

# Section 3

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## Financial Assistance Available to Full-Time Undergraduate Students

### **United Kingdom Students**

The University of Ulster will charge students entering full-time higher education in the 2011/12 academic year course tuition fees of £3,375 for each year of a full-time undergraduate course (any further increases will be limited to the rate of inflation until at least 2012). Exceptions to these fees are Associate Bachelor's Degrees (£1,345) and certain health related courses where no fees are charged (see below).

For a placement year, that is, any year of the course spent away from the University gaining work-based experience, or any intercalary year that is, any year spent abroad as part of a language degree the tuition fee for that year will be £1,680.

However, the package of student finance allows students to 'study now and pay later'.

### **What help is available?**

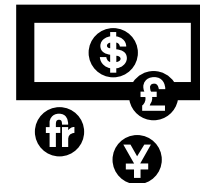
While at the University students will have two main costs:

- Tuition fees
- Living costs

However, there is help towards both.

### **Student Loan for Tuition Fees**

Eligible students will not have to pay fees before they start university or while they are studying. Instead



students will be able to apply to their local Student Finance NI office (or Student Finance England for students living in England, Student Awards Agency for Scotland for students in Scotland or Student Finance Wales for students in Wales) for a loan to cover the cost of fees. This means that they will not have to find the money before they start their course or while they are studying, and the fees will be paid directly to the university, on their behalf. Students will repay these loans once they have left university and are earning over £15,000. Repayments will be deducted from gross income at the rate of 9% of any income earned in excess of £15,000 per year. Interest on the loan is linked to inflation only, so what students repay will be worth what they borrowed.

Students will NOT have to pay tuition fees for the following courses:

- Dietetics
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Radiography
- Speech and Language Therapy

Student Finance NI will provide students with a letter indicating they are in receipt of a Student Loan for Fees. You should bring this letter with you at the time of enrolment to prove that you have taken out a tuition fee loan deferring payment of fees until after you have left the University. Students have until 15 November to provide evidence that they have taken out a student loan to pay their fees, otherwise they will be responsible for paying the tuition fees themselves.

### Maintenance Grant

Maintenance Grants of up to £3,475 are available for full-time students from lower income households. Unlike loans, grants do not have to be paid back. How much a student gets will depend on household income. Your local Student Finance NI office will work this out when you make your application for help. The table below is a guide to how much you could get:

Household Income	How much?
Up to £19,203	Full £3,475 grant
Between £19,204 and £41,065	Partial grant
Over £41,065	No grant

### Student Loans for Maintenance

A student loan for maintenance/living costs (which is partly dependent upon parental income) is available to help pay for expenses such as accommodation, food, travel and course materials. In 2011/12, the maximum amount of this Student Loan will be £4,840 for students living away from their parents' home, and £3,750 for students living at home.

Broadly speaking, 75% of the loan is not means-tested and all students are entitled to apply for this irrespective of the income of their parents or spouse. Where students have applied by the deadlines specified by Student Finance NI the first instalment of the loan will be paid by direct electronic transfer via the Banks Automated Clearing System (BACS) into the student's

bank or building society account approximately three to four days after the student registers.

If you decide to take out a student loan, make sure you provide your National Insurance number. If you do not provide your National Insurance number, or you provide an incorrect one, your first loan instalment may be delayed and further loan instalments may not be paid.

Students should apply for financial support as early as possible. If you have not done so before you come to register in September then you should do so without delay as it can take up to eight weeks for your application to be processed. If you have already applied but enrol on a different course you must inform your local Student Finance NI office immediately.

### Health Professional Courses

Students taking a health professional course (Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Radiography, Speech and Language Therapy) are entitled to the following means tested bursary and student loan:

Full Year Rates	Bursary	Loan
Living away from parents' home	£2,355	£2,370
Living at parents' home	£1,920	£1,780

Please note that the bursary rates are for the 2010/11 academic year. Bursary rates for 2011/12 were not known at the time this publication was printed.

