do I pick my degree?

If you are in Year 10 you will soon be choosing your GCSEs so it is wise to select a good mix of subjects as this will give you the opportunity to find out where your strengths lie and which ones you actually enjoy, which is very important when choosing your degree!

If you are in Year 12, have a chat with your careers adviser about university as they will be able to provide you with lots of information and guidance on choosing the right A-levels for you.

If you already know what you want to study at university then research the entrance requirements, particularly if specific A-level subjects are required, then you can focus on studying hard to get the best grades; please see page 40.

This exciting time will normally be in the autumn of your final school year and you will apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

There is only one application form to complete and you can apply for up to five choices of course/institution.



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When and how do I apply?

Although A-levels (both General and Applied) are the traditional route to university, you can also apply via the vocational route of BTECs or OCRs.

However you get here, Queen's looks forward to welcoming you!

Good grades are obviously the key element to being accepted at university, but here at Queen's we also look out for those added extras which potential students can bring.

Extra-curricular activities or hobbies related to the course you are applying for can be a boost to your application, as can positions of responsibility, such as being a school prefect or team captain.



**ONLY ONE SIMPLE
APPLICATION FORM
TO COMPLETE TO
APPLY FOR UP TO
FIVE DIFFERENT
COURSES WITH US!**



**HOWEVER YOU GET
HERE – THROUGH
A-LEVELS, BTECS
OR OCRS – WE'RE
HERE TO TAKE
YOU FURTHER**

What else does Queen's look for?

Be on the lookout for degree-related volunteering and work experience opportunities, as these will not only make your application stand out, but will also confirm to you that you are choosing the right degree for you and your future.

Put simply, here at Queen's we look for enthusiastic, motivated and bright students who show passion for their chosen subject!



QUEEN'S HAS THE KEY TO UNLOCKING YOUR FUTURE. WHETHER THROUGH YOUR STUDIES, EMBRACING EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, OR SUPPORTING YOU IN YOUR CHOICES AND YOUR LEVEL AND METHODS OF LEARNING, WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

ADAM DALBY, YORKSHIRE. 3RD YEAR, MEDICINE.

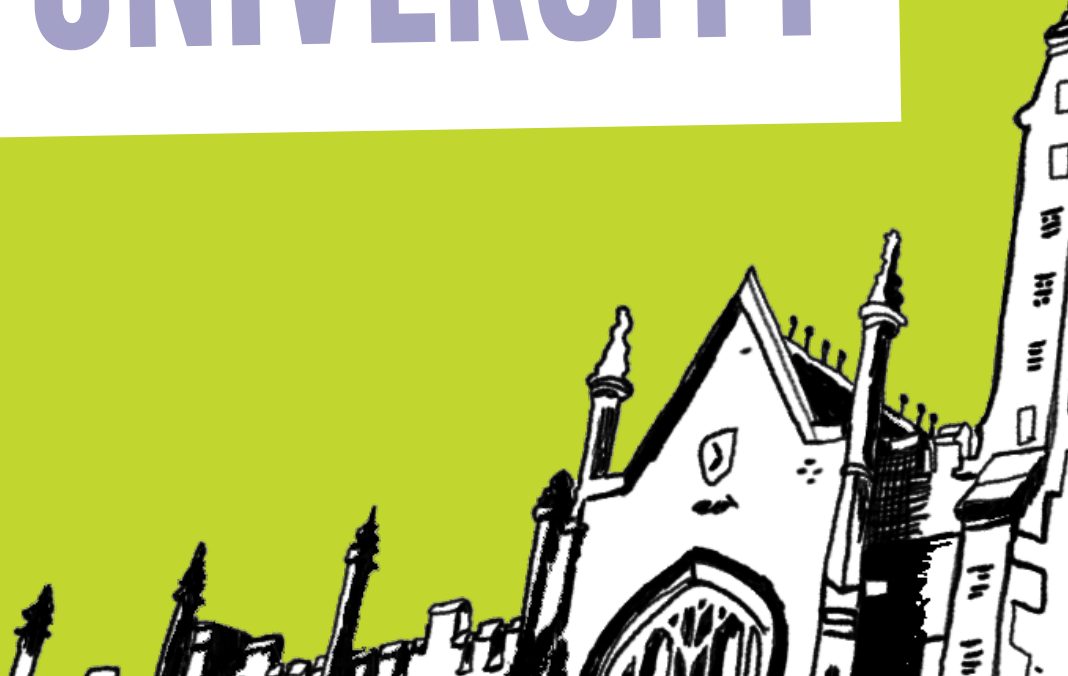
"I chose to study at Queen's as it is a member of the Russell Group, highlighting the quality of its academic experience. Having lecturers who are involved in externally-validated, world-class research and teaching allows the lectures to be relevant in the dynamic world of healthcare provision.

Queen's mixes traditional lectures with interactive keypads that allow students to keep track of our progress against our peers, so we can focus our study appropriately.

Belfast has a rich history and a vibrant social scene. The people I have met are incredibly friendly and have added to my overall experience of studying at Queen's."



THE COST OF UNIVERSITY





Tuition Fees and loans



seem because there are many options for monetary support available to students.

Here at Queen's we want the best students regardless of their financial background and for that reason we have established a generous system of financial help.

Aside from buying those shiny textbooks and decorating your new student digs, your main costs at university will be tuition fees, living expenses and accommodation.

While fees can be similar across universities, you will find the cost of accommodation and living expenses can vary hugely.

You will therefore be glad to discover that, here in Belfast, we have the lowest cost of living in the UK, something that will have a noticeable impact on your student bank balance!

**BELFAST HAS THE
LOWEST COST OF
LIVING IN THE UK,
SO YOU'LL HAVE A
LITTLE MORE TO
SPEND ON ENJOYING
YOUR STUDENT LIFE**

Current funding arrangements allow students to study now and pay later and your tuition fees can become part of a loan, available from the Student Loans Company.

This loan only needs to be paid back once you are earning more than £15,795 a year, but don't worry, they only take a tiny percentage of your monthly salary so you won't even miss it!

The tuition fees for new, full-time students starting Queen's in the academic year 2013–14 are £3,575 for applicants from Northern Ireland and the EU (including the Republic of Ireland), and £9,000 for applicants from Great Britain.

More information about Queen's fees can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/UndergraduateStudents/MoneyMatters

Aside from getting a loan to pay for your tuition fees, you can also:

- pay by direct debit and make a 25% payment when you enrol, followed by three monthly payments
- pay the full fee at enrolment
- pay through a mixture of loan and payments, either in full or by direct debit instalments

Students applying for a tuition fee loan must complete the PN1 application form (available from Education and Library Boards and Local Authorities), and this form is also used to apply for a maintenance loan and government grant.

Your household income details supplied on this form are also used in assessing your need for a Queen's bursary; this one form is basically your key to student money!

Living costs and additional funding



We've already mentioned Belfast has the lowest cost of living in the UK, but that doesn't mean you can live off £50 a month!

As a rough estimate, you should allow £5,500–£7,000 to cover your living costs each year. The most important thing to remember about these costs is to prioritise your spending; paying your rent and fees must come above shopping sprees on your list of priorities!

Aside from the low cost of living here, Northern Ireland is also famous for the friendliness of our locals, the great 'craic' to be had, our stunning landscapes and cultural heritage, and we are a great base for exploring the rest of the UK due to our fantastic transport links.

Many students are also entitled to a government grant, which is a non-repayable form of financial aid based on your family income.

You can find more information about the Maintenance Grant at www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

The Student Support Fund from Queen's also provides financial assistance to students who find themselves in monetary trouble during their studies at the University. To be entitled to help from the Fund, students must have taken out the maximum tuition fee loan and maintenance loan to which they are entitled.

