

2019-2020

## Fees and Costs – Higher Education courses

### STUDENT LOANS

Tuition fee loans, maintenance loans, childcare grants, disabled students' allowances are available to eligible students living in England. As our Foundation degrees/Top Up degrees total 120 credits per year, they are classed as "full time" and, therefore, you will be able to apply to the Student Loans Company for funding.

Previous higher education study, regardless of how it was funded, may limit your eligibility now. The [Student Finance Calculator](#) will allow you to estimate what loans, grants and funding you may be entitled to. For new applicants starting your full time course from September 2019, please apply via the [Student Finance website](#). Please ensure you choose a FULL TIME course.

An online walkthrough application guide is also available on the [gov.uk website](#).

**For continuing students**, please login to your student finance account, update and check that nothing has changed regarding your personal, course and/or financial details (ensure it is for a FULL TIME course) and then ensure you sign and return the loan declaration you receive in the post or in your online student loan account.

Please note: If your loan application is unsuccessful, you will need to arrange to pay your course fees, including any exam/registration fee, as soon as possible, either in full or via instalments.

### FOUNDATION DEGREE/TOP UP DEGREE INSTALMENT PLAN

Payment in instalments is available for Foundation Degree/Top-Up Degree courses if you are not eligible for, or do not choose to take out, a Student Loan. If you would like to pay by instalments, you will need to sign an agreement with our Registry office.

If you have already studied for a degree, for tuition fee assistance, some banks offer graduate loans but subject to their own terms & conditions.

**IF YOU SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRAW OR ARE WITHDRAWN FROM YOUR COURSE YOU WILL BECOME PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR ANY AMOUNT OUTSTANDING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE COURSE.** *Please bear in mind that the loan payments to the College are divided over the entirety of the course and we will only be able to draw down payments whilst you are attending. This equates to 25% of the tuition fees in the first term, 25% of the tuition fees in the second term and 50% of the tuition fees in the final term, per academic year. This could leave a shortfall of fees not covered by the loan, which you will be personally liable for and need to pay direct to the College. You will need to pay the outstanding balance within 7 days of your withdrawal. If this is not possible, please speak with the Business Manager on 01962 889542 to make alternative arrangements.*

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