Students on Nursing courses are not entitled to a loan as they receive a bursary from the Central Services Agency.

## Bursaries and Scholarships

### University Bursaries (UK and EU Students)

The University offers a bursary of £800 to students from households with lower incomes. To be eligible for this bursary, students must be permanently resident in the UK or EU. They must be paying the maximum fee of £3,375 and their residual household income must be £19,203 or less (however, students on Social Work degrees, where additional financial support is available from government, are not eligible for bursaries).

Students do not have to apply for bursaries as the University awards these on the basis of financial information received from the Student Loans Company. It is essential that the University receives details from the SLC of household income in order to assess the amount of bursary to which a student is entitled. If students or their parents have ticked the box on the PN1 application form to opt out of sharing this information a bursary cannot be assessed or paid.

### University Scholarships (UK and EU Students)

The university offers 55 scholarships of up to £500 each for the purpose of promoting participation in sport. These include: Coach Development Scholarships, Community Sports Club Scholarships, Disability Sport Scholarships, GymFun Scholarships, Junior Athlete Education Scholarships (in conjunction with Youth Sport Trust), Physical Activity Leadership Scholarships, Sports Ambassador Scholarships, Sports Development Research Scholarships, Sports Events Scholarships, Sports Outreach Programme Assistant Scholarships, Student Sports Leadership/Volunteering Scholarships (in conjunction with Youth Sport Trust) and Women in Sport Scholarships.

### Deadlines for financial support

To guarantee you get a payment at the start of the first term of your course, make sure you and your family fill in and return your application form by the relevant deadlines. In 2010, the deadlines were as follows:

For new students who choose not to supply financial information in their form.	4 May 2011
Other new students	30 June 2011

If you miss your deadline, there is no guarantee that you will receive a payment at the start of term.

If, after your course starts, you decide that you want to apply for financial help, you must apply no later than nine months after the first day of the academic year of your course.

Your application will generally take six to eight weeks to process.

### How to check the progress of your application online

The Student Finance NI 'customer portal' allows all students in Northern Ireland to access their details online. They can update their customer details, view letters that have been sent to them and view the details of scheduled payments.

You can find the customer portal at [www.studentfinancenl.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancenl.co.uk)

### EU Students (excluding United Kingdom)

Students from other countries in the European Union are not eligible for student loans for maintenance or for grants. They are, however, entitled to apply for a tuition fees loan. You will have to provide your National Identity number.

If you wish to apply for a tuition fees loan you should contact the Student Loans Company as follows:

EU Customer Services Team  
Student Loans Company  
PO Box 89  
Darlington  
County Durham  
DL1 9AZ

Phone: 0141 243 3570 (10am – 4pm)

Website: [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance-EU](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance-EU)

E-mail: [EU\\_Team@slc.co.uk](mailto:EU_Team@slc.co.uk)

### Financial Assistance Available to Part-Time Students

Part-time undergraduate students, who are studying at least 50% of an equivalent full-time course, may be entitled to grants towards fees and course costs. Your entitlement will depend on your income and that of your spouse/partner. Your local Student Finance NI office will work out how much support you can get.

There are three different rates of fee grant depending on how intensive your course is. For example, if you study at a rate equivalent to 75% of a full-time course, you could qualify for a higher fee grant than a student studying at a rate equivalent to 50% of a full-time course.

The table below sets out the maximum fee grant and course grant you may get, depending on the intensity of your course.

Intensity of Study	Maximum fee grant	Maximum course grant	Maximum Total support available
Equivalent to 50% to 59% of the full time course	£820	£265	£1,085
Equivalent to 60% to 74% of the full time course	£985	£265	£1,250
Equivalent to 75% or more of the full time course	£1,230	£265	£1,495

The fee grant is paid directly to your university or college and the course grant directly to you. Both are issued as a single payment and you do not have to repay this help.

