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Business

Education

**Film,
Communication
and Design**

Health Sciences

Performing Arts

**Psychology
and Sociology**

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**Saturday, 26 September
and Saturday, 7 November**

Join us at our open days to gain a better insight into our range of undergraduate courses and get a real feel for studying at QMU.

At our open days you can:

- meet the academic staff and students from the course/s that interest you;
- go on a campus tour; and
- attend course and general information presentations, and more.

Keep an eye on our website for updates and to book a place.



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WELCOME TO QMU

With a heritage going back to 1875, Queen Margaret University has consistently focused on improving the quality of the lives of individuals and communities through immediately relevant education and research. We are committed to social justice and to helping our students make a positive difference in the world.



Welcome from the Principal

Thank you for considering Queen Margaret as your university. QMU offers you the opportunity for an outstanding education founded on innovation and excellence. You will get a warm welcome as a member of our thriving university community. Our lovely, modern campus provides great facilities in which to study and enjoy all aspects of university life. In addition, you can take advantage of all that Edinburgh has to offer.

Queen Margaret is a university with an open and inclusive outlook that warmly embraces people from all backgrounds. Indeed, that openness, to people, to ideas and to working in partnership, is fundamental to our ethos. We are committed to social justice and to helping our students make a positive difference in the world. We perform at the highest level in pioneering expertise that cuts across our specialisms in health and rehabilitation, creativity, culture and the creative industries, education and sustainable business.

Queen Margaret has an excellent reputation for its distinctive approach. We promote an engaged and nurturing learning environment with students at the centre. This is underpinned by digital technology, which forms a fundamental part of the University and student support infrastructure. Our campus, and our approach to teaching, encourages people to work together in a friendly, supportive and stimulating way.

I wish you all the best with your studies and I look forward to welcoming you to Queen Margaret University.

Sir Paul Grice FRSE FAcSS
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

Welcome from our Chancellor

Thank you for reading our prospectus, and congratulations, you've made a great choice in looking at what QMU has to offer. This is a place that starts the careers of the kind of people we need more of in the world: those who make the lives of others better through their skill, hard work, creativity and care, and who bring greater happiness and wellbeing into our communities. From the nurses and other health professionals to the teachers, social entrepreneurs and creative practitioners across many disciplines, QMU makes the people making our society better for all.

This is my first year in the job of Chancellor, and I am proud to have this small role to play in this wonderful institution. I was born and raised in Edinburgh, one of the greatest cities on Earth, a place of great natural beauty - from the Firth of Forth to the seven hills; incredible history and discovery from the enlightenment to Dolly the Sheep, and unrivalled culture - there is nothing on Earth like the Edinburgh Fringe. This is a city where amazing things happen. I am lucky to have enjoyed a fantastic education - both at school and at two great universities - an education which gave me knowledge which I've used throughout my now quite long career, but more importantly which taught me how to think, how to enjoy my life and how to be a good citizen of the world. I am certain that you would learn all of these things at QMU. My time at university also gave me a great circle of friends and lifelong connections to two wonderful cities, and having met many of the students at last year's graduation, I know that QMU will give you that too.

I wish you the very best for your university career and beyond.

Patrick Grant
Designer, business founder, writer and broadcaster

WHY STUDY AT QMU?

Why QMU?



- 1. CAREER-FOCUSED COURSES:** Our students benefit from a blend of both theory and practice: many of our courses include practical work placements and/or are accredited by professional bodies.
- 2. SUCCESSFUL CAREERS:** We are in top six of Scottish universities for the number of graduates in full-time employment 15 months after they have graduated (Graduate Outcome Statistics 2022/23 published by HESA in 2025). In the same survey, 84% of respondents were in high-skilled work 15 months after they had graduated, placing QMU 3rd among Scottish higher education institutions on this measure. In the Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2025 (WUSCA) (which are based on student reviews) we are ranked top in Scotland for Career Prospects. Our 'Careers for Life' service means that as a QMU graduate, you will continue to be able to call on our Careers team for advice throughout your life.
- 3. FIRST CLASS LEARNING FACILITIES:** Located in beautiful landscaped grounds just six minutes away from the centre of Edinburgh, our modern campus has everything you need for a fulfilling and fun student experience. Our purpose-built facilities boast innovative spaces for teaching and learning, while our on-campus student accommodation offers a secure and comfortable living space just a moment's walk away from your classes. And don't forget the students' union and state-of-the-art sports facilities, all within easy reach in one vibrant academic village.
- 4. FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE STAFF:** you will have access to comprehensive personal wellbeing, mental health, and study support throughout your QMU journey; you're never just a number when you study with us!
- 5. FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CAMPUS:** Thanks to our size, you will never get lost in the crowd at QMU. There is a strong sense of community at our campus, and you will quickly get to know our staff and your fellow students. Plus, our broad range of student societies and clubs mean you will have plenty of opportunities to make lifelong friends. As the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025 puts it: "QMU's campus 'bubble' so close to the buzz of Edinburgh's rich culture and nightlife is a persuasive combination."

- 6. IDEAL LOCATION:** Our green campus is perfectly situated with both a breathtaking coastline and the centre of Scotland's capital within easy reach. Fewer than six minutes by train from Edinburgh city centre, we are within walking distance of Musselburgh town centre and have easy access to East Lothian's beautiful coast and countryside. Want to explore further? Rent out one of our affordable bikes, available right on campus.
- 7. INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS:** As a student at Queen Margaret University, you will benefit from a range of teaching methods to enable you to make the most of your chosen course, including work-based learning and an online virtual learning environment.
- 8. SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY:** We are renowned for relevant research and knowledge exchange work which makes a positive impact on society, and focus on courses which will produce graduates ready to make a difference in the world. Plus, our campus is regarded as one of Scotland's most sustainable, earning a BREEAM (Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method) rating of 'excellent'.
- 9. EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES:** We offer an impressive range of career-enhancing extracurricular opportunities including awards, scholarships, internships and overseas travel. You will also find a Business Gateway and Startup Studio on campus to meet the needs of entrepreneurial students and graduates.
- 10. FEEL SUPPORTED** As part of our comprehensive range of student support services, every student is assigned a Personal Academic Tutor (PAT) who will help guide you through your studies. Your PAT will normally be your main source of advice and guidance relating to your academic studies and can also refer you to other support services if needed.

MORE INFO
W: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/



Student statistics (2024/25)

	Total undergraduate student numbers*	3,092
	Undergraduate students by school	
	Health Sciences	1,235
	Arts, Social Sciences and Management	1,857
	Undergraduate students by age (years)	
	20 and under	1,983
	21 and over	1,109
	Undergraduate students by location	
	Scotland	83%
	Rest of UK	4%
	EU	6%
	Outside EU	6%

*excluding students studying with us at partner institutions abroad.

A CAMPUS UNIVERSITY WITH ALL THE BENEFITS OF A CAPITAL CITY



QMU is an attractive campus university located to the east of Edinburgh. Beaches, countryside and shops are all nearby, and it's just a six minute train ride from all the amenities of Edinburgh's stunning city centre.

Location

Located less than six minutes by train from Edinburgh city centre, the position of our campus affords spectacular views across Edinburgh, including Arthur's Seat, an extinct volcano in the middle of Scotland's capital city, and East Lothian's beautiful coastline.

The campus is easy to reach by car and public transport, in particular by train, from Edinburgh city centre, and there are excellent bus services. It offers easy access to the coastal town of Musselburgh and beyond into East Lothian. The N1 Cycle Route runs alongside the campus, also making QMU easily accessible by bike. The A1 is located next to the campus, which ensures quick access to the east, west and south of Edinburgh and beyond. Less than half an hour's drive away is Edinburgh International Airport which offers flights across the UK, Europe and many international destinations.

Campus living

A campus university offers everything you need in one place and at QMU everything is close to hand.

Our main academic building houses the core teaching areas including lecture theatres, classrooms, seminar rooms, labs and clinics for our health courses, film and video editing suite and other specialist learning facilities. In addition, it includes our newly refurbished Learning Resource Centre, the hub of our campus, which, aside from library facilities, offers numerous study spaces and a plethora of IT facilities to support your studies.

We have several catering outlets available to staff, students and the local community.

Across University Square, a central outdoor space with tables and benches for you to enjoy during the summer months, you will find a building that houses the sports centre, drama and performance spaces, the Students' Union (SU) bar/cafe area (Maggie's) and the SU office area.

Sports facilities at QMU include a gym and an impressive sports hall, as well as an outdoor all-weather pitch, weights room and a dance studio.

For students on our drama and performance courses, there is a dedicated theatre space, which is used for learning and teaching, as well as for public performances on campus. Drama students have access to rehearsal and workshop spaces within this area of the campus.

Students on our film courses also benefit from one of only two 'infinity' green screen facilities in Edinburgh, as well as digital editing suits and post-production equipment.

Student accommodation

Less than a one-minute walk from the academic building is our Student Village, which has 800 study bedrooms each forming part of a self-contained flat. These flats accommodate three, four, five or six people sharing. Each shared flat is well equipped with all the facilities that you need for 'home life'. Importantly, 24/7 security on campus means you can feel safe, and relax and enjoy your time as a student.

If you choose to live on campus, you will quickly become part of a welcoming and friendly community. Living on campus is a great way to meet people and make lifelong friendships. Our ResLife programme offers a range of fun social, educational and cultural opportunities for you to get involved in. It is a great way for you to relax, create a social life and settle into your new university community.

MORE INFO:

Students' Union: See page 22

Sports facilities: See page 23

Accommodation and ResLife: See pages 20–21

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Learning and teaching facilities on campus

Teaching spaces:

- Traditional lecture theatres and smaller seminar-style classrooms
- Specialist teaching facilities for students on some of our Health Sciences, Arts and Psychology courses, including: clinical skills laboratories; biochemistry laboratories; research and experiment laboratories and a clinic
- A clinical simulation suite
- Film and video editing suites, including one of only two 'infinity' green screen facilities in Edinburgh
- A drama studio and spaces, and studio space for postgraduate students on our music therapy and art psychotherapy courses
- A range of technology facilities including a TV studio

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC):

- The LRC has recently benefitted from a £2.1million investment to refresh and modernise our learning and study spaces. This investment ensures that we are offering the best possible learning environment for our students.
- Contains resources and facilities that are an essential support to your learning and teaching at QMU
- A combined facility for directed and independent study, based on integrated library and information service provision
- More than 1,000 study spaces are available with a variety of social, quiet and silent study areas and bookable private group or collaborative study rooms
- Access to a range of books and journals, both print and electronic, other electronic resources and audio visual material to support your studies
- Help and support for users is provided
- Liaison librarians ensure you are trained in accessing the wide range of electronic resources available to support your learning

Assistive Technology Room: Designed to meet the needs of students with disabilities it contains a range of assistive software, ergonomic and accessible peripherals, and adaptive furniture

Computing facilities:

- Study spaces offer access to the QMU networked IT and research facilities via thin-client technology or bring your own device
- Each terminal provides access to up-to-date software including the Microsoft Office applications suite, OneDrive, subject-specific specialist applications, and internet and email — you can also access the software via Horizon software or web browser using your own device, whether you are on or off campus
- Access to high-quality printing, copying and scanning facilities, and a variety of academic and research software
- All rooms in our student accommodation offer wireless and wired internet access
- Our 'Remote Desktop' service enables you to access the majority of applications and electronic resources off campus wherever an internet connection is available
- The ability to download Microsoft Office to up to five personal devices

Active Learning Space: The Wolfvision Collaboration System allows for collaborative teaching and learning



HOW WE TEACH AND HOW YOU WILL LEARN



Our teaching is focused on building your knowledge and confidence, developing your problem-solving skills and preparing you for a successful career.

Academic year and timetables

QMU's academic year is divided into two semesters. Semester One runs from September to December with assessments taking place before the Christmas break. Semester Two runs from January to May, culminating in assessments. Our undergraduate degree courses are modular. Most students undertake six modules each academic year (three in each semester).

The current (2025 entry) Academic Calendar is available to view at: www.qmu.ac.uk/about-the-university/quality/committees-regulations-policies-and-procedures/academic-calendar/. This will give you an indication of the structure of a year. During term time teaching is usually between 09:15 and 18:15 Monday to Thursday and 09:15 and 17:15 on Friday, with undergraduate teaching normally ending by 13:15 on Wednesdays to allow participation in sports and societies activities. Timetables are available from mid-July (but subject to change), with continuing students able to see their personal timetables at this time. Efforts are made to make timetables as student friendly as

possible. Teaching can take place at any time during the teaching week, and may not be consistent on a week-to-week basis.

Course length

Most of our undergraduate courses are four-year honours degrees. However, some offer the opportunity to graduate at the end of Year Three with an ordinary degree.

The four-year degree system in Scotland is different from that offered in the rest of the UK (although qualifications are recognised and accepted across the UK and internationally). The four-year honours degree is designed to allow students to study their chosen subject in greater depth and breadth.

Those wishing to study one of our undergraduate master's degrees in a health profession specialism (eg physiotherapy, podiatry etc) must complete four years of study.

For more information on the benefits of studying an undergraduate master's degree, see: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study/undergraduate-masters-courses/

Part-time study

Our undergraduate courses are designed to be studied full time, although it may be possible to study some on a part-time basis. Please contact Admissions (admissions@qmu.ac.uk) for advice on part-time study options.

Location

Teaching mainly takes place in our academic building on campus. However, if you are following a course that includes a practical placement (see individual courses), this will normally take place off campus. More information regarding placements is on the individual course pages. Some courses offer a study abroad option; please see the individual course pages and page 13 for further information on this.

Teaching and learning activities and assessment methods

As a student at QMU you will benefit from a range of teaching methods ensuring you have the opportunity to make the most of your chosen course.

Teaching methods include lectures (some of which may feature interactive approaches including live voting systems), and seminars and tutorial groups allowing for more in-depth discussion of the topics being studied. A number of our courses include practical placements. These allow you to put the knowledge and experience gained in the classroom into practice in a real-life environment and better prepare you for your future career.

In addition to your classes, you will be required to undertake self-supported learning, making use of online resources and those in the Learning Resource Centre to complete independent research or work on group projects.

Assessment takes place in a variety of ways, including written, oral and practical examinations, depending on your course of study. Most courses include forms of continuous assessment, such as essays, group work and presentations. Our assessment regulations, which include



our policy on assessment turnaround times, can be found on our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/about-the-university/quality/committees-regulations-policies-and-procedures/regulations-policies-and-procedures/

A brief overview of the teaching, learning and assessment methods for each course is listed on the course pages in this prospectus.

Class sizes

Class sizes vary according to your course. However, the relatively small size of QMU means that you can quickly get to know our staff and fellow students on your course, and experience a range of teaching and learning opportunities aimed at enhancing your overall student experience. You need never feel lost in a crowd of students in a huge lecture theatre.

Staff expertise providing real-life learning

We take pride in ensuring that our teaching is relevant to today's workplaces and prepares students for their chosen careers. You will be taught by academic staff with in-depth knowledge and experience of their subject area. Our staff ensure that they are up to date with the latest knowledge, thinking and developments in their field and have strong links with industry and professional bodies. Some continue to practise professionally in their own areas of expertise, and others are involved in world-leading research, shaping future discussion and methodologies in their profession. You may be taught by visiting lecturers from across the globe, attracted to QMU and its location in Scotland's capital. Doctoral students with a relevant and current research focus make an important contribution to teaching on some of our undergraduate degrees. QMU provides initial training and ongoing development opportunities for doctoral students acting in this role.

You can find staff profiles by subject on our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/schools-and-divisions/ or on the course pages on our website. Please note that our staffing is subject to change.

Our teaching aims

Based on student and employer feedback, we have identified a number of qualities that will put you in a great position to take advantage of future opportunities. Through our teaching, we aim to help you develop these attributes.

Active Learner

- Investigative and curious
- Critical and analytical
- Lifelong learner

Personal Growth

- Resilient and adaptable
- Self-aware and critically reflective
- Emotionally intelligent

Career progression

- Ready to apply skills and knowledge
- Ethical and professional
- Independent and willing to seek guidance
- Collaborative team member

Making a difference

- Creative problem solver
- Willing to lead and innovate
- Advocate of sustainability and social justice
- Inclusive and respectful of difference

Shaping a better world – locally and globally

- You understand how you and your work relate to the local, national and global context
- You are aware of how wider agendas and political decisions can affect your local area or professional life
- You have the skills and confidence to contribute to shaping a better world

Scan the QR code for more information on our 'Graduate Attributes'



PREPARING YOU FOR EMPLOYMENT: PLACEMENTS, CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY



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Startup Studio

We work hard to ensure that our graduates are fully equipped with the knowledge and skills to compete successfully in the jobs market.

Our employment rate

In the Graduate Outcome Statistics 2022/23 published by HESA in 2025, 84% of respondents were in high-skilled work 15 months after they had graduated, placing QMU 3rd among Scottish higher education institutions on this measure.

Courses designed for a satisfying career

QMU provides a range of professionally relevant courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate level and produces graduates who are well prepared to enter a career after graduation.

Our courses aim to enable you to have a positive impact on people's everyday lives and the type of careers that our graduates enter are ones that will bring job satisfaction and the opportunity to contribute to society.

We are one of the leading providers of courses allied to medicine, and the professional accreditation, approval and registration provided by these courses allows our graduates to begin working immediately, often in the

National Health Service (NHS) as, for example, physiotherapists, podiatrists, occupational therapists, radiographers and dieticians. Our other health sciences courses can lead graduates into commercial research work, further academic research and entrepreneurship.

Our range of business courses produce graduates who go on to very successful careers, whether running their own businesses or working in the marketing, retail, events, hospitality and tourism sectors. Our arts and social sciences graduates also go on to have successful careers in a variety of fields, with many now carving out self-employed careers, for instance, establishing their own theatre companies. There are also excellent career opportunities for our education graduates.

Examples of the variety of jobs in which our graduates have found employment are provided on the individual course pages in this prospectus, and on our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/student-stories/

Placements

Many of our courses include an integral placement as part of the curriculum. This can range from a few weeks to several months of each year depending on the course, and some courses offer opportunities in the UK and overseas. Our placements are set up to provide students with an environment for practical learning, utilising what you have learnt in the classroom in a real-world setting and offering the opportunity to learn on the job, within the supportive environment of the University.

Placement opportunities are an invaluable tool in the learning process, and they help students towards their future career. By gaining real-world experience, our students are more prepared for the working world and often find their placements help them with job opportunities. Getting a 'foot on the ladder' when at university can help secure a job in the future, and the network of contacts you build can prove invaluable over time.

More information on the placement opportunities for each course can be found on the individual course pages in this prospectus. Many of the student case studies on our website also mention placement experiences.

Internships

At the current time, we offer a number of internships that give students and recent graduates the opportunity to gain invaluable work experience: see page 12 for more information.

Careers and employability

You may have clear ideas about what career you are heading for. However, you may be uncertain about the direction to take or even what your options are.

The Careers and Employability team at QMU assists all students regardless of degree discipline, level of study or stage in career planning. Our team of professionally qualified advisers work closely with each subject area to ensure that support is tailored to your needs.

Our Employability Centre provides a comfortable space to conduct your career research and to chat with members of the careers team on a drop-in basis. You can attend seminars and workshops on topics such as CV writing and preparing for interviews. Our annual recruitment fair puts you directly in touch with employers, and our Employer Mentoring Programme helps you gain an invaluable insight into the graduate world of work.

You can access the Careers and Employability team online through the University's learning intranet platform, and their Facebook and Twitter accounts. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to see a careers adviser face to face or online for personal advice and guidance on your career. In addition, our online vacancy service provides you with access to part-time jobs, seasonal work, voluntary work, internships and graduate opportunities.

As a QMU graduate you continue to receive support from us throughout your career.

For more information about Careers and Employability visit our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/campus-life/careers-and-employability

Strengthen your CV

We recognise that it is not just your qualifications that employers will take into account when interviewing and selecting candidates. We have worked hard to ensure that our courses enhance your employability by providing opportunities for you to reflect on your learning and skills,

recognising your key strengths and developing areas you wish to enhance. Many of our courses provide opportunities to engage actively with employers through formal practical placements, and through guest lectures or other informal opportunities.

At QMU there are countless opportunities for you to hone your skills and experience, making you highly attractive to future employers and equipping you to compete in the jobs market.

Another great way to strengthen your CV and enhance your time at QMU is to be involved with the Students' Union, whether it is as a Class Rep, part of the student officer team who run the Union or by joining a sports team or society.

Paid internships and other extracurricular opportunities (see page 12) can develop your skills and confidence, helping you to stand out from the crowd and enhancing your employability.

Part-time or holiday employment

Many students choose to obtain part-time work throughout their studies, sometimes with more full-time hours over the summer break. Whether you want something specifically related to your studies, or just some extra cash, our Careers and Employability team can provide you with information on part-time jobs and seasonal work. Due to the location of the University, there are numerous opportunities for employment for QMU students.

The QMU Startup Studio

The Startup Studio is home to entrepreneurial support at QMU. It provides a hub from which students and graduates who are interested in developing as entrepreneurs and setting up their own business can access expert support, resources and funding. The Startup Studio is a welcoming and inclusive space with free hotdesking where you can connect with other aspiring and established entrepreneurs as well as experienced business advisors from our partners, which include East Lothian Business Gateway and the Bright Red Triangle enterprise support service.

For more information, visit our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/services-for-business-and-industry/startup-studio

Further study

When you have completed your undergraduate studies, you may be interested in undertaking a postgraduate qualification. Dedicated to lifelong learning and continuing professional development, we offer a range of postgraduate courses to enable you to expand your knowledge and perhaps specialise in a specific area of your chosen field. With an undergraduate degree in a relevant area, you could progress to a course at postgraduate level immediately upon completion of your undergraduate degree or after a period in employment. Graduates of the University who hold a verified QMU undergraduate or postgraduate award and who are admitted to a postgraduate award at QMU will be eligible for up to a 20% discount on the published fees. You can check out our range of postgraduate courses on our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduate-study

EMPOWERING YOU: YOUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EXTRACURRICULAR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDS

Initiatives, including paid internships and dedicated funds, enable our students to enhance their learning experience, build their confidence, improve their employability and broaden their horizons.

Our current funds include:

- **The Vice-Chancellor's & Student Development Fund:** This fund is designed to help our students develop their potential. Support for specific student-led projects, initiatives and activities enrich our students' academic experience and their personal development. The fund helps our students make the most of the unique opportunities available to them, and have the best possible experience as a QMU student. With funding from the scheme, many students have participated in extracurricular activities by joining a sports club or society. QMU's official cheerleading team, The Sapphires, recently received funding to help them compete at national competitions. Former President, Charné Thorp commented: "With kit, training costs, competition fees, and then travelling to and from competitions, cheerleading is expensive. Without the support from the Vice-Chancellor's & Student Development Fund, some of the squad wouldn't be able to do a sport we love."

