

# From College to RGU

RGU welcomes applications from students who have previously or are currently studying at college. We work closely with a number of colleges across Scotland to define routes which allow students with relevant HN qualifications to progress on to related degree courses. Over 100 routes exist, and each year more than 400 students gain advanced entry (direct into 2nd or 3rd year) to their chosen degree. Details of existing college partnerships are listed below:



## North East Scotland College

We work closely with North East Scotland College (NESCol) to provide a broad range of linked courses and flexible study options to students in the North East of Scotland.

Opportunities are mainly offered on a 2+2 basis, where if you have successfully completed a 2-year college HND qualification, you can gain entry to Year 3 of a relevant 4 year Honours degree at RGU. In some cases 1+3 routes are available where you can complete an HNC and enter into Year 2 of the appropriate degree course.

Both institutions work in collaboration to support your transition from college to university, to ensure your experience is both positive and successful.

## Other College Links

RGU has formal articulation agreements in place with Dundee and Angus College, Fife College, Forth Valley College, and Glasgow Clyde College, which guarantee places subject to successfully completing a relevant HNC/D and meeting any specified conditions.

We also welcome applications from students from other Scottish colleges, or where a formal pathway does not currently exist, and each application will be considered on an individual basis.

For more information on our college partnerships visit [www.rgu.ac.uk/degree-link](http://www.rgu.ac.uk/degree-link)

## Our Associate Student Scheme

Our Associate Student Scheme is designed to support the transition of students coming to RGU from our partner colleges, but is open to anybody studying a relevant HNC/D at a Scottish College.

The Scheme helps you become familiar with the University and provides you with full access to our Virtual Learning Environment including; library databases, books and journals; study skills resources; health and well-being resources; and employability resources. As an Associate Student you will receive an RGU Associate Student Card, giving you access to certain facilities at the University, including the library in The Sir Ian Wood Building and discounted student rates at RGU SPORT.

For the full list of benefits visit [www.rgu.ac.uk/associate-student-scheme](http://www.rgu.ac.uk/associate-student-scheme)

## Supporting You

We have nearly 20 years of experience in helping students transition from college to university and have a range of support services in place should you need it.

If you are coming from college we want you to achieve your maximum potential and, depending on your chosen course, you may be invited to attend a DegreePrep Programme. Normally held before the start of the first semester, DegreePrep Programmes prepare you for study at university level to allow you to hit the ground running when you arrive.

Study support is also provided on an on-going basis throughout the academic year for individuals or small groups, both face-to-face and online.

For more information on our support services visit [www.rgu.ac.uk/transition-support](http://www.rgu.ac.uk/transition-support)

# Widening Access to Higher Education

We are committed to ensuring that all individuals, no matter your background, have access to higher education through our Access Excellence approach. We want to enable talented individuals from under-represented groups to achieve your ambitions, whatever your circumstances. This commitment is demonstrated by our widening access and student support initiatives detailed below.

## \*Am I a Wider Access Student?

We consider you to be a Wider Access student if you:

- Live in a target MD20 / MD40 postcode area as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation;
- Have spent time in care;
- Have attended a Scottish school which has low numbers of students progressing to higher education

We have a dedicated support initiative called 'Here for You' which regularly contacts our Wider Access students to check on progress and ensure you are aware of the support services offered. We proactively engage with you to ensure that these services are developed in partnership and based on your needs.

## Minimum Entry Requirements

If you are a prospective student from an under-represented group, and meet one of the University's Widening Access criteria, you will be considered for an adjusted entry offer. This means that your circumstances will be considered and you may receive a lower offer rate than the standard entry requirements. All minimum

grades are listed on pages 18-19 or visit [www.rgu.ac.uk/minimum](http://www.rgu.ac.uk/minimum)

## Discounts and Scholarships

We recognise that the cost to study at university can be challenging, so we offer a number of 'Access RGU Scholarships' across certain subject areas to ease financial barriers and support you in completing your studies. The scholarships have been made available through the generosity of the university's donor companies and recipients are typically awarded in the region of £1,500 to £2,000 per year for undergraduate study.

A support pack is offered to all Wider Access students upon enrolment. Packs are usually worth around £250 and include a three-month bus pass, stationery and vouchers for text books and food shopping.

In 2019 and 2020 Wider Access students that met a certain set of criteria\* received free or discounted accommodation for the first year of study.

If you are hoping to attend one of our on-campus events there is an Access RGU Travel Support Fund you can apply for to help finance your attendance.

## Care Experienced Students

We are committed to supporting students with a background in care. Going to university can be a daunting prospect and many prospective students will look to previous experiences or family for support in getting through new challenges. In many cases, a disrupted education or lack of family support may make the transition to university study a more intimidating experience for care leavers.

Your dedicated Care Leaver Adviser can guide you through the wide range of student services available, including emotional or financial support, helping you make the most of life at university and your future career.

In addition, students and applicants from Scotland may also be entitled to the Care Leavers Grant through the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS), which can assist with paying for accommodation costs during the vacation period.

For more information on Widening Access support and eligibility criteria, visit [www.rgu.ac.uk/access-rgu](http://www.rgu.ac.uk/access-rgu)

# Minimum Entry Requirements

If you meet one or more of our Widening Access criteria, you may qualify for an adjusted offer of entry.

