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Welcome to Ulster



International team at Coleraine

We're delighted that you are considering studying at the **University of Ulster**. Join us and, as well as gaining a highly-valued British degree, you'll immediately be part of a friendly and welcoming institution.

In this magazine, we're going to illustrate the Ulster experience – so whether you are coming to us from as far away as Asia or the USA, or closer in continental Europe, this is your guide to all you need to know about studying and living in Northern Ireland.

The International Team will be the first people you meet when you decide to come here – often you'll have already spoken with us or corresponded by email. If you haven't been in touch and have any questions at all please let us know – you might have a question about a course of study, you may like more details on

accommodation, or your question could be about a visa, whatever it is don't hesitate to ask. As a team we have many years experience in helping potential students just like you and we'd love to hear from you.

So why Ulster? As a university, we have never lost sight of the fact that our students are individuals with unique aspirations – and sometimes challenges – that we have to meet. That is why we take pride in saying that Ulster is a modern, forward-looking, progressive and entrepreneurial university with the ability to make a difference.

We continuously review the courses we offer in terms of what students and employers need and expect from us, and are proud of the quality of our courses and the range of study opportunities we offer.

The Ulster experience is more than simply what we can offer in educational terms. Four great campuses across Northern Ireland offer a unique and very distinctive student experience. Modern facilities for sport, leisure and accommodation combine with our international reputation for excellence in teaching quality and research to make us a leading UK education provider.

Ulster is for you if you are seeking a first-class education in a modern, dynamic environment. We're an ambitious university with a clear vision for the future and we'd like you to be part of that future. But don't just take our word for what a great place this is to live and study in – listen to what students and staff from around the world have to say about their time here at Ulster.



The Jordanstown team

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Our Belfast campus

Small But Beautiful

Northern Ireland is a little gem of a destination – a safe, easy place to live, study and travel in.

It is a small country of great variety, with cosmopolitan cities – each with their own history and culture – situated within easy reach of coastal drives, mountains and loughs.

Part of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland is physically separated from England, Wales and Scotland by the Irish Sea. It is the only part of the UK that shares a land border with another European country – the Republic of Ireland. Our capital city is Belfast.

There's no doubt that Northern Ireland is compact and easy to navigate – if you study at any of our campuses you could easily visit the Mourne mountains in the morning, stop off in Belfast for lunch and be at the spectacular Causeway coast in time for an evening stroll.

The people of Northern Ireland are famous for their friendliness and good humour. They say that wherever you go within Northern Ireland, you'll never be short of someone to talk to. Famous sons and daughters include the Nobel Prize winning poet Seamus Heaney; *The Chronicles of Narnia* author CS. Lewis; the actors Kenneth Branagh, Sam Neill and Liam Neeson; musicians like Van Morrison, James Galway, Ash and Snow Patrol; the great soccer player George Best; the racing driver Eddie Irvine; and a cast of other actors, writers, artists, musicians, sports people, scientists and inventors too numerous to mention.

Northern Ireland is an English-speaking country with close cultural, economic and educational links throughout the world. We are in the unique situation of being part of both the UK and the island of Ireland. So we are also European and part of the EU family of nations and cultures. There is so much packed into this little corner of the world – and it will

all be on your doorstep to explore and enjoy.

Today, more than ever, Northern Ireland is global in outlook. We are a changing country, growing and learning every day. We are proud of our country and the future that we want to be part of – and we want you to be part of that future too.



Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge

Global & Local



Belfast City Hall

Come to the University of Ulster and you'll meet students and staff from around the world – currently we have students from over 80 countries studying with us. So while you'll probably meet people from your own home country, you will also have a great opportunity to meet people from many other countries – including Northern Ireland!

The population here is 1.7 million – with almost 60% of the population under the age of 40. We have a devolved Assembly with legislative powers which is part of the greater government of the United Kingdom. Northern Ireland has a modern infrastructure which is distinctly British, but our culture is also rich in Celtic tradition.

The currency is the pound sterling, and the language is English.

Human inhabitation can be traced back to the first people who settled



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here 9,000 years ago, and our heritage has been dramatically shaped by heroic events through the centuries.

Our landmarks include castles, ancient monuments and important spiritual sites. Our scenery is often breathtaking – the Giant's Causeway (a World Heritage site), mountains and glens, rugged coasts, wide, clean sandy beaches, moors, loughs and forests as well as our towns, cities and villages. Our landscapes are full of signs of the past, from neolithic tombs and monuments through our castles and forts to colourful reminders of our rich and varied heritages.

Music, dance and drama play a big part in our lives, as do film and visual arts, literature, architecture and fashion.

We're also big sports fans – football, cricket, rugby, ice hockey, golf, hiking, angling, cycling, surfing, not to mention traditional Gaelic sports. You name it, we watch it or play it.

Making Your Travel Plans

Flying from Great Britain and continental Europe

It's easy to get here as we're less than an hour from London – and you can fly to one of our three regional airports:

- George Best Belfast City Airport
- Belfast International Airport
- City of Derry Airport

Like all regional airports, services and carriers may vary and we advise you to check which of our airports are available to you from your departure point. All three airports are serviced by bus operators and taxis are also available though these could prove expensive for a single trip.

By sea

A number of ferry operators run services from Great Britain to Northern Ireland. Our main two ferry ports are Larne and Belfast and you can cross the Irish Sea from ports in Scotland and England. Crossing times vary, depending on the route. Onward travel from Larne and Belfast is possible by road or rail.