Further details can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/studentssupport

If you need more motivation to study hard for your exams, then consider this: every year Queen's offers a variety of scholarships and prizes for new students with high academic achievement, so get revising!

The scholarships available to students entering in 2013–14 are:

Queen's Scholars: 10 of these full-fee scholarships are available for students from schools in Northern Ireland who have performed well academically while also contributing significantly to their community and society, for example through sports, music, the arts, business and enterprise.

Undergraduate scholarships for Great Britain students: eligible students who satisfy the conditions of their offer will qualify for a £1,250 award per year, and this amount will increase to £1,750 per year for students who achieve ABB at A-level or equivalent or £2,500 per year for those achieving AAB.

Queen's University Entrance Scholarships: all you bright sparks who achieve three 'A' grades at A-level are eligible to apply for this annual competition to be in with a chance of receiving an award of £200 to £1,000.

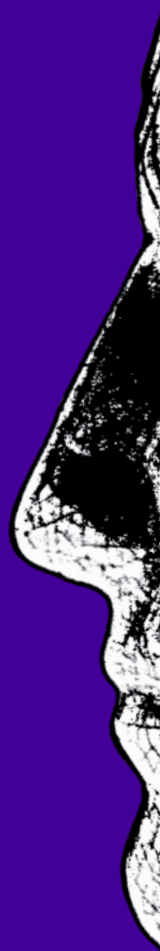
STEM Performance Awards: fifty £1,000 awards are up for grabs for students who reach a minimum of three 'A' grades at A-level (or equivalent) in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects.

Full details of the scholarships available to Queen's students can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/scholarships

However you fund your studies, we cannot stress enough how important good money-management skills are during your time at university. You will need to quickly master the art of budgeting and ruthlessly stick to this budget, otherwise you will be forced to live off beans on toast and miss all those good nights out!

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FAQs



What A-level (or equivalent) subjects should I choose?

This depends entirely upon your academic strengths, the classes you enjoy and, of course, the degree you would like to study.

At this stage in your school life you might not know exactly what you want to study at university, but you might have a rough idea, so it's important to pick subjects based on this.

There is no limit to the amount of research you can do on all the different degree pathways available and their specific subject requirements, so get swotting!

If you make the choice to come to Queen's, then check out the next section of this guide, which details all the subjects and grades necessary to study one of our degrees.

What if I choose the wrong subjects?

If you choose to study Maths as one of your A-levels and later discover that you enjoy plays more than Pythagoras, don't stress.

Many degrees have no specific subject requirements and instead rely on grades, so if you want to study a degree subject like Drama, Politics, Sociology or Psychology, then it is important you study hard to get the best grades regardless of the A-levels you choose.

If you are worried about any aspect of your A-levels then the best thing to do is chat to your friends, parents, teachers or school careers adviser as they will no doubt offer helpful advice; remember the old cliché 'a problem shared is a problem halved' really is true!

Can I change my degree course if it is not what I expected?

This option differs according to the degree you are enrolled on and the one you would like to change to.

The good news is that many degrees at Queen's allow first year students to take on additional modules from other pathways, so you can get a taster of what other subjects are like, and if you find you enjoy one of these subjects more than your chosen pathway you may be able to switch.

If you find this is the case, it is important that you discuss this with your Adviser of Studies who will talk through your options and advise on the best action to take.

Ultimately, being able to change degrees depends on the course requirements, space availability and how much work you will have missed.

How can I unwind if I am anxious about my studies?

First of all, please don't get stressed out! Your first few weeks at university can be a bit overwhelming as it will be so different to what you are used to, but remember all the other freshers are feeling exactly the same way!

The best thing to do is have a good think and pinpoint exactly what is causing you to stress, and then chat with your Personal Tutor about your problems.

The fantastic staff at the Student Guidance Centre can also help with many study-related issues from brushing up on your essay-writing skills to exam preparation.

To unwind after a busy week of studying, you can get involved in one of the University's many clubs and societies, blow off some steam in the Physical Education Centre, head to the Students' Union with your new friends or maybe catch a film in the Queen's Film Theatre.

Plus, the University's own Elms Student Village enables you to socialise with your flatmates in purpose-built accommodation and recreation facilities.



I have a disability, is there any support for me?

Here at Queen's we welcome and encourage applications from all students with disabilities and learning difficulties like dyslexia. These students are encouraged to disclose any such disabilities or conditions on their application, so our dedicated team can support them throughout their time at the University.

Disability Services offers a variety of ways to support students with disabilities, like exam support, accommodation requirements and help with applying for Disabled Students' Allowance. We want all our students to feel included and welcomed at Queen's, and we currently have over 1,400 students with disabilities who have chosen to study here.

The team at Disability Services works closely with these students to ensure their needs are being met and a dedicated Disability Officer arranges a support package based on their course requirements and the fantastic resources at their disposal. More information can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/disability

What if I don't make friends?

At university, you'll make more friends than you have time for! Break the ice on your first day by chatting to your new classmates; they'll be glad you made the first move and you'll look really confident in the process!

Most new students feel really shy on their first day, but trust us when we say you'll look back at the end of term and wonder why you were so afraid to get chatting! Getting involved in all those Queen's extra-curricular activities will also help add to your friends list.

So take advantage of this by joining a club or society, hanging out in The Space in the Students' Union, arranging a night out with your new friends from class, or even organising a DVD night with your new housemates in Elms Village.



What if I struggle with money?

The image of the poor, struggling student living on a diet of Pot Noodles is a well-known one, but that doesn't mean this has to apply to you! Contrary to popular belief, it is possible to be a student and be good with money, and at Queen's we do our best to help guide you onto the budgeting track.

Once you have all those forms completed and you have received confirmation of your student loan/grant/bursary it is essential that you work out how much of this money has to go towards essentials like accommodation, fees, textbooks etc.

After that, you can then see how much money you have left to enjoy!

We know students can find budgeting difficult so we have put in place some fantastic avenues of support.

The Student Finance and Fees department in the Student Guidance Centre deals with money issues and allocating bursaries and grants.

You can also call into the second floor of the Students' Union where our dedicated Money Management Adviser at the Advice Centre will help you get your finances in order.

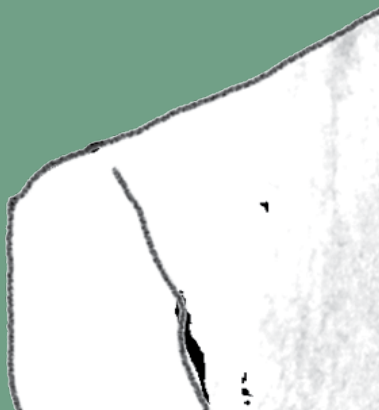
Further information can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/UndergraduateStudents/MoneyMatters



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Subject Entry Requirements

This section details all the requirements for degree pathways at Queen's, so this information is really useful when choosing your GCSEs and A-levels as some courses require specific subjects while others focus more on grades.

You might not yet know what you want to study at university, but these details might help steer you in the direction of your dream degree!

Grades needed

We hope you choose to study at Queen's and if/when you do, you will need to know the General Entrance Requirements, which are outlined below.

An important thing to remember is that, regardless of the grades needed for a degree, the better your grades are the more chance you will have of being accepted onto your chosen course, so now is the time to focus on studying!

Bear in mind that requirements are reviewed annually and those detailed on the following pages are for guidance only. Please refer to the Course Finder on the University's website, which will have up-to-date requirements.

GCSE/GCE Requirements

Applicants must hold at least a 'C' grade in English Language; Level 2 Essential Skills in Communication will be accepted instead of the GCSE.

