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BIRMINGHAM**

**Prospectus 2025**



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All the people featured in this prospectus are Birmingham Newman University students and staff. You may well see them in and around campus when you come to visit us for an Open Day or when you start your course.



# YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE



# WELCOME TO BIRMINGHAM NEWMAN

**At Birmingham Newman University, you will be welcomed into a community that is committed to supporting you to succeed. You can have the best of both worlds; a vibrant campus in South Birmingham, providing a great environment for your academic studies, with easy access to the facilities and student life that the city of Birmingham has to offer. We are proud of the diversity we have here at Birmingham Newman University, and the broad experiences and backgrounds of our staff and students add to the richness of the Birmingham Newman experience.**

Our courses will inspire you, and our staff will support you, to develop your interests and passions. Through interactive teaching and outstanding student support services, we will enable you to focus on your academic journey and your life and career goals. You will be part of a strong community and have the chance to make lifelong friendships.

We aim to give students the skills and knowledge they need to become resourceful and caring citizens, independent thinkers, and resilient problem-solvers, ready to make a positive contribution to the world in your chosen career or vocation.

Our mission is to provide a university opportunity for all those who have the talent and commitment to benefit, regardless of family background, financial circumstances, and previous educational experiences. We are proud to be ranked as 1st in the UK for student satisfaction in the 2023 National Student Survey, as well as 1st in England for social inclusion in the Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024.

Going to university is the start of an exciting and life-changing journey. As a member of our thriving community of staff and students, we will support you to reach your full potential, prepare you for the world of work and ensure that you have access to life-changing opportunities.

**Unlock your potential. There is a place waiting for you.**

## **WE ARE MADE IN BIRMINGHAM**

**Professor Jackie Dunne**  
Vice-Chancellor



# WHY CHOOSE BIRMINGHAM NEWMAN UNIVERSITY

► [newman.ac.uk/choose-newman](https://newman.ac.uk/choose-newman)

We will build your university experience step by step



Your story is important to us



We will provide work related learning opportunities on all undergraduate 3 year courses



We have a dedicated Student Support service to support you throughout your journey



A short bus ride to Birmingham city centre



We have a modern, friendly, single campus site



**#1 University** in the UK for full-time student satisfaction\*



**Silver award** (2023)



**Top 10** nationally for Facilities, student support, lecturers and teaching quality



**Top 10** for social mobility in HEPI Index



**1st** in England for student experience / **2nd** for “first-generation students” **3rd** for teaching excellence



**1st** for social inclusion\*\*

\*Measured by overall % positivity of full-time first-degree students in the National Student Survey 2023.

\*\*Social inclusion index 2nd in England and Wales. 1st in England in The Times Good University Guide 2024.



# WE LOVE BIRMINGHAM

**An exciting and culturally diverse city**

**Our bustling campus is situated in the south of Birmingham, the UK's second city. A short bus ride takes you into the centre where you can experience a vibrant and exciting mix of culture, sport, and entertainment.**

## Shopping

From the Bullring, Grand Central and Selfridges to the countless independent shops and boutiques, our city caters for all styles, fashions and tastes. As well as all of the shops in the city centre (including the world's largest Primark), there are numerous places just a short distance away including Merry Hill, Stratford Upon Avon, and Resorts World.

## Entertainment

Whatever your passion or interest, Birmingham has it all. The Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, the MAC, and the IKON gallery feature the very best traditional and contemporary art while lovers of live music, theatre, dance and comedy will be spoilt for choice by the roster of international acts that visit our city. There is also the Custard Factory which is home to many independent shops, cafés, bars, restaurants and the Mockingbird Cinema.



### Eating out

Named as Britain's 'most exciting food destination' in the Good Food Guide 2022, you can expect to find an amazing selection of restaurants, markets, and street food vendors in the city. Must-visits are the renowned Balti Triangle, home to the world's best balti curries, and Hockley Social Club, one of Birmingham's premier street food venues.

### Nightlife

As a city with a large student community, there are hundreds of bars and clubs to suit all tastes. From craft ales to cocktails, rock to RnB, you can always be sure of a great night out.

### Sport

With Aston Villa, Birmingham City and Warwickshire Cricket Club on our doorstep, our city is fantastic for football and cricket fans. Utilita Arena Birmingham and the Alexander Stadium host a multitude of sporting events including international athletics, tennis and basketball, and just over the road from our campus the Bartley Reservoir is a RYA-approved water sports centre. Birmingham is also proud to have been the host city for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

### Transport

Birmingham has excellent road, rail and air links to the whole of the UK. Regular bus services into the city centre, links our campus to the great opportunities our city offers.





As well as traditional lectures, seminars and one-to-one tutorials, all of our courses include sessions where you will work together with your lecturers to explore ideas and create new knowledge. This collaborative approach encourages intellectual curiosity and independent thought.

It's what makes a Birmingham Newman education different.

It's what makes a Birmingham Newman graduate stand out in the workplace.

► [newman.ac.uk/teachingstyle](https://newman.ac.uk/teachingstyle)

# A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

**“This isn’t just a university, this is a community made out of friends and teachers that have become like family.”**

Deborah – LLB Law





# A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

“The support at Birmingham Newman is incredible, the staff prioritise their student and will do everything in their power to make sure they succeed.”

Stephanie – Primary Education with QTS

Our bright, open, friendly campus is an excellent place to base yourself whilst studying. It is a relaxed and inclusive space where you can make lifelong friends and where your voice will be heard.

We actively encourage respect and consideration between students as well as with our academic and support staff. This inclusivity and acceptance of the rights and beliefs of others will enrich your own values and enhance every aspect of your life.

► [newman.ac.uk/community](https://newman.ac.uk/community)



Birmingham Newman University has a vibrant research culture with a strong postgraduate research presence. Our research contribution is underpinned by passionate staff who drive our Research Centres, seminar series, and funded projects, making a difference to both society and the community.

Our research culture is focused on advancements that will have a positive impact on people's lives and contribute to the common good. Much of our research and scholarship is recognised as internationally excellent, with several of our research areas being recognised as of a world leading standard (REF 2022).

► [newman.ac.uk/research](https://newman.ac.uk/research)

**“During my time at Birmingham Newman, I’ve had lots of support from course leaders, and I have loved the learning opportunities.”**

Katie – Criminology

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE





# FEEL RIGHT AT HOME

**“I really love living in the uni accommodation. Everyone’s so lovely and it’s nice getting to know flatmates.”**

Rebecca – Theology and Philosophy

At Birmingham Newman University we have a range of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets, including en-suite bedrooms, bedrooms with shared bathrooms, one-bedroom self-contained flats and communal areas. Our most recently built accommodation features contemporary fittings, comfortable bedrooms, en-suite bathrooms, modern appliances and friendly open-plan kitchen/social spaces.

All accommodation is on campus, offering free Wi-Fi, free 24-hour well-being and mental health helpline and 24-hour security. Halls of residence are a perfect place for you to meet new friends and experience life away from home.

► [newman.ac.uk/accommodation](https://newman.ac.uk/accommodation)



Staff in the Student Support Service can help coordinate reasonable adjustments for students in many aspects of their student experience.

Getting to Birmingham Newman is simple. We are well serviced by public transport, with 91% of our students commuting on a daily basis. More than 20% of our full-time students have declared a disability, long-term health condition or Specific Learning Difference, such as dyslexia. Many rooms are fitted with adjustable height tables, as well as hearing loops. There are lifts located around the campus, and accessible toilet facilities are available. We have a dedicated Disability and Inclusion team within Student Support Services who can help connect you to support both within the University and with our external partners.

# ACCESS ALL AREAS





# HERE FOR YOU

Our Student Support team provides a wide range of accessible and confidential services to help you make the most of your time with us and help you succeed in your studies.

## Academic development

Our Learning Development Tutors will help you refine and improve your study skills, organisation and time-management strategies. Our Academic Support Advisers offer guidance about personal issues and meeting coursework deadlines, progression on your course or refer you to other support services.

## Disability and Inclusion

We are an inclusive university and welcome applications from everyone. If you have a physical or sensory disability, specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia), mental health difficulty, autism or long-term medical condition our staff will offer you advice and guidance, including information about additional funding.



## Advice and Wellbeing

We offer help and advice on practical issues such as finance, budgeting, childcare, housing and personal wellbeing concerns. We have dedicated support for care experienced students and can help students navigate complicated family situations when they arise. Our dedicated Mental Health Advisors can provide wide-ranging support to any student experiencing challenges with their emotional wellbeing. This support covers everything from situational difficulties to complex pre-existing diagnosed conditions, to emerging mental health concerns. The team offer informal-but-expert sessions with students and pride themselves on their approachability.



