

Student Enrolment

Terms and Conditions 2026-2027



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In these terms and conditions references to "we", "our", "us" and the "University" are references to University of the West of Scotland.

1. Our contract with You

The terms of your UCAS offer or your offer directly from the University and these terms and conditions, along with the documents referred to in them, including the following documents:

- Our University Regulatory Framework (the Regulatory Framework applicable to the current academic year applies)
- our Finance Policy Statement
- our Learning, Teaching and Student Success Policy Statement
- our Student Code of Conduct and Procedures for Student Discipline?
- our Health and Safety Policy Statement
- our Corporate Governance Policy Statement
- our Research and Innovation Policy Statement
- our Information Technology Policy Statement

(which are together referred to in the rest of this document as the "Terms") give you information about us and the legal terms and conditions with which you need to comply with as a condition of your enrolment at the University. These Terms will apply from the day you accept your offer of a place at the University and will continue to apply as long as you remain enrolled on that programme of study unless terminated earlier as permitted below. If you defer your entry to the University the terms and conditions applying to that deferred year of entry will apply, and these may be different to these Terms.

Where a Policy Statement or the University Regulatory Framework refer to a procedure, protocol, code of practice or other similar document then you are also expected to act in line with the requirements set out in these related documents and these are considered to form part of the Terms.

We always try to make sure that our documents and communications are accurate, up to date, clear and consistent. However, there may be instances where references to old or obsolete regulations, policies or procedures are made. If this does happen then the most recent version of the [Regulatory Framework, Policy Statement or Procedure](#) is published online.

If you are unable to access these on our website you can request a copy from Legal Services, University of the West of Scotland, High Street, Paisley, PA1 2BE (legal@uws.ac.uk). You can also use these contact details if you have any questions about these Terms or require them in a different format.

If you are a Student Route visa holder then the Student Conditions of Enrolment for holders of a Student Route Visa set out in Annex 1 also apply and will form part of the Terms applying to you.

You should read the Terms carefully and make sure that you understand them, before enrolling. By enrolling, you agree to comply with and be bound by the Terms and any other documents referred to in them. The Terms can only be enforced by you and by us. No-one else has any rights or obligations under them unless it is specifically stated in these Terms.

These Terms are governed by the laws of Scotland and any dispute between you and us will be dealt with by the Scottish Courts.

You must complete the enrolment process for each academic year. When you complete your online enrolment, you are shown a summary confirming your study programme and the modules you have selected.

We will communicate with you as an applicant via the email address that you provided in your application and/or UCAS Hub for applicants who apply via UCAS. Once you have registered as a student you are allocated a UWS email. We will communicate with you through this email account, which you are required to check regularly.

2. University Obligations

We offer a personalised digital prospectus that you can download. We provide online information about the programmes we offer with care, and every effort is made to ensure that the information is accurate. We will always try to deliver programmes in line with the descriptions set out in the digital prospectus and online. Information we provide in a personalised downloadable prospectus can change, however information on our website will be updated in real time.

Sometimes these changes are needed due to staff changes or due to an accrediting body requiring certain course content. Some study programmes are also only offered if minimum student numbers are met.

For these, and similar reasons, there may be times when we have to:

- a) make changes to the content or way of delivering a study programme;
- b) change the campus, location or programme timetable for the delivery of study programmes;
- c) discontinue modules and study programmes; or
- d) merge and combine study programmes.

We have formal processes in place within the University which are there to protect you and which we must follow when changes are proposed. You can find out more about these processes in our Academic Quality Framework requested from hub@uws.ac.uk

As a general principle we will only make major changes which apply to the next intake of students and will try to avoid making any major changes which would affect currently enrolled students. However, there may be operational issues which, for example, arise due to our multi-campus environment, and multi-intake cohorts that make it unavoidable for us to make such changes during a programme of study. If we are unable to avoid discontinuing or making major changes

to a study programme on which students are already enrolled, we will minimise disruption to students, take steps to consult with affected students, provide a suitable alternative programme and provide full academic guidance and support to affected students.