- **Become a Producer & Become a Costumier Funds:** These funds provide support for students on the BA (Hons) Film and Media and the BA (Hons) Costume Design and Construction courses. Grants from these funds help students with the costs of creating their final year piece of work – dissertation, film or costume. The Become a Producer Fund helps cover video production costs such as actors' fees, costumes, equipment, props and travel. The Become a Costumier Fund assists with the costs of fabrics and other specialist materials and opportunities etc. Costume Design and Construction graduate, Keira Dunnett, received funding to attend an external eight-week Haute Couture Embroidery course. She said: "The course offered teaching of tambour embroidery and hand sewing techniques used in the haute couture industry. This is something I have been keen to learn for many years. The award I received allowed me to join the course and purchase my required materials, furthering my research for my dissertation."
- **Alison Scott Scholarships:** Students who wish to learn a second language alongside their studies can be supported with an Alison Scott Scholarship. As well as access to a premium subscription language app, students will receive mentoring and career coaching, and the opportunity to receive additional funding to help with the costs of attending a European language school.
- **Industry Specific Support:** Every year QMU students are fortunate to have the opportunity to apply for financial support from the corporate sector. Funding from the hospitality, tourism and events sectors enables

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our students to achieve their full academic and career potential without financial constraints, as well as taking part in activities that enhance their learning and their understanding of these industries.

- **Internships:** Through support from donors and supporters, QMU currently offers a variety of paid internships from a wide range of sectors. These internships give our students and recent graduates the chance to secure valuable workplace experience, gain insight into the relevant industries, put theoretical knowledge into practice and build professional networks.
- **Mobility support for study and work abroad opportunities:** Financial support is available to help our students broaden their outlook on the world by travelling abroad to embrace new cultures and experiences. We have a number of funds which help our students, irrespective of their financial background, to have equal access to participating in unique semester exchanges or other study and work opportunities. With mobility funding, Psychology student, Áine Levis, travelled to Canada to study at Brock University for a semester. Áine commented on her experience: "Studying psychology in a different environment, in another country would not have been possible without the financial support I received. The experience has left a lasting impression on my aspirations for a future career as a psychologist – a dream I have held since childhood."

BROADENING YOUR HORIZONS: STUDY ABROAD



Studying abroad through our exchange programme can be one of the most exciting and rewarding challenges for you to experience as a student.

The opportunity to travel and live in another country, learn different customs and traditions, meet new people and build a future career draws many students into the exchange programme.

With great links across the world, you can choose to study part of your QMU degree in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the USA or Hong Kong. Living in another country, and studying at another institution, allows you to make new friends from across the world and acquire invaluable life skills. Importantly, it will help you develop a greater feeling of independence and confidence. An exchange programme allows you to stretch your wings, and undoubtedly brings you benefits for years to come.

Where exchanges are available, students can spend a semester at an overseas university. Care has been taken to select appropriate international partnerships, ensuring that a period spent on exchange gives QMU students credit towards their studies.

A number of scholarships up to £5,000 exist to help fund study abroad for students facing financial difficulties.

Please note that exchange opportunities are subject to availability.

QMU courses that offer an exchange include:

- BA (Hons) Business Management (all routes)
- BA (Hons) Business Psychology
- BA (Hons) International Hospitality Tourism and Events Management
- BA (Hons) Digital and Graphic Design
- BA (Hons) Digital Marketing and Public Relations
- BA (Hons) Drama
- BA (Hons) Theatre and Film
- BA (Hons) Film and Media
- Master of Nutrition/BSc (Hons) Nutrition
- BSc (Hons) Psychology
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology
- BSc (Hons) Sociology
- BA (Hons) Education

* NB This does not apply to the BA (Hons) Primary Education

Our current exchange partners

Griffith University, Australia
Acadia University, Canada
Brock University, Canada
Trent University, Canada
Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland
ESCE International Business School, France
Kempten University of Applied Sciences, Germany
Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong
Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands
AUT University, New Zealand
California State University: Chico, USA
Central Connecticut State University, USA
Eastern Connecticut State University, USA
Southern Connecticut State University, USA
Slippery Rock University, USA
St Edward's University, USA

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HELPING YOU SUCCEED: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Your learning experience: Giving you a step up

We provide high-quality facilities in which to study and excellent support services to ensure you have an all-round positive experience during your student journey.

If you are contemplating going to university, we recognise that it is not only information about the course that you need. Everybody's circumstances are different and new students may have to consider issues such as finance, childcare or disability. We are well aware that you will require information on these areas before making your final choice. Our Admissions team, Student Funding Adviser and the Disability Service are available to ensure you obtain all the information you need before and during the decision-making process to come to university.

Pre-entry services

Disability: We aim to support all students in our diverse learning community to participate fully in their studies and university life. For students with disabilities such as sensory impairments, medical conditions, mobility issues, mental health difficulties and specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, we offer a wide range of support. If you would like to find out more information or arrange a personal and confidential phone call or meeting, please contact a Disability Adviser. If you have notified us that you have a disability on your application, the Disability Service will contact you once you have an unconditional offer to

arrange a meeting with you to discuss your needs and what support might benefit you when you are studying. Meeting you before you start helps to provide us with useful information so that we can begin to put support arrangements in place for you as soon as possible.

Funding: Our Student Funding Adviser provides information on the funding that will be available to you to support your studies, for example, student loans, bursaries, tuition fee loans and childcare funds.

Mature students and college leavers: If you are returning to education after a long gap you may feel a little anxious about learning and studying again. Our Widening Participation and Outreach team can answer queries that you may have on studying at higher education level. For more information on joining us from college, see page 18.

Care leavers: We provide additional support to applicants from a care experienced background, whether cared for by a relative, in foster care, residential care, respite or looked after at home with a supervision requirement. This includes access to minimum entry requirements and a guaranteed offer, where possible, to the course you have applied for. We offer all care leavers individual support through our QMCares Team, to ensure that applicants are supported appropriately through their time at QMU.

QM Cares: QM Cares is our student-led support group for students with caring responsibilities, care experience and those who are estranged from their families. As part of QM Cares you will have access to: advice and guidance to support your application; the chance to become a paid student ambassador; help with accommodation options; and funding advice guidance.

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Post-entry services

Careers and Employability: Our Careers and Employability Service provides information, advice and guidance on all matters related to your career. Armed with information on part-time jobs, seasonal work, voluntary work, internships and graduate opportunities, the service assists you to find employment during your degree and after graduation. Advisers are pleased to help you make decisions about your career and support you in making successful applications.

Disability: There is a range of support available to students with a disability. It is important that we know of your disability so that we can support you in the best way we can. Working closely with a network of key academic and non-academic staff, we offer reasonable adjustments and assessment arrangements, as well as providing guidance for eligible students about Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) funding. DSA Needs Assessments can be arranged, as can specific one-to-one support such as note-takers or individual dyslexia tutors where appropriate.

Funding: Our Student Funding Adviser provides information on funding to support you when you are studying. In addition, advice is given to students regarding support that may be available if they encounter financial difficulties.

Student Counselling and Wellbeing Service: Students can self-refer for Student Counselling and Wellbeing. Counselling is a free service available to all matriculated students. We offer confidential one-to-one counselling to help you with any personal problems that might be affecting your academic work or your general health and wellbeing.



Togetherall: QMU is working with Togetherall to provide a supportive, online community to support you. Togetherall is a digital mental health support service. It is available 24/7 and is completely anonymous, so you can express yourself freely and openly. Professionally trained 'Wall Guides' monitor the community to ensure the safety and anonymity of all members.

Health: QMU works in partnership with local medical practices to ensure you can access NHS services when you need them. All students are advised to register with a local medical practice after they arrive at QMU.

Contemplation room: There is a contemplation room on campus that is open to all students for quiet reflection. It is designed to reflect the multi-faceted nature of staff and students at QMU. It is a quiet space which students can use if they need some time on their own or time out from a busy day.

Learning Resource Centre and Effective Learning Service: The Learning Resource Centre and Effective Learning Service provide a range of facilities and services to support your learning needs. These include 24-hour access to printed and electronic resources and access to group and individual help on enhancing your study techniques.

Personal Academic Tutor: Each student is assigned a Personal Academic Tutor (PAT) who will help to guide you through your studies. Your PAT will normally be your main source of advice and guidance relating to your academic studies and can refer you to other support services if needed.

School Office: QMU's School Office provides a bridge between you and your academic subject area. Staff in the School Office can assist with timetabling or general subject area queries, receive and return assignments and make contact with lecturers or tutors on your behalf.

Personal Development Planning: Our Personal Development Planning (PDP) process aims to help all our students develop the key skills they require for learning and employment, and to prepare for their future careers. PDP is used to support student learning in different ways according to the course of study. It is a guided process that encourages students to regularly carry out key learning processes. It can involve reflection on what you are learning, planning and recording your personal objectives, and communicating these to others.

For more information on any of the services outlined on this page and key contacts, please scan the QR code above to visit the Student Services pages on our website.

QMU Empower

At QMU, we aim to enable you to thrive, grow and become your best self in your time with us, and to give you the confidence to make your mark when you start your career and throughout your professional life. The QMUEmpower package of services is how we achieve that.

Whether you're considering studying with us, are already a student, or have graduated, read on and discover all the services available to you through QMUEmpower.

- Personal development services to enable you to grow
- Health and wellbeing services to enable you to thrive
- Employability built in, plus careers support available throughout your life
- Supporting your entrepreneurial ambitions
- Services to help you fulfill your academic potential
- Helping you tackle financial matters and providing funding opportunities
- Coming from college — tailored support
- International student — tailored support
- Broadening your horizons through travel opportunities
- Helping you feel at home with high-quality, on-campus accommodation
- Benefit from our alumni networks

Find out more....



THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

QMU has a growing and vibrant international community that is sure to enrich your student experience.

Our friendly international team welcomes you to QMU, Edinburgh.

We recognise that studying in a different country is often a completely new experience for international students and we are keen to ensure that we make your transition to living and studying in Scotland as smooth as possible.

Our International Office team will be your first point of contact at QMU if you are interested in studying with us.

You can meet the team at numerous events that they attend, either online or in your home country. They are also happy to connect with you by email or online at any stage — whether you are considering applying or already holding an offer. To make contact with the team or for more information on events that our team will attend, please visit the international webpages by scanning the QR code opposite.

Applications and qualifications

We recognise a wide range of international school leaving certificates, matriculation certificates, junior college and polytechnic diplomas as standard entry qualifications to our undergraduate courses. Every effort will be made to equate international qualifications with UK standards of entry, and offers will be made on a like-for-like basis. Applications for entry to our undergraduate courses

Quick facts

- We have a diverse student population with people coming from over 80 countries.
- You can benefit from living and studying in one of Europe's most stunning capital cities.

should be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) by applying online at: www.ucas.com. If you would like an initial assessment of your qualifications, our Admissions Office would be happy to offer this service. Please contact them at: admissions@qmu.ac.uk

English language requirements

As well as meeting the academic requirements, you will have to demonstrate a proficiency in spoken and written English. We accept a wide range of qualifications, including many school-based qualifications. Where we include an English language requirement as part of your conditions, we will typically refer to the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The minimum IELTS score is 6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5 and some courses require a higher level of language proficiency. Please refer to the individual course pages for details.

Living in Edinburgh

Edinburgh is a vibrant capital city renowned for its academic excellence, attracting students from across the globe. Rich in culture, history and architectural splendour, the city is an ideal location in which to spend your student years.

With a multi-cultural population, it will be easy for you to feel at home. Edinburgh has numerous specialist food shops and places of worship for many religions.

Getting around is easy. Excellent transport links mean you're just 45 minutes from Glasgow and around four hours from London by train. In the city centre, the bus services are extensive, providing frequent links in and around the city. Students under the age of 22 can also benefit from free bus travel.

Edinburgh airport flies to over 150 locations worldwide. With flight times of just over an hour to destinations such as Paris, Dublin or Amsterdam, Europe is at your fingertips. Further afield there are direct flight to North America, The Middle East and Beijing. For more information on Edinburgh, see page 19.

On-campus accommodation

QMU offers on-campus accommodation in our student village. It is within view of our teaching, learning, support and leisure facilities and a safe and secure option for our international students. For more information, see pages 20–21.

Orientation programme and social events

To welcome you onto our campus, we host an international students' induction programme ahead of your course start date. This is a great opportunity to help you settle into life at QMU, explore our student services and connect with fellow students. We also organise social activities to help you feel at home, including a guided tour of Edinburgh and seasonal events.

Throughout your time at QMU, the International Office team will remain available to provide advice and answer any questions. You can access their support through regular in-person and online drop-in sessions.

Medical services

Medical and hospital treatments are currently available under the NHS to international students in Scotland. International students who apply to come to the UK to study for more than six months may be required to pay an immigration health surcharge. Further information can be found at: www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application

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Contemplation room

We have a room on campus that is open to all students and staff, offering a peaceful environment for prayer, meditation, or quiet reflection.

Employment when you study

If you hold a student visa, you can usually work up to 20 hours per week during term time and full time during holidays, subject to visa conditions.

QMU's Careers and Employability Service is open to all students and offers advice on employment opportunities in Edinburgh. This includes assistance in obtaining a UK National Insurance number, which you will need to work and pay tax in the UK. For more information, see pages 10–11 or visit our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/campus-life/careers-and-employability/

Post-study employment

A graduate visa route for international students has been introduced in the UK. This permits eligible students to remain in the UK to live and work for 18 months following graduation. For the latest guidance visit: www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration.

Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available to self-funding international students for undergraduate study. Scholarships are £3,000 and are discounted from your course fees. Information about how to apply is available on page 80 or on our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/fees-and-funding/scholarships-for-new-students/



ROUTES TO UNIVERSITY THROUGH COLLEGE

If you don't get the grades that you need to go to university straight from school, or feel that you're not ready for university level study yet, studying at a further education college is a great start.

If, like many, you chose to access a degree course at QMU through the college route, we are here to help and guide you through the process, providing all the relevant information and ensuring that you are prepared for life as a university student. We can provide ongoing support before applying, during the application process, after you have been made an offer, and once you have entered the University. Advice is available on entry requirements (including directing you to the appropriate college courses that are accepted for entry to the University), the application process, student finance and childcare information. You will be able to visit the campus so that you can find out more about studying at QMU. There is a wealth of information and advice on our website.

Coming to QMU from college

If you are studying or have recently completed an HNC/HND, you may be able to enter directly into Year Two (with an HNC) or Year Three (with an HND) of one of our degrees. Advanced entry (articulation) is often possible where your HNC/HND is in a similar subject area to the degree course you

are applying to study. However, please note that advanced entry may not be possible in all subject areas so you are encouraged to seek advice on the best college course to study to help you reach your goal.

Mature students who have completed, or are currently studying towards, an Access qualification (often as part of SWAP) can apply for entry into Year One of a wide range of our degree courses.

The most common articulation routes and access courses are listed at: www.qmu.ac.uk/college-qualifications

How to connect with QMU whilst at college

- Presentations: Staff from QMU visit local colleges regularly to give presentations to students.
- Visiting QMU: Local college students on Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) or HNC/HND courses can visit our campus before submitting their applications. They can get a feel for QMU during a pre or post-offer visit that will provide tailored information relating to the area of interest and an opportunity to meet staff from the subject area.
- QMAvance: Eligible students studying at college will be offered the opportunity to attend QMAvance — a course designed to give you the opportunity to meet other new students who have come to QMU via a similar route and which aims to ensure that you feel confident in your abilities and gives early access to a range of key services and staff.
- Coming to College induction programme: At the beginning of the academic year, students entering directly into Year Two or Year Three of one of our degrees attend a

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dedicated induction programme before starting their course. The programme is run by a team of former college students in partnership with academic and support staff, and will ensure you are fully prepared to join your course at an advanced level. The induction offers subject-specific input and general university information, such as timetable, IT and support service information. Students will receive guidance on how to develop the academic and research skills needed for degree level study. Our aim is to make the transition from college to university as smooth as possible and give all students the best start to their lives at QMU.

Associate Students

Our Associate Student scheme offers another route to securing a place on a degree course at QMU. Associate students are fully enrolled as QMU students from day one, but study for the first year at a partner college on a relevant Higher National (HN) course. On successful completion, associate students have a guaranteed place at QMU to complete their degree. A number of our degrees are available through the Associate Student scheme and are listed on our website. The entry requirements for all of our Associate Student routes are CCC at Higher, or equivalent.

CITY OF EDINBURGH, COAST AND COUNTRYSIDE

Edinburgh and the surrounding area is an ideal location to spend your student years.

Edinburgh

As a student at QMU you will have easy access to Scotland's beautiful and vibrant capital city, Edinburgh, and the stunning coast and countryside surrounding the campus.

The centre of Edinburgh is just six minutes by train from our campus. Situated in the central belt of Scotland, south of the Firth of Forth Estuary, the city is easily accessible from all areas of the UK and beyond.

Edinburgh is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and continues to rank high in opinion polls. It is a top tourist destination, particularly in the summer months when the city comes alive and plays host to the acclaimed Edinburgh Festivals. The Fringe Festival is particularly enjoyed by students in the city who embrace the month-long spectacle of comedy, music, drama and art. Late December is also a popular time for visitors to 'Auld Reekie' as they come to experience a Scottish New Year at Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations — now one of the world's biggest outdoor New Year parties.

With four universities and a large further education college, the city is highly populated by students and is very student friendly. Much of the culture and activity of the city is focused around student life. Part-time and graduate job opportunities are excellent and many students choose to remain in Edinburgh or the local area during holidays and after graduating.

Edinburgh is atmospheric and vibrant, with all you'd expect from a capital city: packed with shops, cinemas, theatres, restaurants, pubs, clubs, museums, tourist attractions, landmarks, art galleries, concert venues, parks and sports stadiums and facilities.

The city is home to Edinburgh Castle. Dating back to the 12th century, the spectacular landmark sits in the city centre on top of a dormant volcano. Queen Margaret University is named after Queen (Saint) Margaret who died in 1093 at Edinburgh Castle. There, St Margaret's Chapel was built in her memory by her son, King David I, in the 12th century. It is now thought to be the oldest building in Edinburgh.

If you are seeking culture or history, visit some of the major attractions including Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace, the Royal Mile, the Whisky Heritage Centre, Royal Observatory and the Scottish Parliament.

The campus local area

The QMU campus is located to the east of Edinburgh city centre by the coastal town of Musselburgh, in the county of East Lothian. Musselburgh has a population of approximately 22,000 and offers a sports centre with swimming pool, supermarkets and shops, a racecourse, golf courses, a harbour and beach, restaurants and bars, a public library and a peaceful riverside. The campus is only a short walk or bus ride to Fort Kinnaird, a large outdoor shopping complex offering high street chain stores, restaurants and a multiplex cinema. There are also several supermarkets in the vicinity.

East Lothian is a beautiful county with over 40 miles of stunning coastline, golden beaches, rolling countryside,



historic sites, award-winning attractions, excellent food and drink and the world's finest links golf courses. East Lothian enjoys the sunniest climate in Scotland, great local produce, spectacular natural beauty and year-round recreational opportunities including cycling, walking, golfing and watersports.

Easy access to the wider world

Transport links to and from Edinburgh are excellent. You can easily head north to spend a weekend skiing or hillwalking. You are only 45 minutes from Glasgow or four hours from London by train. In Edinburgh, the bus services are extensive, providing frequent links in and around the city. Air links are convenient and widespread, it takes just over an hour to get to Paris, Dublin or Amsterdam.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Many students choose to live on campus in their first year and beyond. It is a great way to make new friends and quickly settle into life at QMU.

Living on campus is very convenient. You are only a two-minute walk from the main academic building, Learning Resource Centre, Students' Union and sports facilities. Our campus offers a safe environment to study and relax in, with hassle-free all-inclusive rents that include electricity and heating bills, basic contents insurance, wi-fi and 24/7 security.

Our Accommodation Services team and ResLife Assistants are on hand to ensure that you quickly feel at home and have the necessary facilities and support to make the most of your life on campus.

Facilities

Our campus houses 800 study bedrooms across nine blocks. Within each block there are separate self-contained flats for three, four, five or six students sharing. Each flat has a kitchen and comfortable living area and each bedroom is equipped with an en-suite shower and toilet, wi-fi and well-designed spacious storage. A number of premium rooms are available, providing additional floor space and a double bed. Unfortunately, family or couple accommodation is not available on campus. Students have access to a communal TV lounge, bike storage, plenty of green space, an outdoor gym, and a BBQ area for when the sun comes out.

Price

In the academic year 2025/26 the all-inclusive cost of a standard room was £145 per week and a premium room was £176 per week. Prices for 2026/27 will be set in early 2026.

How to apply

You can apply for accommodation on our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/campus-life/accommodation/ when you have firmly accepted a conditional or unconditional offer. Applications open in April and we recommend that you apply as early as possible as demand for our on-campus accommodation is generally high. Please contact us to check availability if you join after the start of term. During the application process you can indicate specific requirements or preferences which we will try our best to accommodate. Further information on the application and allocation process can be found on our website.

Parking and transport

Parking on campus is not normally available for students living in our accommodation. However, transport links to and from the campus are excellent. Musselburgh train station is adjacent to QMU with the journey to Edinburgh city centre taking fewer than six minutes, and there is also a bus stop on campus with frequent local services, including a night bus.

Safe and secure

Our on-campus residences are designed with safety and security in mind. Each block of accommodation is accessed by swipe card entry with each flat having its own entry phone system. The entire campus is monitored by CCTV and security staff regularly patrol the area 24/7.

Disability needs

QMU is committed to providing a comfortable environment that is easily accessible for students with disabilities. If you have a disability of any kind and are thinking of applying to live in the halls, it is essential that you contact Accommodation Services before confirming a place on a course, to determine if the existing accessibility features meet your needs fully. Where possible, QMU will work with you to make adaptations or install equipment that may be necessary.

Living off campus

If you decide to live off campus, our Accommodation Services team can advise you on finding accommodation.

In the Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2025 (WUSCA), we were ranked 2nd in Scotland for our University Halls.



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YOUR STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union (SU) at QMU has lots to offer. Getting involved with the SU can really enhance your academic and social experience as a student and help you in your future career.

The SU is run independently of the University and is run by students for students. Students elect a team of officers every year to work on their behalf on improving the overall student experience at QMU. The officer team represents all students at QMU and always wants to hear from students about what's working and what isn't.

The SU works with the University to run a class rep programme. Each class should have at least one student to represent the class's views and liaise with academic staff. The SU provides support and training for class reps and runs the Academic Council which is a forum where class reps come together.

Activities

The SU offers a range of sports teams and societies for all students to become involved with. There are competitive and recreational sports teams and clubs, interest-based societies and academic societies. An up-to-date list can be found on the SU website and if we do not have what you're interested in we can help you to set something up.

Help Zone

The Help Zone provides support for QMU students, particularly with academic issues. All advice and support is free, confidential and impartial. The team at the SU has a lot of experience in student support and has good relationships with support staff in the University.

Maggie's Bar and Café

Maggie's offers a comfortable space with student-friendly menus and prices. You can socialise, study, relax or host an event. It's the main student social space on campus and we love to see as many students as possible enjoying the space.



MORE INFO:
W: www.qmusu.org.uk

 **Twitter:**
[@QMUSU](https://twitter.com/QMUSU)

 **Facebook:**
www.facebook.com/QMUSU

 **Instagram:**
[@QMUSU](https://www.instagram.com/QMUSU)

CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND SPORTS

If you have a real passion for something, it does not need to take a back seat when you are a student. University sports, clubs and societies can enable you to keep up your hobbies, find new interests and meet a host of new like-minded friends.

University life is not all about studying. It is important to relax and take time out for other interests.

Sports & Societies are led by the elected Student President (Student Activities) and range from high performance sports such as football, rugby and badminton, to popular activities such as musical theatre, yoga and gaming. The opportunities that Sports & Societies offers are endless.