You will also need to have four or five passes at grades A–C or equivalent, two or three of which should be at A-level.

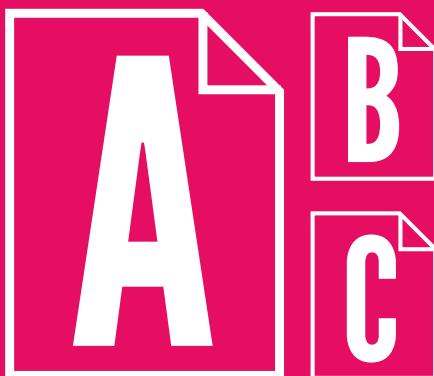
A-level Double Award will be accepted in place of two A-levels, but two AS-levels will not be accepted in place of one A-level.

Please remember that performance at GCSE and/or AS-level will be taken into consideration for high-demand degrees.

More information on A-level and equivalent qualification requirements can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/ado

Please note, page numbers in the charts on the following pages refer to the 2014 entry Undergraduate Prospectus, available online at www.qub.ac.uk

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"I studied at INTO Queen's* prior to starting my degree at Queen's University. This helped prepare me for my course and increased my confidence levels through developing skills such as presenting, report writing and improving my standard of English.

I wanted to study Pharmacy at Queen's, as the School is one of the highest ranked in the UK. I received all the help I needed from the University to help me settle into life in Belfast as a Queen's student.

I enjoy working with a mix of local and international students and have found the lecturers and students to be friendly, supportive and approachable. Studying at Queen's is a momentous experience!"

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Accounting	BSc (Accounting) [S]	3	AAB/AAA + GCSE Mathematics grade B	AB2B2B2B2/AAB2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics	50
	BSc (Accounting) [S] with a language	4	AAB/AAA + GCSE Mathematics grade B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – A-level French or AS-level French grade B For Spanish option – A-level Spanish or AS-level Spanish grade B or GCSE Spanish grade B or evidence of linguistic ability in another language <p>Note: if the language is studied at a higher level then the grade required at that level must be achieved.</p>	AB2B2B2B2/AAB2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – Higher Level grade B1 in French For Spanish option – normally Higher Level grade B2 in Spanish or Ordinary Level grade B in Spanish or evidence of linguistic ability in another language <p>Note: if the language is studied at a higher level then the grade required at that level must be achieved.</p>	50
Actuarial Science and Risk Management	BSc(Econ) [J with Economics]	3	ABB including Mathematics	B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics	92
	BSc [S] (sandwich course)	4	A*AA including Mathematics OR AAA + A (AS) including A-level Mathematics	AAAB2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics	52
Ⓟ Aerospace Engineering	BEng [S]	3	BBB including Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Design/Technology, Further Mathematics or Double Award Applied Science. Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology or Chemistry	54
	MEng [S]	4	AAB including Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry or Further Mathematics. Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade B in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology or Chemistry	54

Subject	Degree	Yrs	A-Level Target Grades and Subject Requirements ⁵	Irish Leaving Certificate Higher Level Target Grades and Subject Requirements	Pg
Ⓔ Agricultural Technology ¹	BSc [S]	3	BBB including a Science subject (preferably Biology or Chemistry) + GCSE Mathematics. Note: applicants not offering either Biology or Chemistry at A-level should have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Chemistry or Double Award Science.	B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in a Science subject (preferably Agricultural Science, Biology, or Chemistry) + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics. Note: applicants not offering Agricultural Science, Biology or Chemistry at Higher Level must have Chemistry at Ordinary Level grade C.	56
Applied Mathematics and Physics	BSc [J]	3	A (Mathematics) BB including Physics	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics and Higher Level grade B2 in Physics	144
	MSci [J]	4	AAA including Mathematics and Physics OR A* (Mathematics) AB including Physics	AAAB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics and Physics	144
Archaeology	BA [S/J]	3	BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	58
Archaeology	MSci [S]	4	AAB + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	58
Archaeology-Palaeoecology	BSc [S/J]	3	BBB + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	58
Architecture	BSc [S]	3	ABB + GCSE Mathematics A mathematical subject and Art at A-level are desirable, but not essential. Applicants without GCSE Art may be invited to a portfolio interview.	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics. A mathematical subject and Art at Higher Level grade B2 are desirable, but not essential. Applicants with a grade C in Junior Certificate Art or no Art at Junior/Leaving Certificate may be invited for a portfolio interview.	60
Astrophysics	BSc [available with Physics]	3	BBB including Mathematics and Physics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and Physics	172
	MSci [available with Physics]	4	AAB including Mathematics and Physics	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and Physics	172

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Ⓢ Biochemistry	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Chemistry and at least one from Biology (preferred), Mathematics or Physics + GCSE Biology or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics Note: AS Biology grade C would be acceptable in lieu of A-level Biology.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and at least one from Biology (preferred), Maths or Physics + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Biology + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	62
Ⓢ Biological Sciences	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Biology or Double Award Applied Science + GCSE Chemistry or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics. Note: it would be an advantage to have studied Chemistry beyond GCSE level.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Biology + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Chemistry and Mathematics Note: it would be an advantage to have studied Higher Level Chemistry	64
Biomedical Science	BSc [S]	3	AB (in any order in Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry) B + GCSE Mathematics. OR A (Biology/Human Biology or Chemistry) AB including a second Science subject + GCSE Biology and Chemistry or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics.	AB2 (in any order in Biology and Chemistry) B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics.	66
Business Economics	BSc[Econ] [S]	3	ABB + GCSE Mathematics grade B	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics	68
Business Information Technology	BSc [S] (sandwich course)	4	ABB + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	70
Business Management	BSc [S]	3	ABB/AAB + GCSE Mathematics grade B	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics	72

Subject	Degree	Yrs	A-Level Target Grades and Subject Requirements*	Irish Leaving Certificate Higher Level Target Grades and Subject Requirements	Pg
Chemical Engineering	BEng [S]	3	BBB including Mathematics and either a Science subject or Double Award Applied Science. Note: applicants not offering Chemistry or Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade C in either GCSE Chemistry and Physics or GCSE Double Award Science	B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and a Science subject	74
		4	AAB including Mathematics and a Science subject. Note: applicants not offering Chemistry or Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade B in either GCSE Chemistry and Physics or GCSE Double Award Science	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grades A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and a Science subject	74
	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and a second Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76
		4	BBB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and a second Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76
Chemistry (also see Medicinal Chemistry)	MSci [S]	4	AAB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and a second Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76
		4	AAB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and a second Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76
	MSci [S] with Professional Studies	4	AAB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and a second Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76
Chemistry with Forensic Analysis	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and a second Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76

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Chemistry with French, Spanish or Study Abroad ³	MSci [S]	5	<p>AAB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – A-level French or AS-level French grade B For Spanish option – A-level Spanish or AS-level Spanish grade B or GCSE Spanish grade B <p>Note: if the language is studied at a higher level then the grade required at that level must be achieved.</p>	<p>AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and a second Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – Higher Level grade B1 in French For Spanish option – Higher Level grade B2 or Ordinary Level grade B in Spanish <p>Note: if the language is studied at a higher level then the grade required at that level must be achieved.</p>	76
Ⓢ Civil Engineering	BEng [S]	3	<p>BBB including Mathematics and either a Science subject (Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design/Technology, Geography or ICT) or Double Award Applied Science.</p> <p>Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.</p>	<p>B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and a Science subject (see list under A-level requirements).</p>	78
	MEng [S]	4	<p>AAB including Mathematics and a Science subject (Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design/Technology, Geography or ICT).</p> <p>Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade B in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.</p>	<p>AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and a Science subject (see list under A-level requirements).</p>	78
Ⓢ Computer Games Development	MEng [S]	4	<p>AAB including Mathematics or Physics + GCSE Mathematics</p>	<p>AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics or Physics + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics</p>	80

