



## **Applying to Ulster University**

Although your A-Level grades are likely to be predicted, you can take control of your future and reach your full potential at Ulster University.

We want to give you the most rewarding student experience possible. From our teaching underpinned by world-leading research, to our focus on your future career and the many opportunities for you to discover your passions, we aim to give you the platform to excel.

We've collated a list of frequently asked questions to help you follow the path of success at Ulster from September 2020.

For more information visit [www.ulster.ac.uk/coronavirus](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/coronavirus)

## **Is Ulster University still accepting applications?**

Yes absolutely.

We are delighted to receive applications for those programmes that are still open for September 2020 and January 2021. Please apply through UCAS at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) to apply for one of our full-time undergraduate programmes.

You can apply for a postgraduate or part-time programme through our [online application portal](#).

You will find more information about the wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate and part-time programmes available to you at [www.ulster.ac.uk/study](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/study)

We are continuing to process applications as normal but please be bear with us while we transition to full working from home arrangements. If you have an admissions related question, please contact us at [admissions@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@ulster.ac.uk)

## **I applied for a professional programme at Ulster University. How will this be affected?**

We will ensure that all selection processes for programmes such as Social Work, Nursing, Community Youth Work and Allied Health programmes will continue to be carried out to allow us to rank applicants in order of merit.

These include all selection tests and planned interviews.

### **I had a selection interview for my professional programme. Does it still count?**

All face to face interviews that were held before the university closed for teaching and social activities will count and will be used to assess your suitability for the programme you applied for.

### **My face to face interview was cancelled. What happens now?**

All applicants who had an interview scheduled to take place on campus on or after 18th March 2020 will already have received a communication advising that all face to face interviews had to be cancelled in light of government advice.

Alternative interview arrangements have been put in place. Please follow the instructions you received.

You can contact [admissions@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@ulster.ac.uk) if you need more information.

### **How will Ulster University make offers now that exams have been cancelled?**

We appreciate this is an anxious time for applicants and their families. Please be reassured that the Ulster University team is actively working with the relevant statutory and regulatory bodies to establish alternative arrangements for offer making.

We will communicate those details and timeframes with you as soon as possible and look forward to welcoming you in due course.

The Department of Education in Northern Ireland has confirmed that their plan is to use a combination of prior achievements, internal assessed teacher tracking information, predicted grades, and analysis of modelling of existing data to provide the necessary assurance about the robustness, accuracy and fairness of the grades being awarded.

CCEA and other UK awarding bodies are working to provide this information so that grades can be awarded in lieu of examination results.

### **I already have an unconditional offer. Is it still valid?**

Yes. If your offer is unconditional and you firmly accept that offer, your place is confirmed at Ulster University

### **What about other Level 3 qualifications such as BTECs?**

We are fully aware that GCSE and A level exams weren't the only qualifications affected. There are many others, including BTECs, Access and Foundation programmes and International Baccalaureate programmes. We are in touch with the

relevant awarding bodies and we await their official guidance as to how they will award grades in lieu of examinations.

We will ensure fairness in the assessment of your qualifications too.

### **What about Irish Leaving Certificate applicants?**

We welcome applications from our applicants from the Republic of Ireland and we will ensure fairness in the assessment of your qualifications too. At the moment scheduled exams for the Irish Leaving Certificate are still due to go ahead.

If the normal examination scheduled is able to be followed we will confirm offers during the confirmation period in the summer time as we normally would.

We will monitor this situation and provide more information as decisions are taken and communicated by the Irish government.