Useful Websites:

Air travel

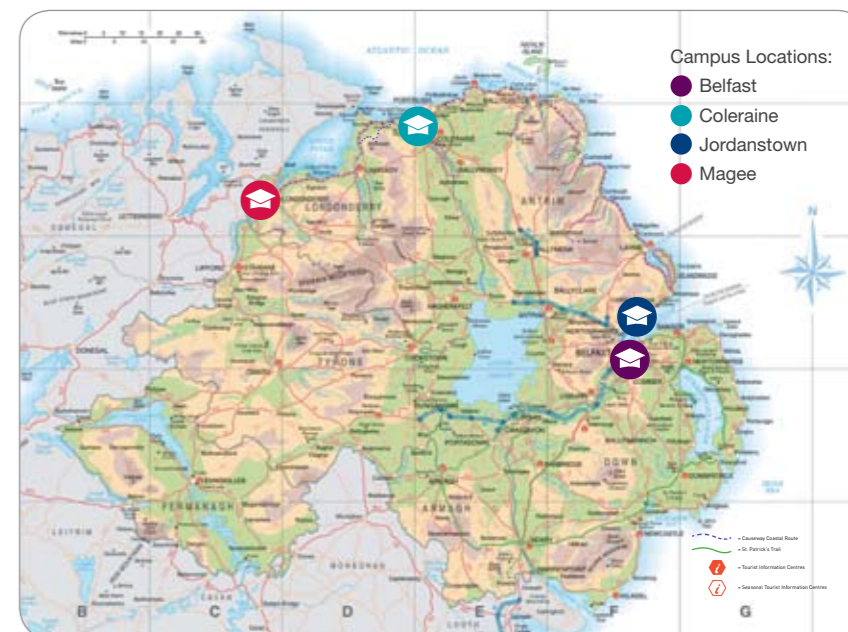
www.belfastcityairport.com
www.belfastairport.com
www.cityofderryairport.com

Bus/Rail travel

www.nirailways.co.uk
www.translink.co.uk/
 (Northern Ireland rail/bus)
www.airporter.co.uk

Sea travel

www.belfast-harbour.co.uk
www.portoflarne.co.uk



Join us on Campus



Belfast campus

Our campus on York Street is part of Belfast's vibrant Cathedral Quarter. Part of a dynamic arts scene, the area and the campus play host to a number of annual festivals – including our own Festival of Art and Design.

The campus comprises two buildings connected via a suspended walkway. Students and visitors have access to excellent purpose-built design space, studios for recording and editing live and off-air television, sound recording, mixing and animation, teaching and exhibition areas as well as a new Learning Resource Centre.

The campus is currently home to the School of Art and Design and the School of Architecture and Design – other disciplines taught here include courses offered by the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

There are plentiful and diverse options for those wishing to eat on campus, Tao Noodle Bar, The Streat, the Studio Bar as well as the Academy Training Restaurant.

The Students' Union Studio Bar is a popular and established venue on the Belfast music circuit, attracting local and touring bands. The bar is also a great lunchtime venue for students and staff alike.

Impressive sport and recreation facilities are offered at our Jordanstown campus, seven miles away. For those interested in other more leisurely pursuits the nearby Odyssey complex is home to the Belfast Giants ice hockey team, a science and technology centre, numerous bars and restaurants as well as a 12-screen cinema.



Coleraine campus

The Coleraine campus is situated on the River Bann, less than a mile from the centre of the town.

The campus has a warm and friendly atmosphere which radiates a strong community feel, and is set within 312 acres of landscaped and mature parkland containing tranquil garden areas.

In addition to our teaching and learning facilities, the campus has on-site residential, catering, sports and crèche facilities. Creative, cultural arts facilities on campus are provided for at the Riverside Theatre which offers a year-round programme of drama, concerts and shows.

As a green campus, Coleraine's landmark feature is our wind turbine standing 56 metres tall. With a power output equivalent to that consumed by 425 homes, its installation and operation now provides a 1074 tonne reduction in annual carbon dioxide emissions emitted at local power stations.

Non-teaching facilities include the Students' Union run shop, bar and cafeteria based next to the sports centre. A hairdressers and cash machine/ATM are also situated in the same building. The central part of the campus contains further facilities including a bank with ATM, a coffee shop, supermarket and Post Office.

For those wishing to eat on campus options include The Streat, a Spar supermarket and University-run canteen. Food and drinks are also available at the independently run Senior Common Room. The Students' Union provides hot and cold food via its outlets both within the bar and the cafeteria in the South Building.



Jordanstown campus

Our Jordanstown campus is just seven miles from Belfast city centre and has a village feel.

The campus is laid out around a central and busy Mall which is home to banks, restaurants, coffee shops, sandwich bars, a supermarket, the chaplains' office and the Students' Union. Study facilities include science and computing laboratories; Physiotherapy, Optometry and Podiatry clinics; and a modern Learning Resource Centre. The University has a strong commitment to health, sport and recreation and the campus is home to the Sports Institute Northern Ireland and the Ulster Sports Academy as well as major new indoor sport and recreation facilities which opened in 2008.

For students, the Students' Union is a popular meeting place complete with cafeteria, satellite television, video games, pool, and snooker, a travel office and shop – as well as regular student entertainment.



Magee campus

The Magee campus is located a short walk along the River Foyle from Derry city centre which will be the UK City of Culture 2013 – and comprises a mixture of historical and new buildings, with modern and traditional facilities.

The central feature of the campus is the original building opened in 1865. The campus has a friendly feel and students often mention this as being one of the main benefits of studying here.

The University has recently invested over £50 million here to provide state-of-the-art teaching, research and support facilities for students and staff. This funding has delivered a student residential village offering en-suite accommodation; a Learning Resource Centre equipped to serve the requirements of students and staff; and the Foyle Arts Building, housing the School of the Creative Arts.

Unique on the island of Ireland, Magee is home to the £3 million Centre for the Creative and Performing Arts – a facility where these disciplines occupy a single site so students and staff can inspire and influence each other. The centre provides dance, design, drama and music students with an unrivalled building comprising rehearsal and performance spaces, sound and lighting technology, a dance studio, electronic and recording studios as well as photographic, video editing and animation resources.



The Right Choice

Choose to come to Ulster and you'll join a dynamic, modern and progressive university.

Of our 24,000 students, two-thirds study full-time, one-third part-time. Each of our campuses offers a unique student experience centred on:

Great teaching – most of our academics are actively involved in both research and teaching which means the benefits of their research work is passed on through their teaching;

Lots of courses – six faculties: Art, Design and Built Environment; Arts; Computing and Engineering; Life and Health Sciences; Social Sciences; and the Ulster Business School;

Career choice – we work with employers to make sure our graduates are highly employable and our graduate employment rate is well above the national average; and

Readiness for work – a degree from Ulster is internationally recognised and will give you a great start to your career.