You are not entitled to apply for this help if:

- You already have a degree
- You are on a part-time teacher-training course (although you may qualify for full-time support).

Applications from part-time EU students, who are not considered to be migrant workers, will be processed by the local Education and Library Board.

further information on how to apply and applications packs are available from  
<http://www.studentfinancenl.co.uk>

### Financial Assistance Available to Postgraduate Students

Professional and Career Development Loans are available to postgraduate students (both full-time and part-time). They are bank loans that can be used to assist with fees and other course costs including books, childcare, travel and living expenses such as rent and food. You can borrow between £300 and £10,000 to help support the cost of up to two years of learning (or three years if it includes one year's relevant unpaid practical work). The Learning and Skills Council will pay the interest on the loan while you are learning and for one month afterwards. You can also use the loan to supplement other forms of support such as grants or bursaries. Because the Professional and Career Development Loan is a commercial loan product, it should only be considered as an option once all other student funding options have been investigated. For further information on financial assistance to support your learning, please visit [www.direct.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.direct.gov.uk/adultlearning) or contact Careers Advice on 0800 100 900.

### Tuition and other fees for the Academic Year 2011/12

In order to enrol, students must fulfil University conditions relating to the payment of fees.

Each student is required to pay:

- An annual composite fee which covers tuition, supervision, examination and enrolment fees as appropriate;
- Such other charges as may be prescribed.

Fees are payable for placement/intercalary years.

All fees are subject to an annual increase.

### United Kingdom and European Union Undergraduates

The new variable tuition fee for all full-time undergraduate degree programmes will be £3,375 per annum except for Foundation Degrees (£2,255), Associate Bachelor's Degrees (£1,345) and certain health related courses where no fees are charged (see page 27). In line with national policy, fees will be adjusted only by inflation until 2011.

New students enrolling in September 2011 have the option of deferring their fees by applying for a tuition fee loan of up to £3,375. Students can choose to pay their tuition fees in part or in full upfront if they wish.

## Tuition and Miscellaneous Fees, Academic Year 2011/12

The fees detailed below are for guidance purposes only.

For Full up to date fee details, please refer to the University web page [www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/fees](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/fees)

1	Full-Time Course	£
(a)	Home and EU Students	
	<b>Entry year 2006/07 and after:</b>	
(i)	Undergraduate and Integrated Master's awards and equivalent courses (except as detailed below)	3,375
(ii)	Students on placement year of sandwich courses/intercalary year abroad	1,680
	Entry year pre 2006/07:	
(iii)	Undergraduate and Integrated Master's awards and equivalent courses (except as detailed below)	1,345
(iv)	Students on placement year of sandwich courses/intercalary year abroad	670
	<b>Other Fees</b>	
(v)	Integrated Foundation Year	3,375
(vi)	Foundation Degree	2,255
(vii)	Associate Bachelors Degree	1,345
(viii)	Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)	3,375
(ix)	Masters courses (except those as detailed below) (PG Certificate/Diploma please see note1)	3,670
(x)	Postgraduate Research	3,732
(xi)	Graduate Diploma in Accounting	2,830
(xii)	PgD in Legal Practice	
	2009/10 intake	3,490
	2010/11 intake	3,560
	2011/12 intake	3,560
(xiii)	MBA	9,335
(xiv)	MPA	9,005
(xv)	MBS	4,245
(xvi)	MSc Marketing	5,215
(xvii)	MSc Advanced Accounting	5,215
(xviii)	MSc Agri-Food Business Development	5,215

