

The University of the Highlands and Islands: What to expect from university life

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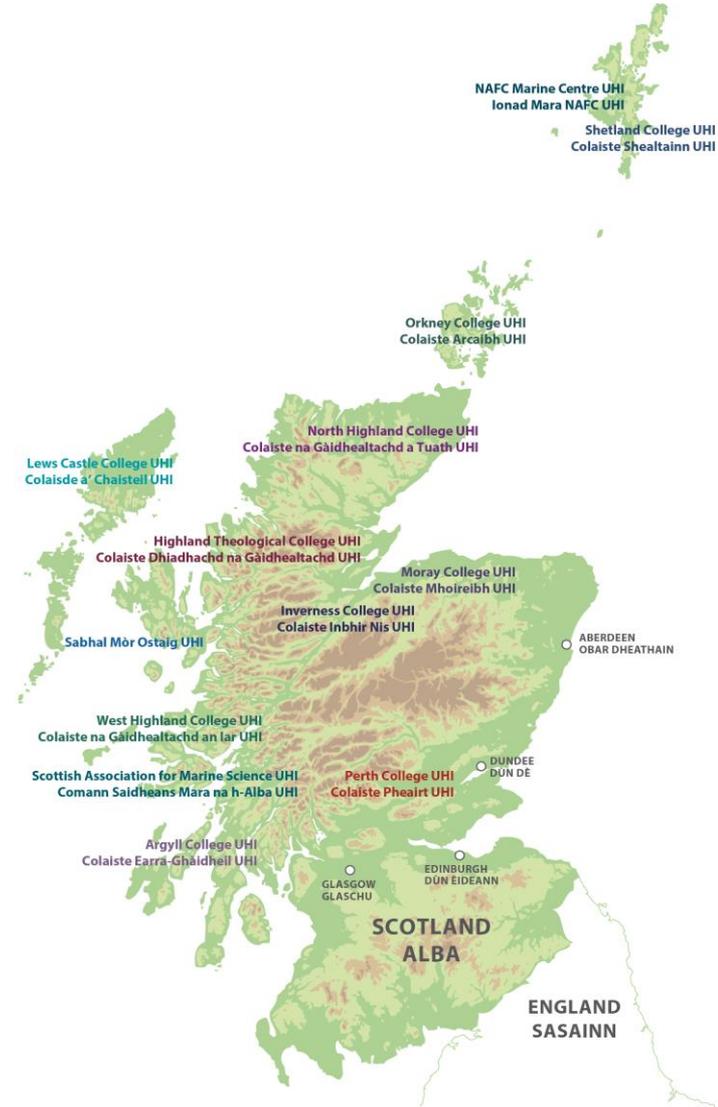
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Campus life

- At the University of the Highlands and Islands there are a choice of campuses.
- We have locations spread across the Highlands and Islands which gives you the opportunity to choose the university campus that suits you.
- You have the opportunity to choose a campus which is close to home.
- You can also choose to create your own campus by studying online, when and where it suits you.



Campus life

At the University of the Highlands and Islands there are:

– **Specialist subjects**

- You can study one of our specialist courses reflective of the unique environment, culture and heritage of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

– **Small class sizes**

- You will have a more personal experience of university, and our friendly staff are always available to help and support students throughout their studies.

– **Excellent support**

- Whether you choose to study online or on campus, you will be supported by expert staff throughout your time studying with us.



Progression routes

- We aim to provide a learning structure which helps students reach their goal no matter where they start from.
- We do this by offering a range of alternative progression routes through our degree courses.

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
|--------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|
| HNC | HND or DipHE | BA or BSc | BA or BSc (Hons) | |
| CertHE | DipHE | BA, BEng or BSc | BA, BEng or BSc (Hons) | |
| CertHE | DipHE | BEng | BEng (Hons) | MEng |

We also offer a BSc (Hons) Geography accelerated degree that can be completed in three years rather than the traditional four.