Anybody is welcome to join in with any sport or society and you can even create your own! Studies have proven that involvement in sports and societies helps potential future employers see you demonstrate key skills and characteristics, including leadership, teamwork, dedication and determination. So, taking part in a sport or society can benefit your CV and employability.



The societies on offer at the SU give you the opportunity to meet like-minded people who have similar interests to you. Together you can dance, compete, sing, act, debate, create, campaign, volunteer, fundraise and so much more.

Clubs and societies change from year to year, but you can find out more about our current offerings at: <https://www.qmusu.org.uk/groups>

Sports success

As well as our established sports clubs, which range in level from social games to the British Universities and College Sport (BUCS) national leagues, we are always adding new teams. That means there's something to suit everyone who wants to play sport at an institutional level. And if there isn't, we welcome students who want to start their own team.

Some of our recent notable sporting successes include our men's Basketball 1st team becoming the first QMU team to win the Conference Cup finals. In recent years we have had three students selected for the Scottish Student Sport National teams in basketball, netball and hockey, as well as sending a student to compete in the high jump at the BUCS Nationals, from which he returned with a silver medal.

Sports & Fitness Centre

Whether you are interested in competing in sports at the highest level or simply wishing to keep fit, QMU has its own well-equipped Sport & Fitness Centre on campus offering a range of activities.



Our gym is fitted out with fitness equipment including treadmills, cross trainers, exercise bikes, fixed weights and free weights.

The Centre includes a large multi-functional games hall that can be used for a variety of sports including: basketball, 5-a-side indoor football, badminton, volleyball, table tennis and netball. We have an outdoor all-weather pitch used for 5/7-a-side football. Members can borrow equipment to use in these sports free of charge. Personal training is available at an additional cost.

There are changing facilities on site that are equipped with showers and lockers.

Our fitness studio plays host to a range of fitness classes including Pilates, kettlebells, circuits, yoga and spin. You can opt to 'pay as you play' or you can purchase an annual membership.

A membership allows students access to the gym, sports hall, fitness classes, all-weather pitch and free equipment hire. Student membership prices are published on our website.

Within the campus grounds, you will find our outdoor gym. This facility is open all year round and offers a range of cardiovascular and resistance equipment.

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BUDGETING AND LIVING COSTS

Learning to budget successfully helps to make student life a lot smoother.

If you are coming straight from school to university, you will probably be managing your own finances for the first time. However, if you are a direct entrant or mature student, there are still costs that you should be aware of when making the move to higher education.

Here you will find some examples of costs that you may need to budget for as a student at QMU. Of course, your finances will depend on individual circumstances, but the tables opposite give you a rough idea of what you need to consider.

If you are a mature student, you will probably already have a grasp of how much your rent/mortgage, utility bills and food cost per month. However, you may now need to factor in other costs as you make the move to become a student.

QMU's Student Funding Adviser can provide one-to-one information, advice and guidance on the funding available to you when you are studying with us, including:

- Loans, bursaries and tuition fees
- Benefits and studying
- Childcare Fund
- Discretionary Fund (formerly the Hardship Fund)
- Nursing and Paramedic Science Discretionary Fund
- International Hardship Fund
- Part-time funding

Mature students living off campus	
Childcare	QMU's Student Funding Adviser can provide information, advice and guidance on funding available for childcare.
Council tax	If you live alone you will be exempt from paying council tax for the duration of your studies. If you live with a partner/spouse there will be a 25% discount on council tax charge for the property for the duration of your studies.
Books	You may need to buy books for your course. You may be able to purchase second-hand books to save money.
Travel pass/ QMU parking permit	You may need to factor in the cost of a travel pass (for the bus or train) to and from the campus. QMU enforces a robust parking policy and the QMU car park is for permit holders only. Students are encouraged to take public transport or to walk/ cycle to QMU. However, if you have a car you can apply for an annual parking permit during term time or you could opt to purchase a single day permit for each day you park on campus. It's important to read the parking on campus information on the QMU website so that you understand the restrictions and costs involved. And, of course, if you plan to drive, you will also need to factor in fuel costs.

USEFUL LINKS:

Accommodation
 E: accommodation@qmu.ac.uk
 W: www.qmu.ac.uk/campus-life/accommodation/

Student Funding Adviser
 E: studentfunding@qmu.ac.uk

Parking policy
 E: parking@qmu.ac.uk
 W: www.qmu.ac.uk/location-and-getting-here/parking-on-campus/

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VIEW USEFUL COST OF LIVING SUPPORT INFO



	Under 21s living on campus	Under 21s living off campus (in rented accommodation or with family)
Rent	At QMU, your rent for student halls includes your accommodation, heating, electricity, hot water and internet access. Therefore you don't have to worry about being surprised by extra utility bills. You will have to purchase a TV licence if you wish to watch live TV in your room/flat.	If you are renting a flat or a room in a flat/house, you will often have to budget for gas, electricity, internet access, TV licence, possibly insurance and landline, on top of your rent.
Telephone landline and internet access	You won't have a landline but QMU does supply your internet/wi-fi access as part of your rent. You will still need to budget for your mobile phone.	You may need to budget extra to pay for internet and landline access. But think about whether you really do need a landline.
Books	You may need to buy books for your course.	As opposite
Food	QMU's student halls are self-catered, therefore you will need to budget enough money to pay for all of your meals.	If you are living in a flat or house, you will need to pay for all of your food supplies. If you are living in your parental/family home, you may need to have a conversation with them about food/shopping costs.
Mobile phone contract	Mobile phone contracts can be expensive, look for the best provider and a cost-effective tariff.	As opposite
Travel pass	If you stay in our student accommodation you will save money by not having to pay for a bus, train or car to come to QMU. Our student accommodation is located next to the main Academic Building. However, you may wish to buy a travel pass, for either the bus or train, to get in and out of the city centre. At the time of printing (Jan 2026) the Scottish Government provides free bus travel for young people under 22.	If you live a distance away from QMU, you may need to budget for a train or bus travel pass to get back and forth to campus.
Hobbies	Getting involved in hobbies is a great way to make new friends and can enhance your student experience. Consider what costs are involved in each hobby. Do you need specialist clothes, equipment or money for travel? Hobbies that are cheap (maybe even free) can be just as much fun as expensive hobbies.	As opposite
QMU parking permit	QMU operates a robust parking policy and students living on campus are generally not permitted to keep a car in the car park during term time. Please check the parking information on our website for full details: www.qmu.ac.uk/location-and-getting-here/parking-on-campus/	QMU enforces a robust parking policy. Students are encouraged to take public transport or to walk/cycle to QMU. However, if you have a car you can apply for a parking permit.
Council tax	If you live in student accommodation you will not have to pay council tax.	You should refer to the website of the relevant council where you will reside for your studies for information relating to shared accommodation.

BUSINESS

Study at a business school that aims to provide you with an exceptional teaching and learning experience designed to enable you to succeed.

The QMU Business School's courses provide students with hands-on experiential learning with an optimum balance of theoretical and practical approaches. With strong industry links, our courses are developed in close consultation with industry leaders. Our focus on developing your entrepreneurship and employability is designed to make you market ready when you graduate.

Our full range of undergraduate management degrees are:

BA (Hons) Business Management

BA (Hons) Business Management with Analytics

BA (Hons) Business Management with Digital Marketing

BA (Hons) Business Management with Finance

BA (Hons) Business Management with Human Resource Management

BA (Hons) International Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management

BA (Hons) Business Psychology



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Why QMU?

Your interests and aspirations are of the utmost importance to us

QMU's small scale allows the Queen Margaret Business School's responsive, dynamic and innovative delivery of high-quality management courses to be coupled with a close student:tutor working relationship where students' interests, aspirations and challenges are central to our activity.

We are a member of the Chartered Association of Business Schools (CABS), and our BA (Hons) Business Management with Finance degree is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). In addition, Chartered Management Institute (CMI) approval has recently been granted to our Business School which includes offering additional regulated qualifications approved by CMI.

An ethos of having a positive impact on people and our planet

Our fundamental belief is that profitable business and effective management must have a positive impact on people and on our planet, and this ethos is to be found in all that we teach and in the way that we teach it. Our caring approach begins with the engagement we have with our students. We recognise the need for ethical, social and ecological responsibility in business and we are a signatory member of The Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME).

Students in Years Three and Four of our courses benefit from QMU's Employer Mentoring programme, which offers the opportunity to meet with experienced professionals who have a wealth of industrial insight relating to all our degrees. The mentee:mentor relationship allows students to contextualise and apply their academic studies, develop networks and increase their confidence and employability in their chosen field of study.

We can help you set up your own business

Many of our students go on to create their own businesses. Uniquely, we have our own Startup Studio and Business Gateway on campus at QMU. These resources, with the first class professional advice they offer, will help you turn your entrepreneurial idea into a reality.

Our approach to learning and teaching: flexibility, strong industry links and variety in assessment methods

- Tailor your degree: Our business management degrees are modular. In Years One and Two core modules in each degree will give you a grounding in your chosen area. As you progress, you will begin to learn more about your particular area and all of our courses offer the opportunity to select modules in which you have a particular interest in later years. With all our degrees you can tailor some of your programme of study, choosing electives from across the undergraduate suite in the Business School.
- Gain industry insights and contacts: You will participate in stimulating learning environments from lectures, seminars and workshops to field trips and study abroad options. Our courses include workplace experience, and, as industry is extremely supportive of our courses, you will benefit from hearing guest lectures from a range of practitioners and visiting professors. You will gain insights into high-profile companies such as Bacardi, Social Bite, Skyscanner, Google and Edinburgh Airport, whose representatives have joined us as visiting speakers recently. Developing contacts and networks is key to gaining an understanding of the industry, to securing work experience, and to gaining employment on graduation.

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PRME Principles for Responsible
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an initiative of the United Nations Global Compact

- Variety in assessment methods: Assessment methods vary and include a balanced combination of examinations, written reports, essays, presentations, creating websites and other forms of applied assessment. Some of our modules specifically utilise group work to develop team working skills and others focus on you as the individual. You will get formative feedback as you study, to provide you with an early indication about the progress you have made and can use this feedback to inform your summative assessments.

Business Management

Business is one of the cornerstones of society. Equipping graduates to interact with a variety of business sectors remains key to the development of both individual careers and economic prosperity at a national level. The Working Futures Report (2020) predicts strong growth in management and professional services, and a further 1 million jobs will be created by 2027. Our business management degrees are designed to equip students to become these managers of tomorrow: leaders who will make a positive ethical contribution in the public, private and third sectors.

In Year Two or Three of your course, you have the opportunity to spend a semester studying abroad (subject to availability).

Students across the business management routes share the first two years of the course, at which point they confirm their chosen pathway or continue on the general Business Management degree. In Years Three and Four, the modules will be tailored to your chosen route. Invaluable work



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experience will be gained on placement in Year Three, where you will be operating in the best possible environment to learn those higher-level management skills required by tomorrow's companies, and to consolidate the knowledge acquired throughout your programme of studies.

Business Psychology

Our new BSc (Hons) Business Psychology programme brings together the study of Business Management and Psychology and will give you a strong foundation for a career in human resource management, marketing, organisational development or general business management.

International Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management

International hospitality and tourism is a fast-moving and thriving industry where you can make a name for yourself. There are fabulous opportunities, many of them on our doorstep! In Scotland alone the sector is worth more than £12 billion and employs more than 218,000 people. Its success has created a growing demand for highly-qualified professionals, at all levels, to continue to develop the sector.

Hospitality, tourism and events together make up a global industry and a QMU degree opens doors for our students across the world and includes a high-quality 20-week internship.

We have links with many different hospitality, tourism and events organisations worldwide including Edinburgh festivals, the Institute of Hospitality, The Tourism Society, The Scottish Tourism Alliance and The Hospitality Industry Trust. These connections offer opportunities to

attend conferences and workshops, and to apply for scholarships to spend time abroad.

Preparing you for successful careers

Our business management graduates are proving their worth to companies in the UK and internationally and have left QMU to embark on a wide range of successful careers in various sectors such as the financial sector in organisations such as Royal Bank of Scotland, Capita, Standard Life Investment and Lloyds Bank. Many of our graduates enter management training programmes in companies such as Diageo, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, John Lewis and Marks and Spencer. Others have set up their own businesses, entered teaching or taken their learning further as postgraduate students.

Our international hospitality, tourism and events management students have progressed to successful careers in a variety of organisations such as Disney World, VisitScotland and EventScotland. Many others are carving a career pathway with Sheraton, Gleneagles, Malmaison and Hotel du Vin, Hilton, RF Hotels, as well as many smaller privately owned companies in tourism, hospitality and events. Some students have started up their own hospitality, tourism or events business.

There is 100% satisfaction with our business management courses in the National Student Survey 2025.

BA (Hons) Business Management routes



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code See column 2

Duration 4 years

Start date September 2027

Delivery On campus and on placement

Study abroad Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BCCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

T-Level: Management and Administration Full T-Level Passing Grade A* - C

Required subjects: English required and Maths preferred at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Life skills at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

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Along with theoretical business knowledge, our Business Management degree routes will give you the practical experience you need to make your professional mark from day one.

Let's talk business. When you study for a degree in business management at QMU you will gain a deep understanding of the nature and core functions of businesses. How do successful companies manage their resources? What is the best way to make an organisation environmentally sustainable? What marks out a successful business? People do business with people. If you have first-class management skills and practical expertise, people are going to want to work with you. Our business management degree routes are designed to give you the knowledge and skills that you need to thrive in the fast-moving marketplaces of tomorrow.

We offer the following five business management routes:

- BA (Hons) Business Management (N100 on UCAS)
- BA (Hons) Business Management with Analytics (N101 on UCAS)
- BA (Hons) Business Management with Digital Marketing (N106 on UCAS)
- BA (Hons) Business Management with Finance (N104 on UCAS)
- BA (Hons) Business Management with Human Resource Management (N105 on UCAS)

Whichever business management path you take, you will be equipped with the skills employers are looking for: negotiation, project management, problem solving, critical thinking and team working. The business management degree routes are designed to give you the knowledge and skills that you need to thrive in the fast-moving marketplaces of tomorrow.

Why QMU?

- Tailor your degree in the direction you want your career to go
- Workplace experience
- Gain great industry insights and contacts
- Excellent support from staff
- Staff expertise
- Stimulating learning environment
- Gain in-demand practical skills
- Professional links
- The course achieved a 100% overall satisfaction rate in the National Student Survey 2025.

See full course entry for more information on 'Why QMU?'.

CAREERS: Our business management degrees can open the door to a wide range of exciting career options and opportunities and as a graduate you will be well prepared to enter the world of work. Our graduates are highly employable, internationally recognised and desired by employers. Some employers where our graduates have secured graduate level employment after the organisational placement include BlackRock, Enterprise Rent A Car, Turner & Townsend and others. The structure of our courses ensures that our graduates are ready to hit the ground running when they graduate. This is a degree that works. In general management, marketing, sales management, logistics, financial services, operations management and human resource management, our graduates are proving their worth to companies in the UK and internationally. Our courses open doors for a huge variety of jobs.

BA (Hons) Business Psychology

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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code N110

Duration 4 years

Start date September 2027

Delivery On campus

Study abroad No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BCCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

T-Level: Management and Administration Full T-Level Passing Grade A* - C

Required subjects: English required and Maths preferred at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Life skills at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

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Are you interested in a people-focused career in business? By bringing together the study of business management and psychology, this course will give you a strong foundation for a career in human resource management, marketing, organisational development or general business management.

With an emphasis on real-world learning and practical skills as well as theory, this new course focuses on building your employability and enabling you to thrive in jobs focused on getting the best out of people in the workplace. The people and business skills you gain will position you well, not only for a range of in-demand roles following graduation, but also for future management and leadership roles.

Why QMU?

- Gain skills that employers are looking for
- Be part of a Business School that aims to provide you with an exceptional teaching and learning experience designed to help you succeed
- Gain great industry insights and contacts
- Excellent support from staff
- Staff expertise
- Stimulating learning environment
- Gain in-demand practical skills
- Professional links
- This course shares modules with our BA (Hons) Business Management which achieved a 100% overall satisfaction rate in the National Student Survey 2025.

See full course entry for more information on 'Why QMU?'.

CAREERS: Graduates of this course will have excellent employment prospects across a variety of fields in the public, private and third sectors. The degree is particularly relevant to those seeking high-demand careers such as human resource management and marketing and associated professions. Suitable future roles would include human resource advisers, human resource business partners, organisational development consultants and marketing managers.

Many graduates also choose to pursue postgraduate study, whether it be with us here at QMU or elsewhere. Our MSc International Management and Leadership and MSc International Marketing courses are very attractive to graduates who want to further their studies.

BA (Hons) International Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	N890
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBC, Minimum - BCCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H3 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

Required subjects: Maths and English at Nat 5/GCSE level are preferred at grade C/4 or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

FOR MORE ENTRY REQUIREMENT INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

This course offers a dynamic blend of business management training and hands-on experience tailored to the demands of top employers in international hospitality, tourism and events. Its experiential approach will empower you with strong leadership capabilities and practical know how, positioning you ahead of other graduates and unlocking a wide range of exciting career opportunities in these fast-paced industries.

The hospitality, tourism and events industries have seen remarkable growth in recent decades, becoming key drivers of both the Scottish and global economies—now accounting for one in ten jobs worldwide and supporting a vast number of enterprises. The events sector, in particular, has flourished over the past 20 years, ranging from pop-up food festivals to major corporate gatherings, trade shows and Scotland's iconic Edinburgh festivals. While these sectors can be viewed as distinct, they are deeply interconnected. Throughout your course, you'll explore these links through experiential learning that brings theory to life. You'll gain hands-on experience by creatively planning and delivering live events, participating in group walking tours, and leading real-world business consultancy projects. A 20-week paid industry internship will further enhance your practical skills and significantly boost your employability.

Studying in Edinburgh—renowned as 'the festival city' and one of the world's top tourist destinations—offers a rich learning environment. With a wide array of hospitality and event venues on your doorstep, you'll have access to internships, field trips to distilleries and other attractions, part-time work, and graduate career opportunities. You'll also benefit from guest lectures delivered by leading professionals from Scotland's tourism, hospitality, and events sectors.

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Why QMU?

- Develop real-world skills
- Nurturing your soft skills
- Range of employment opportunities:
- Excellent support from staff
- Staff experience and course relevance
- Practical experience
- Opportunities, awards and scholarships
- Location and employment opportunities
- Industry links
- Our rankings

See full course entry for more information on 'Why QMU?'.

CAREERS: This course offers a strong foundation for launching a career in hospitality, tourism, and events management. It can serve as a gateway to management training programmes with multinational hotel chains, or lead to junior management roles in areas such as food and beverage, sales and marketing, human resources, and accommodation services. Graduates may also pursue careers in tourism management with tour operators, national or local tourism organisations, or at a wide range of visitor attractions. For those passionate about events, opportunities abound in festival and event management, arts administration, logistics, conference production, sponsorship coordination and charity fundraising — many of which also intersect with the hospitality sector. Our students are highly sought after, with many securing employment directly through their internships, campus networking events, or independently.



EDUCATION

Are you thinking about a career in teaching or education more broadly? Do you want to make a real difference in the world, today and for future generations?

Drawing on expertise across the University, we offer education courses with a focus on wellbeing, resilience, child welfare and inequality. You will discover a vibrant and stimulating teacher education experience, where you will study and work with a range of community organisations, schools, parents, local government and children's services.

At undergraduate level, we offer the following courses:

- BA (Hons) Primary Education
- BA (Hons) Education
- BA Early Learning and Childcare (Graduate Apprenticeship)

Our BA (Hons) Primary Education will give you a professional qualification to teach in primary schools. Our BA (Hons) Education is a broad-based social sciences degree with an emphasis on education. Our new BA Early Learning and Childcare (Graduate Apprenticeship) is for those already working in an early years setting who want to develop their practice.

At postgraduate level, we also offer a PGDE Secondary in Business Education, Home Economics or Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies.

Why QMU?

Our courses are designed to meet the challenges as well as recognise the rewards of teaching children and young people in the 21st century.

Our courses will actively engage you in contemporary issues in psychology and sociology, helping you develop a sound knowledge base of children's developmental pathways and the range of factors that affect them, studying, for example, the impact of poverty and deprivation in early years. Students will learn about global health and learning inequality, the impact of adversities such as homelessness, neglect and migration, and the importance of creativity and the natural environment for our wellbeing. These courses are designed to help you engage with contemporary socio-political issues to help make a difference as a teacher, at an individual, community and national level.

Gain practical skills

You will gain essential practical skills through supported placements in a range of settings, traditional and specialised. Our courses offer a rounded and grounded education, preparing you to be an autonomous, critically thinking reflective professional.

This fresh, new approach to teacher education offers an exciting variety of learning and assessment methods which includes an important element of outdoor learning.

Our distinctive approach to learning and teaching

Our teacher education portfolio sits within the Division of Psychology, Sociology and Education at QMU and shares the acclaimed approach taken by our psychology and sociology courses in being intellectually rigorous and student-centred, with a focus on wellbeing, social engagement and diversity at their core.

Preparing you for a fulfilling career

Our BA (Hons) Primary Education course will give you the expertise, confidence and professional qualification you need to teach in primary schools. It will prepare you to inspire a class of young learners, and will engage you in the wider social issues that affect education on every

level and how this in turn influences educational outcomes for children.

Our BA (Hons) Education degree will prepare you for a range of careers working with learners of all ages and abilities and in all settings and contexts. Your professional pathways could include educational contexts other than the traditional classroom such as adult community education, overseas humanitarian education or teaching roles in special settings such as hospitals.

You could use the degree as a building block for postgraduate studies, moving on into our Master of Research (MRes) where you will be supported and inspired to undertake research in an area you are passionate and curious about, or undertake one of our new online master's courses in MA Education, MA Education Leadership, MA Special and Inclusive Education and MA Early Childhood Education.

Graduates from our PGDEs will be fully qualified to fill vital posts in secondary schools.



BA Early Learning and Childcare (Graduate Apprenticeship)*

*Subject to validation

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	N/A please apply directly on the QMU website
Duration	2 years (Years Two and Three only)
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	Workplace learning

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please note there is no Year One entry for this course currently planned for 2027.

Year Two: Typically, students will have an HNC in Childhood Practice at SCQF Level 7. However, we consider candidates on a case-by-case basis including taking prior learning and work experience into account.

Eligibility Criteria for the Graduate Apprenticeship:

The course is open to existing employees and new recruits working full or part time in early years settings in Scotland.

You must also be:

- aged 16 or over (there is no maximum age limit);
- resident in Scotland and have been living here for three years before starting your degree;
- normally working in an early year setting in Scotland for a minimum of 21 hours per week; and,
- able to show that you have a right to work in Scotland.

FOR MORE ENTRY REQUIREMENT INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

A Graduate Apprenticeship is an opportunity for you to learn whilst you earn and this new two-year BA Early Learning and Childcare (Graduate Apprenticeship) will allow you to undertake degree-level study and develop your professional practice whilst working in an early years setting.

This course is ideal for early years professionals who are either:

- new to the sector aiming to gain practitioner registration or,
- early in their career, looking to deepen and develop their practice.

This course will enable you to expand your professional skills, knowledge, and expertise to make a positive impact on children's lives.

Fitting around your work commitments, this course is a practical and integrated way to develop expertise with your current employer, who will also benefit from having you, a highly skilled, motivated and ambitious employee, on their team.

Completion of the degree leads to registration at practitioner level in Day Care of Children Services with the Scottish Social Services Council.