[Find out more >](#)

## HEADstart and HEADsup+

As well as our Student Support services you can also be part of our HEADs programmes. Headstart is a free short course that will help prepare you for university level study. It is open to all Level 4 students and runs before the start of Welcome Week and the start of your programme. The course has online and on-campus elements that allow you to engage flexibly. We can also support you with our HEADsup+ programme if you are joining Birmingham Newman for Level 6 study.

► [newman.ac.uk/headstart](https://newman.ac.uk/headstart)

# CHAPLAINCY

University is a time for your intellectual, personal and spiritual growth. Chaplaincy at Birmingham Newman is here to encourage you in all of these. We are proud of our Catholic ethos and equally proud to celebrate the diverse cultures, faiths and traditions of our students. We organise a range of opportunities, activities and experiences that help to build up faith and community within Birmingham Newman.

The Chaplaincy team works alongside students and staff, providing support, encouragement and assistance, as well as organising and leading prayer, liturgy and worship on campus. As a Birmingham Newman student we can support you in your faith and spiritual journeys both on and off campus.

## Activities include:

- Weeks of guided prayer and retreat days
- A regular programme of prayer, liturgy and reflection
- Mindfulness activities
- Opportunities to be of service to others

All of this happens within the rhythm of your academic studies and hopefully as a support to your development.

We have a welcoming Chapel and Multi-Faith Prayer Room with wash facilities in which you can pray and reflect.



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Shortlisted in the  
Outstanding Library Team  
Category for the 2023 Times  
Higher Education Awards  
(THE Awards).

# RESOURCES FOR THE INQUISITIVE



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Our open, light and modern library is the focal point of the University and will be at the heart of your Birmingham Newman learning experience.

Open seven days a week from 7.30am until midnight, the library has around 100,000 printed books, journals and artefacts for you to use. You will find silent, quiet and collaborative study zones and bookable spaces for group work and practicing presentations, desktop computers and loanable laptops you can use anywhere on campus, so you can work and study wherever suits you best.

The library can also be with you wherever you are. We provide online access to millions of digital resources, including e-books, journal articles, data and other research materials, which can be accessed both on and off campus.

When you start university, you will discover a new world of information and scholarship. Our librarians are a friendly and knowledgeable team who can help you make sense of all this. Ask us a question, attend a workshop or book an appointment; we're here to help you build the skills that can support you on your journey to becoming a successful independent learner.

► [newman.ac.uk/library](https://newman.ac.uk/library)



# FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

**“Birmingham Newman University opens doors for future opportunities.”**

Nelson – Counselling, Mental Health and Wellbeing

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We don't just want you to gain employment at the end of your course, but we want you to develop skills, attributes, experiences, and knowledge that will make you employable over your life course and be attractive to highly skilled employers and course providers. We understand that finding graduate employment upon completion of your degree is extremely important. With this in mind we have a dedicated Careers Service, to bring students, employers, and staff together to help you become 'work ready' as we embed the idea of employability throughout your degree, in all your modules.

In order to prepare you for employment after graduation, we focus on the importance of work-related learning during your degree, something which is valued highly by our students. Our knowledgeable Careers and Employability team provide a range of careers education, information, advice and guidance services, supporting students to find part-time work, volunteering opportunities, workplace experience, places on postgraduate courses and ultimately graduate jobs. The Careers Service will provide you with a unique personalised careers experience, to help you make informed choices to achieve the career you want.

► [newman.ac.uk/careers](http://newman.ac.uk/careers)

## Study Abroad Opportunities

Birmingham Newman University has been successful in obtaining funding from the UK government's Turing scheme for the 2023/24 academic year. This funding provides opportunities for students to attend summer schools and other study placements with our partner universities in the USA, Japan, Spain, Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands. Birmingham Newman will be applying annually for the Turing scheme funding in future years so that we can continue to offer these valuable opportunities to our students. For more information, please visit our website: [newman.ac.uk/study-abroad](http://newman.ac.uk/study-abroad)



## Students' Union

Birmingham Newman's Students' Union is here for all students at our University. The Union puts students first and is one of the main ways to get involved in university life. We are here to represent your voice to the University to ensure you are getting the best from your University Experience. Alongside that we organise a range of societies, social events and an advice service to ensure you have a great student experience while you are at Birmingham Newman. The Union is led by students for students so react and adapt every year to meet your needs. Being a part of the Union, in whatever way you can is the best way to ensure you get the most from your Students' Union and your time at Birmingham Newman.

### Your Voice

Birmingham Newman believes that the student voice should be heard. To ensure this happens you can apply to become a Course Rep. Course Reps are the main point of call for students for course and university feedback. We also have Student Faculty Reps who support Course Reps at a departmental level to ensure that the student voice is heard and acted upon.

### Raise and Give

The Students' Union strives to give students the opportunity to engage with local and national charity organisations that students are passionate about. We will give you the opportunity to raise money for charities you care about through a range of events and campaigns! All of this will allow you to develop your skills, meet new people, engage in fun activities and give back to the community.

### Societies

We have a wide range of societies, and there's sure to be something for you - but if not, why not start your own! All you need is a great idea to start your own society on anything you are interested in and we will help you develop that idea into an active group of like-minded students.

### Events and Activities

Whether you want a night out or just a chilled evening in front of the big screen, we run numerous exciting events throughout the year ranging from Freshers' Week to movie nights, family fun days, coffee mornings and themed nights at the bar.

### Advice Clinic

This is a free, independent and confidential advice service. We can offer general advice on university processes, as well as guide you through academic or misconduct appeals or complaints. Our full-time Student Voice & Advice Co-ordinator is available in the Union offices or by e-mail weekdays from 8-4pm, you can email the Advice Clinic at [su-advice@newman.ac.uk](mailto:su-advice@newman.ac.uk).

### Campaigns and Inclusion Projects

Our staff and officers regularly work on various inclusion projects and campaigns, some of our most successful being our Experience Panels, Period Poverty, and various accessibility campaigns such as gender-neutral toilets, portable hearing loops, and additional hearing loop signage.



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Primary Teacher Training

Overview


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Courses

Primary Education 3 - 11 with QTS BA (Hons)  
3 years full-time, UCAS code X320

Primary Education 3 - 11 FD Progression Top Up with QTS BA (Hons)  
1 year full-time, 2 years part-time, UCAS code 1X2P

Birmingham Newman Direct - School Based Programme  
1 year full-time, apply via DfE

Primary Education 3 - 11 with QTS PGCE  
1 year full-time, 2 years part-time, apply via DfE

Primary Education Physical Education 3 - 11 with QTS PGCE  
1 year full-time, apply via DfE

Indicates Foundation Year option available

Entry Requirements

Single Honours Degree  
Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points


Honours Degree with Foundation Year  
Typical Tariff: 48 UCAS points

Birmingham Newman Direct  
A UK Bachelor's Degree or recognised equivalent.

PGCE courses  
Relevant subject level degree.

Top-Up Degree  
At least a merit in a relevant Foundation Degree or equivalent. Must also evidence classroom experience against the Teachers' Standards.

For full criteria and additional entry requirements see pages 92-95.



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An introduction to the subject area/course(s).

Course title, award, duration, application code/route.

E.g. Indicative UCAS tariff; other level qualification depending upon course.

Web page with further information. Email address for specific enquiries.

Find out more from the corresponding web page.

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# What our course levels mean

These are the course levels Birmingham Newman University offer.

Subject entry requirements are on the course pages. If there are additional requirements these can be found on pages 92-95.

Level	Qualification			
3	<b>Foundation Year</b> The foundation year offers an innovative pathway, designed to support students onto their degree of choice by building confidence and developing academic skills. This year is integrated as part of our Undergraduate offer for those students who feel it would be beneficial.			
	<b>Undergraduate Degree</b> Undergraduate degrees, otherwise known as first degrees, typically span three years and cover one level per year! This includes accelerated degrees and part-time degrees, even though the time spent studying differs slightly.		<b>Foundation Degree</b> Foundation degrees are work-related awards designed in consultation with employers, allowing students to develop the relevant skills and knowledge required in specific fields.	
	<b>Top-Up Degrees</b> Top-Up Degrees offer a progression route from any level 5 qualification to a full honours degree.			
4	5	6	<b>Master's Degree</b> A Master's Degree is a postgraduate qualification demonstrating mastery or higher understanding of a specific field of study.	
			<b>Postgraduate Diploma</b> A shorter vocational postgraduate course which provides specialist training in a specific area of medicine or life science.	
			<b>PGCE</b> A postgraduate course which provides training for an individual to become a qualified teacher.	
5	6	7	<b>Postgraduate Certificates</b> A shorter taught postgraduate course which provides specialist training in a specific area of medicine or life science, but takes a shorter time to complete. These can be used towards a PG Dip and a Master's degree in some cases.	
6	7	8	<b>Doctorate</b> This is the highest degree you can earn within an academic field or profession; it shows your expertise in a subject alongside supporting career advancement. **More information about our Doctorate course are on pages 86-87 (Postgraduate Supervision Areas page)**	

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# FACULTY OF EDUCATION

**Our education courses have emphasis on understanding the educational needs of all ages and developing creative teaching approaches to inform their learning.**

For over 50 years, Birmingham Newman has been training teachers to be excellent classroom practitioners. We have trained and educated more than 14,000 qualified teachers who have progressed to make a worthwhile contribution to our communities and create a positive impact on the lives of children.