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Computer Science	BEng [S] (sandwich course)	4	BBB including Computing or Mathematics + GCSE Mathematics OR ABB including Chemistry, GCE A-level ICT (not Single Award Applied ICT), Physics, Technology or Double Award Applied ICT + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 Mathematics OR B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry or Physics + Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	82
		3	A (Mathematics) BB	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics	82
	BSc [J with Physics]	3	BBB including Mathematics and Physics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and Physics	82
		4	BBB including Computing or Mathematics + GCSE Mathematics OR ABB including Chemistry, GCE A-level ICT (not Single Award Applied ICT), Physics, Technology or Double Award Applied ICT + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 Mathematics OR B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry or Physics + Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	82
	MEng [S]	4	AAB including Computing or Mathematics + GCSE Mathematics OR AAA including Chemistry, GCE A-level ICT (not Single Award Applied ICT), Physics, Technology or Double Award Applied ICT + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics OR AAB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry or Physics + Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	82
		5	AAB including Computing or Mathematics + GCSE Mathematics OR AAA including Chemistry, GCE A-level ICT (not Single Award Applied ICT), Physics, Technology or Double Award Applied ICT + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics OR AAB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry or Physics + Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	82
MSci [J with Mathematics]	4	AAA including Mathematics OR A* (Mathematics) AB	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics	82	

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Computing and Information Technology	BSc [S] (sandwich course)	4	ABB + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 + Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	84
			OR BBB including any computing, mathematical or scientific subject + GCSE Mathematics	OR B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in any computing, mathematical or scientific subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	
Criminology	BA [S/J]	3	ABB	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2B2	86
	BDS [S]	5	AAA + A (AS) including A-level Chemistry plus at least one other A-level from Biology, Mathematics or Physics. If not offered at A-level then Biology to at least AS grade B + GCSE Physics or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics. A maximum of either one Applied A-level or Applied AS-level will be counted.	A1A1A1A1B2 including Higher Level grade A1 in Biology and Chemistry + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics. Students not offering Physics as part of their Leaving Certificate must have an A grade in Junior Certificate Science.	88
Drama	BA [S/J]	3	BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	90
	BSc[Econ] [S]	3	ABB + GCSE Mathematics grade A	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade A in Mathematics	92
		3	ABB including Mathematics	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics	
BSc[Econ] [J with Accounting]	3	ABB + GCSE Mathematics grade B	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics	92	

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Economics (continued)	BSc (Econ) [M with a language]	3	<p>ABB + GCSE Mathematics grade B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – normally A-level French or AS-level French grade B For Spanish option – normally A-level Spanish or AS-level Spanish grade B or GCSE Spanish grade B or evidence of linguistic ability in another language <p>Note: if the language is studied at a higher level then the grade required at that level must be achieved.</p>	<p>B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – Higher Level grade B1 in French For Spanish option – normally Higher Level grade B2 in Spanish or Ordinary Level grade B in Spanish or evidence of linguistic ability in another language <p>Note: if the language is studied at a higher level then the grade required at that level must be achieved.</p>	92
Education	BEd	4	<p>Education is taught at St Mary's University College and Stranmillis University College. Each of the University Colleges produces its own prospectus to which you should refer.</p>		94
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	BEng [S]	3	<p>BBB including Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Design/Technology, Electronics, Further Mathematics or Double Award Applied Science.</p> <p>Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.</p>	<p>B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology or Chemistry</p>	96
	MEng [S]	4	<p>AAB including Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Design/Technology, Electronics, or Further Mathematics.</p> <p>Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade B in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.</p>	<p>AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology or Chemistry</p>	96

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Energy, Environment and Sustainability ⁴	FdSc [S]	2	CC + GCSE Mathematics OR CD including Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics or Physics + GCSE Mathematics	BBCC + Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics OR BBCC including at least one from Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics or Physics + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics Note: a minimum of 5 subjects will be required in the Irish Leaving Certificate, at least 4 of which should be at Higher Level.	98
English	BA [S/J]	3	ABB including English for Single Honours and Joint Honours with History, Linguistics and Politics. BBB including English for other options.	B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in English for Single Honours and Joint Honours with History, Linguistics and Politics. B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in English for other options.	100
English with Creative Writing	BA [S]	3	ABB including English.	B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in English	102
Environmental and Civil Engineering	MEng [S]	4	AAB including Mathematics and a Science subject (Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design/Technology, Geography or ICT). Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade B in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and a Science subject (see list under A-level requirements)	104
Environmental Biology	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Biology or Double Award Applied Science + GCSE Chemistry or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics. Note: it would be an advantage to have studied Chemistry beyond GCSE level.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Biology + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Chemistry and Mathematics. Note: it would be an advantage to have studied Higher Level Chemistry	106
Environmental Planning	BSc [S]	3	BBB + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	108

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European Planning	MPlan [S]	4	ABB + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	110
Film Studies	BA [S/J]	3	BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	112
Finance	BSc (Finance) [S] (sandwich course)	4	ABB including Mathematics OR AAB + GCSE Mathematics grade B	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Mathematics OR AB2B2B2B2B2 + Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics	114
Ⓜ Food Quality, Safety and Nutrition	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Biology or Chemistry (preferably both) or Double Award Applied Science + GCSE Biology and Chemistry or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Biology or Chemistry (preferably both) + if either Biology or Chemistry is not offered at Higher Level then it will be required at Ordinary Level grade C + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	116
Ⓜ Food Science and Food Security	MSci [S]	4	ABB including Biology or Chemistry (preferably both) or Double Award Applied Science + GCSE Biology and Chemistry or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Biology or Chemistry (preferably both) + if either Biology or Chemistry is not offered at Higher Level then it will be required at Ordinary Level grade C + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	118
French	BA [S/J]	4	BBB including French	B1B2B2B2CC/B1B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B1 in French	120
Geography	BSc [S/J]	3	BBB normally including Geography + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 normally including Higher Level grade B2 in Geography + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	122

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Geography with Extended Studies in Europe	BSc [S]	4	<p>BBB normally including Geography + GCSE Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – A-level French grade B For Spanish option – A-level Spanish grade B 	<p>B1B2B2B2CC/B1B2B2B2B2 normally including Higher Level grade B2 in Geography + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – Higher Level grade B1 in French For Spanish option – Higher Level grade B1 in Spanish 	122
History	BA [S/J]	3	<p>ABB for Single Honours and Joint Honours with English, International Studies and Politics.</p> <p>BBB for other options.</p>	<p>B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 for Single Honours and Joint Honours with English, International Studies and Politics.</p> <p>B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 for other options.</p>	124
Human Biology	BSc [S]	3	<p>AB (in any order in Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry) B + GCSE Mathematics.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A (Biology/Human Biology or Chemistry) AB including a second Science subject + GCSE Biology and Chemistry or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics.</p>	<p>AB2 (in any order in Biology and Chemistry) B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics.</p>	126
International Business with a Modern Language (sandwich course)	BSc (International Business) [S] with a Modern Language (sandwich course)	4	<p>ABB/AAB + GCSE Mathematics grade B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – normally A-level French or AS-level French grade B For Spanish option – normally A-level Spanish or AS-level Spanish grade B or GCSE Spanish grade B or evidence of linguistic ability in another language <p>Note: if the language is studied at a higher level then the grade required at that level must be achieved.</p>	<p>B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – Higher Level grade B1 in French For Spanish option – normally Higher Level grade B2 in Spanish or Ordinary Level grade B in Spanish or evidence of linguistic ability in another language <p>Note: if the language is studied at a higher level then the grade required at that level must be achieved.</p>	128
International Politics and Conflict Studies	BA [S]	3	<p>ABB</p> <p>Note: if the language is studied at a higher level then the grade required at that level must be achieved.</p>	<p>B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2B2</p>	130