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Why QMU?

- Our expertise brings a new approach to education studies: This course offers a fresh, modern and ambitious approach to early learning that is based on contemporary research in the social sciences.
- Combines theoretical and practical learning opportunities: You will use your educational research and theory in practical ways in your current employment.
- Benefits from the expertise, values and vision of the Education team at QMU: Our staff are experts in their field and are actively involved in research activities, ensuring that our courses are up to date and relevant.
- Innovative teaching methods: You will benefit from a range of teaching methods, including work-based learning, in-person learning and an online virtual learning environment.
- A socially responsible university: We focus on courses which will produce graduates ready to make a difference in the world.
- Feel supported: You will be assigned a Personal Academic Tutor (PAT) who will help guide you through your studies.

CAREERS: This Graduate Apprenticeship will allow you to expand your skills, knowledge and expertise. With further study, it could also support progression to a managerial role in the sector or to wider academic and teaching roles.

BA (Hons) Primary Education

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	X120
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - ABBB, Minimum - BBBB

A Level: BBC

ILC: H2 H2 H2 H3

IB: 30 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

HNC: HNC in a related subject with B in the graded unit, plus Higher English at grade C and Maths Nat 5 at grade C or equivalent.

Required subjects:

- Higher English AND Maths at Nat 5 at grade C or above. We can also accept Nat 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.
- A levels: GCSE English Literature C/4* AND GCSE English Language C/4* AND GCSE Maths C/4 or above ILC: English H2 AND Maths O4*
- IB to include HL English and SL Maths at grade 4 or above

Direct entry: Available

FOR MORE ENTRY REQUIREMENT INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

This dynamic and impactful BA (Hons) in Primary Education is Scotland's newest teacher education course and will give you the expertise, confidence and professional qualification you need to embark on a rewarding career as a primary teacher.

The course provides a fresh, innovative approach to teacher education that is grounded in evidence-based research in the social sciences, recognising the rewards and challenges that teaching presents in the 21st century. It paves the way to a career as a primary school teacher where you will genuinely make a difference in the world and inspire our future citizens.

This course is about more than simply preparing you to inspire a class of young learners; it will engage you in the wider socio-political issues that affect education on every level and how this in turn influences educational outcomes for children. Placements form a large part of this course and are integral on your journey to become a teacher.

At QMU we are committed to widening access to education and we welcome applications from all backgrounds and genders.

We hope you feel as passionate about this new direction as we do and look forward to receiving your application.

CAREERS: You will graduate fully qualified to work as a primary school teacher. By law graduates must register with the GTCS before they can be employed as a teacher in a Scottish education authority nursery, primary, secondary or special school. A teacher's fitness to teach (ie in terms of conduct) will be considered at the point of application for registration. Graduates will be provisionally registered with GTCS, and Home/Rest of UK/Republic of Ireland students will be eligible to join the Teacher Induction Scheme and undertake a one-year induction in a Scottish primary school to become fully registered with the GTCS. For information on teacher salaries in Scotland, visit the Teach in Scotland website: <https://teachinscotland.scot/>

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Why QMU?

- Our expertise brings a new approach to teacher training: Our education courses draw on QMU's expertise in, and focus on, wellbeing, resilience, child welfare and inequality. You will learn how to assess individual needs and plan inclusive learning experiences taking account of diversity and difference. You will also develop your skills in outdoor learning and be able to take advantage of our brand new outdoor classroom resource. This is a fresh, modern and ambitious approach to teacher education, offering a forward-looking, evidence-based approach to teacher training.
- Strong community focus: Our teaching degree is distinctive in its focus on education in community settings, as well as in schools, and builds on our strong existing collaborations with local and national community organisations.
- The first step to a rewarding career: This is an intellectually inspiring course that is your first step on a rewarding career in education.
- A course for those who want to make a difference: A curriculum and ethos suited to those with a social conscience who want to engage with socio-political issues and make a difference.

BA (Hons) Education

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	X121
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBCC, Minimum - BBCC

A Level: CCC

ILC: H3 H3 H3 H3

IB: 26 points

T-Level: Full Education and Early Years T-Level Passing Grade A* - C

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

Required subjects: English required and Maths preferred at Nat 5/GSCE level at grade C/4 or above. We can also accept Nat 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same

Direct entry: Available

FOR MORE ENTRY REQUIREMENT INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

Discover Scotland's only interdisciplinary education degree, blending insights from education, psychology, ecology and sociology. You'll explore systems, policies and practices, while examining the social and cultural factors shaping learning.

This modern course prepares you for diverse careers—from community learning and outdoor education to curriculum design, educational technology, policy, and more. It's also an excellent foundation for postgraduate primary teaching.

Gain practical experience through community-based placements and benefit from QMU's Outdoor Learning Hub. Broaden your perspective with international exchange opportunities in Australia, Canada or the USA.

Part of QMU's Division of Psychology, Sociology and Education, this course combines academic rigour with real-world application. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and genders.

Why QMU?

- Our expertise brings a new approach to education studies: This course offers a fresh, modern, interdisciplinary and ambitious

CAREERS: This unique course prepares you for a wide range of educational careers. You might pursue opportunities in community learning and development, outdoor learning, museums, education administration, curriculum development, educational technology, international aid settings, policy work, and more. You will graduate with subject-specific knowledge as well as a range of transferrable skills, including strong interpersonal skills, effective communication in a variety of formats, critical thinking and analytical skills, organisational abilities, time management and team working. You might also choose to go on to further study, for example, to become a social worker, teacher or counsellor. You will benefit from careers support during your studies and after graduation.

Please note that this degree course does not lead to a teaching qualification, and graduates are not eligible for GTCS registration without further post-graduate study

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approach to education studies that is based on contemporary research in the social sciences. You will develop a thorough understanding of current issues in education, psychology and sociology, and gain in-demand skills in research and interprofessional working.

- A pathway to a range of careers or further study: The versatility of skills acquired on this course opens doors to diverse career paths. This may involve working closely with people of all ages in communities and third or private sector organisations, within creative and cultural sectors, outdoor learning and the nature-based services, or teaching via the post-graduate route. The course also offers opportunities to progress to further study in social and educational policy postgraduate research, leading toward careers in governmental, non-governmental or educational organisations
- Combines theoretical and practical learning opportunities: You will have the opportunity for community-based placements, chosen based on your own interests, which will help you connect educational research and theory in practical ways.

FILM, COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN

The global creative industries have never been so influential in our politics, our society and our individual lives. Our film, communication and design courses offer you the opportunity to engage with the debates in these fields and to develop highly valued, industry-relevant skills.

You'll study the way in which the various creative industries work, and gain the practical expertise you'll need to make a difference as you build your career.

We offer the following undergraduate degree courses:

- BA (Hons) Digital and Graphic Design
- BA (Hons) Digital Marketing and Public Relations
- BA (Hons) Film and Media

Why QMU?

Our new BA (Hons) Digital and Graphic Design draws on our existing expertise and is an exciting addition to our portfolio. It will prepare you to enter the fastest growing sector of the creative industries, for the design career of your choice. It will equip you with a broad range of in-demand digital and design skills, allowing you to build a professional portfolio and create links with invited industry professionals. Your developing design networks will allow you to make the most of your learning on the programme, rooted in creativity, core design skills and innovation.

Our professionally recognised BA (Hons) Digital Marketing and Public Relations course provides the strategic insight, creative practical skills and industry experience to kickstart your career in the fast-paced and rapidly growing industries of digital marketing and PR. You will get to work with live clients as well as have the opportunity to go on placement, where you can put your knowledge and skills into action. When you graduate you will be ready to make your mark in a wide range of career roles, for example as a digital marketing executive, PR executive, social media strategist, advertising executive, digital content creator, publicity and promotions executive, SEO strategist, digital advertising executive or events manager.

Our BA (Hons) Film and Media course gives you the opportunity to study film as an artistic, cultural and commercial enterprise. You'll engage in deep critical thinking about culture, media and society as a whole. You will develop real-world technical skills in video and media production, as well as teamwork, academic research, project management and a variety of forms of communication. Modules in the first two years will introduce you to key developments in film and media, including the emergence of cinema and the establishment of national broadcasting systems, alongside key concepts such as narrative, popular culture and citizenship. In later years you will be able to choose from a range of electives

that allow you to tailor the course to your own particular interests.

All of our film, communications and creative industries courses give you the chance to learn practical skills and approaches that will enhance your business sense and employability. Many of our students have gone on to create their own successful companies and we have an in-house Startup Studio to help you get your enterprise up and running.

Our approach to learning and teaching

Our degrees are modular and you will benefit from a variety of teaching methods including lectures, seminars and workshops. Problem-based learning and group work are vital in developing the key skills you'll need in the workplace. Assessment methods also vary and include visual portfolios, written reports, client projects, digital content creation, visual essays, presentations, films, design projects and peer assessment.

We have digital editing suites and post-production facilities where students have access to Adobe creative editing software including Adobe Premiere, After Effects, Photoshop, and Audition. Design students have access to a fully equipped Mac suite, alongside professional level 3D printing equipment. Filmmaking equipment includes Canon 250D, Sony Alpha 7S, Zenmuse x5R, Blackmagic URSA Mini Pro G2, Blackmagic 6K Pocket and GoPro cameras with accessories such as shoulder rigs, tripods, sliders, tracks and external monitors, semi-pro news-gathering cameras (P2 and AVCHD), a variety of lighting kits (including LED and tungsten) and digital sound recording devices (Tascam and Zoom). Students also have access to a green screen studio, one of only two 'infinity' green screen facilities in Edinburgh. For photographic work, students have access to a range of cameras including Canon DSLRs with specialist lens and lighting equipment, and post-production software including Adobe Lightroom. All students currently enrolled on practical modules have access remotely to Adobe's Creative suite, so they can use the software on their own laptops/computers.



Across all three courses the first two years are a combination of specialist and shared modules, giving students a thorough grounding in the subject area. You will learn about the historical forces that have shaped the global film industries, communication sectors and creative and cultural landscape and you will engage with debates on contemporary topics in these fields. For example, this is a very relevant time to be studying the role of publicity and social campaigning in our contemporary democracy, as well as the role that creativity and cultural industries play in a digital society.

The media industries are rapidly changing and we are continually updating our modules to keep up with the latest changes in the communications landscape. No matter which course you choose, you will learn about the artistic and creative digital work that shapes the societies we live in. You will also gain a wide range of transferable skills, such as creating digital content, making presentations, undertaking research, managing social media and developing client briefs, further preparing you for a variety of workplaces and careers.

Our staff are well connected to industry and employers are supportive and complimentary about what our students learn. All of our courses include specialist guest lectures from a range of practitioners and visiting professors. Furthermore, we actively encourage and support all students to gain some work experience while on their course. Digital Marketing students benefit from a compulsory placement while industry-based learning opportunities are an integral part of all three degrees. Our students tell us that work experience is an

invaluable part of their coursework, enabling them to put what they have learnt into practice and a number of students have secured permanent positions through the contacts that they have made.

Many of our students snap up the opportunity to study for a semester abroad during their course and we have university partners in Australia, Canada and the USA (subject to availability).

Research-informed teaching

The majority of our staff are actively engaged in cutting-edge and inspirational research that they continually reflect in the course material. Recent and ongoing scholarship includes: visual communication design, critical dialogue, engagement and action research; melodrama in film; documentary film, social photography; political communication; film festivals; and screen education.

Preparing you for a multitude of career routes

As a graduate of QMU you will have the skills, knowledge and experience that forward-thinking employers need. Our graduates go on to work in a variety of careers, not only in the UK, but also across the world. However, should you choose to remain in Scotland, you are well placed to benefit from job opportunities, with Edinburgh playing home to the second highest number of public and private sector headquarters in the UK after London and with a growing number of film, design and communications companies choosing to base their businesses in Scotland's capital city.



“What particularly stood out to me with this new course at QMU was the blend of creative and practical aspects and the content around PR. I am a huge social science person and love all aspects of connecting with people and making an impact. I am also an avid photographer and enjoy being in touch with my creative side, so it stood out to me that there are film and videography aspects within the BA (Hons) Digital Marketing & PR course.”

Megan Campbell, Digital Marketing and PR student

BA (Hons) Digital and Graphic Design

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	P401
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBC, Minimum - BCCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H3 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

Required subjects: A Higher in Art and Design, Graphic Communication or Media is preferred. English is required and Maths preferred at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C or above.

We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Other requirements: As part of the selection process suitably qualified applicants will be required to submit a digital 'lookbook' portfolio.

Direct entry: Available

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We are excited to offer a digital and graphic design course that will prepare you to thrive in the fast-paced, ever-evolving world of digital media and graphic design. This cutting-edge digital and graphic design course will merge creative expression with advanced technological skills, equipping you with the tools to excel in the creative industries of tomorrow. It will include hands-on learning opportunities, enable you to make valuable industry connections, and will nurture your creativity.

QMU has an excellent reputation for producing work-ready graduates in the complementary fields of digital marketing, digital content creation, public relations, film and media production and costume design, and this new industry-focused degree is an exciting addition to our portfolio that is set to produce graduates who can thrive in the growing design industry.

The Scottish Government reported in 2019 that there were over 137,000 people in Scotland working in design occupations and the sector has seen a 9% average annual growth in total turnover over the past ten years. It is one of the fastest growing sub-sectors of the creative industries and this trend is set to continue.

This new digital and graphic design course will be of interest if you are:

- culturally curious and embrace global design influences and audience needs;
- a creative thinker ready to pioneer emerging tech and digital tools as a means of effective visual communication;
- a detail-oriented individual with an eye for precision and aesthetics; and
- a problem-solver ready to tackle real-world challenges with innovative, sustainable and inclusive solutions.

The course offers an exciting combination of creativity, technical

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expertise and real-world experience. By graduation, you will have developed the creative and technical skills necessary to adapt and excel in a continually evolving design industry.

Why QMU?

- Hands-on learning in real-world scenarios
- Industry connections and employability focused
- Fosters your creative development:
- Breadth of curriculum preparing you for a wide variety of roles in media, communication and the cultural industries.
- Our reputation and expertise

See full course entry for more information on 'Why QMU?'.

CAREERS: Graduates of this course will be well prepared for a variety of roles in the creative sector and beyond, including: UX designer; digital designer; graphic designer; social media designer; motion designer; content creator; sole trader; and freelancer. You may also wish to consider postgraduate study.

The course's strong focus on both technical skills and creative thinking ensures that students will be versatile and adaptable to the evolving demands of the industry.

As a centre for specialist design agencies, Edinburgh provides great employment opportunities on graduation. There are in-house design roles in the private and public sectors across Edinburgh, and indeed Scotland. Digital designers are working in sectors as diverse as hospitality and tourism, the arts, the NHS, energy, financial services and IT.

BA (Hons) Digital Marketing and Public Relations



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	P212
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BBCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

Required subjects: English or Media Studies preferred at Higher/A Level. English required and Maths preferred at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C/4 or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

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Digital marketing and public relations (PR) are interdisciplinary fields that offer many rewarding career opportunities. Our professionally recognised BA (Hons) in Digital Marketing and Public Relations course provides the strategic insight, critical thinking, practical skills and industry experience you need to kickstart your career in these innovative, fast-paced and rapidly growing industries.

On this course you will enjoy frontline professional experience and tuition informed by cutting-edge scholarship. You will have access to and use a host of digital tools and software meaning that when you start your career in digital marketing and PR you will have a working knowledge of the products used by practitioners. You will also complete a four-week placement, allowing you to put your skills and knowledge into practice and further enhance your learning experience.

The incorporation of elements of both digital marketing and public relations means this course offers a more holistic and comprehensive educational experience than available elsewhere. We are also distinct from other courses in that we offer unrivalled expertise in media production and creative practice. Our students learn how to be great storytellers across a range of mediums from writing blogs and news releases to creating videos and podcasts and designing creative social media posts, infographics and websites.

Why QMU?

- Sought after graduates
- Project work will prepare you for the real world
- Course recognition by industry bodies
- Experienced teaching team
- Valuable work experience
- International projects combine marketing and PR

- Professional body membership for students
- Unrivalled expertise in media production and creative practice

See full course entry for more information on 'Why QMU?'.

CAREERS: QMU has an enviable reputation for producing graduates who are ready to go into fast-paced careers in digital marketing, public relations and events management. Our graduates are highly employable and much sought after. A number of students are offered permanent jobs by companies that hosted them on placement and are now winning industry awards for top public relations consultancies, marketing agencies, events management companies, international corporations, charities, and national and local government.

We work in close partnership with employers and the professional industry bodies to ensure our programme evolves and responds to the latest industry developments and trends. There are PR and marketing specialists in almost every field you can imagine: from national and local government to charities, finance and law firms to pharma and energy tourism, food and drink to museums and theatres.

Graduates of this course have a wide array of job opportunities due to the versatile and in-demand skills they acquire during their studies. Some of the potential career paths include: digital marketing manager; public relations executive; social media manager; content creator; SEO strategist; event planner/coordinator; marketing analyst; corporate communications specialist; press officer; influencer marketing coordinator; E-commerce manager; and advertising executive.

BA (Hons) Film and Media

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	P303
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BBCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

Required subjects: English, Media Studies, or Film Studies preferred at Higher/A level or equivalent. English required and Maths preferred at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

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Our eclectic and inspiring film and media course will give you the expertise to succeed in a variety of careers. You will learn practical filmmaking and multimedia skills and have your critical thinking faculties sharpened to a fine point, through innovative teaching and learning approaches which foster resilient and collaborative working.

Film and moving images, within the wider media and cultural industries, play a central role in our contemporary experiences of the world. Our sense of who we are, and how we think about other people and cultures, is shaped by film and moving image media. Our course offers you the opportunity to examine this influence through creative practice and critical thinking.

We will help you develop research and thinking skills to enable you to move beyond the obvious. We'll support the development of your creative skills in areas including film directing, screenwriting, editing and photography, to help you stand out from the crowd. But we'll also support your personal development through collaborative working, strengthened communication skills, and your ability to work independently and manage your time on projects. Our graduates have gone on to work in a range of areas in the creative industries, including the BBC and STV, independent production companies such as Blazing Griffin, as well as in the wider creative and marketing industries.

Why QMU?

- Preparing you for your career: The course offers a unique opportunity to study the forces that shape film and media, alongside giving you the practical skills to make a difference, and work-based learning opportunities so you can put your skills and knowledge to the test while you study.

- See your work on the 'big screen': A selection of students' final-year films are screened annually at an end-of-

year show at a cinema in central Edinburgh, with additional annual awards ceremonies and screenings on campus for work across all four years.

- Great facilities for learning and teaching: You'll learn in our specialist on-campus facilities including digital editing suites, from award winning filmmakers, internationally renowned film and media scholars and guest speakers from the Scottish and global film industries, such as Rosie Crerar (Barry Crerar), Stephen Greenhorn (Sunshine on Leith), Hope Dickson Leach (The Levelling) and Mark Cousins (Women Make Films).

- Hone your entrepreneurial skills: Students have access to the University's Startup Studio and many of our students have gone on to create their own production companies, including Naka Media and Raw Film Productions.

- Collaborate with creative peers: Film and Media students work closely with students on other programmes, including Theatre and Film, Digital Marketing and Public Relations, Drama, Costume Design and Construction and Acting for Stage and Screen, so you are part of a vibrant creative network.

CAREERS: QMU has specialised in providing courses in the area of media and communications for many years. Our graduates are highly employable, in demand and are making names for themselves in film and television production, media research, PhD and other academic research, public relations, marketing, advertising, and arts and cultural management. Employers have previously included the BBC, STV, Edinburgh International Film Festival, Channel 4 and the Leith Agency. You will graduate as a critical maker and consumer of film and media. You will be technically competent in the field, with rounded practical skills and ready to succeed in the career of your choice.



“In one of our modules, we worked with real businesses on how to improve their operations through media. I worked with a company called Stramash, a board game that was looking to enhance sales in the US market. By setting up a social media presence and creating content plans, I made the game more accessible to a US audience.”

Finlay Reith, Film and Media student

HEALTH SCIENCES

The School of Health Sciences at QMU offers the opportunity for you to build the foundations of a rewarding career in the field of health, drawing on a firm grounding in the social, psychological and physical sciences.

Our courses are designed to develop work-ready graduates, professionals who think critically, are ready to challenge current practice and policy, and contribute to a better quality of life for individuals and society. They include placements that contribute to the learning on the course and are a requirement of the degree. All our undergraduate courses* lead to eligibility to register with the relevant statutory professional body. We prepare you for a career, not just a job.

*with the exception of Nutrition which is accredited by the Association for Nutrition

We offer the following undergraduate master's courses:

- Master of Dietetics (MDiet)
- Master of Nursing (MNurse)
- Master of Nutrition (MNutrition)
- Master of Occupational Therapy (MOccTh)
- Master of Podiatry (MPod)
- Master of Physiotherapy (MPhys)
- Master of Diagnostic Radiography (MDRad)
- Master of Radiotherapy and Oncology (MRRad)

We offer the following Bachelor of Science courses:

- BSc Nursing (3 years)
- BSc (Hons) Nursing (4 years)
- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (4 years)
- BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy (4 years)
- BSc Paramedic Science (3 years)

Why QMU?

Our health science courses are designed to prepare you for contemporary practice as an autonomous, critically thinking reflective professional. All our health courses are approved and recognised by the relevant regulatory bodies and/or professional bodies.

While studying at QMU, you will learn from engaging, encouraging staff who ensure that your courses are informed by current issues, policy and contemporary knowledge and are evidence based. Additionally, we offer fascinating input on current topics from respected visiting specialists, service users and carers. There are also opportunities to be involved with pioneering research, innovation and knowledge exchange.

Your learning experiences will include studying in our first-class facilities on campus and you will gain essential skills through our real-world placements.

Undergraduate master's courses

An undergraduate master's is a unique four-year course that seamlessly blends undergraduate and postgraduate studies into a single, comprehensive course. All students will enrol onto the master's route, but there is also an option to transfer to BSc (Hons) route, for more information please visit www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study/undergraduate-masters-courses/ for more details.

All of our courses lead to eligibility to register as a healthcare professional and undertake a number of clinical placements.

Our approach to learning and teaching

We support your progress through blended learning (campus and online) which includes interactive lectures, seminars, tutorials, work groups, laboratories and practical classes. Use of a clinical or personal development portfolio is undertaken on some courses, and this complements the wide range of assessments used across the disciplines. On some courses you can choose optional modules, depending on the demands of professional learning.

During your course you will hone your skills in our well-equipped specialised teaching facilities and state-of-the-art laboratories. These include a clinical simulation suite, working clinics, food science kitchens, movement and research laboratories, and you will gain essential skills through our real-world placements.

Interprofessional cross-school learning and teaching are important components of our courses, allowing you to engage with other professional learners who will be your peers in the working environment. Working together as students helps to break down barriers between professions before entering the workplace.

Being work ready is vital in our professions, and we will help you prepare for this exciting challenge from Year One through both your on-campus learning and placements. All module work, theoretical or practical, relates to professional practice. We have excellent links with the government, industry, the third sector and the NHS across Scotland and further afield; these links and our collaborations with private, occupational, social services and other care providers are key to our ability to offer relevant placements. On placements you will further develop interprofessional links, learning to understand the role and boundaries of professions and become aware of different or shared leadership working practices.

Research informed teaching

Our aim is to ensure that our research findings offer currency and relevance to your learning. Understanding research, epidemiology and public health data helps to develop and enhance your critical thinking and questioning, essential skills for ensuring that your practice is evidence based.