The Faculty of Education has an established international reputation. Whether you train to teach or study one of our broader education courses, our heritage and expertise prepare students for the world of employment.

We hope to welcome you to one of our education courses.

## Subject areas

- Education, Childhood and Professional Studies
- Primary Teacher Training
- Secondary Teacher Training



# Education, Childhood and Professional Studies

## Overview

The suite of degrees within the Education, Childhood, and Professional Studies department offer a range of ways to study education as an academic discipline. Our courses provide you with an understanding of education from a sociological and philosophical perspective, providing you with the skills and knowledge to continue into a range of career opportunities, including social work, working in early years and teacher training in a number of settings. Other career opportunities might include working in further education, charities, hospitals and professional services in roles such as outreach or education coordinators.

### Early Childhood Studies

Early childhood, the quality of education, provision and care, and the roles and responsibilities of all those involved with young children, parents and families, all have a significant influence on children's achievement and life chances. The last decade has seen the wider development of early years provision, changes and challenges in aspects of education and care, and the recognition that early childhood and children's experiences must be supported by a highly qualified workforce.

The Bachelor's degree is registered with the DfE as having 'full and relevant status', advantageous in early years settings in counting towards the staff:child ratios.

### Studies in Primary Education

This hugely popular course draws upon psychology, sociology and philosophy to take an applied approach to understanding how we

can improve the education system and make positive change in the world. You will work alongside inspiring academics and supportive students to develop your critical thinking, communication, and creativity whilst forming lifelong friendships through engagement in collaborative projects exploring how we can develop the education system to address the challenges of the 21st century.

### Education and SEND

This course reflects the many changes within the education sector, including a deepening awareness of the need to better prepare practitioners to support SEND and children's mental health. You will consider the range of issues and perspectives involved when working with children and young people in education and wider settings, and particularly those with a range of diverse needs. Exploring policy, theory and practice, you will consider the challenges to inclusive approaches to education, as well as wider educational theory relating to social justice.

### Postgraduate Study

Our postgraduate degrees allow you to continue your study of education. Whether you are a teacher, early years practitioner, school leader, academic, corporate client with educational outreach programmes, or from another discipline such as health and psychology, you can find the right postgraduate programme for you.

## Courses

### Early Childhood Studies BA (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code X310

FY

### Studies in Primary Education BA (Hons)

3 years full-time, 4½ years part-time, UCAS code 9X73

FY

### Education and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) BA (Hons)

3 years full-time, 4½ years part-time, UCAS code X124

FY

### Early Years Foundation Degree

2 years full-time, UCAS code X311

FY

### Teaching and Learning Foundation Degree

2 years full-time, UCAS code X390

### Early Childhood Studies SIPE Top Up BA (Hons)

1 year full-time, UCAS code X31A

### Early Childhood Studies Top Up SIPE with Professional Practice BA (Hons)

1 year full-time, UCAS code X31B

### Studies in Primary Education Top Up BA (Hons)

1 year full-time

### Education MA Online

1 year full-time, 1½ years full-time, 2 years part-time, 3 years part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

### Education MA On Campus

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time, 3 years part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

### PG Certificate Online

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

### PG Certificate Higher Education Practice

Part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

### PG Certificate Attachment, Trauma and Mental Health

Part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

**FY** Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

Tariff points may vary for these courses. For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical Tariff: 48 UCAS points

### Foundation Degree

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

Applicants will usually hold a level 3 qualification, however, all applicants will be considered on their own merit. Workplace experience.

### Top-Up Degree

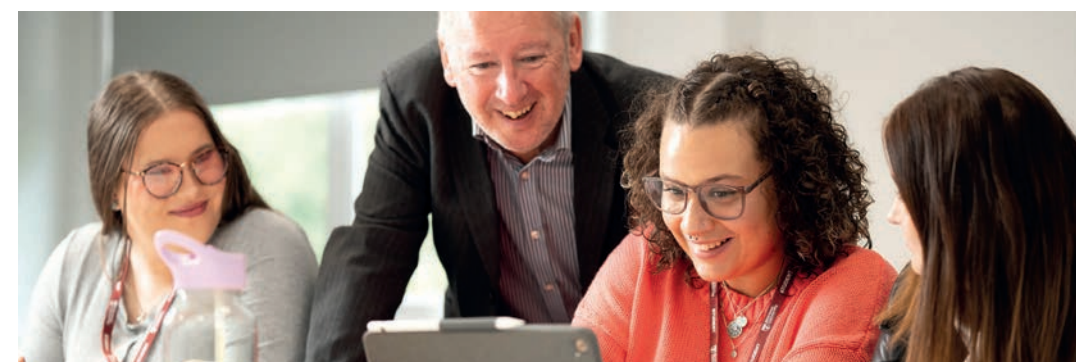
120 credits at level 4 and 120 credits at level 5, a Foundation Degree in Early Years or relevant Level 3 qualification, contact Admissions for suitability of your qualification.

### Education MA and PG certificate

A UK Bachelor's Degree or recognised equivalent.

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# Secondary Teacher Training

## Overview

If you feel passionate about becoming a secondary teacher, this course will equip you with the skills to teach pupils across the 11-16 age range. The course is designed to provoke thought, challenge assumptions and help develop you as a reflective practitioner, so you can enter the teaching profession with clear educational priorities and the skills with which to achieve them.

Through the undergraduate route, you could become a secondary school teacher within three years, while the postgraduate option is for those who already hold a degree in a relevant subject and wish to teach.

During the course, you will develop your knowledge and learn the art of teaching. You will study a range of subject specific and pedagogical modules that build on your current knowledge as you learn the practical, professional, and academic skills to become an inspirational teacher. You will understand fundamental areas of your chosen subject as well as effective ways to teach the subject within a classroom environment.

You will be taught by experienced education specialists and our dedication to small teaching groups allows you develop strong professional relationships with the University teaching team. You will also be supported by our strong relationships with our local partner schools.



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## Courses

### Secondary Education 11 - 16 with QTS with post-16 enhancement BA (Hons)

Named awards in:

**Biology** 3 years full-time, UCAS code X13D  
**English** 3 years full-time, UCAS code X13Q  
**Humanities\*** 3 years full-time, UCAS code X13H

(\*History, Geography, RE)

**Mathematics** 3 years full-time, UCAS code X13G  
**Physical Education** 3 years full-time, UCAS code X13C  
**Physics** 3 years full-time, UCAS code X13F  
**Religious Education** 3 years full-time, UCAS code X13V

### Birmingham Newman Direct - School Based Programme

1 year full-time, apply via DfE

### Secondary Education 11 - 16 with QTS with post-16 enhancement PGCE

Named awards in:

**Art & Design** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**Biology** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**Chemistry** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**Computing** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**Drama** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**English** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**Geography** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**History** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**Mathematics** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**Physical Education** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**Physics** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time  
**Religious Education** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

Apply for all the above courses via DfE



## Entry Requirements

### Single Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Birmingham Newman Direct

A UK Bachelor's Degree or recognised equivalent.

### PGCE courses

A UK Bachelor's Degree or recognised equivalent of which 50% content must be related to the named award.

For full criteria and additional entry requirements see pages 92-95.





# SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND HUMAN SCIENCE

**Our School is diverse and vibrant, and includes a wide range of professional, practical, and academic programmes.**

By sharing knowledge and skills across disciplines, we will prepare you for a complex and interconnected world and give you the opportunity to shape your own future.

Whether you want to train for a particular profession or gain a broad-based academic qualification, we can prepare you for graduate employment or postgraduate study.

Join us to develop your abilities and learn all the creative and critical skills required in the 21st century workplace.

## Subject areas

- Applied Humanities
- Chaplaincy
- Counselling, Psychotherapy and Talking Therapies
- Drama
- English
- History
- Psychology
- Sport
- Theology and Philosophy
- Youth and Community Work



# Applied Humanities

## Overview

### BA Applied Humanities

BA Applied Humanities is a two-year accelerated degree programme designed to provide flexible and personalised learning for undergraduate students of all ages. Through a combination of individual and group coaching, you will be supported to make positive changes in your own lives and wider communities. We value the knowledge and skills that you bring to your studies and will help you to recognise, express and further develop your personal and professional achievements. You will expand your knowledge of employment sectors related to your interests and long-term goals.