Our minimum entry requirements for students undertaking Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications are detailed in this table.

Course	Minimum entry grades
<b>ABERDEEN BUSINESS SCHOOL</b>	
Accounting and Finance	BBB/BBCC
International Business Management	BBB/BBCC
Management	BBB/BBCC
Management with Human Resource Management	BBB/BBCC
Management with Marketing	BBB/BBCC

Course	Minimum entry grades
<b>SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND DIGITAL MEDIA</b>	
MSc Computing Science	BBB/BBCC and two further passes to include English and Maths at National 5 C if not held at Higher.
BSc Computer Science	BBC/BCCC and two further passes to include English and Maths at National 5 C or above if not held at Higher.
Digital Media	
Cyber Security	
<b>SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING</b>	
BEng (Hons) or MEng Mechanical Engineering/ Mechanical and Offshore Engineering/ Mechanical and Electrical Engineering/ Electronic and Electrical Engineering	CCCC to include Maths and either Engineering Science, Physics or Technological Studies. English at National 5 C is required if not held at Higher.
BEng (Hons) or MEng Mechanical and Biomedical Technology/ Electronic and Biomedical Technology	CCCC to include Maths and either Engineering Science, Physics or Technological Studies. English and Biology at National 5 C is required if not held at Higher.
<b>SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
Applied Social Sciences	BBC/BCCC to include a written subject requiring the use of English
Social Work	BCC/CCCC to include Maths, Numeracy or equivalent at National 5 C or above.
<b>THE LAW SCHOOL</b>	
Law and Management	BBB/BBCC
Law	BBB/BBCC to include English or a written subject requiring the use of English

Course	Minimum entry grades
<b>GRAY'S SCHOOL OF ART</b>	
Painting	CCC to include Art & Design & English or a written subject requiring the use of English
Contemporary Art Practice	
Fashion & Textile Design	CCC to include Art / Design (or a creative design and/or technology subject such as Fashion and Textile Technology) and English or a written subject requiring the use of English
Communication Design	CCC to include Art / Design (or a creative design and/or media subject such as Graphic Communication, Media Studies) and English or a written subject requiring the use of English
Three Dimensional Design	CCC to include Art & Design (or a creative design and/or technology subject such as Graphic Communication, Design & Manufacture) and English or a written subject requiring the use of English
<b>SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES</b>	
Applied Sport and Exercise Science	BBC to include English or a written subject requiring the use of English, and two Sciences at B (Maths counted). English and Maths required at National 5 B if not held at Higher.
Diagnostic Radiography	BCCC to include English or a written subject requiring the use of English and two from Biology/Human Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics.
Occupational Therapy	BCCC to include English or a written subject requiring the use of English. Maths plus one from Biology, Chemistry or Physics is required at National 5 B if not held at Higher.
Physiotherapy	BBB required from 5th year to be invited to a selection visit. Overall from 5th and 6th year a minimum of grades BBBB to include English or a written subject requiring the use of English and two from Biology/Human Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics.
Dietetics	BCCC to include Chemistry at B and one further science from Biology/ Human Biology, Home Economics, Environmental Science, Maths or Physics and English or a subject requiring the use of English. English, Biology and Maths are required at National 5 B if not held at Higher.
<b>SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY</b>	
Midwifery	BBC/BCCC to include English and a Science subject. Biology, Human Biology or Psychology is recommended. Maths is required at National 5 C if not held at Higher.
BSc Adult Nursing	CCC. Higher English and a Science subject are recommended. English, Maths and a Science subject are required at National 5 C if not held at Higher.
BSc Children and Young People's Nursing	
BSc Mental Health Nursing	
Paramedic Practice	
BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing	BBC/BCCC to include English or a written subject requiring the use of English. English, Maths and a Science subject are required at National 5 C if not held at Higher.
<b>SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND LIFE SCIENCES</b>	
Pharmacy	BBBC to include Chemistry plus two further sciences from Biology/Human Biology, Maths or Physics at B. Higher English or a written subject requiring the use of English should be achieved at a minimum of grade C
Biomedical Science	BBC/BCCC to include Biology/Human Biology plus one from Chemistry, Maths or Physics. Chemistry, English and Maths are required at National 5 B if not held at Higher
Applied Bioscience	BCC/CCCC including Biology/Human Biology, plus one other science such as Environmental Science. Chemistry, English and Maths are required at National 5 B if not held at Higher
Food, Nutrition and Human Health	BCC/CCCC to include Biology or Chemistry and one further Science such as Maths, Home Economics, Health and Food Technology, Environmental Science. Biology, Chemistry, English and Maths are required at National 5 B if not held at Higher
Forensic and Analytical Science	BBC/BCCC to include Chemistry and one further science from Biology, Human Biology, Maths, Physics or Environmental Science. English and Maths are required at National 5 B if not held at Higher

NB The banded grades are in place to allow us to consider those applicants who have secured 3 higher rather than 4 as required by the academic school and in these cases the 3 higher are required at a higher grade than if 4 higher results were presented.

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