

HE Tuition Fee Policy and Procedure 2016-17

It is the policy and intention of Myerscough College to determine fee levels, waivers and refunds that encourage access to courses whilst ensuring financial viability. This policy follows the guidelines set by the HEFCE and UCLan for the charging of fees.

The College will notify applicants and students as early as possible of the total fees due for their courses, including any additional costs, along with the arrangements for payment. Where, for reasons outside the control of the College, there is exceptionally a need to increase fees previously notified to applicants and students, or to impose additional costs, the College will apply the principles below to minimise the impact on students.

Equally, the College believes that students and/or their sponsors are responsible for prompt payment. Defaults on payment are treated seriously and will lead to the application of sanctions.

This policy details the various fees charged to students across College, including the processes for waivers and refunds.

The policy applies to all Higher Education students.

Procedure

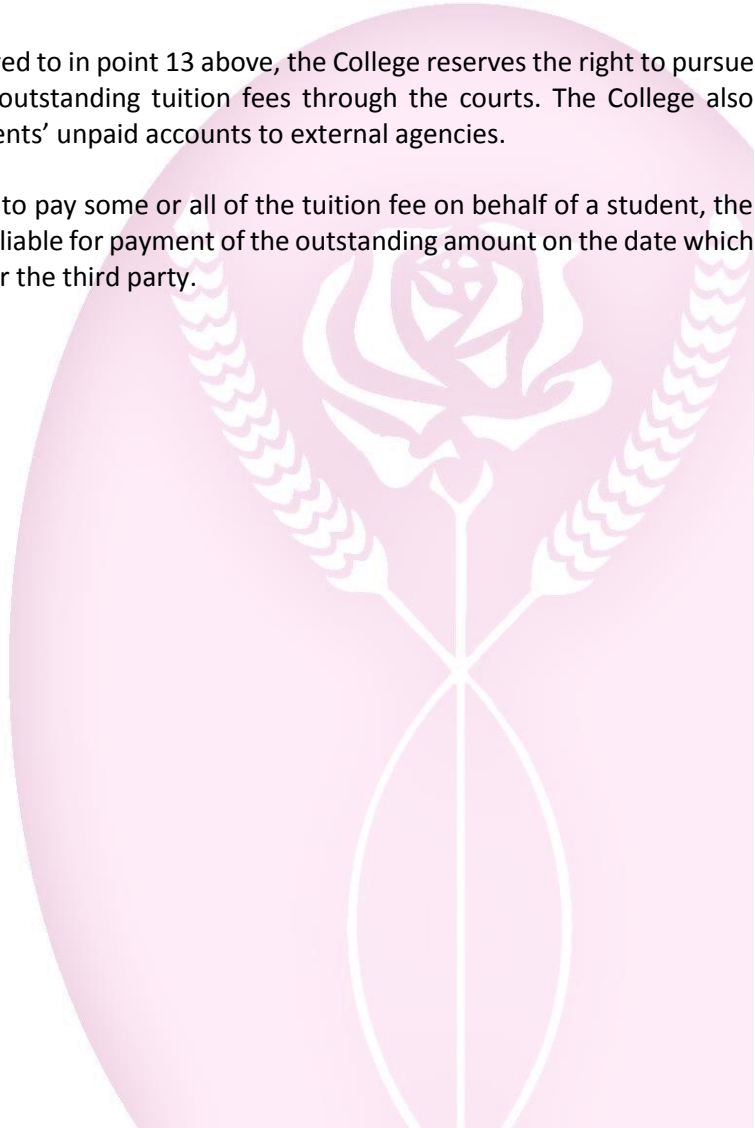
Full-time Higher Education students pay a tuition fee per annum, either to Myerscough College (new regime direct funded students) or UCLan (this is an administrative arrangement only and does not affect the award). Part time Higher Education students pay a tuition fee per module studies to Myerscough College.

Myerscough College and UCLan offer limited bursary schemes for any students paying the higher tuition fees. Please refer to Myerscough College and UCLAN websites for details.