(xix)	MSc Business Development and Innovation	5,215
(xx)	MSc Management and Corporate Governance	4,245
(xxi)	MSc Applied Management	4,965
(xxii)	MSc Sport Management	4,245
(xxiii)	MSc Geographic Information Systems	3,950
(xxiv)	MA Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	3,930
(xxv)	PgD Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	2,710
(b)	Overseas Students (Non-EU)	
(i)	Undergraduate and Integrated Master's awards and equivalent courses (except as detailed below)	9,255
(ii)	Overseas students on placement year of sandwich courses/intercalary year abroad	1,680
(iii)	Overseas students on foundation year at undergraduate level	6,170
(iv)	Study Year Abroad - applicable to students from organisations/institutions where an agreement exists for study abroad	
	One semester attendance	3,360
	Two semester attendance	6,170
	Three semester attendance	7,915
(v)	Masters courses (except those as detailed below) (PG Certificate/Diploma please see note 1)	9,375
(vi)	Graduate Diploma in Accounting	7,230
(vii)	Postgraduate Research	9,385
(viii)	MBA	11,600
(ix)	MPA	11,600
(x)	MBS	9,960
(xi)	MSc Marketing	9,655
(xii)	MSc Management and Corporate Governance	9,655
(xiii)	MSc Applied Management	10,690
(xiv)	MSc Geographic Information Systems	9,655
(xv)	MSc Biomedical Science	10,955
(xvi)	MSc Biotechnology	10,955
(xvii)	MSc Food Biotechnology	10,955
(xviii)	MSc Human Nutrition	10,955
(xix)	MSc Pharmaceutical Sciences	10,955
(xx)	MSc Sport Management	9,960

<b>2</b>	<b>Part-Time Course</b>	<b>£</b>
(a)	Home and EU Students	
(i)	Undergraduate and equivalent courses (except as detailed below) - rate per credit point	11.65
(ii)	Masters courses (except those as detailed below) and individual modules (please see note 2) - rate per credit point	20.40
(iii)	Postgraduate Research	1,250
(iv)	Postgraduate Research funded by external scholarship	1,770
(v)	Architectural Professional Experience	265
(vi)	MBA - rate per credit point	
	2009/10 intake	50.90
	2010/11 intake	51.90
	2011/12 intake	51.90
(vii)	MSc Marketing - rate per credit point	29.00
(viii)	MSc Business Improvement - rate per credit point	
	2009/10 intake	46.15
	2010/11 intake	47.10
	2011/12 intake	47.10
(ix)	MSc Business Development and Innovation - rate per credit point	
	2009/10 intake *	28.40
	2010/11 intake	29.00
	2011/12 intake	29.00
	*With the exception of Enterprise Development module - rate per credit point irrespective of year of intake	210.95
(x)	MSc Innovation Management in the Public Service	5,900
(xi)	MSc Management and Corporate Governance - rate per credit point	
	2009/10 intake	23.15
	2010/11 intake	23.60
	2011/12 intake	23.60
(xii)	MSc Applied Behaviour Analysis - rate per credit point	40.60
(xiii)	MPA - rate per credit point	30.95

(xiv)	MPA/Postgraduate Diploma Public Sector Executive Development Programme - rate per credit point	30.95
(xv)	MSc Agri-Food Business Development - rate per credit point	
	2009/10 intake	28.40
	2010/11 intake	29.00
	2011/12 intake	29.00
(xvi)	MSc Applied Management - rate per credit point	27.60
(xvii)	Professional Accountancy courses	
	CIMA - rate per module	
	Certificate level	190
	Managerial level	255
	Strategic level	300
	ACCA - rate per module	
	Knowledge modules	190
	Skills modules	255
	ACCA Diploma in Financial Management - rate per module	605
(xviii)	MSc Human Resource Management - rate per credit point	
	2009/10 intake	27.60
	2010/11 intake	27.60
	2011/12 intake	27.60
(xix)	MSc Advanced Accounting - rate per credit point	29.00
(xx)	MSc Geographic Information Systems - rate per credit point	21.95
(xxi)	Pg Dip/Master of Education (MEd)	21.95
(xxii)	Master's in Education (with specialisms) - taught in the Republic of Ireland - rate per credit point	23.60
(xxiii)	PgD/MA Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) - rate per credit point	22.55
	Dissertation module only - rate per credit point	20.40
(xxiv)	MSc Library and Information Management - rate per credit point	21.55
(xxv)	MSc Restorative Practices - rate per credit point	25.65
(xxvi)	BSc Hons Social Work - rate per credit point	28.15