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International Studies	BA [J]	3	ABB for Joint Honours with History and Politics. BBB for other options.	B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 for Joint Honours with History and Politics. B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 for other options.	130
Irish	BA [S/J]	3	BBB including Irish	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Irish	132
⊕ Land Use and Environmental Management	BSc [S]	3	BBB + GCSE Mathematics Note: certain modules will require GCSE Mathematics grade B.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics. Note: certain modules require either an Ordinary Level grade B or Higher Level grade C in Mathematics.	136
Law	LLB [S]	3	AAA	AAB2B2B2B2	138
Law: Common and Civil Law with French	LLB [S]	4	AAA including French	AAB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in French	138
Law: Common and Civil Law with Hispanic Studies	LLB [S]	4	AAA including Spanish	AAB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Spanish	138
Law with Politics	LLB [S]	3	AAA	AAB2B2B2B2	138
Linguistics	BA [J]	3	ABB including English	B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in English	140
⊕ Marine Biology	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Biology or Double Award Applied Science + GCSE Chemistry or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics. Note: it would be an advantage to have studied Chemistry beyond GCSE level.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Biology + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Chemistry and Mathematics. Note: it would be an advantage to have studied Higher Level Chemistry.	142
Mathematics (Pure and/or Applied)	BSc [S/J]	3	A (Mathematics) BB	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics	144
	MSci [S/J]	4	AAA including Mathematics OR A* (Mathematics) AB	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics	144

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Mathematics and Statistics and Operational Research	BSc [J]	3	A (Mathematics) BB	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics	144
	MSci [J]	4	AAA including Mathematics OR A* (Mathematics) AB	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics	144
Mathematics with Extended Studies in Europe	BSc [S]	4	A (Mathematics) BB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – A-level French. For Spanish option – A-level Spanish. 	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – Higher Level grade B1 in French. For Spanish option – Higher Level grade B2 in Spanish. 	144
Mathematics with Finance	BSc [S]	3	A (Mathematics) AB OR A* (Mathematics) BB	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics	144
Mechanical Engineering	BEng [S]	3	BBB including Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Design/Technology, Further Mathematics or Double Award Applied Science. Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and Physics (preferred), Biology or Chemistry	148
	MEng [S]	4	AAB including Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry or Further Mathematics. Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade B in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and Physics (preferred), Biology or Chemistry	148

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Mechanical Engineering	FdEng [S] ³	2	CC including Mathematics and at least one of Biology, Chemistry, Further Mathematics, Physics or Design/Technology Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	BCCC including Mathematics and at least one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Note: a minimum of 5 subjects will be required in the Irish Leaving Certificate at least 4 of which should be at Higher Level.	150
Medicinal Chemistry (also see Chemistry)	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and a second Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76
	BSc [S] (sandwich course)	4	BBB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and a second Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76
	MSc [S]	4	AAB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and one other Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76
Medicine	MSc [S] with Professional Studies	4	AAB including Chemistry and a second Science subject + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry and one other Science subject + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	76
	MB, BCh, BAO [S]	5	AAA + A (AS) including A-level Chemistry plus at least one other A-level from Biology, Mathematics or Physics. If not offered at A-level then Biology to at least AS grade B + GCSE Physics or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics. A maximum of either one Applied A-level or Applied AS-level will be counted.	A1A1A1A1B2 including Higher Level grade A1 in Biology and Chemistry + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics. Students not offering Physics as part of their Leaving Certificate must have an A grade in Junior Certificate Science.	152

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Microbiology	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Biology and Chemistry + GCSE Mathematics. Note: AS Chemistry grade C would be acceptable in lieu of A-level Chemistry.	B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Biology and Chemistry + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	156
Midwifery Sciences	BSc [S]	3	BCC including a relevant Science (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics) OR BBC where a relevant Science subject is not offered. All applicants must offer 5 GCSEs (or approved equivalent) to include English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject.	B2B2B2CC at Higher Level where a relevant Science subject is offered (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics) OR B2B2B2B2C at Higher Level where a relevant Science subject is not offered. All applicants – if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level Mathematics and a Science subject.	158
Music ²	BMus [S]	3	BBB including Music. Grade VIII Theory of Music (ABRSM, Trinity-Guildhall or LCM (not Popular Music Theory)) is acceptable in lieu of A-level Music.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Music. Grade VIII Theory of Music (ABRSM or Trinity-Guildhall) is acceptable in lieu of Higher Level Music.	160
Music Technology and Sonic Arts ²	BSc [S]	3	BBB including at least one from Computing, ICT, Mathematics, Music, Music Technology or Physics + GCSE Mathematics and normally Music. Grade VIII Theory of Music (ABRSM, Trinity-Guildhall or LCM (not Popular Music Theory)) is acceptable in lieu of A-level Music. Grade VI Theory (ABRSM, Trinity-Guildhall or LCM (not Popular Music Theory)) is acceptable in lieu of GCSE Music. Note: those without a formal qualification in Music may be interviewed. However, you must be able to satisfy the other subject requirements.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics, Music or Physics + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics and normally Music. Grade VIII Theory of Music (ABRSM or Trinity-Guildhall) is acceptable in lieu of Higher Level Music. Grade VI Theory (ABRSM or Trinity-Guildhall) acceptable in lieu of Ordinary Level Music. Note: those without a formal qualification in Music may be interviewed. However, you must be able to satisfy the other subject requirements.	162

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Nursing	BSc [S]	3	CCC including a relevant Science (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics) OR BCC where a relevant Science subject is not offered. All applicants must offer 5 GCSEs (or approved equivalent) to include English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject.	B2B2CCC at Higher Level where a relevant Science subject is offered (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics) OR B2B2B2CC at Higher Level where a relevant Science subject is not offered. All applicants – if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level Mathematics and a Science subject.	164
Pharmaceutical Sciences	BSc [S]	3	BBB-ABB including Biology and Chemistry + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2CC-B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Biology and Chemistry + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	166
Pharmacy	MPharm [S]	4	AAB including A-level Chemistry and at least one other A-level from Biology, Mathematics or Physics + GCSE Biology or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics. Note: Biology to at least AS preferred.	A1A1B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A1 in Biology and Chemistry + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	168
Philosophy	BA [S/J]	3	BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	170
Physics	BSc [S/J]	3	BBB including Mathematics and Physics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and Physics	172
	MSci [S/J]	4	AAB including Mathematics and Physics	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and Physics	172
Physics with Extended Studies in Europe	BSc [S]	4	BBB including Mathematics and Physics • For French option – A-level French. • For Spanish option – A-level Spanish.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and Physics. • For French option – Higher Level grade B1 in French • For Spanish option – Higher Level grade B2 in Spanish	172

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Physics with Extended Studies in Europe (continued)	MSci [S]	5	AAB including Mathematics and Physics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – A-level French. For Spanish option – A-level Spanish. 	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and Physics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For French option – Higher Level grade B1 in French For Spanish option – Higher Level grade B2 in Spanish 	172
Physics with Financial Mathematics	BSc [S]	3	AA (Mathematics and Physics) B OR A*A (Mathematics and Physics) C	AAB2B2B2C including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics and Physics	172
Physics with Medical Applications	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Mathematics and Physics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and Physics	172
Politics	MSci [S]	4	AAB including Mathematics and Physics	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and Physics	172
Politics, Philosophy and Economics	BA [S/J]	3	ABB for Single Honours and Joint Honours with English, History and International Studies. BBB for other options.	B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 for Single Honours and Joint Honours with English, History and International Studies. B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 for other options.	176
Politics, Philosophy and Economics	BA [S]	3	AAB + GCSE Mathematics B	AB2B2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade B in Mathematics	178
Product Design and Development	BEng [S]	3	BBB including Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Design/Technology, Further Mathematics or Double Award Applied Science. Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and a Science subject (see list under A-level requirements)	180
	MEng [S]	4	AAB including Mathematics and at least one from Physics (preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Design/Technology or Further Mathematics. Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade B in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and a Science subject (see list under A-level requirements).	180