1. For each course of study the College will set, publish and charge tuition fees for the course year, including sandwich placement years. The level of tuition fees for the course will be set and published before the start of the application process. Where it is not possible to confirm the total costs of a modular course, the College will provide as much information as possible for example the likely number of modules and the cost of individual modules that is available. Any increases in fees for continuing students will be limited to increases in line with inflation.
2. All costs that relate to items that are essential to complete the course of study and incur an additional fee will be listed on course factsheets; these costs are additional to the tuition fee. Costs that relate to items that are not essential to complete the course of study and hence are optional for students are also listed on the course factsheet. A list of the essential costs and the optional costs for each course of study will be published before the start of the application process moving forward. This will include confirmation or an estimate of each type of optional cost wherever possible.
3. In determining fee levels, the College will consider nationally published guidelines where these exist. The College operates a common fee structure for all its courses, unless published as an exception as approved by the College's Executive. Increases will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances to applicants where offers of a place have not yet been made by the College. For the avoidance of doubt, increases in tuition fees will not be made for applicants who have received offers regardless of whether the offers have been accepted. Deferred applicants will be charged the applicable fee at the start of their study. There will be no increases in tuition fees for enrolled students, save as in respect of inflation as set out at 1 above.
4. Where it is intended to increase fees beyond the amounts previously notified pursuant to point 4 above, the College will:
 - notify applicants as early as possible of the increased fees;
 - explain why it is necessary to increase fees;
 - consider carefully any representations made by affected applicants either as to the amount of the fee increase and or as to the timing of payment of the increased fee;
 - consider any evidence of hardship submitted by applicants and offer assistance where it reasonably can.

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7. The College will ensure that the Tuition Fees Policy is operated fairly and consistently across the institution.
8. The College will ensure the prompt collection of tuition fees.
9. The College operates a scholarship and bursary scheme.
10. The College may reduce the tuition fee for a student subject to receiving such documentary evidence as it requires. Reductions and discounts in operation for the 2016 – 2017 academic year are given in Appendix 1.
11. When a student completes the enrolment process they become liable for the payment of tuition fees. The College applies a policy of calculating non-completion charges where students are unable to complete the academic session and withdraw from or suspend their studies. Full details are given in Appendix 2.
12. Where exceptional circumstances force a student to withdraw from a course, which were unknown to the student at the point of enrolment, that student may request a review of the tuition fee charged, and the College may request such documentary or any other evidence as it shall reasonably require.
13. The College will develop and operate flexible procedures for the payment of fees to the benefit of students and the College. If an instalment arrangement is agreed an administration fee up to a maximum of £20 will be charged for both full-time and part-time students. Contact the Finance Office for further details. Arrangements will vary according to type of fee.
14. The College has special requirements for the payment of fees and deposits by international students as set out Appendix 3.

15. The College adopts a supportive approach to its students with regards to the collection of tuition fees. The College will take steps to obtain the payment of tuition fees and course costs and in doing so will provide assistance to students where reasonable to help them meet their financial obligations. (For the avoidance of doubt, this does not include financial assistance unless otherwise specifically agreed.) Where necessary and proportionate, the College reserves the right to apply one or more of the following sanctions to any student who defaults:
- withdrawal of College library and computing facilities;
 - termination of enrolment and withdrawal from the College;
 - withholding certified transcript;
 - refusal to re-enrol;
 - withholding final award certificate;
 - denial of attendance at awards ceremonies;
 - withholding of Confirmation of Acceptance to Study (CAS) (for international students);
 - include relevant details in any reference provided to a third party
16. In deciding what steps to take in respect of the payment of tuition fees and course costs, the College will consider all the circumstances of each affected student's case.
17. In addition to those steps referred to in point 13 above, the College reserves the right to pursue and /or seek recovery of any outstanding tuition fees through the courts. The College also reserves the right to refer students' unpaid accounts to external agencies.
18. If a sponsor or third party fails to pay some or all of the tuition fee on behalf of a student, the student will become personally liable for payment of the outstanding amount on the date which it was due from their sponsor or the third party.