What our students say

In the 2009 annual National Student Survey, final-year students in the UK responded to questions about their university experiences.

Of particular note is our excellent performance in learning resources (88%), personal development (82%) and overall satisfaction (84%) – all higher than the national average.

Choice

By offering subjects in combination with each other, we have over 600 individual undergraduate course opportunities for you to choose from. A high proportion of our students take advantage of long or short work placements or study abroad in partner institutions across the world. At postgraduate level we offer more than 100 taught course options – as well as opportunities to undertake postgraduate research studies. See p27 for subject areas.

Quality matters

You can be assured that any course you study at Ulster is of the highest standard – we have rigorous quality procedures in place, as well as ongoing continuous improvement.

We are also subject to audit by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) which is a national organisation established to safeguard the public interest in sound standards of higher education qualifications.

In their recent audit of the University's work, the QAA gave us the highest possible level of confidence for the quality of our teaching and the learning opportunities we offer our students.

A Professional Education



This environment is shaped by the quality of the teaching and the standard of the research.

Our flourishing research culture was recognised in the Research Assessment Exercise (2008) which rates UK universities for research strength. We're proud to say that a high level of our research is classified as 'world leading' or 'internationally recognised'. Read more about our research excellence on page 26.



At Ulster we have a clear focus on education for professional life.

Many of our courses offer additional professional qualifications alongside our academic awards. Our graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills to be successful practitioners. They can also take advantage of entrepreneurship training – we offer support for those who aspire to turn the skills and knowledge they have acquired into businesses of their own.

We have strong and constantly developing relationships with employers regionally and internationally.

External partners play an important part in our course approval and review processes. There is no doubt that the need for graduate level skills has risen over recent years and will continue to rise in the future as we increasingly compete globally in key international markets.

Research focus

Graduates make the greatest contribution when they are educated in an environment where knowledge is created, tested and shared with enthusiasm and commitment.

Flexible learning opportunities

As well as offering courses at all levels here in Northern Ireland, we are a leading university for e-learning and our virtual learning environment is recognised internationally as a leader in distance-learning provision.

To view the options in this area go to our e-learning webpages on www.ulster.ac.uk/elearning

24,000 students

4 campuses

6 faculties

84% student satisfaction*

70% graduates in employment**

Students from 80+ countries

145,000 alumni

600+ undergraduate course options

100+ postgraduate course options

* National Student Survey 2009

** Destination of Leavers from Higher Education 2009

Support At Every Step



At Ulster we welcome students from all around the world. We have a smaller family of overseas students than many British Universities – and we think that is a good thing. It means we get to know you and take a genuine personal interest to ensure you settle well into both your new life and studies.

Entry requirements

Our entry requirements for undergraduate courses are comparable to most other UK universities and we accept a wide range of international qualifications.

A good honours degree is generally needed for entry onto our Masters courses. This is a general guide and there may be some exceptions.

The range of equivalent overseas qualifications are too numerous to cover in this publication – contact the International Office if you have a

query in this area or visit our website www.international.ulster.ac.uk to find out more.

English Language requirements

To study at Ulster it is essential that you have a high enough level of English – otherwise you will struggle to keep up with your classmates.

Most courses will ask you to have at least one of the following:

- IELTS 6 (with no band at less than 5.5)
- GCSE English language – grade C or above
- TOEFL – paper based – 550
- TOEFL – internet based – 79
- TOEFL – computer based – 213
- An equivalent recognised by the University
- Some courses ask for a higher level of English – see the specific course details on: www.prospectus.ulster.ac.uk

Need to upgrade your level of English?

The Centre for English Language Teaching (CELT), has a great team of teachers to support your English language needs while you are here. We run two specific courses to help you reach the required standard for entry to Ulster:

Pre-sessional English

If you achieved an IELTS score of 5.5 or equivalent and meet all other requirements for your chosen course, you can enrol in our pre-sessional English course. This is a seven-week course in English for Academic Purposes. The course is free of charge as long as you pass and then enrol on a taught undergraduate or postgraduate course at Ulster.

Diploma in Foundation English for Academic Purposes (Dip FEAP)

This British Council accredited course lasts for one year and is specifically aimed at students who need a little more help and practice to get their English language skills up to the required level. You can enrol on this course if you have achieved an IELTS score of 4.5.

The Dip FEAP is one of the few foundation courses in the UK or Ireland which offers you the opportunity to gain a university award. This is a great course and the added benefit is that by the time you start your degree course, you are settled in Northern Ireland, used to the accent and ready to study. For further details visit www.international.ulster.ac.uk/CELT



Continuous English language development

During your studies we continue to encourage and support your English language skills. We offer a series of modules designed to improve your writing, presentation skills and cultural awareness. These courses give the added benefit of offering Continuous Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) credit points so your English language successes will be recognised on your transcript – something that may well help you in your next career step.

Applying to Ulster

If you are applying for an undergraduate course you need to apply via UCAS, the UK body of all admissions at this level www.ucas.ac.uk

All postgraduate applications need to be made directly to the University. Use the 'apply online' button on our postgraduate courses in our online prospectus www.prospectus.ulster.ac.uk



Visas

If you decide to join us at Ulster you may need to obtain a visa for study under Tier 4 of the UKBA Points Based System. www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk

If you are a national or citizen of a country outside the European Economic Area or from Switzerland you will need a Tier 4 Student visa. If your course is more than 6 months long or a course which has a work experience/internship component you will need to get a Tier 4 student study visa before coming to Ulster.

Ulster will become your immigration sponsor and will apply to the UKBA for your Certificate of Acceptance for Study. This is a unique identifier or number which you need to complete your visa application.

Visas are applied for at British diplomatic posts or Visa application centres. Details can be found at www.ukvisas.gov.uk Other helpful information is available from the Foreign & Commonwealth website www.fco.gov.uk



If you are a research student you might also need an ATAS certificate to accompany your visa application. The Research Office at Ulster will help you www.research.ulster.ac.uk

When you join us you can still get advice from the Immigration Advice Service section of the International Office.