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Product Design and Development	FdEng [S] ²	2	CC including Mathematics and a Science subject OR BC including Mathematics or Design/Technology at grade B + GCSE Mathematics. Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	BCCC including Mathematics and one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Note: a minimum of 5 subjects will be required in the Irish Leaving Certificate, at least 4 of which should be at Higher Level.	182
Psychology	BSc [S]	3	ABB + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	184
Social Anthropology	BA [S/J]	3	BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	186
Social Policy	BA [J]	3	BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	188
Social Work	BSW [S]	3	ABB + GCSE Mathematics Applicants being considered for an offer will be interviewed.	B2B2B2B2B2B2 + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics. Applicants being considered for an offer will be interviewed.	190
Social Work (Relevant Graduate Route)	BSW [S]	2	A minimum of a Lower Second Class Honours degree in a cognate subject. Please refer to degree entry for further information on cognate subjects. All applicants must have a minimum of a grade C in GCSE Mathematics or an equivalent qualification recognised by the University. Applicants being considered for an offer will be interviewed.	A minimum of a Lower Second Class Honours degree in a cognate subject. Please refer to degree entry for further information on cognate subjects. All applicants must have a minimum of a grade C in Higher Level or Ordinary Level Mathematics. Applicants being considered for an offer will be interviewed.	190
Sociology	BA [S/J]	3	BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	192
Ⓢ Software and Electronic Systems Engineering	BEng [S]	3	BBB including Mathematics and either a Science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design/Technology, Electronics, Geography, ICT or Physics) or Double Award Applied Science	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics and a Science subject (see list under A-level requirements).	194

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Ⓢ Software and Electronic Systems Engineering (continued)	MEng [S]	4	AAB including Mathematics and at least one from Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design/Technology, Electronics, Geography, ICT or Physics.	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and a Science subject (see list under A-level requirements).	194
Software Engineering	BEng [S] (sandwich course)	4	BBB including Computing or Mathematics + GCSE Mathematics OR ABB including Chemistry, GCE A-level ICT (not Single Award Applied ICT), Physics, Technology or Double Award Applied ICT + GCSE Mathematics	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 Mathematics OR B2B2B2B2B2B2/AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry or Physics + Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	196
	MEng [S]	4	AAB including Computing or Mathematics + GCSE Mathematics OR AAA including Chemistry, GCE A-level ICT (not Single Award Applied ICT), Physics, Technology or Double Award Applied ICT + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics OR AAB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry or Physics + Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	196
	MEng [S] (sandwich course)	5	AAB including Computing or Mathematics + GCSE Mathematics OR AAA including Chemistry, GCE A-level ICT (not Single Award Applied ICT), Physics, Technology or Double Award Applied ICT + GCSE Mathematics	AB2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Mathematics OR AAB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Chemistry or Physics + Ordinary Level grade C in Mathematics	196
Spanish	BA [S/J]	4	BBB including Spanish	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Spanish	200
Spanish (Beginners)	BA [S/J]	4	BBB + evidence of linguistic ability	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 + evidence of linguistic ability	200
Spanish and Portuguese	BA [S]	4	BBB including Spanish	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Spanish	198
Spanish and Portuguese (Beginners)	BA [S]	4	BBB + evidence of linguistic ability	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 + evidence of linguistic ability	198

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Ⓢ Structural Engineering with Architecture	MEng [S]	4	AAB including Mathematics and a Science subject (Physics preferred), Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design/Technology, Geography or ICT). Note: applicants not offering Physics at A-level should have a minimum of a grade B in GCSE Physics or Double Award Science.	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A and B2 in any order in Mathematics and a Science subject (see list under A-level requirements).	202	
		Theology	BA [U]	3 BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	204
			BD [S]	3 BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	204
			BTh [S]	3 BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	204
Theoretical Physics	BSc [S]	Diploma in Theology	2 BBB	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2	204	
			3 A (Mathematics) BB including Physics.	AB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics and Higher Level grade B2 in Physics	172	
	MSci [S]	4	AAA including Mathematics and Physics OR A* (Mathematics) AB including Physics	AAB2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade A in Mathematics and Physics	172	
Ⓢ Zoology	BSc [S]	3	BBB including Biology or Double Award Applied Science + GCSE Chemistry or Double Award Science + GCSE Mathematics. Note: it would be an advantage to have studied Chemistry beyond GCSE level.	B2B2B2B2CC/B2B2B2B2B2 including Higher Level grade B2 in Biology + if not offered at Higher Level then Ordinary Level grade C in Chemistry and Mathematics. Note: it would be an advantage to have studied Higher Level Chemistry.	206	

- 1 First two years based at the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (Greenmount Campus, Antrim). Final year is at Queen's.
 - 2 Applicants for courses involving Music or Music Technology and Sonic Arts should indicate in the Education section of the UCAS application the highest grade achieved in Music Practical and Theory examinations. Applicants should also include any exams they intend to complete before admission to the University in the Education section.
 - 3 Based at Belfast Metropolitan College. Articulation from the Foundation Degree to an Honours degree at Queen's is possible.
 - 4 Based at South West College (Omagh). Articulation from the Foundation Degree to an Honours degree at Queen's is possible.
 - 5 Subject to approval as of February 2013. Please check UCAS website (www.ucaa.com).
 - 6 Level 2 Essential Skills in Application of Number will be considered on an individual basis in place of GCSE Mathematics Grade C, where this is a course requirement. An applicant's overall academic profile and any additional qualifications in numerically related subjects may be taken into account. However, applicants should note that for Social Work, Nursing and Midwifery a decision has been taken that it will not be acceptable in lieu. This will be reviewed in the event of changes to the specifications or content of either the GCSE or Essential Skills qualification.
- Ⓢ Placement option is also available. Please note that taking the placement option will add one extra year to the duration of the course.

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A-Z of University terms

By now you've read all about life at Queen's and how to get here, so you will probably have come across a few fancy and unfamiliar words!

The following handy list breaks down all that student jargon, so read on to reveal the details behind the waffle...

A Admissions Office

The Queen's department which receives your application and decides upon your university fate.

Adviser of Studies

A member of academic staff who will help you with formal degree issues and any matters concerning or affecting your studies.

Assessment

The process of evaluating your progress, by looking at your written work, exam results and presentations.

Assignment

A piece of work that you must complete and submit by a set date. Be prepared to receive many of these at university!

B Bachelor Degree

The first degree that most students study for, also known as an undergraduate degree. These will have different names depending on the subject area studied, eg: BA = Bachelor of Arts; BSc = Bachelor of Science; BMus = Bachelor of Music; BEd = Bachelor of Education; BEng = Bachelor of Engineering.

Bursary

This is money you could receive in the form of an award, grant or scholarship, provided you meet certain criteria.

C Clearing

A system operated by UCAS in August each year which matches students who have not yet been placed, or who have not met the terms of their offer, to a suitable university or degree programme.

Core Modules

Compulsory modules that you have to study as part of your degree.