2016-17: Myerscough Associate School Higher Education Tuition Fees

Year of entry to programme	Mode of study	Award	Home / EU / International	Myerscough Tuition Fees 2015-16	Per yr/module
New Students 2016-17 Entry					
2016-17 entry	Full Time	Postgraduate Taught awards	UK and EU students	£6,000	per year
2016-17 entry	Full Time	Postgraduate Research awards	UK and EU students	As UCLAN	per year
2016-17 entry	Full Time	Honours Degrees	UK and EU students	£9,000	per year
2016-17 entry	Full Time	Foundation Degrees	UK and EU students	£9,000	per year
2016-17 entry	Part Time (on-campus)	Postgraduate Taught awards	UK and EU students	£625	per module
2016-17 entry	Part Time (on-line or blended learning)	Postgraduate Taught awards	UK students	£625	per module
2016-17 entry	Part Time	Postgraduate Research awards	UK and EU students	As UCLAN	per year
2016-17 entry	Part Time (on-campus)	All undergraduate awards	UK and EU students	£900	per module
2016-17 entry	Part Time (on-line or blended learning)	All undergraduate awards	UK students	£900	per module
2016-17 entry	Part Time (on-campus)	Initial Teacher Training Courses	UK and EU students	£675	per module
2016-17 entry	Full Time	All awards	International students (Non EU)	£11950-£12950	per year
2016-17 entry	Part Time (on-campus)	All awards	International students (Non EU)	£1,200	per module
2016-17 entry	Part Time (on-line or blended learning)	All awards	International students (EU & Non-EU)	£1,200	per module

Continuing students					
All continuing students	Full Time	Postgraduate Taught awards	UK and EU students	£5,000	per year
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All continuing students	Full Time	Honours Degrees	UK and EU students	£9,000	per year
All continuing students	Full Time	Foundation Degrees (Except Professional Floristry and Floral Design)	UK and EU students	£8,000	per year
All continuing students	Part Time (on-campus)	Postgraduate Taught awards	UK and EU students	£540	per module
All continuing students	Part Time (on-line or blended learning)	Postgraduate Taught awards	UK students	£540	per module
All continuing students	Part Time	Postgraduate Research awards	UK and EU students	£2,000	per year
All continuing students	Part Time (on-campus)	All undergraduate awards	UK and EU students	£640	per module
All continuing students	Part Time (on-line or blended learning)	All undergraduate awards	UK students	£640	per module
All continuing students	Part Time (on campus)	Initial Teacher Training Courses	UK and EU students	£650	per module
All continuing students	Full time	Sandwich/Placement Year	All students	£1,500	per year
All continuing students	Full Time (on campus)	All awards	International students (Non-EU)	£9,500 - £12,950	per year
All continuing students	Part Time (on-campus)	All awards	International students (Non-EU)	£1,200	per module
All continuing students	Part Time (on-line or blended learning)	All awards	International students (EU & Non-EU)	£1,200	per module

International Tuition Fee Payment Policy

The deposit must be paid prior to the issue of an unconditional offer letter and CAS.

The balance is due prior to the commencement of the course.

The College reserves the right to amend the Tuition Fees Policy at any time and to the extent which it may from time to time decide.