Throughout the course, tutors place a strong emphasis on developing high-level communication skills which range from negotiation strategies to critical thinking. The goal of BA Applied Humanities is to equip you with the necessary qualities and training to succeed in an increasingly complex and uncertain world. Our graduates possess the

resilience to learn from setbacks, the initiative to adapt to change, and the confidence to take up new opportunities.

### MA Applied Humanities

This programme takes a fresh approach to MA level provision by combining the academic and critical thinking skills of the traditional humanities Masters with core professional skills and a real-world problem-solving approach.

Your existing subject knowledge, research interests, cultural background and life experiences will inform discussions and to a large extent the course content. You will work independently on projects of your own design as well as in collaboration with other students and/or organisations, creating a network of contacts and developing your professional profile. You will develop core skills and practice transformative thinking and problem-solving in readiness for graduate employment or further academic research.



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## Courses

### Applied Humanities (Accelerated Degree) BA (Hons)

2 years full-time, UCAS code Y002

### MA Applied Humanities

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time.

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Fay – Applied Humanities

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

We encourage students with any educational background and work experience to enquire and apply, even if they do not meet the stated academic entry requirements.

### MA

Applicants normally require an undergraduate degree in a related discipline with an overall classification of 2:2 or above, or equivalent. Applicants who do not meet these requirements will also be considered but may be required to attend an interview or to submit a piece of written work as part of the application process.

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# Chaplaincy

## Overview

In your role as a Chaplain it is essential to develop your skills and understanding to provide high quality pastoral and spiritual care in the setting in which you work. Our part time, multi-disciplinary, work-based courses are primarily aimed at those already working (paid or voluntary) across the diverse range of Chaplaincy contexts, including, schools, hospitals, universities, prisons, military and the growing area of urban and workplace chaplaincy.

The courses are designed around you in your Chaplaincy role to develop your own skills, knowledge and research base suited to your own context. As applied reflective practice courses we enable you to reflexively draw on your experience in tandem with the academic learning.



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## Courses

**MA Chaplaincy**  
2½ - 4 years part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

**PG Cert Chaplaincy**  
1 year part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

**PG Cert Paediatric & Maternity Chaplaincy**  
2 years part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

## Entry Requirements

**MA and PG Cert**  
You will normally need a good undergraduate degree or equivalent or substantial experiential learning and demonstrate the ability to study at postgraduate level.  
  
You will normally need to be working as a chaplain or similar in a paid or voluntary capacity for the equivalent of 2 sessions a week.  
  
For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# Counselling, Psychotherapy and Talking Therapies



## Overview

Counselling and Psychotherapy are popular programme choices for those who are entering higher education direct from sixth form or college and also mature students looking to enhance their employability or looking for a career change. As a leading provider of education and training in counselling and psychotherapy we run a comprehensive suite of programmes from introductory level right up to registered psychotherapist status. We offer academic degrees whilst these do not provide professional counselling training,

our undergraduate counselling studies programmes provide an ideal route into postgraduate practitioner training programmes on successful graduation.

Practitioner programmes are accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). For the Foundation Degree route Universities Psychotherapy and Counselling Association (UPCA) for the MSc programmes offering UKCP (UK Council for Psychotherapy) accreditation status.



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Courses	
<b>Counselling, Mental Health and Wellbeing BA (Hons)</b> 3 years full-time, 4½ years part-time, UCAS code B943	FY
<b>Counselling Studies and Working With Children, Young People and Families BA (Hons)</b> 3 years full-time, 4½ years part-time, UCAS code BL95	FY
<b>Psychology and Counselling Studies BSc (Hons)</b> 3 years full-time, UCAS code 8C57	FY
<b>Counselling Studies Top-up BA (Hons)</b> 2 years part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman	
<b>Introductory Certificate in Counselling</b> 13 weeks part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman	
<b>Integrative Counselling FdA</b> 3 years part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman	
<b>MSc Integrative Psychotherapy</b> 4 years part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman	
<b>PgDip/MSc Integrative Counselling (January Start only)</b> 1 year full-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman	
<b>Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner</b> This course provides the formal academic training for Trainee Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner roles with NHS and partner providers. Please apply directly for a Trainee PWP post with local NHS or partner organisations via NHS Jobs and Indeed.	

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

Entry Requirements
<b>Honours Degree</b> Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points
Counselling Studies and Working with Children, Young People and Families BA (Hons).
Counselling, Mental Health and Wellbeing BA (Hons).
<b>Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points</b>
Psychology and Counselling Studies BSc (Hons).
<b>Honours Degree with Foundation Year</b> Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points
<b>Top-Up Degree</b> Foundation Degree or equivalent in counselling or aligned subject with 120 credits at level 4 and 120 credits at level 5.
For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# Drama

## Overview

Our Drama degree offers a diverse and dynamic programme of study that equips you for roles in professional drama, theatre, and a range of other employment settings.

The curriculum is structured around three main components: Theatre History and Critical Theory, Directed Theatre Productions, and Devising and Creation of Performance. With a student-centred approach, the programme empowers you to take charge of your learning, emphasising the creation of original creative works. Practical theatre production lies at the core of this degree, ensuring hands-on experience.

Off-campus opportunities provide exposure to professional spaces, fostering collaboration with seasoned theatre professionals in venues like Birmingham REP, MAC Birmingham, and The Crescent Theatre. The opportunity to complete an independent project also grants you the flexibility to explore and research a chosen performance area, whether it's practical, theoretical, historical, or a blend of these, allowing for a comprehensive and tailored educational experience.



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## Courses

**Drama, Theatre and Applied Performance BA (Hons)**  
3 years full-time, 4½ years part-time, UCAS code W400

FY

**Drama, Theatre and Applied Performance Top-Up BA (Hons)**  
1 year full-time, UCAS code W40A

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

### Top-Up Degree

All applicants will need to have 120 credits at level 4 and 120 credits at level 5 in a relevant Foundation Degree or HND.

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# English

## Overview

Our English degree invites you to think about how literature and language shapes the world around you, your place within it, and how it can engage you with the issues that matter in the modern world. You will have the opportunity to study a range of texts from different cultures, perspectives, and periods, with particular emphasis on modern and contemporary writing.

As well as this, you may explore texts like blogs, social media posts, film and TV to help you think about the big issues of the day. Currently, these might include the discussions happening around immigration and race, gender identity, and climate change.

Throughout the course, tutors place a strong emphasis on developing high-level communication skills which range from critical thinking to negotiation with others and include progression in your own learning. These are skills that employers value and there are opportunities within the degree to explore your own career aspirations.

The goal of our English degree is to equip you with the necessary qualities and training to succeed in an increasingly complex and uncertain world. Graduates will possess the confidence to speak thoughtfully about current issues, the initiative to adapt to change, and the confidence to take up new opportunities.



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## Courses

### English BA (Hons)

3 years full-time, 4½ years part-time, UCAS code Q300

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## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# History

## Overview

Embark on a journey through time with our history degree and discover unexpected stories that will challenge your perspective and hone your critical thinking skills. Our programme offers a dynamic approach to learning by integrating your unique interests with academic expertise. Together, we'll explore the complex landscape of human experience and navigate unfamiliar terrain. Along the way you can expect to unlock the secrets of ancient civilizations, encounter unexpected stories, and reveal the origins of the modern world.

Join us on a journey that will not only change your perspective on the past but will also reshape your future. A history degree opens doors to new opportunities and provides the foundation for a range of careers. Whether you see yourself in education, law, media, politics or beyond, our programme will provide you with the essential graduate skills you need for the future. Let's rewrite history and help you find your own path.