D Degree

A higher education qualification; it can be a first or 'undergraduate' degree (see 'Bachelor'), or second or 'postgraduate' degree (Masters and Doctorate).

Diploma

The new qualification for 14–19 year olds which offers a mix of classroom learning, creative thinking and hands-on experience. It can be studied at foundation, higher and advanced level, check out <http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas>

Dissertation

A long (eg 10,000 word) research report that contributes to your final degree mark. Not all courses require these; it depends on the modules you select.

Doctorate

A three-year research degree (PhD, MPhil) undertaken after completing a first (undergraduate) degree.

F Faculty

A group of academic departments that are grouped together, eg Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences.

Fresher

The name given to new students who've just entered university. They're called 'freshers' because they are new and fresh-faced!

Freshers' Week

Your first week as a Queen's student, which is packed with fun antics and entertainment designed to help you settle in, make new friends and tell you all you need to know about the University.

Further Education

Comes after secondary education and begins after you have taken your GCSEs and A-levels.

G Gap Year

When you decide to take a year off after finishing school or college before going to university. You might spend time travelling or gaining work experience. Some students also take a gap year during or after university.

Graduate

What you will be once you complete all your exams/assessments, finish your degree and attend a fancy ceremony.

Graduation

The fancy ceremony where you are officially given your award(s) in front of your proud family and friends.

H Halls of Residence

University accommodation for students which provides kitchens, bedrooms, etc and loads of chances to make new pals. The main halls at Queen's are called Elms Village.

Higher Education

Where you study for a degree or higher-level qualification at an institution such as a university.

Honours Degrees

Most Bachelor degrees are Honours degrees and are awarded depending on how well you do in your final assessment. Honours classifications are First Class, Upper Second Class, Lower Second Class and Third Class.

I Independent Learning

One of the main shocks about the transition from school to university life; tutors will not always remind you about essays and work to be completed; it is up to you to manage your own workload.

International and Postgraduate Student Centre

Where you can go to find out more about study abroad opportunities and exchange programmes to explore the world. It is also a support service for international students attending Queen's.

J Joint Honours

A Bachelor Degree where you can study two subjects in equal depth – eg BA in History and Politics.

L Lecture

A form of teaching presentation on a particular topic given by a university lecturer to a group of students. Late attendance is to be avoided!

M Major-Minor Degree

A Bachelor Degree where you can study two subject areas with a greater emphasis on one (the Major) than the other (the Minor).

Masters Degree

A second or 'postgraduate' qualification taken after successfully completing an undergraduate (Bachelor) degree.

Mature Student

Usually over the age of 21 and has not come to university straight after leaving school.

Module

A short course taken as part of a degree; some are compulsory and some are optional.

O Open Days

When universities open their doors to prospective students. These are a great chance to have a nosey around the University and meet the staff. Queen's Open Days are held in September each year.

P Personal Development Planning (PDP)

Where you record, monitor, build and reflect upon your educational, personal and career development.

A-Z of University terms

Personal Tutor

There to help you and is responsible for looking after your personal well-being as well as your academic progress while at university.

PGCE

Postgraduate Certificate in Education. A one-year course you can take after your undergraduate degree, which qualifies you to become a teacher.

Postgraduate

A student studying a programme of study after their undergraduate degree.

Prospectus

A publication that promotes a university and its courses, especially its facilities and local life. This should be read from cover to cover before deciding on a university and course.

R Russell Group

An association of 24 major research-led UK universities, of which Queen's is a member. Formed in 1994 the group aims to promote the interests of these universities, where teaching and learning take place within a culture of research excellence.

S Sandwich Course

Typically a four-year course that requires 12 months of work experience in addition to academic study.

Scholarship

Money awarded to students with impressive A-level (or equivalent) grades to help support their higher education, so get studying!

Semester

Another word for 'term', used to describe a 15-week-long term. Queen's has two semesters – autumn and spring.

Seminar

An informal type of teaching in which smaller groups of students discuss and work on particular topics together.

Single Honours

A type of undergraduate degree where you study one main subject, eg Psychology or Medicine.

S Students' Union

A place run by students for students, where you can shop, eat and drink, hang out and get all sorts of advice about university life.

T Term

The academic year is normally split into three terms of between eight and 12 weeks, with a long vacation in the summer.

Tutorial

A teaching method where a small group of students meets a tutor to talk about their studies.

U UCAS

Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. The organisation that handles most university applications. Students fill out an online UCAS form which is then forwarded to the relevant university.

Undergraduate

A student doing their first degree.

W Widening Participation Unit

Promotes higher education to students who possibly wouldn't consider university as an option.

Z Zzzzs

You'll need plenty of these to keep on top of your lectures, seminars, assignments and busy social life!

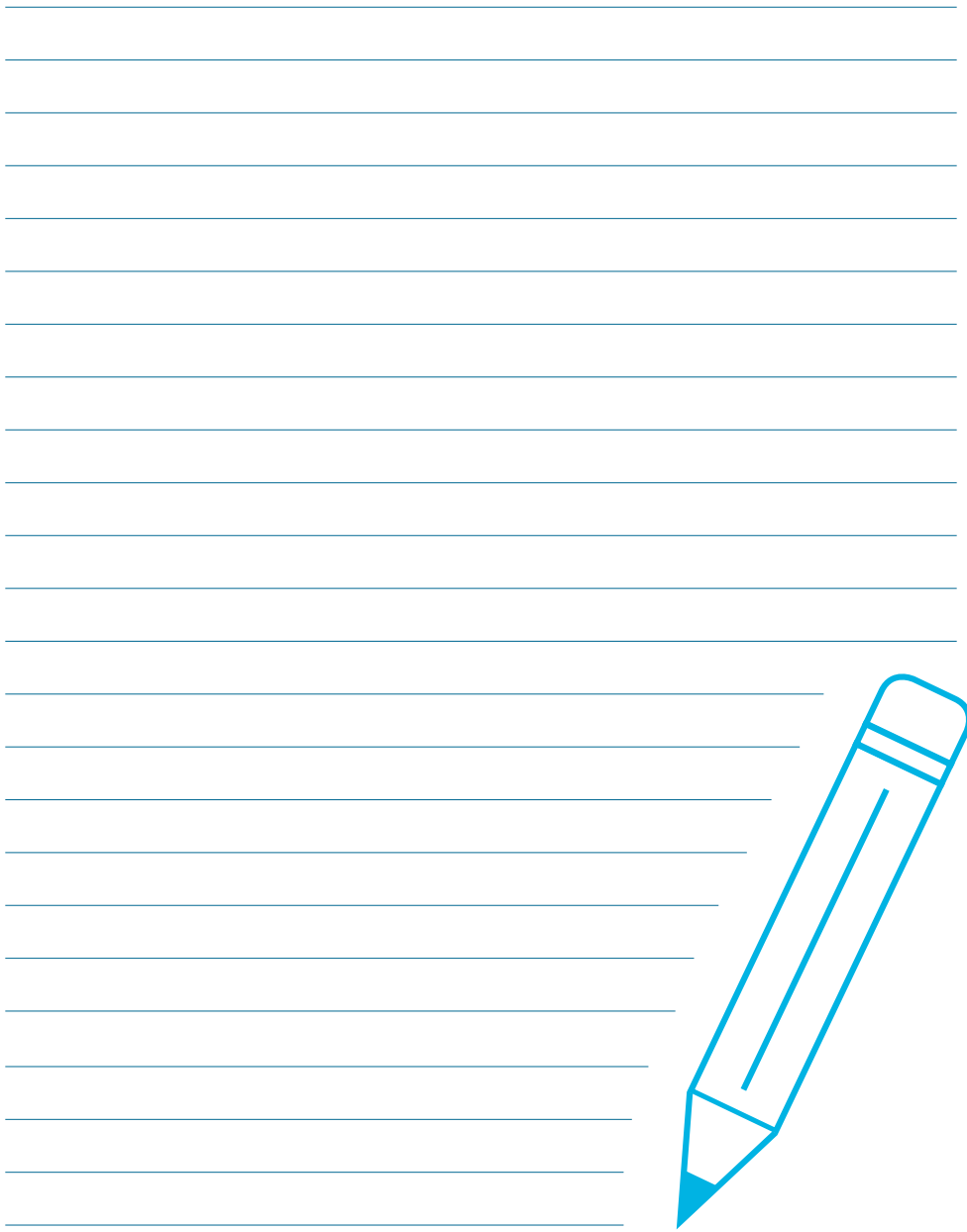
BETHANY ROXBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND. GRADUATE, PSYCHOLOGY.