The School of Health Sciences research has four main fields: rehabilitation sciences; speech, language and communication; health care policy and practice; and person-centred practice. All students have the opportunity to engage in several ways with the wide range of research being undertaken, for example, as novice researchers during project work, being trial participants or attending keynote lectures and seminars.

You will be taught by lecturers and PhD students who are engaged in scholarly activity and research and who may have published research in internationally renowned academic and professional journals.

Great career prospects

Our courses will give you the professional skills and expertise you need for a rewarding career. Many of these skills are embedded in our teaching and practice, and we will actively encourage your learning in verbal and non-verbal communication, teamwork, presentation skills and delegation. Our graduates have skills and knowledge to enter career paths, not just in the NHS but in research, healthcare management, government and policy practice, private practice and industry, sports-related roles or in health promotion and fitness. You could also choose to progress straight to higher degree learning on an MSc or PhD course.

“The course has exceeded my expectations, there is a lot of variety, and we learn about the way the whole body works. There is a nice mix of theory (anatomy, pathophysiology) and practical skills with time in clinic”

Luca Khan, Podiatry student



“Nursing has been an amazing experience, from working during the pandemic to attending international lectures as a member of SIGMA. There have been many moments that I look back on and think how lucky I have been. I have always enjoyed the applied science lectures and opportunities to expand my knowledge base. QMU students are always offered a multitude of different ways to better themselves – there are always things to explore that will help develop you academically and personally.”

Rowan Sinclair, Nursing student



Master of Dietetics



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B410
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBC, Minimum - BCCC

A Level: BCC

Irish Leaving Certificate: H2 H3 H3 H3

International Baccalaureate: 28 points

International: IELTS of 7.0 with no element lower than 6.5.

Required subjects: Biology and Chemistry are normally required at Higher/A level or equivalent. English and Mathematics at Nat 5/GSCE level at grade C/4 or above are also required.

Direct entry: A small number of places may be available for direct entry to Year Two of the course. These applications will be considered on an individual basis.

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This four-year undergraduate Master of Dietetics course will equip you with the expertise and practical skills that you need to work as a registered dietitian in the health and social care sector. You will thrive in our supportive environment, and benefit from placements along with practical experience in our specialist clinical facilities on campus.

Dietetics is a fascinating field that focuses on the management and prevention of nutrition-related disorders at an individual, group and population level. Dietitians are the only regulated health professionals that assess, diagnose and treat dietary and nutrition-related problems at an individual and wider public health level.

There are many strands of knowledge that you will master on your way to a career as a dietitian. This course has been carefully structured to integrate theoretical study in different fields with the practical experience needed to develop the skills required to work as a graduate dietitian.

Please note all students apply and enrol onto the master's route and there will be an option to transfer to a BSc (Hons) route at the end of Year One. QMU is committed to providing students with exceptional educational opportunities, and our undergraduate master's degrees are no exception. With their unique structure and emphasis on advanced learning, this course is designed to propel you towards a successful and fulfilling career and seamlessly blends undergraduate and postgraduate studies into a single, comprehensive course. You can read more about our undergraduate master's courses on page 42.

Why QMU?

- Learn from experienced research active staff: You will be taught by experienced Registered Dietitians, Registered Nutritionists and other appropriately qualified staff who are research active. Their applied research and professional links inform the teaching on the course, keeping it up to date with current thinking in the field.

- Practice-based learning (placements) provide the opportunity to integrate practice with theory: In Years Two, Three and Four, you will learn real-world skills as you carry out practice-based learning within health and social care settings and during other opportunities with voluntary and third sector organisations.

- Develop key skills that will help you work effectively with others: Throughout the course there is a strong emphasis on developing communication, team-working and leadership skills, supported by academic and student services to help you fulfil your potential.

- Professional registration and accreditation: The course is accredited by the British Dietetic Association and approved by the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC). On graduation, you will be eligible to apply for registration with the HCPC as a dietitian.

CAREERS: Most graduates elect to work within various healthcare settings, including the NHS. Others work in health education, health promotion, general practice, private healthcare, academia and government advisory posts. Some graduates apply for the opportunity to study for a higher degree (MSc, MPhil or PhD).

BSc Nursing*

*Three-year ordinary degree



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B760
Duration	3 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBC, Minimum - BCC

A Level: BB/CDD

ILC: H2 H3 H3

IB: 24 points

International: IELTS of 7.0 (with no component below 7.0 for reading, speaking and listening, and 6.5 for writing).

Required subjects: It would be preferred that all combinations of qualifications include a science and discursive subject at the higher level such as Scottish Higher or A Level. Applicants without this must have achieved National 5/GCSE level English and a Science subject at grade C/4 or above. Mathematics is also required at National 5/GCSE level at grade C/4 or above or equivalent. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

FOR MORE ENTRY REQUIREMENT INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

This three-year BSc Nursing course will prepare you to become a confident, compassionate and critically thinking nurse, equipped with the knowledge, skills and leadership qualities required for a successful and rewarding career in healthcare. On completion, you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as a registered Adult Nurse.

You will engage in practice learning experiences (PLEs) in a variety of healthcare settings, supported by experienced clinical mentors and academic staff. These PLEs will allow you to apply theory to practice and develop the confidence to deliver safe, effective, and person-centred care.

This course allows you to graduate and become a qualified nurse within only three years, rather than the four years required for the Master of Nursing (see page 47) or BSc (Hons) Nursing (see page 46). The entry requirements are lower for this route, so applicants may be eligible for this who are not eligible for either of the other routes. You will qualify with an Ordinary Degree at SCQF Level 9, whereas the BSc (Hons) Nursing awards an Honours Degree at SCQF Level 10, and the MNurse awards a master's degree at SCQF Level 11.

CAREERS: This course will give you the confidence and expertise you need to succeed in the field of nursing that you choose. Your professional and graduate prospects will be excellent. You will have a diverse range of career options in the UK and overseas.

QMU nursing graduates are working in a range of diverse clinical practice settings, for example, acute medical and surgical areas, long term, community and rehabilitation contexts. Many have forged careers outside of the traditional hospital setting by working in the Armed Forces, in research, leadership and education roles. You can also advance your nursing career through postgraduate studies, although postgraduate courses typically require some time in practice first.

Why QMU?

- Accelerated route to a nursing degree: Complete your degree in three years while meeting all Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) requirements for theory and practice hours.

- Practice-focused: Gain extensive clinical experience through diverse PLEs across NHS and community settings.

- Learning and teaching methods to help prepare you for practice: Engage in simulation-based education, critical inquiry, and reflective practice to prepare for real-world challenges.

- You will be career-ready: Graduate with the skills, confidence, and professional registration to work as an Adult Nurse in the UK and internationally.

- Specialist facilities to enhance your learning: Your theoretical learning will be complemented with practice in our Clinical Simulation Suite.

- Supportive learning environment: Small classes mean you will benefit from individual support from our highly experienced course team.

BSc (Hons) Nursing



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B750
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BBBC

A Level: BCC

ILC H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 30 points

International: IELTS of 7.0 (with no component below 7.0 for Reading, Speaking and Listening, and 6.5 for Writing).

Required subjects: Normally, entrants should have one discursive subject at Higher or equivalent such as English, Philosophy, History or Modern Studies, plus a Higher or equivalent in a science subject is preferred but required at Nat 5/ GCSE level at grade C/4 or above. Entrants also require English and Mathematics at Nat 5/GSCE level at grade B/6 or above. We also accept National 5 Application of Mathematics or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

FOR MORE ENTRY REQUIREMENT INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

This four-year BSc (Hons) in Nursing course will prepare you with the knowledge, skills and leadership qualities for a successful and rewarding career in nursing. On completion you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as a registered Adult Nurse.

As a nurse, you will be at the forefront of healthcare, meeting a broad range of people who truly need your expertise and empathy. Nurses are involved in promoting health and preventing illness in addition to caring for sick and dying people. This can take place in a variety of environments, which include health centres, homes, residential/care homes and hospitals. A career in nursing can take you into leadership and management, education and research, both at home and overseas. Wherever you choose to specialise in the future, as a nurse you will be an advocate for the people in your care. You will make a difference.

CAREERS: This course will give you the confidence and expertise you need to succeed in the field of nursing that you choose. Your professional and graduate prospects will be excellent. You will have a diverse range of career options in the UK and overseas.

QMU nursing graduates are working in a range of diverse clinical practice settings, for example, acute medical and surgical areas, long term, community and rehabilitation contexts. Many have forged careers outside of the traditional hospital setting by working in the Armed Forces, in research, leadership and education roles. You can also advance your nursing career through postgraduate studies, although postgraduate courses typically require some time in practice first.

Why QMU?

- Specialist facilities to enhance your learning: Your theoretical learning will be complemented with practice in our Clinical Simulation Suite and in a variety of health and social care settings.
- The only Scottish nursing course to offer a summer break: QMU's nursing course is the only nursing course in Scotland to offer students a summer break each year (mid-May to mid-September) and allows you to experience university in the same way that students on other courses do. You could use the time to have a break from your studies, engage in extracurricular activities or exchange opportunities, or get a summer job.
- Supportive learning environment: Small classes mean you will benefit from individual support from our highly experienced course team.
- Creative learning and teaching methods: In our approach to learning and teaching, we use a range of creative ways to promote self, your self-development and skills for interacting with others.
- Professional recognition and registration: The course is approved by NMC. Successful completion leads to eligibility to register (Registered Nurse {Adult}) with the NMC.

Master of Nursing



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B740
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BBBC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 30 points

International: IELTS of 7.0 (with no component below 7.0 for Reading, Speaking and Listening, and 6.5 for Writing).

Required subjects: Normally, entrants should have one discursive subject at Higher or equivalent such as English, Philosophy, History or Modern Studies, plus a Higher or equivalent in a science subject is preferred but required at Nat 5/ GCSE level at C/4 or above. Entrants also require English and Maths at Nat 5 GSCE level at grade B/6 or above. We also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

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This four-year undergraduate Master of Nursing course will prepare you with the knowledge, skills and leadership qualities for a successful and rewarding career in nursing. On completion you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as a registered adult nurse.

As a nurse, you will be at the forefront of healthcare, meeting a broad range of people who truly need your expertise and empathy. Nurses are involved in promoting health and preventing illness in addition to caring for sick and dying people. This can take place in a variety of environments, which include health centres, homes, residential/care homes and hospitals. A career in nursing can take you into leadership and management, education and research, both at home and overseas. Wherever you choose to specialise in the future, as a nurse you will be an advocate for the people in your care. You will make a difference.

QMU is committed to providing students with exceptional educational opportunities, and our undergraduate master's degrees are no exception. With their unique structure and emphasis on advanced learning, this Master of Nursing course is designed to propel you towards a successful and fulfilling career and seamlessly blends undergraduate and postgraduate studies into a single, comprehensive course. You can read more about our undergraduate master's courses on page 42.

Why QMU?

Please refer to the 'Why QMU?' bullet points on page 46.

CAREERS: Upon successful completion of this course, you will be prepared to address complexities within the current challenging health and social care landscape.

This course will give you the confidence and expertise you need to succeed in the field of nursing that you choose. Your professional and graduate prospects will be excellent. You will have a diverse range of career options in the UK and overseas.

QMU nursing graduates are working in a range of diverse clinical practice settings, for example, acute medical and surgical areas, long term, community and rehabilitation contexts. Many have forged careers outside of the traditional hospital setting by working in the Armed Forces, in research, leadership and education roles. You can also advance your nursing career through postgraduate studies.

Doing an undergraduate master's offers you an alternative model to the traditional route of a four-year BSc degree followed by an additional one or two years to gain a master's level qualification, saving time and money.

Master of Nutrition



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B404
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBC, Minimum - BCCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H3H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS score of 6.5 with no element below 6.0

Required subjects:

- National 5/GCSE Biology or Chemistry at grade C/4 or above is required and National 5/GCSE grade C/4 in a second science subject is required
- National 5/GCSE Maths and English at grade C/4 or above is required (National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills are also accepted)
- For ILC, required subjects at O4/ H5.
- For IB, required subjects at standard level 4

See full course entry for 'preferred subjects'.

Direct entry: Available

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This four-year undergraduate Master of Nutrition/BSc (Hons) Nutrition provides a robust combination of the theoretical understanding and practical skills essential for cultivating a rewarding career as a nutritionist. You will learn the scientific, social and sustainability importance of nutrition in a modern and forward-looking university with excellent specialist facilities and equipment. Integrated real-world experiences, including a work-based placement module, will foster your practical skills.

Please note all students apply and enrol onto the master's route and there will be an option to transfer to a BSc (Hons) route at the end of Year One. QMU is committed to providing students with exceptional educational opportunities, and our undergraduate master's degrees are no exception. With its unique structure and emphasis on advanced learning, this course is designed to propel you towards a successful and fulfilling career and seamlessly blends undergraduate and postgraduate studies into a single, comprehensive course. You can read more about our undergraduate master's courses on page 42.

CAREERS: The field of nutrition provides a rich spectrum of career opportunities, and nutritionists have diverse avenues for specialisation. Nutritionists may choose to work in areas of public health nutrition, clinical nutrition, sport and exercise nutrition, academia and research, food development and consultancy, private nutrition practice and coaching.

For example, nutritionists may work within community settings or local authority public health teams with a focus on health promotion and policy. Depending on the role, their work might range from creating, delivering and evaluating a range of practical and educational food-based policies and initiatives to encourage healthy lifestyle change, to providing nutritional information for food production, and to secure approval for health claims on packaging. Nutritionists also provide specialist advice for preventing specific diseases such as cardiovascular disease, type-2 diabetes and cancer, or they may provide advice on healthy eating practices to particular client groups (for example nutritional advice during pregnancy, infancy or older adulthood). Other areas of practice include, but are not limited to, working with athletes and sports teams, or working in the food sector, for example in quality management or nutritional analysis.

Why QMU?

- **Staff expertise:** Your learning will be curated by registered nutritionists and experts in the field who are actively researching some of the most interesting and impactful topics in the field of nutrition. QMU has wide ranging and widely recognised expertise in both health and food sciences, and is home to the Scottish Centre for Food Development and Innovation.
- **Excellent facilities:** You will build professional proficiency in our specialist labs, using advanced equipment and proven research techniques. The practical teaching facilities include specialist microbiology, chemistry, food handling, and nutritional assessment laboratories.
- **Professional accreditation/ registration:** The course is accredited by The Association for Nutrition (AfN) and on graduation with a MNutrition or BSc (Hons) degree you can join the voluntary Register of Nutritionists as 'Associate Nutritionist'.
- **Our rankings:** There is 90.9% overall satisfaction with this course in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2025.

BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B921
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BBCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS score of 7.0 with no element below 6.5. This is in line with HCPC registration requirements.

Required subjects: We accept a wide range of subjects at Higher, A Level or equivalent. However English is preferred, along with biology or psychology as preferred sciences, and a discursive subject such as History, Politics, or Sociology. English and Maths are required at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C/4 or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

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This four-year BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy course will prepare you for a fulfilling and impactful career, enabling people to rediscover their passions, overcome challenges, and live life to the fullest. You'll gain the expertise, skills and understanding to make a real difference, shaping lives and communities.

As an occupational therapist, you will have excellent employment prospects, in health care, social care and wellbeing, and you will work with individuals, groups and communities to foster participation in the aspects of life that people need, want and have to do.

CAREERS: The degree opens doors to a rewarding and stimulating career in NHS trusts, local authority social care departments, voluntary organisations, private practice and industry, and your skills will also support entrepreneurial initiatives. Your work as an occupational therapist may not necessarily be in a medical setting, hospital or clinic. Many of our graduates pursue the exciting diversity of employment opportunities in the community, including within the voluntary sector or primary care. The course will enable you to work as part of a health and social care team. You will develop leadership and partnership working skills and you may wish to engage with further professional development or higher level academic learning opportunities.

Why QMU?

- **Develop key skills that will help you work effectively with others:** Studying on this course will give you the expertise, people skills and conceptual understanding that you will need to work as an occupational therapist.
- **Get real-world ready:** Our course is designed with the health and social care sector in mind. You'll gain hands-on experience through practical placements, bridging the gap between theory and practice
- **Globally recognised, professionally respected:** Our course is accredited by the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) and the Royal College of Occupational Therapists. It is recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT). Graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Health & Care Professions Council.
- **Top-ranked for success:** Join a course renowned for its excellence. In the Complete University Guide 2026, this course ranked 1st in Scotland (Counselling, Psychotherapy & Occupational Therapy category).
- **A vibrant community:** Learn alongside diverse peers, including master's students and those studying related disciplines like physiotherapy and speech and language therapy. Experience a collaborative and supportive learning environment with our award-winning and diverse staff team.

Master of Occupational Therapy



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B920
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BBCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS score of 7.0 with no element below 6.5. This is in line with HCPC registration requirements.

Required subjects: We accept a wide range of subjects at Higher, A Level or equivalent. However English is preferred, along with biology or psychology as preferred sciences, and a discursive subject such as History, Politics, or Sociology. English and Maths are required at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C/4 or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

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This four-year undergraduate Master of Occupational Therapy/BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy course will prepare you for a fulfilling and impactful career enabling people to rediscover their passions, overcome challenges and live life to the fullest. You'll gain the expertise, skills, and understanding to make a real difference, shaping lives and communities and can kickstart your professional journey with a master's degree.

There are excellent employment prospects for occupational therapists in health care, social care, and wellbeing, and you will work with individuals, groups and communities to foster participation in the aspects of life that people need, want, and are expected to do.

QMU is committed to providing students with exceptional educational opportunities, and our undergraduate Master's degrees are no exception. With their unique structure and emphasis on advanced learning, this course is designed to propel you towards a successful and fulfilling career and seamlessly blends undergraduate and postgraduate studies into a single, comprehensive course. You can read more about our undergraduate master's courses on page 42.

Even if you choose to enrol onto the Masters route initially, you can opt to switch onto the BSc (Hons) route instead during your studies.

CAREERS: This course opens doors to a rewarding and stimulating career in NHS trusts, local authority social care departments, voluntary organisations, private practice and industry, and your skills will also support entrepreneurial initiatives. Your work as an occupational therapist may not necessarily be in a medical setting, hospital or clinic. Many of our graduates pursue the exciting diversity of employment opportunities in the community, including within the voluntary sector or primary care. The course will enable you to work as part of a health and social care team. You will develop leadership and partnership working skills, and you may wish to engage with further professional development or higher level academic learning opportunities.

Why QMU?

- **Develop key skills that will help you work effectively with others:** Studying on this course will give you the expertise, people skills and conceptual understanding that you will need to work as an occupational therapist.
- **Get real-world ready:** Our course is designed with the health and social care sector in mind. You'll gain hands-on experience through practical placements, bridging the gap between theory and practice, and studying at Master's level to accelerate your professional development.
- **Globally recognised, professionally respected:** Our course is accredited by the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) and the Royal College of Occupational Therapists. It is recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.
- **Top-ranked for success:** Join a course renowned for its excellence. In the Complete University Guide 2026, this course ranked 1st in Scotland (Counselling, Psychotherapy & Occupational Therapy category).
- **A vibrant community:** Learn alongside diverse peers, including other master's students, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy students, and those studying related disciplines like physiotherapy and speech and language therapy. Experience a collaborative and supportive learning environment with our award-winning and diverse staff team.

BSc Paramedic Science



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B950
Duration	3 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BBCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2, H2, H3, H3

Required subjects: To include Human Biology or Biology and a discursive subject, such as English, History, RMPS, Modern Studies, Philosophy at Higher/ A Level. English and Maths at grade C/4 or above are required plus a second science is preferred at Nat 5/GCSE level at Grade C/4 or above if not studied at Higher level. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

International: IELTS of 7.0 with no component lower than 6.5. This is in line with HCPC registration requirements.

Direct entry: Not available

Other requirements: You must be aged 18 by the 1st November 2027 in order to be eligible to start the course in September 2027 due to placement restrictions. It is strongly recommended that you hold a full driving licence, and you would be encouraged to obtain the category C1 entitlement before completing your studies.

This three-year BSc in Paramedic Science equips you with the essential skills and knowledge to deliver high-quality care outside of hospital settings. You'll learn to work effectively as part of an integrated health and social care team across diverse environments.

As a paramedic, your role involves assessing, treating and managing patients in both emergency and non-emergency situations. You may work independently or alongside other healthcare professionals in a variety of settings.

Throughout the course, you'll complete a combination of modules and practical placements each year, preparing you for a dynamic and rewarding career. Upon graduation, you'll be eligible to apply for registration with the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) as a qualified paramedic.

CAREERS: This course will enable you to work as a paramedic or in a range of other settings to contribute to the future of health and social care provision in Scotland. The role of the paramedic is expanding beyond acute trauma and will have increasing focus on the management of long-term conditions, mental health support, support of older persons and preventing hospital admissions. Following registration, individual paramedics will also be able to take on new roles, including prescribing and advanced practice.

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Why QMU?

- **An innovative and exciting course that will prepare the next generation of paramedic clinicians:** This course was developed in response to the need for all paramedics in Scotland entering the profession from 2021 to have an ordinary (BSc level) degree. This is because the role of the paramedic is expanding beyond acute trauma and will have increasing focus on the management of long term conditions, mental health support, support of older persons and preventing hospital admissions.
- **An interprofessional learning experience:** You will learn alongside students from a wide range of other health and social care professional courses, unrivalled in any other university in Scotland.
- **Professional links:** QMU works closely with local health and social care practice partners including the Scottish Ambulance Service, NHS Lothian and NHS Borders.
- **Great facilities:** You will benefit from QMU's modern surroundings and have access to specialist clinical teaching facilities.
- **Staff expertise:** You will learn from experienced academic staff with clinical currency, diverse experience from various areas of paramedic practice and research expertise.
- **Excellent student support:** A supportive learning culture that creates a 'community feeling' and promotes learner resilience and wellbeing.
- **Professional registration:** The course will prepare students to undertake the full scope of practice for a paramedic, leading to eligibility for them to apply for registration with the HCPC.

Master of Physiotherapy



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B160
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - AABBB, Minimum - AB BBB

A Level: AAB

ILC: H1 H2 H2 H2 H3

IB: 32 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 6.0.

Required subjects: Two of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths at Higher/ A Level or equivalent. Higher English is also required for those taking Highers. English is required at Higher Level for those taking the ILC. English and Maths at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C/4 or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct entry: May be available

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This four-year undergraduate Master of Physiotherapy/BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy course will equip you with the expertise and practical skills that you need to work as a registered physiotherapist in the private or public health and social care sector. You will thrive in our supportive environment, and benefit from placements each year along with practical experience in our specialist clinical facilities on campus.

Physiotherapists are healthcare professionals who use person-centred approaches to make a difference to people's lives. Physiotherapists work in a wide range of settings and focus on the management and prevention of problems relating to movement and function across the life-span.

Physiotherapy is a demanding course and we recommend that you research the career thoroughly and consider work shadowing before you apply to QMU.

Please note all students apply and enrol onto the master's route and there will be an option to transfer to a BSc (Hons) route at the end of Year One. QMU is committed to providing students with exceptional educational opportunities, and our undergraduate master's degrees are no exception. With their unique structure and emphasis on advanced learning, this course is designed to propel you towards a successful and fulfilling career and seamlessly blends undergraduate and postgraduate studies into a single, comprehensive course. You can read more about our undergraduate master's courses on page 42.