(b)	Overseas Students (Non-EU) Non Distance Learning	
(i)	Undergraduate and equivalent courses (except as detailed below) - rate per credit point	77.15
(ii)	Masters courses (except those as detailed below) (PG Certificate/ Diploma please see note 2) - rate per credit point	52.10
(iii)	Postgraduate Research	5,350
	Students registered prior to academic year 2005/06	2,055
(iv)	MBA - rate per credit point	
	2009/10 intake	62.55
	2010/11 intake	64.45
	2011/12 intake	64.45
(v)	MPA - rate per credit point	63.85
(vi)	MSc Applied Management - rate per credit point	59.40
(vii)	MSc Geographic Information Systems - rate per credit point	53.65
(viii)	Credit Bearing Geographic Information Systems modules - rate per credit point	53.65
(ix)	Professional Accountancy courses	
	CIMA - rate per module	
	Certificate level	360
	Managerial level	490
	Strategic level	515
	ACCA - rate per module	
	Knowledge modules	360
	Skills modules	490
	ACCA Diploma in Financial Management - rate per module	780
<b>3</b>	<b>Part-Time Courses - Distance Learning</b>	<b>£</b>
(a)	Home and EU Students	
(i)	Undergraduate and equivalent courses (except as detailed below) - rate per credit point	11.65

(ii)	Master courses taught by distance learning (except as detailed below) (please see note 2) - rate per credit point	20.40
(iii)	Postgraduate Research	5,350
	Students registered prior to academic year 2005/06	2,055
(iv)	BSc Hons Applied Biosciences - rate per credit point	20.40
(v)	Postgraduate Certificate in Veterinary Public Health - rate per credit point	40.00
(vi)	MSc Food Regulatory Affairs - rate per credit point *	30.30
	*With the exception of Veterinary Public Health 1 and Veterinary Public Health 2 modules - rate per credit point	40.00
(vii)	MSc International Business - rate per credit point	38.10
(viii)	Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Science - rate per credit point	25.20
(ix)	MSc Forensic and Legal Medicine - rate per credit point	40.00
(x)	MSc Geographic Information Systems - rate per credit point	21.95
(xi)	Credit Bearing Geographic Information Systems modules - rate per credit point	21.95
(xii)	PgD Cataract & Refractive Surgery (Theory) - rate per credit point	30.00
(xiii)	MSc Cataract & Refractive Surgery (Theory) - Research Project module - rate per credit point	40.00
(xiv)	PG Certificate in Forensic Studies - rate per credit point	40.00
(b)	Overseas Students	
(i)	Undergraduate and equivalent courses (except as detailed below) - rate per credit point	77.15
(ii)	Master courses taught by distance learning (except those as detailed below) - (PG Certificate/Diploma see note 2) - rate per credit point	52.10
(iii)	Postgraduate Research	5,400
	Students registered prior to academic year 2005/06	2,075
(iv)	BSc Hons Applied Biosciences - rate per credit point	52.10
(v)	MA Irish Cultural Heritages - rate per credit point	24.55
(vi)	MSc Geographic Information Systems - rate per credit point	53.65
(vii)	Credit Bearing Geographic Information Systems modules - rate per credit point	53.65
(viii)	PgD Cataract & Refractive Surgery (Theory) - rate per credit point	30.00
(ix)	MSc Cataract & Refractive Surgery (Theory) - Research Project module - rate per credit point	40.00