Meeting us overseas

Before coming to Northern Ireland you can meet and talk with staff from the International Office when they are in China and India. We also have a network of representative agents in many countries who can offer you face-to-face advice and support with your application to us. Contact the International Office to find out the dates of visits or agent contacts. www.international.ulster.ac.uk

Ulster Life



Getting to know you

Arriving at a university in another country can be somewhat daunting, so, if you arrive on the specified days at the start of the academic year, we can meet you at the airport and take you to your campus. It is really important that you arrive in time for orientation before your academic course starts. This is when we can help you with opening a UK bank account, registering as a student, meeting your studies advisor and so on.

This orientation programme is a really useful and fun way to find out more about living and studying here, to make friends with other students and to meet staff.

Living on campus

Living in University-managed accommodation provides you with a comfortable and safe environment to live and study in. We guarantee international students (non-EU) a single room in University-managed accommodation for the duration of your full-time study provided you have firmly accepted your place for a minimum of one academic year and booked your accommodation by the set date (see the accommodation website for details). We do recommend that students stay with us – especially for their first year of study. With campus accommodation you avoid such surprises as additional costs for internet access or the high cost of heating a rented house in winter. Find out more at www.accommodation.ulster.ac.uk

Private accommodation

Students requiring private rented accommodation should seek this information from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's website www.nistudentpad.co.uk

Living costs

The cost of living in Northern Ireland is generally lower than in many other parts of the UK. There are lots of different factors that will affect how much it costs to be a student including the way you live, and how much you spend on your social life. We suggest that you budget approximately £600 per month.

Fees and funding

Information on our fees is provided in the finance section of our website www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/fees. Details of internal and external funding opportunities for international students can be obtained from the International Office.

Scholarships and bursaries

The good news is that many of our full-fee paying international students qualify for a scholarship or bursary. For more details please see www.international.ulster.ac.uk/finance

Working while you study

Both undergraduate and postgraduate study require a lot of reading, research and study time outside of your timetabled classes. If you are considering working part-time while you study, you need to think carefully about how many hours you can work and still meet the demands of your course. You also need to be aware that you cannot work more than a set number of hours while you study in the UK. Information and guidance can be found on the UKCISA (Council for International affairs) website www.ukcisa.org.uk



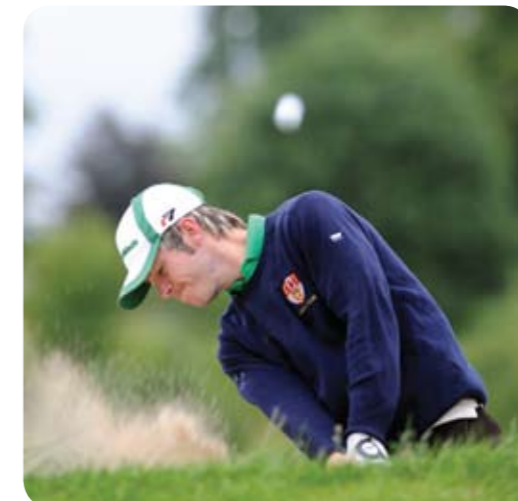
Supporting your studies

Every student registered on a taught programme is allocated a Studies Adviser who offers support on academic matters. He or she is responsible for guiding you in matters affecting choice of optional modules, curriculum content, assessment, progress, and study and examination skills.

Our International Office also offers advice and support throughout your entire time here at Ulster if you need it.

Healthcare

If your course of study is for six months or more, you will qualify for treatment through the National Health Service (NHS) from the beginning of your stay, on the same basis as anyone who is ordinarily resident in the UK. You and your family will be entitled to register as patients with a local doctor.



Academic Life



Academic life here at Ulster is structured into six faculties and in this section we take a brief look at what each faculty has to offer to you as a potential student. This is, of course, only a snapshot of what's available, but it will give you some highlights to help you decide if our University is the one for you.

ART, DESIGN AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

This faculty integrates art practice, creative design, architecture, planning and the built environment to meet the needs of our modern society.

Contemporary life demands high quality design, innovation, and creativity and, as such, we operate at the cutting-edge in course provision and research, while delivering a high quality professionally relevant experience for the student.

Our international research reputation spreads across a number of scholarly areas including sustainable

technologies, hydrogen safety, fire safety engineering, planning and real estate, fine art, and design.

- Architecture & Design – focuses on design and offers professionally accredited programmes in Architecture (RIBA Parts I & II), and innovative courses in the areas of Interior Design, Product and Furniture Design, and Architectural Technology and Management.
- Our School of Art & Design is rated in the top 10 in the UK for research. You can study in the areas of Design for Visual Communications, Fine Arts, Applied Arts, Photography, Textiles, Fashion Design, Art in Public, Multidisciplinary Design, and PhD.
- Our School of the Built Environment has been rated as 4th in the UK for research in the built environment. We deliver courses in the areas such as Quantity Surveying; Housing Management;

Environmental Health; Construction Engineering; Planning and Property Development, Property Investment and Development, Fire Safety Engineering and Energy Management, Transportation, and Building Services as well as study in Hydrogen Safety, Construction Project Management, and Infrastructure Engineering.

- We have a diverse heritage ranging from the 160-year-old School of Art and Design, while our new School of Architecture and Design recently received an outstanding accreditation visit from the Royal Institute of British Architects.
- In the School of the Built Environment, programmes are accredited by professional bodies including the Royal Town Planning Institute, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Institution of Civil Engineers, and the Chartered Institute of Housing to name just a few.

ARTS

The Faculty of Arts is an internationally renowned centre for full-time undergraduate and postgraduate provision in humanities and the arts

The Arts are changing. Where once there were only books and paper journals there are now production suites, multimedia resource units, digital software packages and collaborations with computer scientists. That's the preparation we offer for the challenges that come whether it's banking, administration, business, law, the public services, teaching, journalism, politics... What employers want are people capable of original thought, analysis and creativity – people who are able to keep learning and developing. This is what we offer to you.