Why QMU?

- Supportive and vibrant learning environment: We are smaller by design than many universities, so you will enjoy smaller cohort size and a close, supportive relationship with our academic team. You will be part of a vibrant and social learning community that is integrated across all Physiotherapy year groups.
- Learning and teaching methods make for a great learning experience: You will benefit from a carefully considered balance of theory and practical learning. Extracurricular opportunities can further develop your physiotherapy skills.
- Professional recognition and registration: The course is approved by the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC). On graduation, you will be eligible to apply for registration with the HCPC and a physiotherapist and to apply for membership of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.
- Ranked highly in the UK: In the Complete University Guide 2026, this course ranked 3rd in Scotland and 1st of UK universities for graduate prospects in physiotherapy. In the Times and Sunday Times University Rankings 2026, we ranked 3rd in the UK (out of 44) for Physiotherapy and 33rd in the UK (out of 90) for Subjects Allied to Medicine.

CAREERS: You can work as a physiotherapist in the NHS or private practice, in hospitals and in the community or in an outpatient setting. Physiotherapy is a hugely varied career with some physiotherapists specialising in research or neurological rehabilitation or sports rehabilitation, amongst many others specialties.

Master of Podiatry



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B985
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBC Minimum - BCCC

A Level: CCC

ILC: H2 H3 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 6.0.

Required subjects: English and Maths at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C/4 or above are required. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade. A science subject is preferred but not required.

Direct entry: May be available for entry to BSc (Hons) route.

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This four-year undergraduate Master of Podiatry/BSc (Hons) Podiatry course will equip you with the expertise and practical skills that you need to work as a registered podiatrist in the private or public health and social care sector. You will thrive in our supportive environment, and benefit from placements each year along with practical experience in our specialist clinical facilities on campus.

As a podiatrist you will be a healthcare professional who has been trained to diagnose and treat abnormal conditions of the feet and lower limbs. Podiatrists work with their patients to prevent and correct deformity, keeping people mobile and active, and helping to relieve pain. Podiatrists work with people of all ages, and your patients will count on you to support and help them with a broad range of mobility and medical conditions of the foot and lower limbs. These may include muscle and joint problems as well as broader health issues such as diabetes, blood disorders and disorders of the nervous system, which may involve complex wound management.

Please note all students apply and enrol onto the master's route and there will be an option to transfer to a BSc (Hons) route at the end of Year One. QMU is committed to providing students with exceptional educational opportunities, and our undergraduate master's degrees are no exception. With their unique structure and emphasis on advanced learning, this course is designed to propel you towards a successful and fulfilling career and seamlessly blends undergraduate and postgraduate studies into a single, comprehensive course. You can read more about our undergraduate master's courses on page 42.

Why QMU?

- Learn from experienced research-active staff: You will be taught by experienced Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered podiatrists alongside other staff who are professionally and research active in the NHS and private sector. Their applied research and professional links inform the teaching on the course, keeping it up to date with current developments in podiatry and podiatric practice.
- Practice placements provide the opportunity to integrate practice with theory: Learn real-world podiatry skills on placements within an NHS setting and in other practice-based opportunities with the private and third sector.
- Professional recognition and registration: This course is approved by the Royal College of Podiatry and the HCPC. Successful completion enables application for registration with the HCPC as a podiatrist.
- Our rankings: In the Complete University Guide 2026, this course ranked 2nd in Scotland (Complementary Medicine category)

CAREERS: A career in podiatry can be very gratifying, rewarding and varied. There are excellent clinical opportunities in the NHS and in private practice and it is up to you which path to take; many podiatrists work in both sectors. Both the NHS and private podiatry sectors are expanding with respect to role, scope and overall opportunities. As such, it is an exciting time to take up a career as a podiatrist.

You can read more about 'careers' on the full course page on our website.

Master of Diagnostic Radiography



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B825
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBC, Minimum - BCCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H3 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 6.0.

Required subjects: One science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) at grade C or above at Higher/ A Level or equivalent. Plus: English, Maths and a science at grade C/4 or above at Nat 5/GCSE level. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

BSc (Hons) Direct Entry: Direct Entry into Year Two is available to the BSc (Hons) route for those who hold relevant HNC/HND qualifications. Spaces are not guaranteed for year two due to capacity constraints.

Other requirement: You must be 18 by 1st February 2028 to undertake the Year One placement.

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Diagnostic radiographers use advanced imaging technologies to produce and interpret medical images, supporting the diagnosis and treatment of conditions from fractures to complex diseases. Our four-year integrated Master of Diagnostic Radiography/BSc (Hons) combines theoretical knowledge with practical skills to prepare you for a rewarding career in this vital healthcare profession.

Clinical placements are embedded throughout the course, enabling you to apply your learning in real hospital settings. As a diagnostic radiographer, you'll work with cutting-edge equipment and collaborate within multidisciplinary teams to deliver accurate, person-centred care. This role demands technical expertise, sound judgement and strong communication skills to support patients during what can be an anxious time. Our course emphasises these qualities, ensuring you graduate confident, competent and compassionate.

Please note all students apply and enrol onto the master's route and there will be an option to transfer to a BSc (Hons) route at the end of Year One. QMU is committed to providing students with exceptional educational opportunities, and our undergraduate master's degrees are no exception. With their unique structure and emphasis on advanced learning, this course is designed to propel you towards a successful and fulfilling career and seamlessly blends undergraduate and postgraduate studies into a single, comprehensive course. You can read more about our undergraduate master's courses on page 42.

CAREERS: Most graduates begin working as Band 5 Diagnostic Radiographers within the general x-ray department, with very high graduate employment rates. Later in your career, you may have the opportunity to specialise in different aspects of diagnostic radiography, for example CT, MRI, clinical reporting, sonography, mammography and forensic radiography.

Why QMU?

- **Supportive learning environment:** You will enjoy a very high level of support and mentoring from our staff. We do not take as many students as some institutions, so you will enjoy a more individual and interactive learning experience.

- **Benefit from our clinical placement arrangements:** We have excellent relationships with our clinical placement sites that allows us to support you constantly when you are on placement. You will be exposed to a variety of clinical settings that provides you with a highly valuable and more individualised clinical experience.

- **Great specialist facilities for learning and teaching:** Our diagnostic imaging suite is equipped with a Fuji FDR Smart X digital system, a Fuji Computerised Radiography system with high resolution digital workstations and a Fuji Direct Digital mobile.

- **High graduate employment rates:** Our students are well equipped, respected and confident to start their careers as soon as, if not before, they graduate.

- **Professional accreditation/registration:** This course is accredited by the Society and College of Radiographers and approved by the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC). Successful completion enables application for registration with the HCPC as a diagnostic radiographer, which is essential for employment in the UK.

Master of Radiotherapy and Oncology



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B823
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBC, Minimum - BCCC

A Level: BCC

Irish Leaving Certificate: H2 H3 H3 H3

International Baccalaureate: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 6.0.

Required subjects: One science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) at grade C or above at Higher/ A Level or equivalent. Plus English, Maths and a science at grade C/4 or above at Nat 5/GCSE level. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct Entry: Not available

Other requirement: You must be 18 by 1st February 2028 to undertake the Year One placement.

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Therapeutic radiographers plan, deliver and manage radiotherapy treatments, primarily for patients with cancer. Our four-year integrated Master of Radiotherapy and Oncology/BSc (Hons) equips you with the knowledge, technical expertise and clinical experience needed for a rewarding career in this vital field.

This profession combines advanced technology with compassionate, person-centred care. Therapeutic radiographers work closely with multidisciplinary teams to design complex treatment plans and deliver precise radiation therapy. From initial referral through treatment and follow-up, you'll play a key role in improving patients' lives. Clinical placements throughout the course ensure you gain hands-on experience and confidence in real healthcare settings.

Please note all students apply and enrol onto the master's route and there will be an option to transfer to a BSc (Hons) route at the end of Year One. QMU is committed to providing students with exceptional educational opportunities, and our undergraduate master's degrees are no exception. With their unique structure and emphasis on advanced learning, this course is designed to propel you towards a successful and fulfilling career and seamlessly blends undergraduate and postgraduate studies into a single, comprehensive course. You can read more about our undergraduate master's courses on page 42.

CAREERS: Most graduates begin working as Band 5 therapeutic radiographers, with very high graduate employment rates. Later in your career you may be able to specialise in different aspects of therapeutic radiography, for example, clinical treatment review.

Why QMU?

- **Supportive learning environment:** You will enjoy a very high level of support and mentoring from our staff. We don't take as many students as some institutions, so you will enjoy a more individual and interactive learning experience.

- **Benefit from our clinical placement arrangements:** We have excellent relationships with clinical departments across Scotland, allowing us to support you constantly while you are on placement. You will be the only student in each treatment area during your placements, giving you more clinical time than with some other institutions.

- **Great facilities for learning and teaching:** You'll learn on specialist hi-tech facilities on campus. Our purpose-built planning suite is equipped with Varian Eclipse Planning System which facilitates teaching in all areas including cross-sectional anatomy, radiotherapy physics, radiotherapy planning/treatment and oncology management. This facility is used for direct teaching and is also a resource for students to use independently for consolidation of their own learning.

- **High graduate employment rates:** Our students are well equipped, respected and confident to start their careers as soon as they graduate, if not before.

- **Professional accreditation/registration:** This course is accredited by the Society and College of Radiographers and approved by the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC). Successful completion enables application for registration with the HCPC and CORU as a therapeutic radiographer that is essential for employment in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	B631
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BBBB

A Level: BBB

ILC: H1 H2 H2 H2 H3

IB: 32 points

International: IELTS of 8.0 with no element lower than 7.5.

Required subjects: Nat 5/GCSE level English at grade B/6 or above and Nat 5/GCSE level Maths at grade C/4 or above are required (equivalent to O3 or H4 in the Irish Leaving Certificate). National 5 /GCSE level science is also preferred.

The following subjects are preferred at Higher/A Level or equivalent: English, Languages, Psychology and Sciences. Subjects involving analytical skills (eg Modern Studies, RMPS, History, Geography, Classics, Music) may be accepted as an alternative to science, where a good level of science is demonstrated at Nat 5/ GCSE level.

Direct Entry: Not available

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Why QMU?

- **Supportive learning environment:** Our classes are small compared with some other universities, so you will enjoy more personal support and guidance from lecturers.
- **Experienced and research-active teaching staff:** Your learning will be boosted by input from experienced speech and language therapists working in the NHS and independent sectors. Learning from our research-active team, you will be fully involved in relevant research.
- **International recognition for our work:** QMU is internationally renowned for its research in speech and language.
- **Professional recognition and registration:** This course meets the professional standards of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and is accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). Successful completion enables application for registration with the HCPC as a speech and language therapist, which is a requirement for employment in the UK.

This four-year BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy course will equip you with the expertise and practical skills that you need to work as a registered speech and language therapist. You will thrive in our supportive environment, and benefit from placements each year along with practical experience in our specialist clinical facilities on campus.

Our ability to communicate with others is a vital part of who we are as individuals, and how we fit in with society. Speech and language therapists play a vital role in assessing and treating people who have communication and swallowing difficulties, developmental and acquired. Clients can be of all ages, from newborn to the older population. If you are passionate about applying scientific principles to support communication and want to make a difference to others' lives, we can help you forge a fascinating career.

On this course you will develop a strong theoretical understanding of speech and language therapy (SLT) through modules in linguistics, psychology, biological and medical sciences, and research methods. You will also carry out regular clinical placements that will build your practical skills. You will be placed in various settings including hospitals, schools and clinics, to ensure you gain a range of experience.

CAREERS: Career prospects are generally excellent. Many of our graduates work within the NHS in community clinics, hospitals and schools across the UK. Some graduates have travelled to work abroad, chosen to study further or taken up research posts.



What I've enjoyed most about the course is making new friends for life. SLT appears to attract people from a wide range of academic backgrounds and diverse cultures and I can now say I have made friends from Denmark, Sweden and Scotland! Also, everyone on the course – both staff and students – have always been very friendly and I felt right at home in the degree from the very beginning. Another highlight has been the wide range of placements I have had an opportunity to go on – these experiences have been invaluable.”

Sinéad Stapleton*, Speech and Language Therapy student

*not pictured

PERFORMING ARTS

Let's set the scene...the UK has the largest creative sector in Europe. Scotland's creative industries generate more than £5.2 billion and employ in the region of 60,000 people. Cultural and creative experiences stimulate individual curiosity and expand our collective imagination. It is no wonder that the performing arts is such an inspiring field to study and work in and that the theatre, film and TV industries are always looking for graduates with creative talent, skills and ideas.

At QMU, you'll learn skills and build relationships that will prepare you for a rewarding career in the flourishing creative sector. Our highly respected drama and performing arts courses will give you the joined-up understanding, hands-on expertise and creative stimulation that will help you to turn your creative ambition into an exciting and sustainable career.

We offer the following undergraduate courses:

- BA (Hons) Acting and Performance
- BA (Hons) Costume Design and Construction
- BA (Hons) Drama
- BA (Hons) Theatre and Film

Why QMU?

Go to the theatre, watch TV, listen to the radio or play your favourite computer game and you'll soon see the work of one of our Performing Arts graduates. Doctor Who, Peaky Blinders, The Cry, River City, Outlander, CBeebies, Casualty, Hollyoaks, The Night Manager, Assassins Creed, Warhammer 40,000, The National Theatre of Scotland, Dundee Rep and The Traverse have all recently featured the work of QMU alumni. And it is not only on stage and screen that our graduates can be found; many will go on to use their creative skills in education, health and wellbeing, tourism and the wider arts sector.

The creative industries are very competitive fields, and trying to enter them can seem a daunting prospect. However, employers are looking for graduates who have developed specialist knowledge, up-to-the-minute working practices and high-level communication skills that enhance their natural creative enthusiasm. And that's what you can expect to learn on all of our performing arts degrees.

While each course has its own specific emphasis, they all provide students with a comprehensive critical understanding of the processes and practices by which new creative work is generated. Our teaching focuses on the role that the dramatic arts has in the construction of public culture, in the creation of new expressive forms, as the basis for a range of professional practices, and in shaping everyday social and psychological life. You will explore a broad range of creative and cultural activity through the practice of making and producing performance, underpinned by key theory. In doing so you'll engage with current debates in these exciting fields of study, while encountering the historical evolution of particular genres, aesthetic traditions, and the way in which plays and screen texts organise understandings, meanings and effects. As part of this engagement, you will have opportunities to work individually and in small groups to produce your own performances, workshops, scripts, plays, screenplays, designs, costumes or films.

Drama and Performing Arts staff at QMU comprise a mix of arts practitioners and academic researchers. Award-winning staff have produced work for a variety of commercial, cultural, educational and local government clients, and have exhibited and performed their work at venues and festivals in the UK and internationally.

As the home of numerous international theatre, film and television festivals, Edinburgh is the ideal place to study these creative arts. There are five purpose-built theatres showing everything from major West End hits to innovative, risk-taking new writing, with which our programmes have strong working relationships. Edinburgh also boasts an art-house cinema, five multiplexes and two smaller cinemas, and the city is frequently used as a location for film and television shoots.

The Edinburgh Festivals offer our students an exceptional environment to learn, develop and eventually showcase their work to worldwide audiences and producers. Drawing on our close collaboration with the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, as well as a reservoir of staff and alumni with Festival experience, we provide students with advice and support to take advantage of all the opportunities that studying performing arts in Edinburgh can provide.

Approach to learning and teaching: combining theory and practice

All of our performing arts courses combine academic enquiry with opportunities for practical production, and the balance between theory and practice will vary depending on the degree that you undertake. However, all of our courses include creative workshops, opportunities to work on live performances in a variety of roles and invaluable industry-based learning opportunities, alongside traditional lectures and tutorials. There are core modules at the heart of each of the courses complemented by electives and options that let you specialise in areas relevant to your future career path. No matter what options you choose you will be encouraged to examine the creative process closely, find your own style, develop your



critical consciousness and think for yourself both creatively and as an entrepreneur.

Our approach to learning fosters collaboration, with students from different courses often working together on productions and creative projects. For example, the work of Costume Design and Construction undergraduates can come in very handy for those on the Acting and Performance course. It's a natural and creative way to prepare for real-life teamwork after graduation. For performance activity, the University has a fully equipped and licensed studio theatre, a mini black box studio and seven rehearsal studios, two of which have sprung floors to facilitate movement work. We also have costume design and construction workshops, and a green screen studio. We also have digital editing suites and post-production facilities where students have access to Adobe creative editing software including Adobe Premiere, After Effects, Photoshop and Audition.

Through our wide range of industry connections, students also have regular opportunities to hear directly from those working across the creative and cultural industries and a number of modules offer students the chance to undertake industry-based learning through going on placement or undertaking real-world client projects. Right from the start, students are encouraged to see themselves as future contributors to the creative sector in Scotland, the UK and internationally. At every level, students have the opportunity to develop vital creative enterprise skills including collaborative working, new business development, company formation, budgeting, pitching and presenting, fundraising, design thinking, idea formation and social media management. We design our



assessments to put these skills into practice so that our graduates are well prepared for the work needed to develop a sustainable career in the creative and cultural industries.

Many of our students also snap up the opportunity to study a semester abroad during their course and we have university partners in Australia, Canada and the USA (subject to availability).

Research-informed teaching

Our creative staff are active as both professional practitioners and researchers. Current staff research topics include innovative work on intercultural theatre training, collaborative devising practices, contemporary Scottish dramaturgy, film adaptation, place-based performance, cultural participation, theatre anthropology, fandom, community festivals, digital performance and AI in creative practices.

Opening up a multitude of career opportunities

At QMU we recognise the phenomenal potential that exists within the creative and cultural industries in Scotland and our courses open up a multitude of career opportunities, ranging from creative practice to arts and festival management, producing, teaching, directing, fundraising and marketing. However, we also know that establishing a sustainable career in this sector requires adaptable and resilient graduates who have a diverse range of knowledge and skills. Creative workers are far more likely to be self-employed or working for small and medium enterprises and need to be as skilled in managing a business as they are in developing their creative practice. As such, we also provide support and

mentorship for setting up new businesses through the Business Gateway office located on campus and QMU's Business Development Team. Since 2016, students have been able to establish start-up companies within our Startup Studio, and our performing arts graduates have been some of the most prolific in launching new business ventures, many of them social enterprises.

Get ready for the performance of your life.

“The course also taught us an unforgettable lesson; that when you are in the acting industry and not getting work, you can create your own.”

Sarah Dingwall, Acting and Performance student

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BA (Hons) Acting and Performance*

*Year Three entry only

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	W410
Duration	2 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please note there is no Year One or Two entry available for this course.

Direct Entry to Year Three only: HND Acting and Performance/Musical Theatre with A in the graded unit for the second year. Foundation degrees in appropriate subjects considered. Two years of a relevant degree considered.

International: IELTS of 6.5 with no element lower than 6.0.

Auditions: Final selection will be based on an audition.

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This two-year BA (Hons) in Acting and Performance course for entrants from college draws on QMU's highly respected teaching expertise within the performing arts. The rich and varied curriculum will provide distinctive actor training in the conservatoire tradition.

The course gives you the skills necessary to work as an actor, on stage or on screen. You can also apply these skills to a wide range of other roles in the performing arts. This could include playwriting, community outreach and drama in education. On this course you can select from a range of optional modules that complement your training as an actor and will enhance your future opportunities.

The course is an articulation route for students who have already achieved an HND in Acting and Performance/ Musical Theatre, have completed two years of an appropriate degree or have a good level of performance experience.

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Why QMU?

- Long history of providing actor training: QMU has been training actors since 1971.
- Professional links: QMU is a member of the Graduate Spotlight Scheme.
- Modern approach to learning and teaching: Our course is tailored to a modern era with a 50:50 split of theatre and film training.
- Community of creativity: You will be part of a large performing arts department, studying alongside students on our Costume Design and Construction, Drama, Film and Media, and Theatre and Film courses.
- Staff expertise: Many of our staff are active theatre/film makers, writers, voice practitioners and movement specialists and bring that experience to our rehearsal rooms.
- Holistic approach to learning and teaching: As a teaching team we work collaboratively to create an integrated curriculum, incorporating health and wellbeing, to ensure we train healthy, rounded, versatile actors.
- Our rankings: In the National Student Survey 2025, there is 93.8% overall satisfaction with this course.

CAREERS: Successful completion of the course gives graduates the skills necessary to work as an actor or to apply these skills to a wide range of other roles in the performing arts such as playwriting, community outreach, and theatre in education. Many of our students go on to establish their own creative business.

BA (Hons) Costume Design and Construction

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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	W451
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus and on placement
Study abroad	No

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBB, Minimum - BBCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5.

Required subjects: At least one discursive subject (eg English, History, Geography, Drama) and one arts subject (eg Art, Music, Photography, Design) are required at Higher/A Level/ or equivalent. English is required and Maths is preferred at National 5/GCSE level or equivalent at grade C/4 or above.

Direct Entry: Not typically available

Other: If successful in the initial academic screening, you will be asked to submit an e-portfolio to complete a short design exercise.

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Think of a dramatic performance that you loved and you can probably picture the characters' costumes. On this highly respected BA (Hons) in Costume Design and Construction course you will learn how to research, design and construct costumes for performers of many kinds.

Costume design and construction are vital when it comes to creating successful theatre, film and TV productions. It is a creative and challenging career: you need to know the theory and history of costume design, how to make costumes physically, and how to manage the wardrobe of a live production.

At the heart of this vocational course are the professional practice modules where you will work as part of a team delivering the costumes for a series of live projects working in collaboration with partner organisations and companies.

You will graduate with the competence, understanding and experience that employers in this creative field are looking for.

CAREERS: Everyone working in costume begins with a love of beautiful period garments, fantastical couture dresses, or amazing outfits created for stage and screen. If you are someone who has a passion for fabrics and loves to design and make your own creations, this course can be the stepping-stone into an exciting, varied and even international career.

Graduates from the course can be found working in film, TV, opera, theatre and ballet. If you have watched *Outlander*, *Strictly Come Dancing*, *The Crown*, *The Rings of Power*, *Good Omens*, Scottish Ballet's *Nutcracker*, or seen a big West End show at the Playhouse, you will have seen some of their work.

If you love the clothes of the past, you can find work in museums like the V&A or heritage organisations like National Trust, or in making authentic period clothing for re-enactment.

Costume is central to every culture in the world and has many applications which you might not have even considered. The course will open your eyes to some of these opportunities.

Why QMU?

- Covering many aspects of costume design and construction: This course teaches costume design, period costume construction and practical wardrobe supervision and management in parallel.
- Professional links: We have very close links with employers in the theatre, TV and film industry.
- Hands-on learning experiences: Discover your vocation through working on live, audience-facing projects.
- Showcase your work: See your work celebrated in our students' annual runway show.

BA (Hons) Drama

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	W490
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - AABB, Minimum - BBBB

A Level: BBB

ILC: H2 H3 H3 H3 H3

IB: 30 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5.

Required subjects: English and Drama at Higher/A Level preferred. English required and Maths preferred at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C/4 or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct Entry: Available

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Are you passionate about theatre and performance? Do you want to learn how to work as a director, performer, playwright, deviser, stage manager, scenographer, workshop leader or producer? Through an exciting and innovative blend of theory and practice, the BA (Hons) Drama will enable you to develop your practice and skills in all of these roles and then focus on your chosen career pathway. The course offers placement opportunities that are a great way to develop your professional skills and knowledge.