If you have not yet started the programme you have a right to withdraw from the programme without any penalty if, after you accept our offer, the programme is substantially varied from the description we provided in the prospectus or online. In such circumstances if you have paid any tuition fees or a deposit directly to us we would refund this to you.

We will provide you with as much notice as possible of any proposed changes we are planning to make which could affect you. If the proposed changes are approved, we will give you as much notice as possible of the date on which the changes take effect and will take all the steps we can to minimise any disruption to you.

In some cases, there may be temporary circumstances which we have no control over which may affect programme delivery. For example, severe weather conditions, industrial action, illness or staff changes. If this happens, we will make every effort to put in place contingency arrangements to minimise disruption to you. There may also be circumstances where major incidents affect stakeholders, service providers or collaborative partners and this may also impact on our programmes and services. If this happens, we will use your University email to communicate with you. If you have not opted out of receiving texts from us, we may also text you using the mobile number you have given us. We will also publish updates on our website.

If we make a change to your programme and you are not happy with this then you have the right to make a complaint to us. You can find out more about how to do this in section 11 of these Terms

3. Student Rights and Obligations

The Regulatory Framework governs our academic awards with the aim of maintaining high standards and with the student experience in mind. We publish our Regulatory Framework with a summary of all changes at the start of each academic year. Students will be bound by the Regulatory Framework approved by Senate for implementation during the session in which the student is enrolled. However, we follow the principle that while occasional change is sometimes needed, no student should be put in an unfair position by changes made midway through a programme of study. Where this would happen, we will undertake an impact assessment and put in place suitable measures to address the impact on particular groups of students that may be affected.

We take decisions in good faith on the basis of the statements you have made in your application for admission. If we find out that you have made a false statement or significant information has been left out of your application form, we may withdraw or amend our offer, or terminate your enrolment at the University, whichever is appropriate in the circumstances. You should also refer to section 13 of these Terms for some additional information on this.

Our [Learning, Teaching and Student Success Policy Statement](#) sets out the approach to how the staff and students of the University work in partnership to build an excellent student experience and enhance opportunities for students to achieve success. As a student of the University you are expected to meet the responsibilities set out for our students in our [Learning, Teaching and Student Success Policy Statement](#). An important part of this is making sure you regularly participate in timetabled on-campus and online teaching sessions, asynchronous online learning activities, course-related learning resources and complete assessments and submit these on time. You can find out more about what is expected in our [Student Attendance and Engagement Procedure](#).

Your attention is drawn specifically to our [Student Code of Conduct](#) which sets out what constitutes misconduct and the consequences of this. Some programmes have particular requirements, e.g. fitness to practice or professional accreditation requirements. You should refer to programme handbooks and familiarise yourself with specific requirements which may be relevant to you.

You are not permitted to record teaching sessions on any electronic device including smart phones, smart watches or smart glasses unless you have received consent from your lecturer or this has been agreed with us as a reasonable adjustment under the Equality Act 2010. Recordings are only for personal study use and must not be used for commercial purposes, copied or modified and/or shared with any other person (including on social media or any content sharing site). Recordings must be deleted at the end of the academic year in which they are made. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct.

4. Student Work for Assessment

Unless another format has been requested by or agreed with the module co-ordinator/PGR supervisor, all written / text-based coursework assignments are submitted electronically via the University's similarity detection software. The originality of your work is checked against other student work, websites, books, articles and online information and the system keeps a copy of your submission for this purpose.

All students are expected to uphold the values of academic integrity, and similarity detection software is used in conjunction with other means of detection to analyse assessment submissions for breaches of academic integrity. As well as including plagiarism, this can include submission of material generated by artificial intelligence where such material has not been specifically deemed appropriate for that assessment item.