- Best Journalism School in UK.
- Only UK University with dual accreditation from print & broadcast professional bodies.
- MA Journalism, Best In UK – Dec '09
- No.1 for French in the UK student satisfaction survey 2009
- Strong links and long tradition with USA and Canada
- Leading department for Irish and Celtic in Ireland
- Creative Arts provision in performance, design and creative technologies
- Centres of excellence in media education
www.skillset.ulster.ac.uk and multimedia language learning
www.cemll.ulster.ac.uk

COMPUTING AND ENGINEERING

This faculty provides an extensive range of high quality undergraduate, postgraduate and professional development programmes in the areas of Computing and Engineering. These are planned in collaboration with industry, professional bodies and, where appropriate, government bodies. The programmes are designed to meet the needs of industry – offering a good balance of theory and practice – and offering great employability for our graduates.

- Intelligent Systems
- Intelligent Multimedia
- Smart Home Technologies
- Data Mining
- Artificial Intelligence
- Software Engineering
- Information Engineering
- Bio-Engineering
- Medical Informatics and Statistics
- Nanotechnology and Engineering Composites

DR OLAF SUNNOTEL



“Even after living here for 10 years, the North Coast of Ireland still excites me every day. The coastal road from Downhill Beach to Carrickfergus is

stunning and a must-see for everyone who enjoys great scenery and spending time outdoors.

“There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy water sports, including surfing, canoeing and sailing. After a hard day of work, I like to relax with my friends and drink a couple of pints in one of the local pubs, which offer a variety of entertainment and buzzing nightlife.”

Dr Olaf Sunnotel, Holland, Radox Research Fellow, School of Biomedical Sciences

PROFESSOR JAN JEDRZEJEWSKI



“I arrived at Ulster 18 years ago and have seen the University – and Northern Ireland in general – change beyond recognition. It is now a much

more open and international place, giving people from all parts of the world an excellent chance to develop, both academically and on a personal level. In my School we have staff from seven countries and interact with academic colleagues worldwide. Most importantly, however, Northern Ireland is a place which makes you feel at home – I am now as much a local man here as I ever was in my native Poland.”

Professor Jan Jedrzejewski, Poland, Head of School of English History and Politics

MAXIM FOMIN



“I arrived in 2003 at the beginning of a project focusing on the digitisation of the Dictionary of the Irish Language (eDIL). Having become a key

member of the eDIL team, I was not only given a wonderful opportunity to master my IT skills, but was also promoted to Research Fellowship and then appointed as Lecturer in Humanities. During my time here I have learned Modern Irish and use it every day in my dealings with colleagues. My family feels safe and secure in Coleraine, with both children attending local schools. We have been readily accepted into our local community and it is a pleasure to interact with people here who are inquisitive and welcoming as far as other cultures and nations are concerned.”

Maxim Fomin, Russia, Lecturer in Humanities



Here are some recent highlights of our success:

- Top 20% in the UK for computer science research (RAE 2008)
- Computer science ranked 15th for research out of a list of 81 universities
- Centres of Excellence established in Point-of-Care Sensors and Computational Neuroscience with a total of £3.5million of external funding
- Materials Research 11th in the UK national league table for research excellence
- Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials Research Institute received £7.5 million relating to Health Technology, Biosensors and Tissue Engineering and Nanoparticle research.

LIFE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Students and staff are more likely to strive for excellence when they work in an environment where knowledge and skills are generated, challenged, tested and applied as well as being taught. This reflects what makes the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences special.

We have a reputation for internationally competitive research, for innovation in taught programmes and for the quality of the students' educational experience. Most importantly, our excellence in research informs our excellent teaching.

Our Virtual School delivers web-based, e-learning in highly successful subjects areas. All programmes on offer represent subjects where the most significant advances are taking place and

provide graduates with the necessary skills and knowledge base to follow high-level professional career paths in health services, industry, research and government.

You would join us at an exciting time, with major developments and national and international collaborations taking place across all areas.

Here are some of our achievements which we are proud of:

- Consistently a world leader for Biomedical Science research
- Top 3 for nursing and midwifery research in UK
- First nursing degree on island of Ireland in 1974
- Pioneered first professional nursing doctorate in Europe
- Developed first physiotherapy degree in Europe
- A leading university for sport on island of Ireland.



SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Social Sciences has an international reputation across a wide range of disciplines based on the following unifying themes:

- A track-record of education for the professions, and close links with employers via placements (some overseas). We also work in close collaboration with professional bodies. This helps ensure the employability of our graduates in areas like Social Work, Teacher Training, Counselling, Law, Policing, Public Relations, Social and Public Policy, and Public Administration.
- We work hard to develop our students' sense of citizenship and social conscience. We also promote good relations in wider society through close community links and ground-breaking work in areas such as transitional justice, conflict resolution and peace-building, restorative practices, community youth work, community development and international development.
- All our teaching is informed by cutting-edge research Communication 10th out of 47, Education 28th out of 82, Law 13th out of 67, Social Policy 19th out of 68 (RAE 2008).



Courses which particularly attract international applications include:

- Diploma in Foundation English
- MA TESOL – with a unique 6-week teaching practice in Hungary
- LLM Human Rights Law & Transitional Justice
- MSc Human Rights & Peace building
- Masters in Public Administration
- MSc Communications, Advertising & Public Relations – INCORE Summer School.

To see the full list of courses on offer in Social Sciences, as well as information on entry requirements, please go to our website www.socsci.ulster.ac.uk

ULSTER BUSINESS SCHOOL

Our business school is one of the largest providers of quality business and management education in the United Kingdom. We have a great team of talented and accomplished staff, many of whom have received awards for the high quality of their teaching and are leading researchers in their fields.

The high quality of the school's academic esteem is evidenced by



ratings from a variety of independent sources:

- The 2009 National Student Survey recognised Travel and Tourism in Ulster as 1st in the UK and Marketing as 2nd in the UK
- 85% of staff submitted to the 2008 RAE are 'internationally' recognised in terms of the 'originality, significance and rigour' of their work
- The school has been ranked 6th in the world for the achievements of its accountancy students studying for the exams of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

Subject areas on offer include:

- Business Management & Leadership
- Leisure, Events & Sports Management
- Agri-Food & Business Development
- Tourism, Hospitality & Food Management
- Accounting & Finance
- Marketing
- Operations Management

To see the full list of courses on offer, as well as information on entry requirements, please visit www.business.ulster.ac.uk

Where East meets West

At Ulster we are proud of the many international partnerships that we have formed with institutions across the world – this includes leading institutions in China, Hong Kong and the wider Far East.