How do we learn about theatre and performance? What skills do we need to develop a successful career in the arts? Drama invites you to practically explore historical contexts, techniques and the craft of theatre and performance making. Whether you intend to apply your learning as a theatre maker, scholar or teacher, the course will provide you with the creative and critical prowess to excel in the professional world. By the time you graduate you will know how to work professionally in your field of practice and how to make theatre and performance work which is relevant to contemporary audiences.

CAREERS: Our Drama course offers four distinct routes – Foundational, Research, Practice and Production – all intersected by learning strands which enable you to explore a diverse range of careers related to the performing arts. Creative entrepreneurship and employability is a crucial element of the course and it is embedded throughout the curriculum. Many of our students have successfully started freelance careers in the creative sector and are supported by QMU as they set up their businesses, including the chance to be located in our graduate Startup Studio. The world's largest arts festival happens right here in Edinburgh and many students successfully perform, produce or get involved in the Festival Fringe, with which we have a strong relationship. As a Drama graduate you will be able to choose from careers ranging from performing, writing, directing, teaching, producing, to managerial careers within arts organisations and self-employment/freelance work, backstage roles in theatre production or creative facilitation and graduate jobs in any sector that values strategic thinkers with highly proficient communication and writing skills.

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Why QMU?

- **Location:** Edinburgh is known as the Festival City, and with the world's biggest arts festival happening on your doorstep every year, this is one of the best possible places to start your career in the performing arts
- **Focus on the areas that interest you:** Your career path is unique to you and your passions and this course offers the flexibility and support you need to direct your learning in the creative practices you're interested in. Module options in Years Three and Four allow you to focus on individual learning pathways which suit your own career aspirations.
- **Graduate success:** Our graduates are professionally established in the creative sector in Scotland and internationally - whether succeeding as performers, developing as skilled playwrights or forging rewarding careers as theatre makers, directors, scenographers drama teachers or producers, our Drama graduates are building and securing successful and exciting careers as creative practitioners thanks to their study on the course.
- **Ranked highly in the UK:** In the Times and Sunday Times Ranking 2026, QMU is ranked 32nd in the UK (out of 92) for Drama, Dance and Cinematics.

BA (Hons) Theatre and Film

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	WW46
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - AABB, Minimum - BBBB

A Level: BBB

ILC H2 H3 H3 H3 H3

IB: 30 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5.

Required subjects: English, Drama or Media Studies preferred at Higher/A Level. English required and Maths preferred at Nat 5/GCSE level at grades C/4 or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct Entry: Available

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If you love theatre and film, you can study them both in depth on the only course of its kind in Scotland. The innovative BA (Hons) Theatre and Film combines theory and practice to prepare you for a flourishing career in the creative industries.

And... ACTION! Film and theatre are thriving industries, creatively and commercially. They are also increasingly interconnected, with many professionals establishing flourishing careers across both fields. We recognise that the creative landscape of the future demands this type of flexible, multi-disciplinary insight, which is why we designed a course that gives you the confidence and skills you need to enter careers in theatre, film, teaching, and professions demanding communication and creativity. You will be able to future-proof your career, taking full advantage of a course that is flexible to fit your unique journey.

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Why QMU?

- **Excellent facilities:** We have superb on-campus resources: performance spaces, rehearsal studios, a film editing suite, TV studio, and the QMU Startup Studio, our incubator home to a number of theatre and film production start-ups.
- **Great location for studying Theatre and Film:** Edinburgh is known as the Festival City, with the world's biggest arts festivals right on your doorstep. Hosting the world-leading Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Edinburgh International Film Festival and many more, the city will inspire and offer ample opportunities at the start of your career.
- **Industry-focused learning:** You will learn from leading theatre and film practitioners and academics, with a strong focus on careers and employability in the creative industries.
- **Potential to showcase your work:** See your films screened on the big screen at the end of year show (subject to selection).
- **Teaching staff:** You will learn from experts in the theories and practices of theatre and film, drawing on our staff's extensive academic and industry experience.

CAREERS: This course will arm you with the knowledge and specialist skills to embark on a host of exciting careers. Our graduates have used the course as a springboard to careers in theatre, film, teaching, postgraduate study and professions demanding communication and creativity. Example careers include TV, film and theatre production, freelance video production, festival curation, scriptwriting, running your own theatre production company, assistant director and director, drama teacher, administrative work in creative industries, content creator, social media and marketing, and more. We recognise that the industry of the future demands professionals that can operate confidently across different fields. The course is designed to offer the diversity of knowledge and skills to set you up for a future-proof career.

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Are you intellectually curious and socially engaged? If so, you'll find the diversity and scope of the disciplines of psychology and sociology rewarding – and their dynamic methods of enquiry will offer you the academic opportunity you want.

Psychology and sociology are two exciting and relevant disciplines that offer you the opportunity to realise your potential as a learner and to develop critical and evaluative thinking skills. At QMU, you'll explore how psychology and sociology contribute to how we understand psycho-social events and phenomena occurring in our everyday lives and how each profession interacts with society and communities.

We offer the following courses:

- BSc (Hons) Psychology*
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology
- BSc (Hons) Sociology

*accredited by the British Psychological Society

Why QMU?

At QMU, you'll find a challenging and stimulating environment which will help you hone the intellectual and professional edge needed for working with and for today's diverse communities. Our courses are designed to help you develop the skills, knowledge and experience you need to engage with a wide range of real-world settings and applications.

Our courses offer a fully integrated learning experience with student-centred modules that explore a wide range of topics.

As well as learning how and why these disciplines are vital for 21st-century life, you'll explore their historical origins, development and limitations. While developing detailed and up-to-date knowledge and understanding of specialist areas of psychology and sociology, you'll explore practical, theoretical and ethical issues associated with the use of different methodologies, paradigms and methods of analysis applied in each of the disciplines. You will also engage with debates about the relevance and value of our disciplines for different communities and publics.

Our academic team is passionate about both research and professional activity, using each to inform our teaching and provide a learning environment which is challenging and relevant. Our students have opportunities to gain hands-on experience by working directly with us on our research or by engaging with our networks and their interface with communities.

Our approach to learning and teaching

You'll learn through a range of methods including traditional lectures, research seminars, workshops, student-led sessions and self-directed learning. The focus is on learning how to acquire and utilise knowledge for yourself, through identifying existing knowledge as well as discovering new knowledge.

Our courses enhance a wide range of transferable skills that will open up an array of job options. You will be supported to improve your interpersonal and presentation skills, develop effective reading and writing

skills, and engage in analytical thinking and critical reflection, as well as focus on the development of your research skills. You will also develop skills in information retrieval, practical investigation, data collection and analysis – as well as learn how to present your ideas for a range of audiences.

You will be assessed via traditional exams and essays, but also through scientific reports, critical reviews, and live multimedia presentations and poster presentations. In the later stages of your course, you will be able to develop an emerging area of expertise to give you an edge in future employment or study.

Research-informed teaching

Our psychology and sociology team are actively involved in a range of research interests (see the Psychology and Sociology pages of our website for details – www.qmu.ac.uk/schools-and-divisions/psychology-sociology-and-education). Our research activities employ diverse methodologies and the team collaborates with a number of national and international universities and partners. We are engaged in the impact and applications of our work to real-world contexts and 21st-century issues and many of our research undertakings involve collaborations with non-governmental organisations and humanitarian, social enterprise and community groups.

Careers

Our courses have a strong employability focus and we'll fully support you in building your employability skills and becoming job market-ready. Around 20% of psychology graduates choose to become professional psychologists and undertake further academic study. Other graduates have gone on to forge rewarding careers in education, social services, industry, marketing, government agencies and the media. Many psychology and sociology graduates find work in areas such as social and community work, consumer and social research, marketing, education and human resource management.

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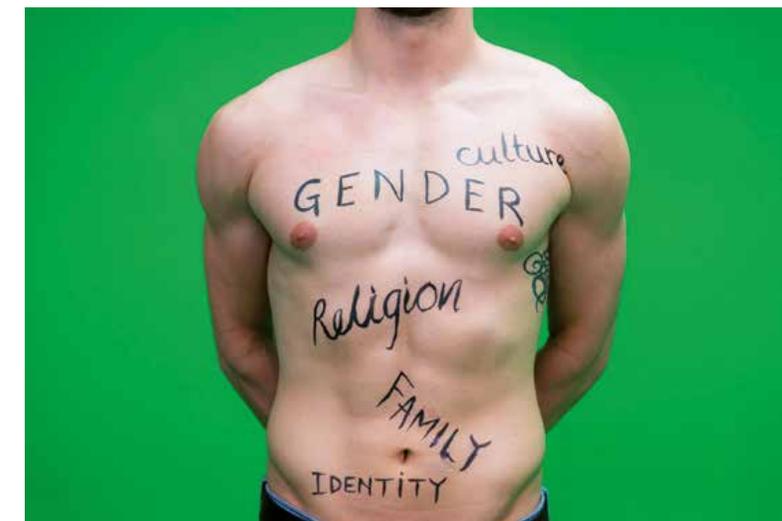


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“My dissertation was the highlight of my course for me as I really enjoyed the subject and the freedom to research what interested me. My supervisor was also fantastic and so supportive – even though I've now graduated, we still keep in touch, which is wonderful. I doubt my experience would have been similar at a larger university. The lecturers were always very encouraging and happy to elaborate further when I had questions. They were also very friendly and passionate about their respective subjects.”

Katie-Ann Gray, Psychology graduate



BSc (Hons) Psychology



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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	C800
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard - BBBC, Minimum - BCCC

A Level: BBB

ILC: H3 H3 H3 H3 H3

IB: 30 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

Required subjects: Maths and English at Nat 5/GCSE level at grade C/4 or above. We can also accept National 5 Application of Maths or Lifeskills at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

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Are you fascinated by the way people think, feel and behave? Do you want to make a real difference in people's lives — while opening doors to a wide range of exciting careers? This course, accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), gives you the chance to explore the mysteries of the mind while building the skills to thrive in today's world.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Hands-on learning through real-world research and applied projects.
- Cutting-edge insights into contemporary issues in psychology.
- Embedded employability: the course builds your critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, resilience and adaptability.
- Commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion: supportive and inclusive practice in teaching and learning.
- Interdisciplinary studies: You will explore the broader social sciences through interdisciplinary modules featuring sociology and education.
- BPS Graduate Membership: eligibility (with a 2:2 honours degree or higher), setting you on the path to postgraduate training and specialist careers in psychology.

This isn't just a degree — it's your journey into understanding people, shaping futures, and building a meaningful career.

Why QMU?

- Professional accreditation/ registration: Our degree is accredited by the BPS. Graduate with a 2:2 or above and you'll gain Graduate Basis for Chartered Status (GBC) — the first step toward becoming a Chartered Psychologist. This essential recognition opens the door to postgraduate training in specialist fields such as clinical, forensic and educational psychology.
- Inspiring learning environment: At QMU, you'll join an active research community where curiosity is encouraged, and your intellectual and professional skills are nurtured — preparing you to tackle the challenges of today's complex world.
- Hone your research skills: Through extensive, hands-on training in research methods, you'll learn to think critically, investigate deeply, and contribute meaningfully to the field of psychology.
- Staff expertise: Our lecturers are active researchers working on innovative, cross-disciplinary projects. Their expertise ensures that your learning reflects the latest insights and real-world applications of psychology.
- Support for students: With smaller class sizes, you'll benefit from an inclusive, friendly learning environment where your voice matters. Our staff are committed to guiding and supporting you at every stage of your journey. As part of our BPS accreditation process in 2024, we were delighted to receive a commendation for our Student Support.

CAREERS: Career paths for psychology graduates are diverse and rewarding. Many go on to work in roles such as: Clinical, counselling, or health psychologist — helping people manage mental health and wellbeing; Educational psychologist or teacher — supporting learning and development in schools and universities; forensic psychologist — applying psychology within the criminal justice system; occupational psychologist or HR specialist — enhancing workplace performance and employee wellbeing; researcher or academic — contributing to new discoveries and innovations in psychology; or marketing, communications, or policy advisor — using psychological insights to influence behaviour and decision-making.

BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology

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KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	CL83
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard – BBBB, Minimum – BCCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no element lower than 5.5

Required subjects: English required and Maths preferred at Nat 5/ GCSE level at grade C/4 or above. National 5 Application of Maths/Lifeskills can be accepted instead at the same grade.

Direct entry: Available

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Are you fascinated by human nature, by who we are, how we interact and why we behave the way we do? Are you curious about the forces shaping society around us and how we can change it for the better? If so, you will enjoy our BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology.

Our joint degree provides an intellectually challenging and stimulating environment for exploring questions around the individual and society, while also offering opportunities for experiential and work-based learning.

The combination of studying psychology and sociology will allow you to explore a large and fascinating world, the fundamental nature of human beings and how that nature, alongside cultures, institutions and structure, shapes our social world.

A degree in Psychology and Sociology opens up a wide range of career opportunities, having equipped you with highly sought-after knowledge and skills that are transferable to many fields.

CAREERS: A degree in Psychology and Sociology opens up a wide range of career opportunities, having equipped you with highly sought-after knowledge and skills that are transferable to many fields. Examples of transferable skills you will develop throughout your degree include: critical thinking and analysis, communication skills, problem-solving skills, research skills, data analysis and interpretation skills, teamwork and collaboration.

Our alumni are pursuing careers in social and community work, consumer and social research, public policy development, journalism, teaching, academia, marketing, media and human resource management. These are just a few examples, and the versatility of a joint degree in Psychology and Sociology allows graduates to adapt their skills to various fields and industries, making them well prepared for the evolving demands of the workforce.

Why QMU?

- Emphasis on experiential and work-based learning: You will engage in consultancy-style projects for real-world organisations/employers and will have the opportunity to go on an optional placement.
- Stimulating learning environment: We offer a stimulating environment in which you can fulfill your potential as a learner and develop the professional skills and competencies needed for tackling the challenges of modern society and workplaces (eg in critical thinking, communication, problem solving, research and data analysis).
- Staff expertise: Our staff work on outward-facing, innovative and cross-disciplinary research.
- Academic and wellbeing support for students: Our class sizes are small compared with some universities, which means that our staff can offer you closer and more personal support and guidance, while our broad range of student support services looks after our students' wellbeing.

BSc (Hons) Sociology

KEY DETAILS

UCAS code	L400
Duration	4 years
Start date	September 2027
Delivery	On campus
Study abroad	Yes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Scottish Higher: Standard – BBBB,
Minimum – BCCC

A Level: BCC

ILC: H2 H2 H3 H3

IB: 28 points

International: IELTS of 6.0 with no
element lower than 5.5.

Required subjects: A literary subject
such as English, Psychology, RMPS
or History is required at Higher.
English is required and Maths is
preferred at Nat 5/GCSE level at
grade C/4 or above.

Direct entry: Available

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INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN
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THE PAGE.**

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course entry
via QR code**



Our BSc (Hons) Sociology is ideal preparation for a wide range of careers in which you can contribute to improving people's lives. As a student on this course, you will study a broad range of stimulating and empowering topics, benefit from opportunities to experience work/volunteer-based learning and participate in community-engagement projects, and have the opportunity to go on a student exchange overseas*.

Sociology focuses on understanding how people's lives and interactions are shaped by factors like class, gender, ethnicity, race, disability and age in national and global contexts. Sociologists interpret and explain how social processes and institutions inform and impact people's everyday lives.

Throughout your studies, you will examine how, where, when and why social inequalities, injustices and divisions arise; consider ways in which we can challenge, understand and overcome social problems and ethical dilemmas through public policy and social action; and interpret the relationship between identity, community and society, locally and globally. You will also conduct research into real-world issues, as well as make concrete recommendations for social change.

*Subject to availability

Why QMU?

- **Unique in Scotland:** Our degree continues to be the first in Scotland to have public sociology as our underpinning ethos and practice; this means we emphasise engaging and collaborating with non-academic groups in addressing the real-world issues that affect them. We co-create knowledge for a purpose – a social good – rather than 'knowing for the sake of knowing'.

- **Learn from tutors who are actively involved in social justice campaigning:** This will help you to see how sociology can contribute to challenging inequality and improving people's lives.

- **Dynamic learning environment:** We engage our students in a wide range of learning experiences which are intellectually stimulating and personally empowering, ranging from traditional lectures, small seminar and study groups, to opportunities for work-based learning and community engagement experiences.

- **Support for students:** Our class sizes are smaller compared with some universities, so you have closer and more individually tailored support and guidance from our staff.

- **Our rankings:** In the Times and Sunday Times University Rankings 2026, we ranked 36th in the UK (out of 87) for Sociology.

CAREERS: Our graduates leave with not only a deep and varied understanding of sociological theory, research and application, but also of the social sciences more broadly. They have an appreciation of local, national and global social issues, and are empowered and equipped to contribute to addressing such issues. As well as the benefits from the knowledge gained, our graduates discover and develop their skills in research, writing and analysis, using different forms of data, groupwork, online and in-person presentation, project design and implementation, critical thought, public engagement, and more. These skills are transferable across disciplines and sectors.

QMU alumni who studied sociology with us have gone on to work in academia, activism, advocacy, charities and third sector organisations, community work, creative writing, education, journalism, local government, marketing, NHS management, research, policy development, social enterprise and social work.



IS QMU RIGHT FOR YOU? ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING



QMU MATTER

On the following pages, you will find information on:

- Your next steps before applying
- The application process
- Entry requirements
- Writing a personal statement
- Terms and conditions
- Fees, scholarships, funding and bursaries

YOUR NEXT STEPS BEFORE APPLYING

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Inspired to find out more about QMU? We can provide all the information you need.

Open days

You can get a real feel for what it is like to study at QMU by attending one of our open days. Our Open Days offer visitors the opportunity to meet academics and current students, view accommodation in our student village and find out about student life. A range of presentations will provide helpful tips on topics such as applying through UCAS and understanding student funding. Open Days typically take place in September and October each year. Scan the QR code on the inside front cover of this prospectus for more information.

Campus tours

If you are unable to attend one of our Open Days, we run frequent campus tours that will enable you to find out more about life at QMU and see our excellent facilities. Tours are delivered by our student ambassadors, who will be able to provide you with an honest and current perspective on being a student at QMU.

Tours include the Learning Resource Centre, teaching rooms, social areas including the Students' Union and sports facilities and, where possible, student accommodation.

To register for a campus tour, visit: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/campus-tours/

Higher education and careers conventions

Each year we attend a large number of conventions at schools across the UK, Ireland and further afield. We also attend UCAS exhibitions across the UK. Check our website or the UCAS events page to find out which events we will be attending. Be sure to stop by and say hello to our staff, and ask any questions you may have about making your application to QMU.

Gaining first-hand insights from student case studies

You will find a wealth of student and graduate case studies on our website, and also on our social media channels. These provide a great opportunity to gain first-hand insights on the student experience at QMU, career paths and much more, see: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/student-stories/

General course-related queries

We recognise that the decision to apply to university is a big step and there are a number of factors that you will need to consider. We are here to help and offer advice on a range of matters that may affect you. Our friendly Student Recruitment and Admissions staff can guide and advise you through all stages of the application process. If you have any queries about entry requirements, UCAS, or just general questions about coming to university, please contact us.

Non-course-related queries

Depending on your individual circumstances you may need to consider factors, such as finance, childcare or disability support, and will require information on these areas before making your final university choice. Our Student Services team are available to offer support at the application stage through to graduation. More information is available on pages 14–15. You can make contact with any of the services in a confidential and accessible manner.

Not coming to university straight from school?

We recognise that not everyone leaves school and goes immediately to university. You may have spent a few years working or studying at college, or may be returning to education after having a family. We can provide information and guidance on making the transition to university. Our Widening Participation and Outreach team are available to ensure you obtain all the information you need before and during the decision-making process. Support for mature students is provided by our Student Services team who can give advice on disability, finance, student mentors and counselling. For more information see pages 14–15 or visit our website at www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/student-services/

Coming to study with us from outside the UK?

If you live outside the UK, the International Office is your first point of contact at QMU. We recognise a wide range of international qualifications and the Admissions and International teams are able to provide individual guidance tailored to your own circumstances. The International team will help you make moving to a new country to study a stress-free experience. If you are thinking of coming to QMU as an international student, please see pages 16–17 and visit the international students section of our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/international-students/

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Student Recruitment
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Admissions
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International Office
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THE APPLICATION PROCESS EXPLAINED

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There are a number of steps in the process of applying for and beginning a course with us here at QMU.

1.

Decide on the course(s) that you want to apply for

The information in this prospectus and on our website is designed to help you narrow down your course options. A visit to one of our open days which typically take place in September and October can be really helpful when deciding between different courses or universities. Talking to family, your teachers, careers advisers or friends already at university can help you to narrow down your choice and identify the course that is right for you.

2.

Applying through UCAS

To apply for a full-time undergraduate course at QMU, you must make your application through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Our courses are all listed in the UCAS Search tool at: www.ucas.com. To apply you will need our institution code (Q25) and the course code. Course codes are listed in this prospectus on the individual course information pages.

We encourage you to apply as early as possible, having made a careful and considered choice.

3.

UCAS key dates

You can apply from September 2026 for entry in September 2027.

The UCAS deadline for on-time applications is 13 January 2027.

Some courses may accept applications after this date but there is no guarantee. For more information on key dates and deadlines, see the UCAS website at: www.ucas.com

4.

QMU considers all on-time applications

Once you have applied through UCAS, they send the application to us for consideration. You will receive an acknowledgement email from us, with a QMU application number. Keep this number safe, as you will be asked for this if you contact us about your application.

All applications submitted before the UCAS deadline will receive equal consideration. Some courses will close their applications following the deadline of 13 January 2027 and applications received after this date will only be considered at QMU's discretion. If you are in any doubt about making a late application, please contact our Admissions team for advice.

Where we receive a large volume of applications, and the number of places on a course is limited, the majority of our decisions will be made after the January UCAS deadline.

You can follow the progress of your UCAS application and review any offers you receive through the UCAS Hub.

Depending on the course you have applied for, you may be asked to attend an audition or interview or

submit a portfolio before we make a decision on your application. We will contact you directly with all the information you need where this is the case.

5.

Offer Holder Days

If you receive an unconditional or conditional offer, you may be invited to an Offer Holder Day.

These course-specific visit days are designed to provide you with more information about your chosen course, the student experience at QMU and give you a chance to experience our campus. You will have the opportunity to meet academic staff and current students.

6.

Accept your offer

If you decide to accept our offer, you will need to do this on the UCAS Hub.

Once you have received all of your decisions, you will have to reply to your offers by a specific deadline given in UCAS. You have three options:

1. Select a firm choice; this is your first choice of course.
2. If your firm choice is conditional, you can also select an insurance choice; this is your back-up choice in case you do not meet the conditions for your firm choice. You may choose an insurance choice which has lower conditions than your firm choice to give you the best chance of securing a place.
3. Decline any other offers. You must ensure you make your decisions by the deadline set by UCAS or your offers will be rejected by default.

7.

Applying for accommodation

If you would like to stay in our on-campus student accommodation, online applications go live in April. You can apply for accommodation if you are holding a conditional or unconditional firm offer.

There is no deadline for submitting your application, but applications will close when full. However, we recommend you apply as early as possible to avoid any disappointment.

More information and contact details can be found on pages 20–21.

8.