By accepting these Terms, you agree that your work may be used in this way. You should make yourself aware of the Student Academic Integrity Procedure within the [Student Code of Conduct](#) and the [Referencing Statement](#). Breaches of academic integrity are investigated in line with the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

5. Intellectual Property

If you are enrolled on undergraduate programme or a taught postgraduate level programme, you will normally own all intellectual property and copyright generated by you during your programme of study at the University. You will be advised if there are different arrangements applicable to your programme.

If you are enrolled on a postgraduate research programme, intellectual property rights will normally belong to the University. You can find out more about this in our [Exploitation of Intellectual Property Procedure](#) and our [Doctoral College Handbook](#).

You acknowledge that the intellectual property rights in any course materials provided to you as part of your programme are owned by us and you agree to use these materials only for your own personal study.

6. Payment of Fees

By enrolling at the University you agree to pay the tuition fees (in accordance with University payment terms as detailed in the Student Fees and Refunds Procedure) and any additional costs associated with your programme of study. The tuition fees and additional costs that you pay vary depending on your fee status and your programme of study. If a third party such as an employer is due to pay your tuition fees or any additional costs on your behalf, responsibility remains with you

to pay such fees or costs in the event that the third party fails to pay. A student ID must be quoted for any payment to be made.

We take all reasonable steps to avoid large increases in tuition fees, however, we reserve the right to increase fees where necessary. If we want to increase your tuition fees we will take into consideration such factors as inflation, increased delivery costs, changes in regulatory requirements, or market competition and Government and Scottish Funding Council policy. Any increase in your fees will not exceed 3% per year on the tuition fee paid by you in the previous year. If we will be increasing the amount of your tuition fees we will let you know in good time ahead of the next academic year. If you are adversely affected by the increase in fees you are entitled to withdraw from the programme without any penalty being payable.

If you defer your start date to a new academic year, then you are required to pay the tuition fees applicable to that year of entry and subject to any increase applied in line with the paragraph above. You will be sent a new offer letter stating that fee.

You are liable for any miscellaneous expenditure (such as fieldwork, course materials, photocopying etc.) and living costs you incur as a result of undertaking a study programme at the University. Details of these additional costs are published on our website.

Fees shall be paid by the student in accordance with the terms of the [Student Fees and Refunds Procedure](#) and [Credit Control Procedure](#).

When making any payment to the University you should let us know what the payment relates to (for example tuition fees, accommodation costs, library fines etc.). This is so we can correctly allocate your payment against your various accounts. If you do not advise us then we automatically allocate your payment to the oldest outstanding debt you have with us. If you have no debt with us the payment is held unallocated in your own account until we are able to contact you.

Where student debts to the University in respect of tuition fees, accommodation fees or other programme related costs remain outstanding beyond agreed payment terms, the University may apply sanctions in line with the [Student Fees and Refund Procedure](#) and the [Credit Control Procedure](#).

We may not apply sanctions where the debt has been legitimately disputed by you. In addition, in the event of non-payment of debt, the University may raise court proceedings for payment.

7. Cancellation

If you accept our offer by means of distance communication, (i.e. where there has been no face-to-face contact between the University and you at the time of acceptance), you are entitled to cancel this agreement within fourteen (14) days from the date you accept our offer of a place at the University. If you do want to cancel this agreement then, if you applied directly to us then, you should let us know in writing and send this to our Admissions team. If you made your application via UCAS, then you should contact them and let them know that you want to cancel.

If you do cancel this agreement within the 14 day time period we refund any fees already paid by you (or by any third party on your behalf). We do our best to process this refund within 28 days of receiving your notice of cancellation. You must return any study materials or other documentation we have provided to you in relation to the programme to us at your own cost.

8. Student Residences

If you are in University managed accommodation, a separate Accommodation Contract will set out your legal rights and responsibilities. Further information may be obtained from the Residence Team (accommodation@uws.ac.uk).

9. Students' Union

You will automatically be registered as a member of the UWS Students' Union unless you inform us otherwise. Details of the procedure for opting-out of membership can be found in our [Privacy Notice](#) for Student Enrolment and Application.