Documents Associated with this Policy

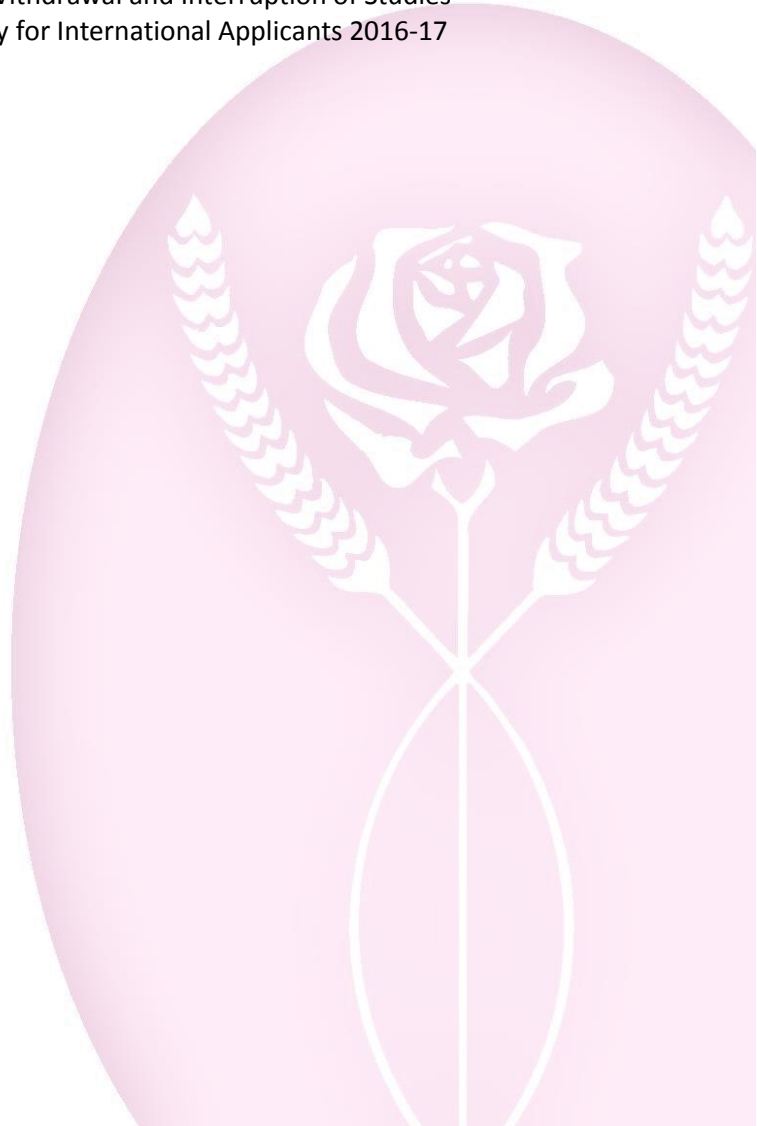
- UCLAN Tuition Fees Policy
- **QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education – [Chapter B2: Recruitment, Selection and Admission to Higher Education](#)**

Appendices

Appendix 1: Reductions

Appendix 2: Tuition Fee Liability for Withdrawal and Interruption of Studies

Appendix 3: Tuition Fee Deposit Policy for International Applicants 2016-17



Reductions

- 50% reduction of tuition fees is made for part-time students in receipt of a state retirement pension.
- 50% reduction of tuition fees is made to staff of the College, who are registered on a course which forms part of their personal and professional development plan and which is approved by their line manager and CPD.

Note 1: Only one of the reductions specified above may be granted to a student in any given academic year.

Note 2: Students in receipt of any form of funding or support are not entitled to discounted fees.

Note 3: The College reserves the right to amend the amount of any reduction and/or the qualifying criteria at any time.

Note 4: A part-time undergraduate student is defined as anyone undertaking up to and including 4.5 modules (90 credits) in a standard academic year for that course. Postgraduate students will be deemed to be part-time if the course the individual is following is running in part-time mode.

Note 5: Reductions apply to tuition fees only. Any other fees including residential and facilities & resources fees must be met in full

Note 6: For Cert Ed / PGCE students, discounts will not apply.

Tuition Fee Liability for Withdrawal and Interruption of Studies

When a student completes the enrolment process they become liable for payment of tuition fees.

The College operates the following policy with respect to non-completion charges whereby students are unable to complete the academic session:

i) Undergraduate & Postgraduate Students

Those students who withdraw or have an interruption to their studies will be charged a tuition fee based on their attendance on the course in accordance with the following scale:

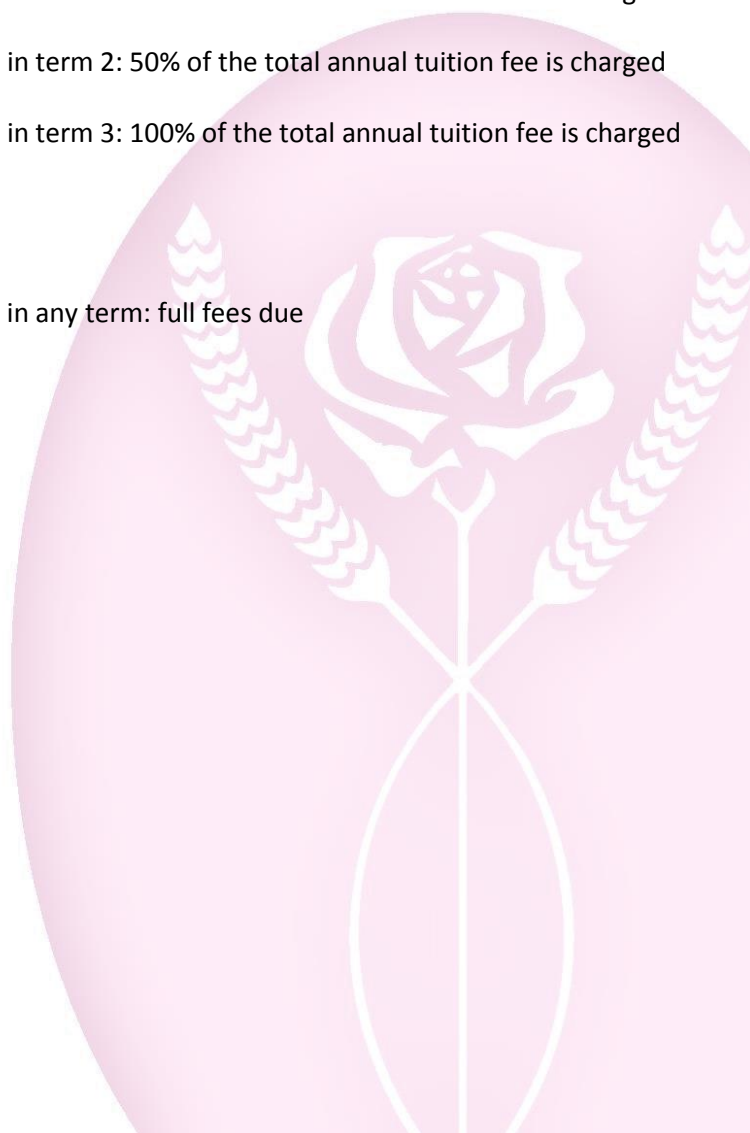
Withdrawal/Interruption in term 1: 25% of the total annual tuition fee is charged

Withdrawal/Interruption in term 2: 50% of the total annual tuition fee is charged

Withdrawal/Interruption in term 3: 100% of the total annual tuition fee is charged

ii) International Students

Withdrawal/Interruption in any term: full fees due



Tuition Fee Deposit Policy for International Applicants 2016-17

The following policy applies to international applicants for entry to full-time programmes in 2016-17 and beyond. The following policy excludes sponsorship students where a formal sponsorship letter from an employer or embassy has been submitted to the College.

All new international students must pay a deposit of 50% of fees before an unconditional offer letter and Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) will be issued. The requirement for the payment of a deposit will be detailed on all conditional offer letters. Subject to statutory cancellation rights, the deposit will only be repayable in one or more of the following circumstances:

- i) the College's entry requirements are not met;
- ii) a visa is refused (evidence will need to be provided);
- iii) the College target number for international students across all courses has been met by the last date of enrolment for the academic year (an administrative fee of £100 will be retained by the College out of the deposit);
- iv) in exceptional circumstances where evidence is reasonably provided.



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Quality Assurance			
This Policy and Procedure maps to the following external quality assurance frameworks			
Framework		Framework Section Reference(s)	
Common Inspection Framework			
MATRIX			
QAA		QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education – Chapter B2: Recruitment, Selection and Admission to Higher Education	
QIA			
SFA			

All Myerscough College Policies are subject to screening for Equality Impact Assessment

Equality Impact Assessments are carried out to see whether the policy has, or is likely to have, a negative impact on grounds of: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, sex or sexual orientation

Myerscough College not only fulfils its legal position in relation to current and future equality legislation, but additionally goes beyond compliance in providing and promoting “Opportunities for all to succeed”, free from any aspect of discrimination, harassment or victimisation.

All staff have a duty of care to look after the interests of and support their colleagues. *This policy takes account of* our commitment to eliminating discrimination, identifying and removing barriers and providing equal opportunities for our learners, staff and visitors to ensure that no one feels excluded or disadvantaged.

Safeguarding, Learner Protection and Prevent

All staff have a responsibility to support and promote the College’s commitment to providing a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Additionally, all staff have a responsibility to report any safeguarding or Prevent issues to the Designated Senior Lead for Safeguarding and Prevent.