Curriculum overview

Arts, humanities and social science

- Archaeology; Art; History; Literature; Philosophy, Politics and Economics; Scottish Cultural Studies; Social Sciences; Sociology and Criminology; and Theology.

Business and leisure

- Accounting and Finance; Adventure Performance and Coaching; Adventure Tourism Management; Business and Management; Coaching and Developing Sport; Events Management; Golf Management; Health, Fitness and Exercise; Hospitality Management; Marine and Coastal Tourism; Professional Golf; Soft Tissue Therapy; Sport Management; Sports Therapy; and Tourist Guiding (North Highlands).

Computing and IT

- Computer Science; Computing; and Interactive Media.



Curriculum overview

Creative and cultural industries

- Applied Music; Audio Engineering; Contemporary Art and Contextualised Practice; Contemporary Textiles; Contemporary Film Making in the Highlands and Islands; Drama and Performance; Fine Art; Music Business; Popular Music; Technical Theatre; and Visual Communication and Design.

Education and childcare

- Child and Youth Studies; Childhood Practice; Primary Teaching (PGDE); and Secondary Teaching (PGDE).

Energy, engineering and construction

- Aircraft Engineering; Architectural Technology; Civil Engineering; Construction Management; Engineering (electrical, electronic, design, energy, marine, mechanical, power); Fabrication Welding and Inspection; and Quantity Surveying.



Curriculum overview

Gaelic medium studies

- Gaelic and Communication; Gaelic and Development; Gaelic with Education; Gaelic and Traditional Music; Primary Teaching (PGDE); and Secondary Teaching (PGDE).

Health and wellbeing

- Beauty Therapy; Complementary Therapies; Dental Technology; Hairdressing; Health Studies; Oral Health Science; Psychology; and Social Services.

Science and Environment

- Applied Sciences; Arboriculture and Urban Forestry; Archaeology and Environmental Studies; Environmental Science; Equine Business Management; Forestry; Gamekeeping with Wildlife Management; Geography; Marine Science; Sustainable Development; and Sustainable Forest Management.



Campus life

During your studies, your timetable will be made up of a combination of:

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| Face to face and video conference lectures | The lectures are designed to introduce different topics to you. |
| Tutorials | The tutorials are designed to expand on the lecture topics. |
| Laboratories | In some subjects such as engineering, science and computing, you will receive hands-on tuition in laboratories using either IT or other specialist equipment necessary to learn the subject. |
| Residential study | In some courses students will attend a residential as part of their studies. For example, our applied music degree students attend four residentials each year to give them the chance to perform together and meet potential contacts in the industry. |
| Independent study | You are encouraged to undertake independent study throughout the duration of your course. |
| Online study | Some courses will require students to study online through the university virtual learning environment (Blackboard). |



Campus Life - Blackboard

Students can access an online/virtual classroom.

Features include:

- Information about the course
- Tutor contact information
- Course materials
- Activities to reinforce and develop what a student has studied
- Guidance on books and articles a student should read to extend their knowledge and experience
- Discussion boards where a student can read other students ideas and opinions and post their own
- Chat rooms to communicate in real time to other students and tutors
- Information about assessments



Campus life

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| How long will a course last? | One year for a full time HNC. Two years for a full time HND. Three years for a full time ordinary degree or accelerated honours degree. Four years for a full time honours degree. |
| What will students study on a HN qualification? | A HN qualification is made up of elements called units. Students require 12 credits to achieve an HNC and 30 credits to achieve an HND award. Some units are core, and must be taken; others are optional. HN qualifications are vocationally focussed and can lead straight to a career or entry to year 2 or 3 of a degree programme. |
| What will students study on a degree course? | A degree is made up of elements called modules. Students require 360 credits to achieve an ordinary degree (BA, BSc, BEng) and 480 credits to achieve an honours degree (BAH, BScH, BEngH). Within each semester students will usually complete three 20 point credit modules. Students will study both core and optional modules. |
| How will you be assessed? | You will be assessed through a combination of projects, practical assignments and/or exams. |
| Will students have the opportunity for a placement during their studies? | Some of our courses offer placement opportunities for our students, for example, our BAH Music Business students had the opportunity to work at Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival in placements such as artist liaison, press assistant and site production roles. |



Student life

- Student life at university is just as important as choosing a course.
 - It gives you the opportunity to discover new clubs and societies.
 - It is the chance to meet new people.
 - It is the place where you'll make friends which can last a lifetime.
 - It offers so much more than just getting an education.
 - Across our campuses there is so much to see and do.