These partnerships cover a wide variety of disciplines and all contribute to the international perspective that we strive to achieve. We offer a broad range of high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as research opportunities and many industrial placement opportunities. These placements help our students accumulate valuable work experience and build up personal networks for their future careers.

Students come to us because of the great study opportunities, the positive environment and the warmth of our welcome. Many have the time of their lives and stay with us longer than they intended! Many others keep in touch and become part of that broad international network of which we are so proud.

A first-class partnership

For a number years, students from Dongbei University of Finance and Economics (DUFE) have come to Ulster to study finance and accounting. In 2010, five DUFE students graduated with first-class honours - with one of them, Lu Saite, receiving the top finance graduate award sponsored by First Trust Bank.

These outstanding students follow in the footsteps of a number of preceding top-class DUFE students who have also graduated from Ulster.

All attribute their success to the excellent support they receive from lecturers with their study and the free workshops in English language for academic purposes provided by the Centre of English Language Teaching (CELT). They often cite the 'personal touch' as the best thing about study at Ulster.

Lisa Bradley, Head of Department of International Business, said: "The course teams are extremely proud of the progress made by these students in a relatively short period of time – and their willingness to get involved

in activities outside their academic study programme. This includes participation in the Finance Society, departmental formal, conferences and events, all of which have proved to be the best way for them to learn about Northern Ireland's culture as well as providing the opportunity to socialise with local students.

"We believe that the formation and development of international partnerships is the most effective transition pathway for our international students.

The DUFE students all have the opportunity to meet some of their Ulster lecturers in Dongbei before they travel here, and have access to relevant academic material and

cultural awareness before their departure from home. We have also hosted a number of lecturers from China here in Northern Ireland and this has proved a valuable source of information that has informed our programme development."

Get in touch

If you are a university interested in setting up a similar partnership, please contact international@ulster.ac.uk



LOTTE CHAN



"The studying environment at Ulster is excellent, and lecturers and course coordinators are helpful and friendly to international students.

"The environment in Ulster is wonderful, and provides the opportunity to you make friends from different countries.

"The smaller class lessons mean you can get to know staff who are helpful, considerate and friendly - even now, I keep in contact with them. Without doubt, you would not want to leave after joining here!"

Lotte Chan, Hong Kong, Accountancy

LI XIN



"In my opinion the Ulster MBA is essential for those who want to be excellent managers, in public sectors or private sectors.

"As an overseas student, I found my study to be a wonderful experience. I thoroughly enjoyed the course and life at Ulster. I believe what I learned and the experience I had will benefit my future."

Li Xin, China, MBA

BIN LUI



"With the growth and establishment of new companies there is an ever increasing need for qualified managers to lead them.

The Master of Business Studies degree at the University of Ulster has given me a qualification that is essential to become such a manager.

"The course deals with a broad range of subjects and combines the necessary theory with the opportunity to put these into practice in a business environment.

"I have gained significant knowledge and am now able to address many business situations with a strategic view of enhancing all aspects of a company.

"I feel that with this qualification, my career prospects have been improved greatly and I would recommend this course to anyone who wishes to develop themselves in a business environment."

Bin Lui, China, Masters in Business Studies

NGUYEN HOANG DUY THIEN



"I have been made very TRẦN TR_ NG_ ÒN CHÀO, which means welcome in Vietnamese"

Nguyen Hoang Duy Thien, Vietnam, Computing and Intelligent Systems

JUNHENG ZHU

"I thought I was leaving home when I flew from China to Northern Ireland. When I arrived at the University of Ulster, I realised I had found another home."

Junheng Zhu, China, Finance and Investment

Your gateway to the world



The University of Ulster has a world-renowned reputation in many areas of research and teaching. We take great pride in our world-class centres of excellence which include the Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials Research Institute, the Centre of Coastal & Marine Research, and the Centre for Molecular Biosciences. Our teaching staff have strong academic credentials and many of them have practical experience in industry and business.

Our graduates are among the most employable and highly paid compared to other UK university graduates.

Here, you will be encouraged, not just to think about your own future, but about how you can make a difference in the world. Let Ulster be your gateway to a better future.



Suman in action for the Ulster Elks.

Going for gold

One Indian student to study with us here at Ulster is Suman Bala. She is studying for a Masters degree in Sports Management – and away from her studies is a top-level international hockey player.

Suman was part of the gold medal winning India team at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester. She is also an integral part of the University's Ulster Elks hockey team, where she was at the forefront of much of the team's success during the 2009/10 season.

Working in partnership

At Ulster we have a strong reputation for excellence in research and have been successful in obtaining a number of UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) awards. These awards have helped us to develop strong links with leading Indian partners such as the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) in Kampur, Madras and Bombay in the areas of Nanotechnology, Wireless Technology, Network Communications and ICT, Biotechnology, Biomedical Sciences, Cultural Studies and Conflict Resolution/ Peace Studies.

VIPUL GUPTA



“For my first degree I studied a Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering and always wanted to do my postgraduate qualification in

Business Management from a good university in the UK. I came to know about the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland which is a good regional university and running a MBS course almost identical to an MBA which doesn't require work experience. Indeed, the course provides students with a three-month internship so that students can gain managerial experience.

My managerial experience gave me excellent exposure within a company which trades internationally and, after my internship was over, they offered me a full-time job. I found this course excellent; the teaching staff are also highly experienced and supportive of students.”

Vipul Gupta, India, Masters in Business studies

NITHYA NAIR



“I think that Northern Ireland is a beautiful place to live. I find it calm and a serene environment in which to live. I have also lived in Chicago but

here, I am based at Coleraine so I do not have the distractions of city life, yet it is close to cities including Londonderry and Belfast.

Whenever I ask for help I always get it. I have always found staff to be very helpful.”

Nithya Nair, India, PhD student

ABUL BASHAR



“I have a friend who studied at the University of Ulster who recommended the University to me and was able to give me lots of information.

