

Frequently Asked Questions

How to apply

This course has two full-time course options: a one year option and a two year option which includes a placement. You can apply for either of these options online via the relevant course page.

If you are an international student and you want to do the placement, you should apply for the two year course before your Confirmation of Acceptance Studies (CAS) is issued, so that the placement is included in the CAS.

If you have applied and been made an offer for the one year full-time course but you would like to change course to the two year full-time with placement option please contact our [Admissions team](#).

If I start the one year course and then decide I want to undertake a placement, can I transfer to the two year course?

This would depend on your personal circumstances. If you are an international student you will not be able to transfer to the two year course if you have already started the one year course. Students holding UK or EU passports may be able to transfer, but this is not guaranteed.

Are placements guaranteed?

Placements are not guaranteed. The onus to find and secure the placement is on you, but through your course and by engaging with a wide range of extra-curricular activities that will be available for you to access you will develop the skills and interviewing techniques you need to help you secure a placement. You will develop a Placement Preparation Plan which will set out what is expected of you in order to prepare for finding and securing a placement.

Is the placement assessed?

Yes, the placement is an assessed element of the course. You will write a final year project which will be based on your placement learning.

How long is the placement?

The placement will be a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 12 months.

When will I do the placement?

You will start your placement after you have completed year one of the course and passed all of the taught modules in year one. You will continue to work on your project after the placement has finished and submit it for assessment by the published deadline.

How will I be supported when on placement?

You will have a designated member of staff to support you while you are on placement.

What will I be expected to do while on placement?

The work that you will undertake during your placement will be determined and directed by your employer, but it will be related to your course and the skills and knowledge that you have and acquired during year one. While on placement you are expected to comply fully with the terms of your contract of employment.

Are placements paid?

The majority of placements are paid and will attract a salary of £15,000 to £18,000 per annum. The amount you could earn can vary significantly depending on the industry and location.

Some sectors, such as the charity sector and statutory services, may offer unpaid placements. The University doesn't advertise unpaid placements, but we'll approve unpaid placements found by the student on a case by case basis.

If you're considering undertaking an unpaid placement it's essential that you carefully consider how you'll support yourself financially. Your role should also be clearly defined to ensure that you'll be gaining worthwhile experience.

What happens if I can't get a placement?

If you are unsuccessful in securing a placement you will be transferred to the one year full-time course. International students will have their visa amended accordingly.

Where can I find further information about placements?

Our dedicated [Placement Support Team](#) is available to give you support and advice on workplace matters.