If you choose to opt-out of membership, then you become an Associate Member of the Union which will allow you to access all of the services provided by them. In addition, the University Student Services team offer a range of services that can help you. The University is satisfied that the range of services provided by the University and the Union for all students (whether members of the Union or not) are sufficient to ensure that non-members are not unfairly disadvantaged within the meaning of the Education Act 1994.

Section 22 of the Education Act 1994 requires the University Court to ensure that the Students' Union operates in a fair and democratic manner and is accountable for its finances. A [Code of Practice](#) is published which sets out how the University will carry out its responsibilities under the Act.

The Students' Union is a charity registered with OSCR (Charity Number SC049356) under the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and as such is subject to a number of restrictions, and must only operate in accordance with its charitable objects and powers as stated within its constitution.

10. Health and Safety

We are committed to providing you with a safe and healthy environment while you are with us. You still have a responsibility for your own safety and that of other people who could be affected by what you do and also what you don't do. This responsibility extends to the safe use of University Equipment, including Fire Extinguishers, etc.

All students and staff are required to comply with the University's [Health and Safety Policy Statement](#) and the related [Protocols, Procedures and Risk Assessments](#). These are intended to ensure your safety in the University and during any activities undertaken by you on behalf of the University. These documents include the following:

- The Fire Action Notice, posted on the walls throughout the buildings, intended to ensure your safety in the event of a fire alarm,
- The First Aid Action Notice, again posted on the walls. You can get first aid at any of our Scottish campuses by phoning 0141 848 3333 from any external/mobile phone, then select the relevant campus from the options (1 for Paisley, 2 for Ayr, 3 for Lanarkshire or 4 for Dumfries). At our London campus you can call 07436 595 984 (for Import Building) and 07442818775 (for Export Building) or 0141 848 3047 for the main reception (Option 2).
- The Smoke Free Protocol, which means that staff, students and visitors are not allowed to smoke or use e-cigarettes or other electronic nicotine dispensers anywhere within the University Campuses, including all University grounds, buildings (including Residence bedrooms and common areas) and vehicles.
- Students are advised to download the SafeZone App that automatically shares your location on campus in certain situations, for example Emergency or First Aid Alerts.
- Our Workbased Learning Procedure which explains when a Health and Safety Risk Assessment should be carried out.

The University may take disciplinary action against anyone who does not follow the [Health and Safety Policy Statement](#) or who misuses or interferes with health and safety equipment such as fire extinguishers or who puts themselves or other people at risk. It should be remembered that everyone in the University community has a duty to others. This means that not only must you not behave in an unsafe manner but also that you must report any unsafe situation to Health & Safety by emailing HealthandSafety@uws.ac.uk.

11. Complaints Procedure

The University's Complaints Handling Procedure reflects our commitment to valuing complaints and seeking to improve the student experience. Our aim is to resolve issues of dissatisfaction as close to the initial point of contact as possible and to conduct thorough and fair investigations of formal complaints so that, where appropriate, we can make evidence-based decisions on the facts of each individual case.

We are committed to providing the highest level of service for its students and members of the public who may have contact with the University. However, we recognise that, on occasion, legitimate complaints may be raised by students or members of the public.

If you wish to raise a complaint, please follow the University's Complaints Handling Procedure. You can complain in person at the Hub on any campus, by phone, in writing, by email via complaints@uws.ac.uk or via [Contact Scotland BSL](#). The Hub can signpost you to appropriate support.

12. Your Personal Data

The University of the West of Scotland recognises the importance of the protection of personal data. Our [Data Protection Code of Practice](#) sets out the rules we follow when processing student data. Our [Privacy Notice](#) for student enrolment and application provides more information about how we will handle the personal data that we hold about you.

13. Criminal Convictions

You must comply with the University's [Criminal Convictions and Charges Procedure](#). Under this Procedure, you are required to inform us if you are charged with specific criminal offences, convicted of specific criminal offence or have pending criminal charges against you.