Results day

If you have accepted a conditional offer from us, the next stage of your application takes place when we receive your exam results. This is known as confirmation.

If you have a conditional offer based on SQA Highers, A levels or ILC, we will usually receive these results from UCAS. We will then update UCAS with our final decision on your application.

If you have a conditional offer based on achieving another qualification, including an HNC or HND, you must send a copy of your transcript and final certificate to our Admissions team. Once we receive these, we will make a decision as soon as possible on your application.

9.

Clearing

If you have changed your mind about what/where you want to study, did not receive any offers, or did not meet your conditions on results day, Clearing provides you with the opportunity to apply later in the year.

Clearing is available from early July and enables applicants who do not hold any offers to apply for courses at universities that have places remaining.

Applications for Clearing will remain open until all places have been filled. Details of Clearing vacancies can be found on our website or at: www.ucas.com

10.

Joining QMU

Once you have accepted a place with us, we will send you more information about beginning your course at QMU. This will include details of anything else you need to do before joining the University.

During August, once you hold an unconditional firm offer, you will receive information about how to formally register with QMU. This registration process is referred to as Online Matriculation.

Once you have completed matriculation, we look forward to welcoming you on campus!

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Student Recruitment:

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Application and access

QMU is fully committed to Universities Scotland's guarantee of fairness, and to widening access to higher education. We recognise that applicants may have received different levels of support, guidance and educational opportunity before applying to university. This means that each on-time application received by the University is considered carefully on an individual basis. Admissions decisions are not made based on grades alone.

There are a number of common questions that you may have when thinking about studying with us, such as:

- What do I need to apply for the course I want to study?
- What qualifications and grades do I need?
- Am I a widening access student?
- More about entry requirements
- Do you accept HNCs and HNDs?
- I'm a mature student, can I apply?
- Can I defer entry?

The answers to these, and more information about entry requirements, are available on the Application and Access pages on our website. Scan the QR code to access this information.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Points	Scottish Qualifications		A level	Irish Leaving Certificate	BTEC Level 3 Nationals		
	Higher	Advanced Higher			Extended Certificate	Diploma	Extended Diploma
168							D*D*D*
160							D*D*D
152							D*DD
144							DDD
128							DDM
112						D*D*	DMM
104						D*D	
96						DD	MMM
88							
80						DM	MMP
72							
64						MM	MPP
56		A	A*		D*		
48		B	A		D	MP	PPP
40		C	B				
36				H1 (A1)			
33	A						
32			C		M	PP	
30				H2 (A2/ B1)			
27	B						
24			D	H3 (B2/ B3)			
21	C						
20							
18							
16					P		
12							

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Admissions
T: 0131 474 0000
E: admissions@qmu.ac.uk

Widening Participation and Outreach
T: 0131 474 0000
E: wpo@qmu.ac.uk

UCAS
T: 0371 468 0468 (for UK applications) /
+44 (0)330 330 230 (for International applicants)
W: www.ucas.com

WRITING A PERSONAL STATEMENT

As part of the application process, all applicants must write a personal statement. While the format has changed in recent years, this statement is still a chance to tell us why you would like to study a particular course, and what skills and experience you possess that show your passion for your chosen subject.

While every effort has been made to ensure that the accuracy of the information provided here is correct, you should note that it is advisable to check with the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) and individual universities for confirmed details.

The application process and personal statement

Applications to undergraduate degree courses are made online through the UCAS website. In the application you will be asked to complete a number of sections including personal information, course details, education and qualification details and a personal statement.

The personal statement is a very significant part of your UCAS application. It is your opportunity to tell universities about your suitability for

the course that you hope to study by answering three mandatory questions. You need to demonstrate your enthusiasm and commitment and, above all, ensure that you stand out from the crowd.

The personal statement can be up to 4,000 characters in length (including spaces) in total for the following three questions which you should ensure to answer as fully as possible in your own words:

- Why do you want to study this course or subject?:** This will be your opportunity to showcase your passion and knowledge for your chosen subject, to demonstrate to universities and colleges why you are a good fit, and to outline any future ambitions.
- How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?:** In this section you can describe relevant or transferable skills you have gained in education, and demonstrate your understanding of how these will help you succeed in your chosen course or subject area.
- What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences helpful?:** Here you can reflect on your personal experiences, and any other activities you have undertaken outside your education to further demonstrate your suitability for the course.

Where the demand for a particular course is very high, your personal statement takes on extra significance. For many vocational/professional courses (eg teacher training, allied health professions), evidence of specific career exploration is something we look for as part of the selection process.

For example, for applications to allied health profession courses, universities

will want to see evidence that you have experience that demonstrates:

- Specific experience in your chosen subject/course area (eg visiting hospital departments or work shadowing).
- General experience of working with others (eg nursing homes, day-care centres, voluntary work).

You will be expected to highlight what you have learnt from this experience in answering the third question. You should be able to demonstrate that you have an empathetic nature and an ability to work well with other people.

Supporting reference

In addition to a personal statement, your application will require a supporting reference. This is usually written by someone who knows you academically, most commonly a teacher or college tutor. The reference is split into three sections: establishment details; extenuating circumstances; and other supportive information, which includes your suitability for higher education and your chosen courses. Please ensure this reference is submitted from a professional email address. We cannot accept references from personal email accounts such as Gmail or Yahoo.

MORE INFO:

Admissions
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UCAS

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W: www.ucas.com



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

If you intend to apply for a programme of study offered by Queen Margaret University Edinburgh (QMU), you must read the following Terms and Conditions and ensure that you understand them. These Terms and Conditions form the basis of the Contract you will enter into with QMU should you be offered and accept admission to one of our courses.

Amongst other matters, these terms and conditions set out our tuition fee review process (section 5), charges for late payment of fees (section 6), and procedures relating to changes to content and curricula (section 1).

1. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in either a printed prospectus or on the university website for entry to and study at the University in 2027 is accurate at the time of publication. For entry to undergraduate courses in 2027, the information published in this prospectus is accurate at the time publication (January 2026).

The University will use all reasonable endeavours to provide programmes of study listed in the relevant published prospectus and on the University website, and to deliver them in accordance with the descriptions of courses set out therein.

However, as the University is committed to ensuring that courses remain up to date and relevant, it reserves the right to discontinue, merge or combine courses, and to make variations to the content or method of delivery of courses, if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary by the University. This, combined with the need to publish a prospectus well in advance, means that changes to the information presented in the published

prospectus may have occurred. Intending applicants are advised to visit the university website at www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study (including the entry for the relevant course on that section of the website) or contact admissions@qmu.ac.uk before applying.

The content or curriculum of a course may change for a number of reasons, including that:

- the change is required to ensure that the course continues to deliver its key learning outcomes, and the content of the course is responsive to changes and developments in the areas covered by the course;
- for courses leading to professional qualifications, accreditation or registration, the changes are required in order to continue to satisfy pre-requisites of a particular professional or regulatory body responsible for awarding such qualification, accreditation or registration;
- the change is not a material change to the content or curriculum;
- the change operates for the benefit of the students on the course;
- the change is required due to circumstances outside the control of the University, and;
- it is necessary to ensure that the course continues to align with the University's purpose and strategy.

Remedies for students impacted by any such change may include, but are not limited to, provision of alternative course modules or courses, or the option to transfer to another course at the University. It may be desirable or necessary to withdraw certain courses from the University's portfolio of provision as a result of a number of factors, including changes in patterns of demand from prospective students, changes in staffing, a strategic realignment of the University's portfolio or a major organisational change.

The University will use its best endeavours to consult meaningfully with students who would be affected by any such change in order to assess any impact on students, to mitigate any disruption arising from the change and to identify appropriate alternative arrangements. Arrangements to support the academic interests of existing students impacted by any course withdrawal will be put in place. In all cases, the University will make every effort to advise students at the earliest possible opportunity of any changes to the course content or curriculum that may impact upon them.

2. The University shall not be liable for failure to perform any of its obligations if such failure is caused by any act or event beyond the University's reasonable control including acts of God, war, terrorism, fire, flood, storm, pandemic and national emergencies ("Force Majeure Event"). If the University is the subject of a Force Majeure Event, it will take all reasonable steps to minimise the disruption to students.

3. An offer of a place to study on a Queen Margaret University course is made on the understanding that, in accepting the offer, the student undertakes to observe and comply with these Terms and Conditions and to abide by, and to submit to, the procedures of the University's Regulations, Policies and Codes of Conduct, as amended from time to time. The University's Regulations, Policies and Codes of Conduct are set out in full within the University's website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/about-the-university/quality/quality-a-z-index and <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/current-students/current-students-general-information/essential-information>

Changes to the University's Regulations may be made from time to time for one or more of the following reasons: to reflect changes to the statutory requirements with which the University is required to comply; to

reflect best practice regulation across the higher education sector and more broadly; and to ensure that the University's Regulations remain fit for purpose as a result of changes or developments within the University.

Where the University's Regulations are changed and the operation of a new regulation would place a student in a less favourable position than they would otherwise have been under the old regulations, that student may rely on the old regulation as if it continued to apply. Whether a student would be in a less favourable position is a matter to be determined by the University on a case-by-case basis depending on the facts and circumstances of a particular student. This would not apply to a situation where the new regulations seek to address a previously unregulated matter.

All policies and procedures are subject to regular review and formal approval by the appropriate committee. The University Court has agreed that the University, recognising the need to protect the health of students, staff and visitors to the University, should aspire over time to become a non-smoking campus. Students' attention shall be drawn to any amendments to policy in this area.

4. Applicants will have 14 days from receipt of their offer to challenge their fee status. Only exceptionally will changes to fee status be considered after the 14-day period. Applicants who accept an offer by distance communication (for example, via UCAS or online, without face-to-face contact) have a legal right to cancel the Contract at any time within 14 days of the date of acceptance of the offer. Where an applicant wishes to cancel the Contract within 14 days of acceptance, they must do so by informing the University in writing. Where an applicant cancels within the 14-day period after acceptance, any advance payment made by that applicant shall be refunded in full.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned rights to cancel within the initial 14-day

period from acceptance, applicants may withdraw from study at the University, and cancel the Contract at any time after registration, by following the University's withdrawal procedure. Where the Contract is cancelled in this way, applicants may remain liable for all or part of the tuition fees payable by them or on their behalf, in accordance with University procedures, see: www.qmu.ac.uk/current-students/current-students-general-information/fees-and-charges/2027-28-undergraduate-fees/. The University may cancel the Contract at any time in accordance with the University's Regulations, Policies and Codes of Conduct.

5. Tuition fees are payable for all courses and are subject to review annually. Tuition fees for new and existing students are liable to increase each year as a result of review. For continuing students, any increase in the level of fee each year will be subject to a maximum percentage equivalent to the higher of the annual increase in the UK Consumer Prices Index at the March immediately preceding the start of the relevant academic session, and 5%. Factors that will determine the need for, and extent of, any increase include any increase set or prescribed by regulatory bodies such as the Scottish Funding Council, Scottish Government, Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) and the UK Government, and/or increases in the costs of delivering and administering the course. Tuition fees for the forthcoming academic session are published on the QMU website in advance of the start of that academic year.

For details of tuition fees and other charges, visit: www.qmu.ac.uk/current-students/current-students-general-information/fees-and-charges/2027-28-undergraduate-fees/

All students who are continuing with their studies should review their fee rates prior to starting their next academic session.

6. Unless stated otherwise, for example specific fully online programmes (where fees are paid in advance), tuition fees become due on the first day of study and should be paid within 21 days of the due date, or an arrangement made with the Finance Office for payment to be made by instalments. Where a student has opted to pay by instalments, a direct debit mandate must be completed prior to, or at the time of, matriculation.

For returning students, a new direct debit form is required for each year of study. If tuition fees remain unpaid for 21 days after falling due, interest on the full amount at 2.5% above the UK clearing bank base rate may be charged. Where payment is being made by instalments, interest will run on an instalment from the due date to the date when the instalment is paid.

Where a student encounters difficulty in paying tuition fees, they are required to contact the Credit Controller at the University Finance Office for assistance in drawing up a payment schedule. Any payment schedule drawn up by the Credit Controller must be adhered to by the student until the fees in question are paid in full. Where no payment schedule has been arranged with the Credit Controller and tuition fees remain outstanding 8 weeks after the end of the 21-day period, or where an instalment is over 4 weeks late, a student may be asked to leave the University and the debt shall be transferred to a debt collector. If outstanding fees are then paid prior to the end of the academic year, the University may permit a student to be reinstated.

However, where the University agrees to such a reinstatement, a student may be required to repeat parts of any course which have been missed, resulting in additional fees being incurred. Students who leave the University more than 28 days after the start of a programme of study will be liable for the appropriate proportion of the fee, based on semesters attended in whole or in part.

7. No student will be deemed to be fully matriculated until their tuition fees have been paid in full, or satisfactory evidence is produced that such fees will be paid by a sponsoring authority. No student will be permitted to attend a graduation ceremony or to proceed to the next year of their course until tuition fees for all preceding years have been paid in full. Failure to settle tuition fees by the due date may lead to a student's access to university facilities, including IT access, being restricted or denied. Ensuring tuition fees are paid is the responsibility of the student and, in the event of a student's sponsoring authority refusing or failing to make payment in full or in part, the student will be held personally liable for payment. Students will also be liable for any travel and accommodation costs incurred while on placement. Such costs may be paid by a sponsoring authority, but should a sponsoring authority refuse or fail to do so, the student will be personally liable for such costs.

For some courses, an additional fee may be payable in respect of registration with a professional body. Additional charges will be made by the University, where applicable, in respect of reassessment. Full details of registration fees and other charges are set out on our fees and charges pages at: www.qmu.ac.uk/current-students/current-students-general-information/fees-and-charges page and students are also personally liable for such fees.

8. The University may withdraw or amend its offer or terminate a student's registration at the University if it finds that a false or materially misleading statement has been made in, or significant information has been omitted from, a student's application for admission.

9. Admission to some degree courses offered by the University, and to some of the professions for which it provides training, may be precluded by certain medical conditions. Students are obliged to include information regarding any medical condition, past or present, which may affect their

participation on a course when completing their UCAS or Queen Margaret University application form. If an individual has any doubt as to the effect that a medical or health-related condition may have on their application, they must contact the course Admissions Tutor who will be able to advise accordingly. The University does not warrant or guarantee that a student admitted to a particular course will necessarily be allowed to complete the course if the student subsequently has or contracts any material medical or health condition.

10. Applicants for certain courses of study must declare all criminal convictions at the point of application, and in these cases, the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 does not apply. As a condition of entry, candidates for these courses will be required to provide a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau, Disclosure Scotland or an appropriate equivalent. In line with the common approach across Scottish universities, applicants to, and students studying on, all courses must disclose relevant unspent criminal convictions and relevant live criminal procedures (charges) at the post-offer stage as well as annually on re-enrolment. If an applicant has any doubt as to the effect a criminal conviction or charge may have on their application, they must contact the Head of Admissions who will be able to advise accordingly. For more information on how we collect, store and use data relating to criminal convictions and charges please view our Privacy Notice for Prospective Students at: www.qmu.ac.uk/about-the-university/qmu-student-privacy-statement

11. To safeguard the welfare of staff, students, visitors and the general public, the University scrutinises all criminal convictions declared by applicants. Candidates accepted for entry and continuing students must declare at the point of matriculation and annually on re-enrolment any criminal conviction or any live criminal procedures, including charges not

already made known to the University. The existence of a criminal conviction itself does not preclude entry to the University, but admission to, or progression within, particular courses may be precluded by certain types of convictions. Any student who is found to have falsified this self-declaration at the point of application or at matriculation will be subject to disciplinary action.

12. While courses are designed to prepare students for employment, the University does not warrant or guarantee that students will obtain employment as a result of successfully completing any course.

13. The University does not accept responsibility, and expressly excludes all liability, to the full extent permitted by law, for any loss, damage or injury incurred by a student or to their property, whether in connection with their studies or not, except in circumstances where the student has suffered personal injury or death caused by the negligence of the University or its employees. In particular, the University shall not be liable for any loss of, or damage to, any computer or electronic data or information owned or used by a student.

14. Personal information on students will be held and processed according to the UK General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act (2018). This information will be used by the University to fulfil its part of the Contract between it and the student. As part of the Contract, the University is also required to release certain information on the student population to government agencies. Full details of the way in which the University uses students' information are provided in the Student Privacy Policy at: www.qmu.ac.uk/about-the-university/qmu-student-privacy-statement

FEES, BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING



Fees

For further information on fees and charges, scan the QR code below.

In addition to the course fee and charges set out at the QR code below, there may be additional course-related expenses that you are personally required to pay. For example, all students should expect to purchase books/learning materials; students on our health professions courses are required to purchase uniforms that they will wear on placement. In addition, travel to placements and possible accommodation costs should be budgeted for. You can check out our 'Budgeting and living costs' section on pages 24–25, which will give you an idea of other outgoings that you need to think about as a student.

Please see our Terms and Conditions on pages 77–79 as they relate to fees.

International Scholarships

We are pleased to offer a number of competitive scholarships for new international students undertaking their first year of study on an undergraduate degree in the academic year beginning September 2027. The scholarship is granted as a reduction of the tuition fee for a single year of study and is available to self-funding, full-time students with an international fee status. Applications can be made by students who have applied for a place to study at the University. The application form can be downloaded from our website at the url below. Please note that the initial QMU International Scholarship application deadline for entry in September 2027 will be at the end of March 2027.

*For additional information and the latest figures for 2027 entry, visit: www.qmu.ac.uk/registry/fees_charges.htm

Bursaries

QMU bursaries are available to eligible students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

QMU offers a non-repayable bursary package, as outlined opposite, to all eligible students from the Rest of the UK, outside Scotland.

QMU will use the residual household income figure calculated yearly by the Student Loans Company (SLC) when assessing a student's bursary entitlement during each year of their studies. It is important when applying for your student loan that you tick the 'consent to share' box so that this can be done. This means that no separate application is required.

The Bursary will be a cash award, enabling students to use their bursary as they wish, for example contributing to accommodation or living costs or payment towards tuition fees.

It is paid in three instalments over the academic year: 25% in Semester One, 50% early in Semester Two and 25% near the end of Semester Two. It is automatically paid into the same bank account as your student loan.

QMU Rest of UK bursary package

Annual household income	QMU bursary award (per year)
Up to £20,000	£2,000
£20,001 – £25,000	£1,500
£25,001 – £35,000	£1,000
£35,001 – £42,600	£500

MORE INFO:

Student Funding Adviser
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 E: studentfunding@qmu.ac.uk
 W: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/fees-and-funding/scholarships-for-new-students/

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Funding

The types of financial support available to you will vary according to where you live, what you are intending to study, your family circumstances and whether you have previously received funding as a student.

In addition to the financial support highlighted on these pages, many students supplement their income via part-time employment during their studies.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this section, due to printing deadlines, it is important that you confirm the up-to-date financial support arrangements with your relevant funding body (see following column).

The following figures for **financial support** relate to 2025 entry for students from Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland unless otherwise stated. There may be changes to student funding arrangements for 2027 and it is important that you check our website and that of your funding body for additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Student Funding Adviser (studentfunding@qmu.ac.uk).

Funding bodies

All UK students apply to the funding body where they are resident. The funding bodies are listed below.

Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)

W: www.saas.gov.uk

Student Finance England

W: www.gov.uk/student-finance

Student Finance Northern Ireland

W: www.studentfinancenir.co.uk

Student Finance Wales

W: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Students from Scotland

Tuition fees

Students ordinarily resident in Scotland have their tuition fees paid for them. You must apply each year to SAAS to have your fees paid. Your entitlement to tuition fee and bursary support may be affected if you have already undertaken degree level studies and you should consult with SAAS for further guidance.

Living costs

For all courses (other than Nursing and Paramedic Science degrees) you will be entitled to living cost support from SAAS in the form of a loan and, depending on household income, also a bursary. For young students (typically those under the age of 25 and not self-supporting) the non-repayable Young Students' Bursary is worth up to £2,000 per year depending on household income. Students with a household income of less than £21,000 per annum will receive the full bursary and a student loan of £9,400 per year giving a total income of £11,400. Those with a household income of £34,000 per annum or more will not receive a bursary but can apply for a loan of £8,400 per year.

There is no difference between the funding available to a student living at home and those living away from home. You must apply to SAAS each year for living cost support.

There are separate systems of financial support for mature and independent students. Please see the SAAS website.

Students studying Nursing and Paramedic Science

Students from Scotland studying these courses can apply to SAAS for a non-repayable bursary of £10,000 per annum (a lower rate applies in the shorter final fourth year of the Nursing degree). This bursary is non-means-tested, meaning that all students who apply for the bursary will receive the

same amount regardless of household income. See the SAAS website for any further changes to funding for entry in 2027.

Your entitlement to tuition fee and bursary support may be affected if you have already undertaken degree level studies. For Nursing and Paramedic Science, if you have already received funding for a higher education course before and it was not in nursing, paramedic or midwifery, you may still be able to get full funding. You should consult with SAAS for further guidance. Nursing and Paramedic Science students are not entitled to apply for a Student Loan.

Care experienced students

If you were in the care of a local authority before the age of 18 you may be entitled to the Care Experienced Bursary of £9,000. You can also apply for a student loan of £2,400 in addition to the bursary.

Non-standard fees

Some of our non-UCAS undergraduate courses may not be eligible for full or even partial SAAS funding. They may have non-standard tuition fees due to the nature and delivery method of the course. See our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/fees-and-funding/ for further details.

Students from England, Northern Ireland and Wales

QMU bursaries

A bursary package is available for students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland, dependent on household income. For further information please see page 81.

Living cost support: England

A maximum loan of £10,544 (academic year 2025/26) will be available to students living away from home.

This is dependent on household income.

Living cost support: Wales

A living cost support package of £12,345 (academic year 2025/26) will be available. This is made up of a bursary and student loan with the amount of each dependent on household income.

Living cost support: Northern Ireland

A maximum loan of £9,535 (academic year 2025/26) will be available to students living away from home. In addition, a maximum maintenance grant of up to £3,475 is available. The levels of loan and bursary are dependent on household income.

International students

If you live outside the UK you are likely to be regarded as an international student and therefore will be asked to pay the international tuition fee rate. Tuition fees vary according to your course. Please also see the statements below on students from the European Union and from the Republic of Ireland. Further details are available on our website at: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/fees-and-funding

Students from the European Union

Students from the European Union are now treated in the same way as international students. Students that came from the EU some time ago that have been ordinarily resident in the UK for three or more years (not for the purposes of full-time education) and have settled or pre-settled status may be treated as a home student by SAAS. Please see the SAAS website for more information.

Students from the Republic of Ireland (ROI)

A tuition fee loan of up to the relevant amount will be available from SAAS. Students must prove their resident status to SAAS with an Irish passport.



Living costs

Living cost support that may be available will come from the funding authorities in Ireland. There is no living cost support available from SAAS.

Students with a disability

You may be eligible to claim the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) to assist with the additional expenses of equipment or individual support that may arise during your studies. This allowance is not income assessed. Applications for DSA must be supported by appropriate evidence and countersigned by a Disability Adviser at QMU.

If you consider that you may be eligible for DSA support, please contact a Disability Adviser at disabilityadvisers@qmu.ac.uk. It is helpful to get in touch as soon as you know that you have a place on your chosen course so that your DSA application process can begin prior to your start date.

USEFUL LINKS:

W: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/fees-and-funding/

W: www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/fees-and-funding/scholarships-for-new-students/

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