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## Courses

### History BA (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code V100

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## Entry Requirements

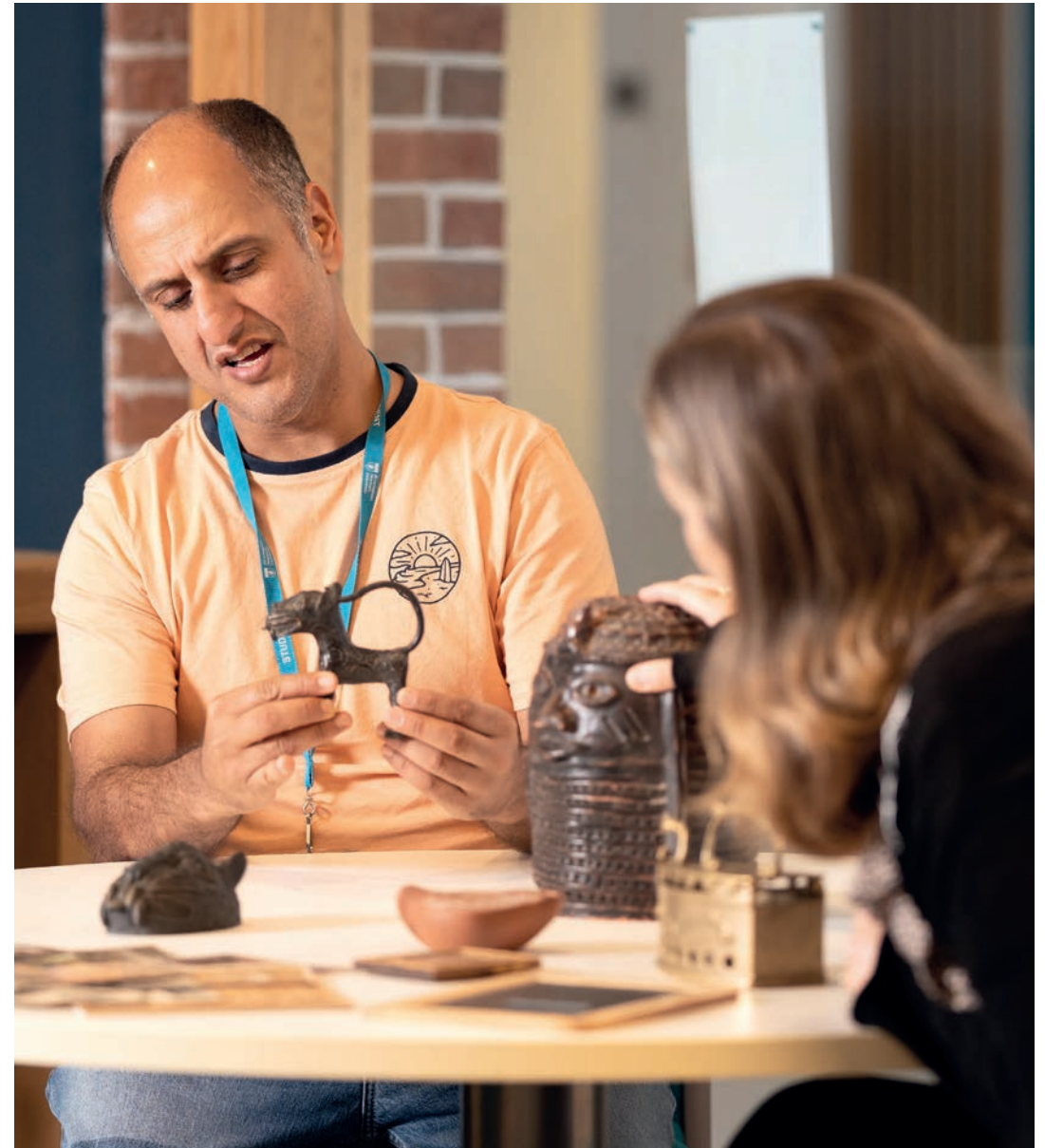
### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# Psychology



## Overview

Psychology is the scientific study of people, the mind and behaviour. The varied psychology degree programmes that we offer are both academically and practically challenging and provide a substantive foundation of psychological theory and research from a variety of perspectives and approaches. If you are interested in why people think, feel, and behave the way they do then psychology is the degree for you.

All of our undergraduate psychology degree programmes are accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), and students gaining at least a lower 2nd class honours degree will be eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) with the BPS, a requirement to continue your journey to become a professional Psychologist.

The MSc Psychology (Conversion) is also accredited by the BPS.

Our psychology programmes will provide you with a solid grounding in the core areas of psychology and how psychology is applied to real-world problems. At undergraduate level we offer a pure psychology programme or you can choose to study psychology with another subject area. We also offer a route into our psychology programmes with a Foundation Year option. As well as a MSc Psychology (Conversion) programme for those students who would like to move into psychology but already have a degree. For further study we also offer a MSc Clinical Applications of Psychology.

Psychology graduates pursue employment in psychological professions or work in a range of careers where an understanding of human behaviour is advantageous.



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## Courses

### Psychology BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code C800

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### Psychology and Childhood Studies BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code C801

FY

### Psychology with Counselling Studies BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code 8C57

FY

### Psychology with Criminology BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code C804

FY

### Forensic Psychology BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code C816

FY

### MSc Clinical Applications of Psychology

2-4 years part-time. Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

### MSc Psychology (Conversion)

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time,  
Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

### MSc Clinical Applications of Psychology

A minimum of a 2:2 degree in Psychology conferring GBC from the BPS. Applicants will also be expected to demonstrate relevant work experience as part of their application.

### MSc Psychology (Conversion)

Either:

1. A UK Honours degree or equivalent overseas qualification in any subject at 2.2. or above.
2. A UK Honours (BPS accredited) psychology degree (but who have failed to either pass the empirical psychology project or failed to achieve at least a Lower Second-Class Honours degree, thus inhibiting eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership – GBC with the BPS).

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.



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student  
support  
throughout.”

Fozia – Psychology and  
Counselling



# Sport



## Overview

We personalise our Sport degrees at Birmingham Newman to help you discover new opportunities – supporting your journey towards coaching, research and professional roles in sporting environments.

Staff and students work together in the Sport subject area so we quickly get to know you and your story. You will have easy access to our sophisticated facilities, including our Human Performance Lab, sports hall and 3G pitch. This is an active and interactive programme and you will develop your skills and self-belief on a programme that supports the direction you choose.

We're also proud to be an education partner of CIMSPA (The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity) – a professional development body for the UK's sport and physical activity sector. Our graduates are well prepared to go on to exciting things – from working as referees or with sports teams and biomechanics firms, to providing sports statistics for BBC and Sky, coaching children, and teaching at all levels.



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## Courses

### Sport and Exercise Science BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code C601

FY

### Sport Coaching BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code C610

FY

### Sport and Exercise Therapy BSc (Hons)


3 years full-time, UCAS code C630, subject to validation

### Sport and Exercise Science Top-Up BSc (Hons)

1 year full-time, UCAS code C6TU

### Sport Coaching Top-Up BSc (Hons)

1 year full-time, UCAS code C62U

 Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points  
 Sport Coaching: 96 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

### Top-Up Degree

All applicants will need to have 120 credits at level 4 and 120 credits at level 5 in a relevant Foundation Degree or HND.

To progress directly onto level 6 (third year of the degree) applicants should normally achieve an overall merit or distinction. Applicants not achieving this can enter at level 5 (second year of the degree programme).

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# Theology and Philosophy

## Overview

Our degree programme offers you the opportunity to study key aspects of the broad subject area of Theology and Philosophy, including Christian theology, both classical and modern; the philosophy of religion; ethics; and the ways in which different religious traditions

interact with society and politics. Throughout the course you will be encouraged to relate your academic study to the world of work and to debate important current issues such as artificial intelligence, climate change and human rights.

Courses	
<b>Theology and Philosophy BA (Hons)</b> 3 years full-time, 4½ years part-time, UCAS code VV56	FY
<b>Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies</b> 2 years part-time, Apply direct to Birmingham Newman	
FY Indicates Foundation Year option available	



Entry Requirements
<b>Honours Degree</b> Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points
<b>Honours Degree with Foundation Year</b> Typical tariff: 48 UCAS point
<b>Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies</b> No pre-requisites are required. The course is open to anybody interested in developing their knowledge of the Catholic faith.  For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.

“All of the staff are friendly and very helpful.”

Ryan – Theology and Philosophy

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# Youth and Community Work

## Overview

Our Youth and Community Work degree is taught by JNC professionally qualified and experienced Youth Workers. You will be taken through 800 hours of supervised Youth and Community Work Practice with local professional organisations, resulting in you

becoming a critically reflective practitioner equipped to work in a range of youth, community, school and family settings. This programme is currently JNC recognised and is seeking revalidation.



Courses	
<b>Youth and Community Work BA (Hons)</b> 3 years full-time, UCAS code L530	FY
FY Indicates Foundation Year option available	




Entry Requirements
<b>Honours Degree</b> Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points
<b>Honours Degree with Foundation Year</b> Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points
For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.

“Relaxing atmosphere, friendly staff and a great environment to study.”

Jordan – History

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# SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LAW

## The School of Business and Law – shaping Visionary Leaders and Entrepreneurs for a sustainable and dynamic world.

At Birmingham Newman University's School of Business and Law, we are dedicated to transforming students' lives by developing the next generation of leaders, nurturing entrepreneurial spirit and fostering essential employability skills for the future. In line with the university's key ambition to work together in partnership to transform students' lives, our School is deeply committed to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our diverse range of programmes in Business and Management, Accounting and Finance, Computing, Law, Criminology, Policing, and Working With Children, Young People, and Families, are designed not just to educate, but to inspire innovative thinking and entrepreneurial ventures. Our curriculum, blending academic rigour with practical experience, equips students with the tools to thrive in various career paths, whether they aspire to be leaders in established sectors or trailblazing entrepreneurs.