Highlands and Islands Students' Association (HISA)

- HISA represents **39,543** further and higher education students across the University of the Highlands and Islands; and its academic partners regionally.
- HISA works with external organisations like NUS to make sure you are represented as a student of the Highlands and Islands region.
- The HISA website offers up-to-date news and information on events and activities, as well as giving details on how to get involved in any aspect of student life that may be of interest. It also details any active clubs and societies that you can join.
- Visit **www.hisa.uhi.ac.uk** for more information



Student Support

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| Careers and Employability Centre | This is an online resource for all students and graduates to help you plan for your future career. |
| Students with disabilities | We have a range of services available to support students with disabilities. Our methods of learning, teaching and assessment are flexible and designed to suit a range of needs. |
| Library and learning resources | You will have access to a wide range of books, journals, e-books and other online resources, no matter how you choose to study. |
| Student Development Fund | Many of our students have the opportunity to do something extra special during their studies, such as studying abroad or taking part in a special event or activity. |
| Funding | Our student support team will provide advice on how to finance your studies. |
| Scholarships | Our student support team will also be able to provide advice about the many scholarships, discretionary funds and bursaries available to students. |



Accommodation

From September 2016 new student residences will be available at our Inverness College UHI and West Highland College UHI (Fort William) campuses. The accommodation will be professionally managed by Cityheart Living (Scotland) Ltd.

- **Inverness College UHI**
 - A few minutes walk from the campus, the new purpose-built student residence offers 150 en-suite bedrooms with shared kitchen and living areas.
- **West Highland College UHI**
 - The dedicated, on campus, student accommodation has 40 en-suite bedrooms with shared kitchen and living areas.
- **Further information:**
 - www.uhi.ac.uk/accommodation



Accommodation

- The following five campuses also offer dedicated student accommodation:
 - Lews Castle College UHI (Stornoway)
 - NAFC Marine Centre UHI (Shetland)
 - Perth College UHI (Perth)
 - Sabhal Mòr Ostaig UHI (Skye)
 - Scottish Association for Marine Science UHI (Oban)
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Graduate success stories



Dyett Murdoch, BSc Quantity Surveying

“Currently I am on my round-robin at the Turner Construction headquarters in New York which is giving me a chance to visit all of the relevant departments and see what they do... I have also been out at some amazing projects already including the Four World Trade Centre, Madison Square Gardens and am currently at the Marriott Hotel in Times Square.”



Coleen Greig, BEng (Hons) Aircraft Engineering

“I decided to study this particular course because of the practical experience it offered, which some other universities didn’t provide. And I’m really glad I did because I graduated with a 1st class Honours degree and came first in my class! Studying at the University of the Highlands and Islands was the best choice I’ve ever made. The course was well-structured, the lecturers knowledgeable and supportive throughout, and as a result I’ve landed an excellent graduate job!”



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Flexible entry/exit points

- We provide a learning structure which helps students to reach their goal no matter where they start from.
- We do this by being flexible with our entry requirements and offer a range of alternative progression routes through our courses
- Our undergraduate degrees offer accredited exit points at appropriate levels of higher education (HNC, HND or CertHE, DipHE)

Technological expertise

- We are a leader in the use of online and video conference technologies to deliver undergraduate courses to students, wherever they are based.

The affordable option

- If an applicant already lives in the Highlands and Islands they don't have to leave home and incur debts when they choose to go to university; we're right here on their doorstep.



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