"I made the decision to come to Queen's after visiting the University's Open Day. I noted that everyone was very accommodating and I was incredibly impressed with the facilities, particularly the halls of residence.

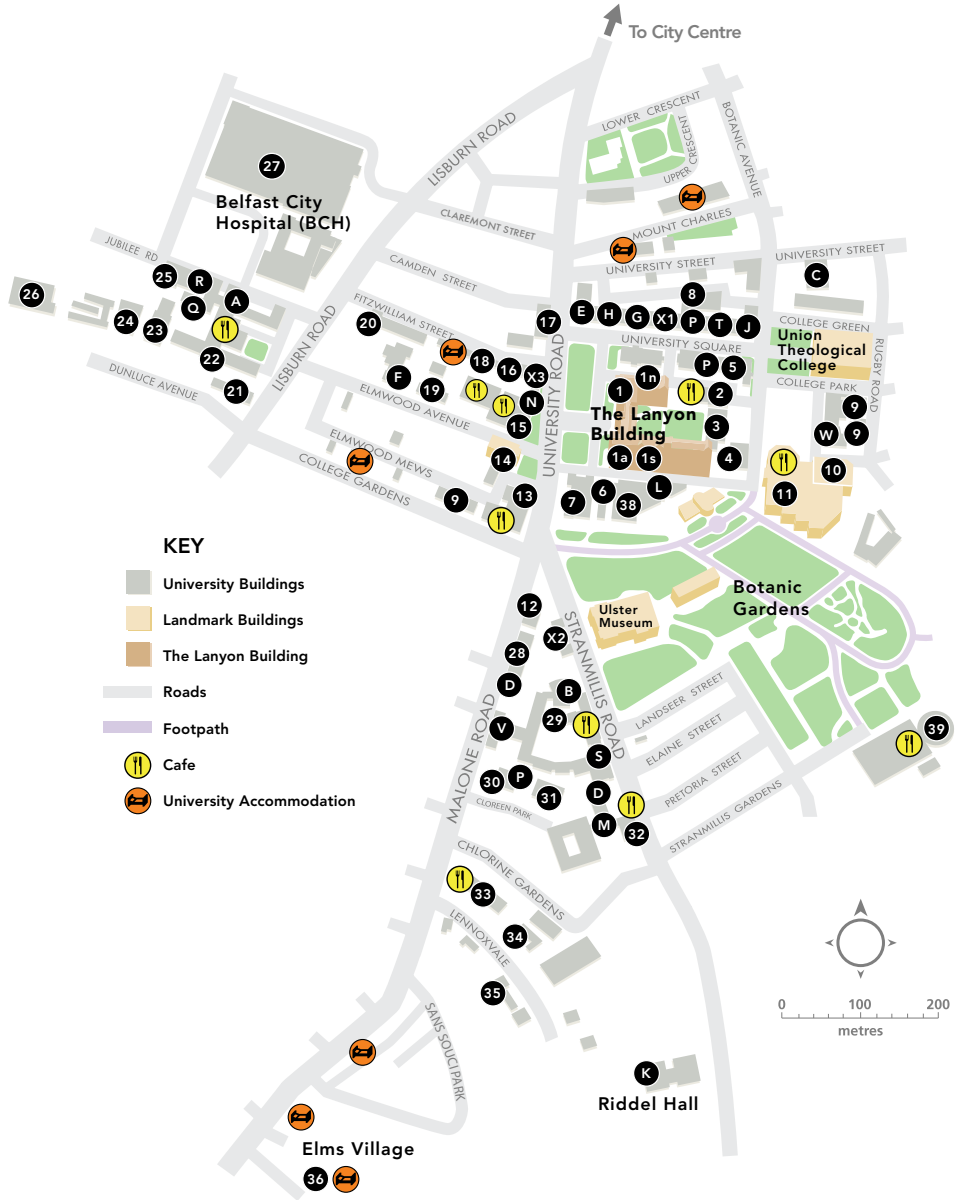
I received a lot of support in coping with my dyslexia, both from the School of Psychology and the University's Disability Services unit.

Belfast has the lowest living cost compared with similar cities in the UK. This means my loan went a bit further, allowing me to take advantage of the exciting trips and excursions that the University had to offer. I also received a travel scholarship, which really helped with the cost of flying to and from home in England."





Queen's University Belfast Campus Map



School Offices

A	Biological Sciences
B	Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
C	Education
D	Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
E	English
F	Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology
G	History and Anthropology
H	Modern Languages
J	Law
K	Queen's University Management School
L	Mathematics and Physics
M	Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
N	Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences
P	Creative Arts
Q	Nursing and Midwifery
R	Pharmacy
S	Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering
T	Politics, International Studies and Philosophy
V	Psychology
W	Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work

University Faculties

X1	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
X2	Engineering and Physical Sciences
X3	Medicine, Health and Life Sciences

Location

3	Academic and Student Affairs
3	Administration Building
32	Ashby Building
27	Belfast City Hospital
28	Bernard Crossland Building
1	Canada Room/Council Chamber
13	Careers, Employability and Skills
24	Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB)
20	Chrono-radiocarbon dating centre
13	Counselling Service
9	Crèches
10	David Bates Building
29	David Keir Building
1n	Development and Alumni Relations
13	Disability Services
8	Drama and Film Centre at Queen's (inc. The Brian Friel Theatre)
21	Dunluce Health Centre
36	Elms Village
14	Elmwood Hall

19	Elmwood Learning and Teaching Centre (ELTC)
3	Estates
16	Festival Office
3	Finance
17	Governance
1s	Great Hall
18	Guthrie House (Student Accommodation)
5	Harty Room, School of Creative Arts
26	Health Sciences Building
3	Human Resources
11	Information Services
34	Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS)
12	Institute of Theology
4	International and Postgraduate Student Centre (IPSC)
1n	International Office
33	INTO at Queen's
13	Jobshop
1	Lanyon Building
38	Larmor Lecture Theatre
10	Mathematics
25	McClay Research Centre
11	Media Services
22	Medical Biology Centre (MBC)
1	Naughton Gallery at Queen's
31	Northern Ireland Technology Centre (NITC)
35	Occupational Health
2	Peter Froggatt Centre (PFC)
25	Pharmacy
37	Physical Education Centre (PEC)
31	QUBIS Ltd
8	Queen's Film Theatre (QFT)
1s	Registrar
1n	Research and Enterprise
30	Sonic Arts Research Centre (SARC)
6	South Dining Hall
13	Student Guidance Centre (SGC)
1n	Student Plus
15	Students' Union
11	The McClay Library
35	University Health Centre
1a	Vice-Chancellor's Office
1	Welcome Centre
7	Whitla Hall
23	Whitla Medical Building

Off Campus Sites

ECIT at Titanic Quarter
Medicine and Dentistry at Royal Victoria Hospital
Marine Research Centre at Portaferry



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