By fostering a blend of critical thinking, ethical decision-making, and sustainability-focused practices, we prepare our graduates to excel in an evolving global landscape, ensuring they are ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow's world.

### Subject areas

- Accounting and Finance
- Business and Management
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Law
- Professional Policing
- Working with Children, Young People and Families



# Accounting and Finance



## Overview

At Birmingham Newman University, our Accounting and Finance degree equips students with a global perspective and practical expertise in Accounting and Finance principles. This course lays a strong foundation in commerce and business, preparing graduates for careers in professional accounting or finance, or for further postgraduate study.

Our varied and inclusive teaching methods, delivered by experienced academics and industry professionals, include professional accountants and finance experts, ensuring a blend of theoretical knowledge and real-world application.

This degree is professionally focused, with a curriculum designed to enhance employability. It holds accreditations from leading professional accounting bodies including the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England

and Wales (ICAEW), the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), and The Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA). Graduates may be eligible for exemptions from many of the professional examinations offered by the ACCA, ICAEW, and CIMA.

The finance component of the programme is closely aligned with professional standards, offering insights into finance and investment, and preparing students for exams with The London Institute of Bankers and the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments (CISI).

Students have the option to undertake a year-long industry placement in their third year. Those who secure a placement will be transferred to the four-year Accounting and Finance with Placement Year programme, further enhancing their practical experience and employability.



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Arsenia – Accounting and Finance

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## Courses

### Accounting and Finance BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code N400

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### Accounting and Finance Top-Up BSc (Hons)

1 year full-time, UCAS code N401

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

### Top-Up Degree

All applicants will need to have 120 credits at level 4 and 120 credits at level 5 in a relevant Foundation Degree or HND.

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# Business and Management



## Overview

The BA Honours in Business and Management programme helps to develop skills essential to business, presentations, report writing, data analysis and decision making; enabling you to relate the skills to the industry you want to work in. You'll meet business practitioners through guest lectures, recruitment fairs and events. We'll get to know you and support you to gain the knowledge and connections you need to progress your career.

The programme includes management, enterprise and leadership modules, which are highly valued by a large number of UK

employers. You'll also complete work-related learning alongside a mixture of academic and applied teaching. Our experts have a broad range of professional experience – with backgrounds ranging from hotel management to a consultancy business, from chartered accountancy to management consultancy. We share real experience and insights into the academic theories that work, as well as where they don't. It's an interactive environment where we get to know what your goals are and we help you to gain the skills you need.



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## Courses

**Business Management BA (Hons)**  
 3 years full-time, UCAS code N120

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**Business Management Top-Up BA (Hons)**  
 1 year full-time, UCAS code NN12

**Master in Business Administration (MBA)**  
 1 year full-time. Apply Direct to Birmingham Newman

**MSc in International Business Management**  
 1 year full-time. Apply Direct to Birmingham Newman

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

**Honours Degree**  
 Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

**Honours Degree with Foundation Year**  
 Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

**Top-Up Degree**  
 All applicants will need to have 120 credits at level 4 and 120 credits at level 5 in a relevant Foundation Degree or HND.

**MBA and MSc**  
 Applicants will be expected to hold a qualification equivalent to a UK undergraduate degree at 2.2 (or above), along with IELTS 6.5.

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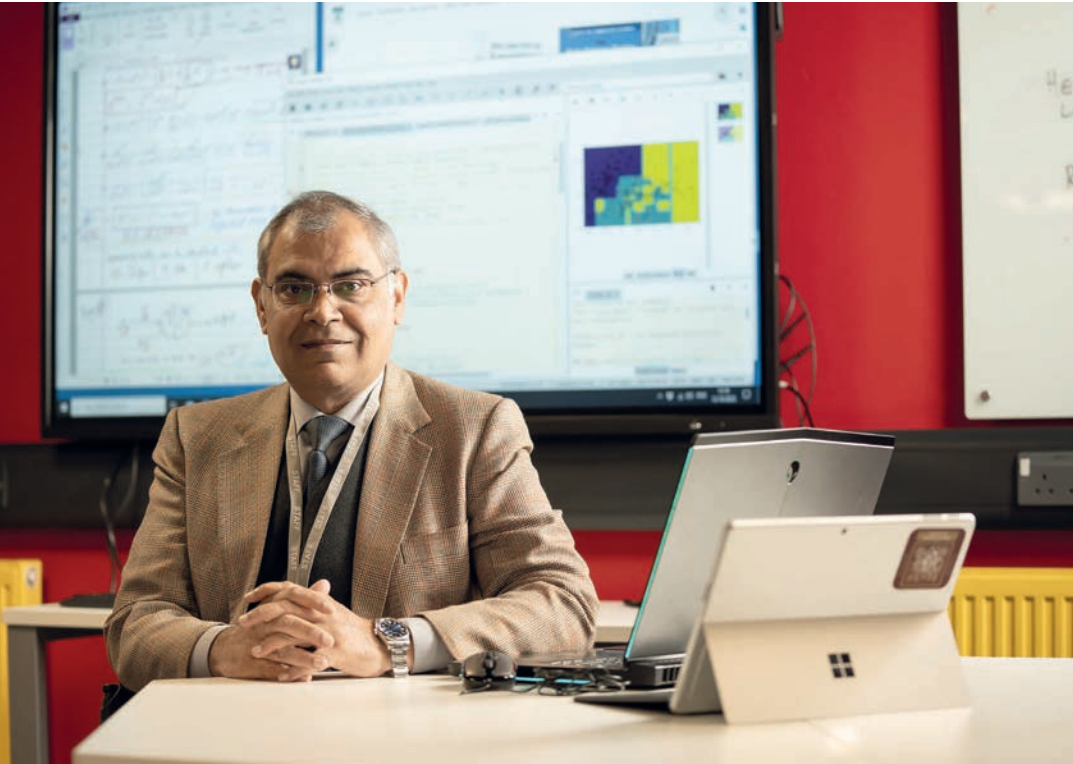


# Computer Science

## Overview

Nurturing passionately curious minds to lead the future world of IT and make a significant contribution to problem solving practices is a hallmark of the BSc (Hons) Computer Science course. Computer Science is undoubtedly the most popular programme worldwide and impacts everything from scientific research, healthcare, education, banking, finance, transport, manufacturing, agriculture, automation and communication etc. to household objects like microwave ovens, fridges, or door locks. The unique blend of theoretical and practical underpinnings of programming, artificial

intelligence, data science, deep learning, cyber security, desktop and mobile applications development, robotics and game development aim to provide students unfettered learning opportunities tailored to their particular strengths. With the support of creative technologies, state-of-the-art infrastructure and highly experienced academics staff, our vision is to cultivate ethos of curiosity, pragmatism, teamwork and versatility amongst graduates and to give them the distinct competitive edge with necessary skills to address technological challenges of 21st century.