If you fail to or refuse to answer the criminal convictions declaration questions, or if you disclose information and we assess this to mean that you pose a risk to other students at the University, or that special arrangements/conditions are required, we may (a) admit you on the condition that you comply with such special arrangements/conditions; or (b) in limited circumstances, and at our discretion, withdraw our offer to you or terminate this Agreement on the basis that these circumstances would constitute a material breach of contract.

If you are an enrolled student and you fail to or refuse to answer the criminal convictions questions, we refer the matter to the Senate Disciplinary Committee.

14. Cancellation and Withdrawal

Your rights and obligations under these Terms end automatically, subject to any rights of internal appeal and your obligation to pay fees, if your studies with the University are terminated as a result of:

- a) action taken against you in accordance with our Student Code of Conduct;
- b) a decision of an assessment board, based on your academic performance;
- c) non-payment of tuition fees, in accordance with the University's procedure on payment of fees and these Terms;
- d) failure to participate in your programme of study, as required by the University or, if you are a sponsored student, failure to meet any engagement requirements set out by UKVI;
- e) you being expelled or dismissed from the University or other organisation which you are required to attend or be a member of as part of your programme in which case the University may terminate your enrolment under these Terms immediately by written notice to you;
- f) a material change in your circumstances, between accepting an offer and starting on your study programme which, creates a legal, professional, regulatory or safety barrier to your study on your study programme;
- g) us becoming aware of information about you which we did not know before (for example, as explained above you have an unspent criminal convictions which you should have declared when you applied to us or enrolled) which, in our reasonable opinion, makes it inappropriate for you to study on your study programme;
- h) you, in our reasonable opinion, failing to provide us with all relevant information or supplying false or misleading information which, had it be known when your application was considered would have resulted in your application being refused or subject to additional conditions;
- i) if you fail to comply with conditions associated with your immigration status including those relating to working in the UK; or
- j) if your behaviour, following an assessment of the relevant evidence and circumstances, the University reasonably concludes, represents a significant risk to the health, safety or welfare of yourself or other students, staff or members of the University community.

If at any time your enrolment under these Terms terminates:

- a) we are entitled to refuse to enrol you on your programme (if, at the date of termination, you have not already enrolled);
- b) we are entitled to require you to stop studying on your programme and to leave the University immediately (if, at the date of termination, you have enrolled).

If at any time your enrolment under these Terms terminates, your obligations are:

- a) to return to Registry, any Student Identification Card issued to you on enrolment, together with all property owned by the University; and
- b) to pay all outstanding fees owed to the University under these Terms immediately.

In addition to the cancellation right set out in section 7, you are entitled to cancel your enrolment by giving notice to the University at any time during your enrolment. The date on which you give notice determines any amount that is refunded to you by the University.

Any action taken by us under the above provisions does not limit our ability to take any other action against you which we may be entitled to take. We are not liable to you for any loss or damage which you may suffer as a result.

In certain circumstances, it may be possible to transfer to another study programme, or transfer fees to the next academic year. The reasons for the circumstances must be discussed with your Programme Leader as soon as possible, and appropriate evidence from you will usually need to be submitted.

You must inform your Programme Leader and Registry of your withdrawal from your study programme (even where no reduction in fees or transfer applies). You must also inform your Programme Leader if you withdraw from any module.

15. Events outside of our control

We will not be liable to you for any failure or delay in carrying out our obligations under these Terms if this is caused by events which is outside our reasonable control and which we could not have foreseen or prevented, as long as we have taken reasonable and proportionate steps to mitigate the impact of these events. This may include adverse weather, fire, natural disaster, , accidental damage to a University buildings, failure of a utility service or transport network, national emergencies, pandemics, terrorism, strikes and other industrial action by non-university staff, staff illness, cyber-attack or significant changes to our funding or government higher education policy. If this happens, we can suspend our obligations under these Terms and the time allowed to carry out our obligations is extended for the length of time that the event occurs. When such an event occurs, we take whatever steps are reasonable and proportionate to carry out our obligations under these Terms; however, this may not be possible in every circumstance and we may there be unable to run your programme of study as intended.