(x)	PG Certificate in Forensic Studies - rate per credit point	52.10
<b>4</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Fees</b>	
(a)	Extension of enrolment (writing up)	
(i)	Research students - per 6 month extension entry year prior to and including 2005/06	185
(ii)	Research students - registering on or after 01/09/2006 (first 4 months free, followed by a maximum of 3 months at £525)	525
(iii)	Full-time Postgraduate Taught	130
(b)	Resit examination/resubmission of coursework in same academic year - rate per module	45
(c)	Resit examination/resubmission of coursework in next academic year/ extension of deadline for submission in next academic year	
(i)	Registration fee	130
(ii)	Examination fee (per module or part thereof)	45
(d)	Resubmission of Postgraduate thesis/dissertation in same academic year	145
(e)	Resubmission of Postgraduate thesis/dissertation in next academic year	
(i)	Registration fee	130
(ii)	Resubmission fee	145
(f)	Assessment fee - accreditation of prior learning per application	160
(g)	Charges for hire of academic dress	
(i)	Gown and hood	15
(ii)	Hood	10
	Fee for late changes to order from Institutions hiring gowns/hoods	
(iii)	Per gown/hood	5
(h)	Graduation Fee	45
(iii)	Additional guest tickets	10
(i)	Issue of transcripts/repeat transcripts	
(i)	First copy	25
(ii)	Each additional copy request with first copy	10
(j)	Issue of replacement/duplicate parchment	50
(k)	Syllabus search fee	60

(l)	Application fee for DSc/DLitt candidate	865
(m)	PhD by Published Work	
(i)	Home/EU candidates	2,050
(ii)	Overseas candidates	5,150
(n)	Returned cheque	45
(o)	Rejected recurring card payment or direct debit collection	45
<b>5</b>	<b>Validation Fees</b>	
(a)	Approved access courses in FE colleges recognised by the university	
(i)	Full-time per capita payable by the college	110
(ii)	Part-time per capita payable by the college	60
(b)	Other courses offered by institutions recognised by the university (UK only)	
(i)	Full-time per capita payable by the institution	250
(ii)	Part-time per capita payable by the institution	140
(c)	Other courses offered by institutions recognised by the university (non UK)	
(i)	Full-time minimum fee - per capita payable by the institution	445
(ii)	Full-time BSC Hons International Hotel & Tourism Management - per capita payable by the institution	615
(iii)	Part-time minimum fee - per capita payable by the institution	225
(d)	Other Fees	
(i)	Licence fee - per course	1,475
(ii)	Late enrolment fee	30

Note 1 - Full-time students registering for a Postgraduate Diploma only will be charged 2/3 of the full Masters' fee for that course as detailed above. Full-time students registering for a Postgraduate Certificate only will be charged 1/3 of the full Masters' fee for that course as detailed above.

Note 2 - Part-time students registering on a Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma course will be charged the corresponding Masters' rate per credit point fee as detailed above, unless separately detailed.

**All fees are subject to an annual increase**

## Payment Options

Please refer to the University web page **[www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/fees](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/fees)** for full details of the payment options available to all students.

## Fee Refunds

Please refer to the University web page: **[www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/fees](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/fees)** for full details of the tuition fee refund policy.

Refunds due to withdrawal/leave of absence/module deletion will require completion of a Student Record Amendment Form/Module Choice Form available from Registry and Faculty Offices. All applications for refunds must be made on a Refund Application Form, which can be downloaded from the University's web site **[www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/fees](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/fees)**

N.B. For implications for fees and loans if you decide to withdraw, change a course or take a leave of absence, please refer to Section 4 on Courses and Modules.

## Issue of Cheques

Most payments are now made directly into a student's bank account by the Banks Automated Clearing System (BACS). However, where cheques have been received from grant awarding authorities they will be issued at the following locations:

<b>Belfast:</b>	<b>Student Services Centre</b>
<b>Coleraine:</b>	<b>Cashiers' Office</b>
<b>Jordanstown:</b>	<b>Registry Office</b>
<b>Magee:</b>	<b>General Office</b>

Students should check the notices at each of these locations for dates and times for bursary and grant cheque issue.

All students must show a University student ID card and have enrolled for the current year in order to collect their cheque.