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## Courses

**Computer Science BSc (Hons)**  
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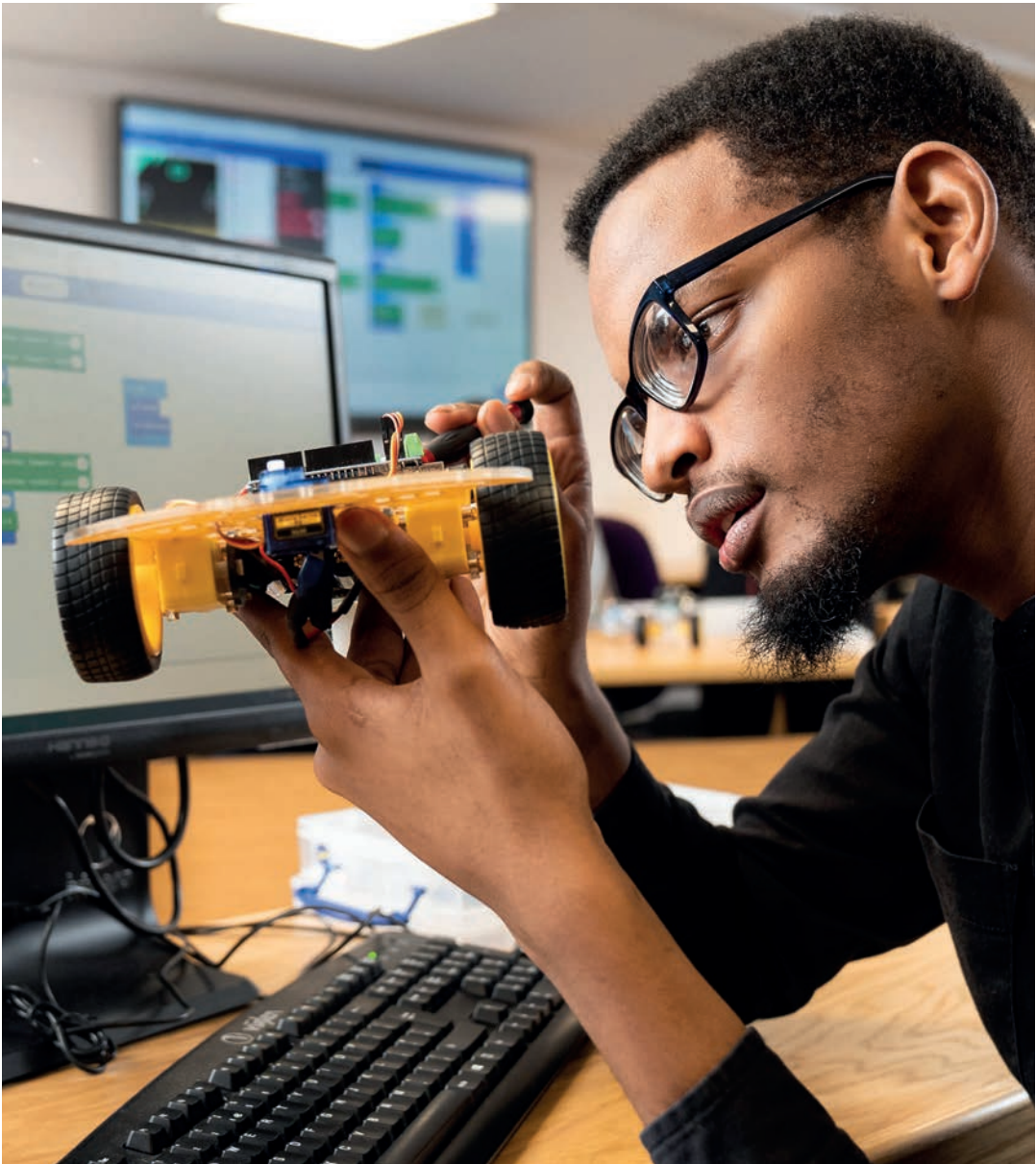
FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

**Honours Degree**  
Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

**Honours Degree with  
Foundation Year**  
Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# Criminology

## Overview

Studying Criminology at Birmingham Newman University presents an engaging journey into the realms of crime and the criminal justice system, allowing you to delve into the concept of crime. This programme gives you the chance to examine the criminal justice system's role in detecting, punishing, and rehabilitating offenders, as well as considering the importance of the victims in the criminal justice process.

As a member of our vibrant and diverse learning community, you will collaborate closely with both lecturers and fellow students. This partnership fosters a deeper understanding of the various crimes and social harms impacting

the community. Enhancing your educational experience, the course features guest lectures from a range of professional practitioners. These experts come from various roles within the criminal justice system and related agencies, providing valuable real-world context to your studies.

Graduates of the Criminology programmes pursue roles within the criminal justice system, such as policing, probation services, youth justice, the prison service, revenue and customs, community development and roles within non-governmental organisations that focus on crime prevention and rehabilitation.



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## Courses

### Criminology BA (Hons)

3 years full-time, 4½ years part-time, UCAS code L311

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### MA Criminology and Social Justice

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time.

Apply direct to Birmingham Newman

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

### MA

UK undergraduate degree at 2.2. or above in criminology or in a relevant associated subject, or equivalent overseas qualification; and IELTS 6.5 or equivalent for Tier 4 visa applicants.

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





# Law

## Overview

Our Law degree at Birmingham Newman University is studied full time over three years. Throughout your studies, you will develop a robust theoretical understanding of law and the legal system. You will acquire practical skills in applying the law to solve real-life legal challenges. This programme not only fosters academic excellence but also develops your practical legal skills, employability capabilities, and a broad spectrum of transferable skills that are highly sought after by employers.

The LLB at Birmingham Newman University is designed as an initial step towards a range of careers in both law and other fields. It lays a solid foundation for those aiming to undertake

further professional training after their degree, as a Solicitor or Barrister. The course provides in-depth knowledge in key areas of law, equipping students with the necessary qualifications for these professional paths.

In addition to legal careers, the LLB also opens doors to various non-law professions. The academic knowledge, employability skills, and transferable skills acquired during the course are invaluable in the wider job market. Our graduates are well-prepared to apply these competencies across numerous sectors, demonstrating the versatility and applicability of the skills learned through the LLB programme.

### Courses

#### Law LLB (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code M100

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FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

### Entry Requirements

#### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

#### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

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# Professional Policing

## Overview

The BA Professional Policing degree, structured in a modular format, is a full-time program studied over a three-year period. This undergraduate degree provides a stimulating and challenging learning experience, aiming to develop a practical and informed understanding of professional policing. The course offers a blend of theory and practice, firmly rooted in the core principles and requirements of policing. It fosters a learning environment that supports independent study and the exploration of ideas,

enabling you to draw upon your own experiences as a learner. As potential police officers or individuals considering other roles not strictly limited to policing, this course will help cultivate your passion for policing. It offers opportunities to enhance skills in problem-solving, effective communication, negotiation, leadership, and decision-making. The course aims to prepare you for postgraduate study, professional training, and graduate employment in the public, commercial and third sector.

### Courses

#### Professional Policing BA (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code L900

FY

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

### Entry Requirements

#### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

#### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

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# Working With Children, Young People and Families

## Overview

There are many challenges facing children and their families today. Supporting children, young people and families requires informed, dedicated and educated professionals who are able to understand the social, economic, political and cultural context in which we work, so that we can respond appropriately to these challenges.

Grounded in social justice, this course prepares our students for roles as senior practitioners and policy makers by offering them the opportunity to develop a critical understanding of the issues impacting upon families at a local, national and international level. We do this by drawing from professional expertise, social theory and the wealth of experiences brought to us by our students.



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## Courses

**Working With Children, Young People and Families BA (Hons)**  
3 years full-time, 4½ years part-time, UCAS code L590

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**Working With Children, Young People and Families Top-Up BA (Hons)**  
1 year full-time, 2 years part-time, UCAS code L591

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

### Top-Up Degree

All applicants will need to have 120 credits at level 4 and 120 credits at level 5 in a relevant Foundation Degree or HND. Contact admissions for the suitability of your qualification(s).

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





**Birmingham Newman University welcomed its first cohort of Nursing and Allied Health students in September 2023, and the school continues to go from strength to strength.**

Over £5 million has been invested in facilities that simulate the experience of working in a busy healthcare setting and prepare students for their careers in Nursing and Allied Health.

Interprofessional education is at the core of our practice, meaning students will have the opportunity to learn with, from and about other professions within the School of Nursing and Allied Health and the wider University. This will develop students' ability to communicate and work effectively with learners outside of their own profession.

We work in close partnership with local NHS providers, giving students access to local clinical environments for their placements.

The Experts by Experience Group comprises members of the public who have used health and social care services, or the carers of those who have used these services. They share their views and experiences and contribute to the education of our students.

### **Subject areas**

- Allied Health
- Health and Social Care
- Nursing

# **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH**



# Allied Health

## Overview

### Paramedic Science

Paramedics are multiskilled professionals at the frontline of healthcare and emergency care delivery across many diverse settings. The role of a paramedic is ideal for those who want an engaging and stimulating profession that puts people at the centre of their own care.

The BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science at Birmingham Newman University is designed to enable you to practice confidently, competently and safely across a range of established and emerging practice settings. The programme of study, will equip you with the essential knowledge and skills required to rise to the challenge of working in a profession delivering evidence-based effective and compassionate care across the lifespan.

### Physiotherapy

The role of a physiotherapist cannot be underestimated. Physiotherapists are integral to the health care profession. This includes helping patients recover from surgery, sports injuries, accidents and strokes, supporting people with disabilities and long-term illness.

Our Physiotherapy degree will enable you to develop the core expertise, knowledge and skills demanded of physiotherapy professionals in a number of different practice settings and environments. The global demand for qualified physiotherapists means that career opportunities are excellent in the UK and further afield.

The programme has been developed in partnership with our skilled academic staff, practice partners and experts by experience and is validated by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and accredited by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP). The course at Birmingham Newman University, puts patients at the centre of care delivery. As a physiotherapy student at Birmingham Newman you will develop into a professional who can assess and manage the health needs of people, at some of the most challenging times of their lives.

### Occupational Therapy

Do you want to help people to live their best life? Using specialist skills, knowledge and behaviours, Occupational Therapists support people of all ages to do the things they want to do whether that be at home, at school, at work or anywhere else!

The BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy will prepare you to practice confidently, competently and safely, making a difference to people's lives across a variety of settings. Equipping you with the skills and knowledge required to rise to the diverse challenges faced by Occupational Therapists, you will be encouraged to show initiative, demonstrate critical thinking and work flexibly.