16. Limit of Liability

We cannot accept any responsibility, and expressly exclude liability, for damage to your property including theft or the transfer of computer viruses to your equipment. You are advised to insure your property, including your personal belongings, against the risk of theft and damage. Where we have failed to comply with our obligations under the Terms, we are responsible for loss or damage you suffer that is a foreseeable result of our breaking the Terms or our failing to use reasonable care and skill, but not to the extent that such failure is attributable to your own fault and/or the fault of a third party that is not within our control. We are not responsible for any loss or damage that is not foreseeable. Loss or damage is foreseeable if either it is obvious that it will happen or if, at the time our agreement was made, we both knew it might happen.

We shall not be liable for indirect and consequential loss arising under or in relation to these Terms or for loss of profit, opportunity or earnings.

Nothing in this section shall limit or exclude our liability for death or personal injuring arising from our own negligence, or for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

The provisions of this section 16 continue to apply after termination or expiry of the Terms between us and you.

17. Notices

Any notice given under this Agreement will be made in writing. We may serve notices on you by e-mail to your University e-mail address or by sending the notice to the last address you gave to Registry. It is your responsibility to ensure that you notify Registry of any change in your contact details.

18. Severability

If a court or other competent authority decides that any provision of these Terms is void or not enforceable, either in whole or in part, this will not affect the remaining Terms which shall continue to be valid.

19. General

These Terms are only enforceable by you and the University and constitutes the entire agreement between you and the University in relation to your enrolment with us (unless you are specifically advised otherwise in our correspondence or communications with you). If you have been told verbally about any change to these Terms by a member of University staff, you should ask for this to be put in writing before you sign up to these Terms. This helps in resolving any problems arising between you and us about what you are expected to do and the services we are delivering to you.

Even if the University delays in enforcing these Terms this does not prevent us from taking action at a later date, for example, where you have not paid your tuition fees and we do not enforce this immediately.

This section 19 continues to apply after termination of the Terms between us and you.

Annex 1

Student Conditions of Enrolment for holders of a Student Route Visa:

As a Student visa holder you must meet the requirements set out by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) noted below.

1. Attend all your classes, tutorials and meetings arranged by your Faculty, these may be online or face to face. If you cannot attend, you must inform your Faculty/Lecturer why you cannot attend and your expected return date to your studies. If you stop engaging with your studies UWS will be obliged to inform UKVI and withdraw your student visa sponsorship..
2. Enrol and attend the checkpoints with your original passport and visa or Share Code. These may be conducted electronically under E-Visa & UK Arrival Registration where you will be required to email a photograph of your passport, visa or Share Code.
3. Always keep your UK address, telephone numbers and email addresses up to date in [Self Service Banner](#).
4. Pay your tuition fees on time and in full. If you are having difficulties, you must keep in touch with the Finance Team to discuss your options. Scottish campus students should contact hub@uws.ac.uk and London campus students contact [London Hub via Topdesk](#) or come along to the in person drop-in sessions at the Export Building, to talk with a team member.
5. Work only outside of your study times and for the number of hours stated on your visa (usually 20 hours maximum each week).
6. Check your University student email account regularly for messages from us.
7. Inform the International Student Advice Team if your visa is refused or there are any changes to your visa at internationaladvice@uws.ac.uk.
8. Travel only during University official holiday times.
9. Travel is permitted if you complete and submit to Programme Leader for approval a "Change of Circumstances form" if you study abroad, travel abroad for data collection or start a work placement. You must keep in regular contact with your Faculty/Lecturer if you are away from the University. The form is available from your Faculty.
10. Advise us by emailing, UKVI.Reporting@uws.ac.uk if you complete your course earlier than the original expected end date, as specified in your CAS. We are required to inform UKVI your accurate course completion date.

More information for students holding a Student visa can be found by logging into the student portal hub.uws.ac.uk on the International Student Support tile.



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