I applied for a scholarship and was lucky enough to get one. Initially my family and I lived on campus in student accommodation before moving to a house in the local community. I have received really good support from my academic supervisors, the research office and university staff in general.”

Abul Bashar, India, PhD student



Seeing snow for the first time in Coleraine

Building Futures Together



Here at Ulster we offer a first-class education to help you better your career opportunities. We are constantly striving to ensure that our international students get the best possible support – at every step of your journey. This includes free intensive English language support. The international office team and individual studies advisors are also there to support your every need (see pages 10 and 11 for more details).

We also welcome students as part of the European Erasmus exchange programme. This allows anyone who is enrolled at one of our Erasmus partner institutions to spend either one semester, or a full academic year, here at Ulster. To find out how you can join us as an Erasmus student, contact the International Relations Office at your home university.

As an integral part of Northern Irish society, we are also helping to shape our economy by providing graduates who are fit-for-purpose and ready to take on roles in sectors as diverse as computing, financial services, telecommunications, manufacturing, health and life sciences and tourism.

Nursing education

Ulster has a well established relationship with Saudi Arabia thanks to a contract to deliver nurse education in the Kingdom. Ulster was selected after a worldwide search to find a preferred supplier. The contract supports the development of nursing in Saudi Arabia and students undertake a five year programme that mixes e-learning with traditional education techniques and a year-long internship. The programme leads to the award of a BSc Hons in Nursing from the University of Ulster. The contract is managed through Ulster Educational Partnerships Ltd (UEP) a wholly owned subsidiary company of the University of Ulster which has extensive experience of working with international partners to meet their educational needs and to delivering programmes including professional



development within the client's home country.

Further information about UEP can be found at www.ulster.ac.uk/uep

NAGHMEH MORADOPOOR



"The people of Northern Ireland are very helpful, polite and courteous. When I arrived in the country for the first time, the taxi driver who drove me to campus told me all about the local area, including where to eat, where to shop, and how to use the local transport systems.

"Support from my academic supervisors has been excellent. I was introduced to all the staff and students – both local and international when I arrived on campus. I am now half way through my PhD and hope to complete on time!

I received great support from the international office before arriving, and this support has continued throughout my time at the University of Ulster."

Naghmeh Moradipoor, Iran, PhD student

OLIVER FRISSE



"Derry is a great place to live. You can easily make trips to gorgeous places like the Giants Causeway and the Carrick-A-Rede rope bridge to name just two. The people are also very friendly.

"The University is just the right size for me. I am still studying here and am confident that my time will have a positive impact in future as everyone notices my willingness to take on new challenges – and my improved English.

"If I was to advise people about coming or not, I would say...do it, do it, do it!"

Oliver Frisse, Germany, Erasmus student

MURIEL ARGAUD



"What I enjoyed most about Ulster was the opportunity to study abroad for three semesters in an academic background very different from what I had previously experienced. I definitely learnt a lot about myself.

"Northern Ireland is a place to discover because of its history, beautiful landscapes and 'craic'. When you study at Jordanstown you feel part of this special atmosphere. I would advise new students to take on the experience!"

Muriel Argaud, France, Erasmus student

Experience Something Different

Can you imagine the truly unique experience of studying at a British University on the island of Ireland? Come to Ulster and that's exactly what you'll do.

We are world-renowned for teaching and research in areas such as Irish Cultural Studies, Psychology, Communication, Peace and Conflict Studies, Drama and the Arts.

Ulster has long-standing exchange partnerships with a number of US universities. We also welcome students through Study Abroad. Providers that we work with include Arcadia University, College of Global Studies, Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University, ISEP and Brethren Colleges Abroad.

We are delighted that many of the students who come to study as exchange or Study Abroad students choose to return to Ulster to take up postgraduate study. We also have exchange links with universities in Canada, Mexico, and Venezuela.

American focus

A drive to heighten the profile of our Ulster – Magee campus in particular – in America has been boosted by a prestigious link with the Fulbright Commission, the USA's premier scholarship institution.

The University is one of just four in the UK to be awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Chair, which is in American Studies.

The Fulbright honour coincides with officials from a leading east coast

college, Westfield State visiting Magee in 2010. The institutions offer similar courses and share an emphasis on encouraging international partnership.

Professor Deirdre Heenan, Dean of Academic Development said: "Ulster is designating Magee as an international hub for students from North America and we are keen to build upon our existing connections and forge fresh links with leading universities and graduate schools.

"Therefore we will centre our American Studies programme at Magee and plan new courses which will be also targeted at potential students across the Atlantic."

Two new courses at Magee will have transatlantic interest. An online

Masters in Irish and Scottish Studies in collaboration with the Universities of Strathclyde, Guelph and St Thomas, New Brunswick, Canada and a new Diploma in Irish Cultural Studies will be aimed at exchange students and the wider public.

Professor Heenan, said the Fulbright link would add a new dimension to the campus's international stature. "It will signpost Magee as an innovative and progressive seat of learning to third level institutions in the USA and Canada that operate progressive student exchange programmes."

Giant steps forward

Ulster's international scholarship scheme attracted four LBM Belfast Giants ice hockey stars to join the University in its second year.

Canadians Pat Bateman and Brandon Benedict and American duo Tommy Walsh and Tim Cook embarked on their first season at the Belfast Giants thanks to the programme that allows the players to study an MBA at Ulster, while continuing their professional playing career.



Giants coach Steve Thornton said that the scheme has helped develop the team: "The University of Ulster relationship has become a valuable recruiting tool for the Giants, allowing us to attract better quality players."

The programme is a further step in the Ulster Sports Academy's development of an international strategy for sport.

Tommy Walsh, from Massachusetts, graduated from Harvard and then

spent a year playing ice hockey with HIFK Helsinki in the Finnish Elite League.

He said: "It's not that much different being at the University of Ulster and Harvard – there's a lot of school work to do and you have to get it done. We train pretty much every morning and then have school in the afternoon and this is a great opportunity for all the players here to play and study at the same time."

ALMENIA KRISTAL GARVEY



"I really enjoyed the travel and people I met. I expected to make some Irish friends, but I never expected that I would make friends from all over the world. I am happy to say that I am still in very close contact with many those friends and we had a small University of Ulster reunion earlier this year in Monaghan. I also met my very best friend and husband at the University of Ulster and we have been married for 12 years now and have two children.

"Today I am a Senior Clinical Feasibility Specialist at PAREXEL International which is an international Clinical Research Organization. My primary responsibility is to develop

strategies for investigator selection in executing worldwide clinical trials for pharmaceutical companies. Spending time in Ireland and taking time to visit other countries really helps me to think globally as opposed to trying to apply a US centric strategy regionally.

"I can honestly say that doing my study abroad year at the University of Ulster was the best decision that I have ever made and it completely changed my life."

Almenia Kristal Garvey, North Carolina, Study Abroad student and Masters in Communication, Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations

KEN SYRING



"I loved just about everything during my experience at Ulster. The quality of the people that I met as a student; the amount of exposure to new and interesting people, cultures and customs both living in the area

and being around a wide variety of international students from all over the world – in addition to the brilliant company of the people in Derry.

"Studying International Politics at Ulster allowed me to greatly broaden my understanding of the world around me. My experience in living and learning at Ulster instilled in me a deeper curiosity about the developing world, and was a primary reason for me to join the U.S. Peace Corps after returning home. This direction allowed me to serve for two years in eastern Mongolia; teaching English and raising awareness about human trafficking, which in turn gave me the interest pursue my Masters

degree at the University of London. I am now living in Washington, D.C., working at the international nonprofit organization Global Rights, helping to build the capacity of nascent human rights organizations in the developing world.

"In this photo I'm with some of the kids that I taught and another teacher in Mongolia during my time in the Peace Corps. If I hadn't gone to Ulster, none of this would have ever happened."

Ken Syring, California, International Politics

Research Excellence

If you are interested in coming to the University of Ulster in order to undertake research in your chosen field, this page provides a brief summary of our proven track record in this area.

The results of the 2008 national Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) confirmed our status as an internationally-recognised institution for research. With 86% of our research activity judged to be of international quality and almost 20% of this classified as being world-leading, we are placed firmly in the top third of UK universities for research.

A high proportion of our academic staff currently undertakes research that is recognised as being of international standing. In particular, the results for nursing and Celtic studies are outstanding, with 100% of research in these subjects classified as being of international quality, making us the only university in the UK to achieve this calibre of

outcome. We have also consolidated our leading position in biomedical sciences, law, architecture and the built environment, media studies, and art and design.

Our research portfolio addresses questions about science, society and culture and we aim to contribute to knowledge and to train future generations of researchers and innovators. We strongly support the application of knowledge to bring benefits to society, for example, new medical developments or new processes that enhance the competitiveness of business. We organise our research work into research institutes, each of which is led by an academic member of staff with a reputation of research excellence:

- Art and Design
- Arts and Humanities
- Biomedical Science
- Built Environment
- Business & Management
- Computer Science

- Environmental Sciences
- Health & Rehabilitation Sciences
- Irish and Celtic Studies
- Media Research
- Nanotechnology and Advanced materials
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social & Policy Research
- Sports & Exercise Sciences
- Transitional Justice

Research graduate schools

In addition to these Research Institutes, each of our six faculties has a graduate school which manages the research activity of postgraduate students.

As well as monitoring and managing student progress, the graduate schools support research students through providing an induction, research training, support and resources. Each faculty offers expert supervision across its portfolio of subject areas.

SHUAI ZHANG



I had already spent two years studying in the UK before coming to the University of Ulster. I wanted to do a PhD after one year of experience or research masters. I found really interesting and prospective areas of research which attracted me to apply to the University of Ulster. I was lucky

enough to secure a Vice-Chancellor's scholarship which paid my fees and some living expenses.

I have found the people in Northern Ireland to be very warm and they generally really try to be helpful. On my first trip to a local supermarket, I couldn't find the bus stop to catch a bus back to campus. A lady actually offered to give me a lift in her car! My PhD supervisors have been very

supportive and on arrival arranged for me to have a tour of the campus and meet both staff and students.

The international office arranged a whole series of events that helped me to integrate into the local community including sampling local food and cultural events and visiting the local sites.

Shuai Zhang, China, PhD student

Your Study Options

Full details of all courses at postgraduate and undergraduate level here at Ulster can be found at www.prospectus.ulster.ac.uk

The following subject areas give you a flavour of what we have to offer.

A

Accounting
Advertising
American Studies
Architecture
Art and Design

B

Bioengineering
Biology
Biomedical Engineering
Biomedical Sciences
Biotechnology
Building Engineering and Materials
Business and Management

C

Celtic Studies
Civil Engineering
Clean Technology
Communication
Community Youth Work
Computer Games Development
Computer Science
Computing
Construction Engineering and Management
Consumer Studies
Counselling
Criminology and Criminal Justice

D

Dance
Drama

E

Economics
Education
Electronic Engineering
Engineering Management
English
Environmental Health
Environmental Management
Environmental Science
Environmental Toxicology and Pollution Monitoring
European Studies
Film Studies
Finance and Investment Analysis

F

Financial Engineering
Financial Services
Fine and Applied Arts
Food and Nutrition
French

G

Geography
German

H

Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Health and Social Care Policy
Health Physiology
History
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Housing Management
Human Resource Management

I

Information and Communication Technologies
Interactive Media Arts
Interactive Multimedia Design
Interior Design
International Politics
Irish
Irish History

J

Journalism

L

Language and Linguistics
Law
Leisure and Events Management
Library and Information Management
Linguistics

M

Management
Marine Science
Marketing
Media Studies
Multimedia
Music

N

Nanotechnology
Nursing

O

Occupational Therapy
Optometry

P

Palliative Care
Pharmacy
Photography
Physical Activity Exercise and Health
Physiotherapy
Planning and Property Development
Podiatry
Politics
Property Investment and Development
Psychology
Public Relations

Q

Quantity Surveying

R

Radiography
Robotics

S

Social Policy and Administration
Social Work
Sociology
Software Engineering
Spanish
Speech and Language Therapy
Sport and Exercise Sciences
Sports Technology

T

Textiles and Fashion Design
Translation
Transportation
Travel and Tourism Studies

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