## Courses

### Paramedic Science BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code B780

### Physiotherapy BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code B160

### Occupational Therapy BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code B920

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points  
Physiotherapy BSc (Hons): 120 UCAS points

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.



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# Health and Social Care

## Overview

There is an increasing demand for health and social care within the UK and globally and the sector requires competent and knowledgeable contributors to shape it to ensure the best outcomes for all.

The BSc Health and Social Care at Birmingham Newman intends to develop in students the appropriate knowledge, understanding, skills and values required of them to work, research and continue their studies in this area and other related disciplines. It will provide a range of educational experiences that enable students to work in a wide-ranging fast-moving environment within the UK and internationally. Students will have the opportunity to develop a professional approach to their work with individuals and communities.

The BSc (Hons) Applied Health and Social Care Top-Up award is designed to take students who have completed a range of level 5 qualifications to progression to an honours degree. It helps students to apply theory and practice in both health and social care settings and offers a platform for employment in health or social care.

The course is rooted in the theory and the links to practice. It is suitable for those who wish to pursue a career in the Health and Social Care sector or for those who wish to progress into postgraduate study or research.



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## Courses

### Health and Social Care BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code L648

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### Applied Health and Social Care Top Up BSc (Hons)

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time, UCAS code L500

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

### Top-Up Degree

120 credits at level 4 and 120 credits at level 5 (such as a relevant HND or Foundation Degree).

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.





## Overview

A career in nursing is challenging, satisfying and life-changing. As a nurse you can make a positive difference to people's lives every day. Our person centred nursing degrees will equip you to deliver exceptional care as a confident, capable and compassionate adult nurse.

The importance of our healthcare workers and the role they play has never been so evident.

### Adult Nursing

Our programme is developed in partnership with our skilled academic staff, clinical practice partners and experts by experience. The course at Birmingham Newman University, puts people at the centre of care delivery. As a nursing student at Birmingham Newman you will develop into a professional nurse who can assess and manage the health needs of people, at some of the most challenging times of their lives.

Our aim is to support your development into a graduate nurse who is able to work flexibly across a range of healthcare settings and meet the health needs of the whole person. We will work with you on your development to help you become a skilled, knowledgeable, emotionally intelligent nurse, able to lead and co-ordinate compassionate, evidence-based, person- and family-centred care while working as an integral member of the interdisciplinary team.

As a student nurse with Birmingham Newman University, you will gain theoretical and practice knowledge to develop a range of key skills. This will include: exploring the evidence that underpins person- and family-centred care; professional values; self-leadership; and the role of the registered nurse.

### Mental Health Nursing

Mental health is as important as physical health. Modern society is becoming increasingly aware of this fact. A career in mental health nursing is challenging, satisfying and life-changing. You can make a positive difference to people's lives every day. Our person centred nursing degrees will equip you to deliver exceptional care as a confident, capable and compassionate mental health nurse.

Mental health problems currently affect one in four of the UK population. If you're caring and compassionate, with exceptional communication skills and a real passion for helping people, this degree is for you.

Mental Health Nurses support and care for individuals who are experiencing difficulties with their mental health, and are in a critical role to positively impact and influence the outcomes for people. The programme provides you with the knowledge and understanding of different mental health problems and how these impact the individual, their family and society during their life span.

Our programme is developed in partnership with our skilled academic staff, clinical practice partners and experts by experience. The course at Birmingham Newman University, puts people at the centre of care delivery. As a nursing student at Birmingham Newman you will develop into a professional nurse who can assess and manage the health needs of people, at some of the most challenging times of their lives.

Our aim is to support your development into a graduate nurse who is able to work flexibly across a range of healthcare settings and meet the health needs of the whole person. We will work with you on your development to help you become a skilled, knowledgeable, emotionally intelligent nurse, able to lead and co-ordinate compassionate, evidence-based, person- and family-centred care while working as an integral member of the interdisciplinary team.

**“Birmingham Newman University is a home to all, students and lecturers.”**

Niamh – Adult Nursing

## Courses

### Adult Nursing BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code B740

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### Mental Health Nursing BSc (Hons)

3 years full-time, UCAS code B760

### Adult Nursing MSc

2 years full-time, subject to validation with the NMC

### Mental Health Nursing MSc

2 years full-time, subject to validation with the NMC

FY Indicates Foundation Year option available

## Entry Requirements

### Honours Degree

Typical Tariff: 112 UCAS points

### Honours Degree with Foundation Year

Typical tariff: 48 UCAS points

### MSc

A minimum of a 2:2 UG Degree (ideally health related) and 600 hours of verified healthcare experience. Must meet level 2 English and maths qualifications.

For qualifications and criteria to attain these tariffs, and any additional entry requirements, see pages 92-95.



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# FOUNDATION YEAR

## What is the Foundation Year?

The Foundation Year at Birmingham Newman University is the first year of a four year degree. It is designed for students who do not have the qualifications or experience for direct entry onto a three-year undergraduate programme.

If you're thinking about returning to education after a break or if you've had some tough times in education before, the Foundation Year at Birmingham Newman University will support you and help you succeed.

## Why should I study a Foundation Year?

Birmingham Newman's Foundation Year will provide you with opportunities to:

- Develop confidence in your skills and abilities
- Develop an understanding of what is needed to be a successful undergraduate student
- Gain knowledge of your academic discipline

## What will I study during the Foundation Year?

The integrated foundation year focuses on helping you think critically and feel confident in your studies. It begins with an exploration of how you learn, and gives you the space to learn in your own way.

The goal of the Foundation Year is not just to get you ready for your next year of studies but to make sure you feel connected to your chosen subject and to the university community. You'll explore interesting topics like identity, inequality, and think about what it means to be human in a digital world.

The combination of seminar discussions, active workshops, online activities and one-to-one support will enable you to develop the skills you'll need to succeed in the rest of your degree.



# Foundation Year

## What do our students think?

Here's what some successful Foundation Year students have had to say about their foundation year study:

“When I joined Birmingham Newman (which was a miracle), I did not know what to expect. I needed all the support I could get regarding going back into education. The course is amazing and has so far exceeded my expectations of learning and feeling connected with other students and tutors. I have learnt so much as a student about my own learning style and overcoming certain fears. The topics are interesting, covering becoming a student, the digital challenges, and the introduction to my degree subject.”

“The foundation year has helped me in ways I couldn’t imagine. It helped me prepare not only for my degree but also helped in other areas of my life. My confidence has grown so much and I have the foundation year to thank for that. I walked into my degree feeling so much more confident about meeting new people and completing the work. My worry before foundation year was that I wasn’t smart enough for university but the foundation year helped me realise my strengths and my way of learning. The staff and student mentors are amazing. I even recommended a friend to the foundation year who has recently started this academic year, she has said it was the best decision she’s ever made, and I couldn’t agree more.”



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## Courses

	Study method	UCAS code
Accounting and Finance	4 years full-time	N40X
Business and Management	4 years full-time	B742
Computer Science	4 years full-time	N12X
Counselling, Mental Health and Wellbeing	4 years full-time	G40X
Counselling Studies and Working With Children, Young People and Families	4 years full-time	B944
Criminology	4 years full-time	B942
Drama, Theatre and Applied Performance	4 years full-time	L313
Early Childhood Studies	4 years full-time	W410
Education and SEND	4 years full-time	X333
English	4 years full-time	X12F
Forensic Psychology	4 years full-time	Q310
Health and Social Care	4 years full-time	C817
History	4 years full-time	L511
Law	4 years full-time	V110
Nursing	4 years full-time	M101
Primary Education (3-11)	4 years full-time	X30F
Professional Policing	4 years full-time	PP0F
Psychology	4 years full-time	C80F
Psychology and Childhood Studies	4 years full-time	C802
Psychology and Counselling Studies	4 years full-time	C803
Psychology with Criminology	4 years full-time	C805
Sport and Exercise Science	4 years full-time	C60F
Sport Coaching	4 years full-time	C613
Studies in Primary Education	4 years full-time	9X74
Theology and Philosophy	4 years full-time	V6V5
Working With Children, Young People and Families	4 years full-time	L54F
Youth and Community Work	4 years full-time	L53F

## Entry Requirements

Students will ideally require 48 UCAS points.  
However, those with considerable work and life experience that demonstrates an ability to study at degree level, but with no formal qualifications, will also be considered for entry.

There are both September and January start dates available.  
With the exception of Nursing which only has a September start.



# Postgraduate Research Degrees

## Postgraduate Research Areas

A Postgraduate Research degree is a research project that makes an original contribution to knowledge in a particular area of study. At Birmingham Newman you will be guided and supported by an academic expert.

### PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)

A PhD is the traditional doctoral research degree. This is awarded to students that have demonstrated the ability to design and implement a large research project that results in greater knowledge and understanding in their field of study.

### M Phil (Master of Philosophy)

This can be described as a shorter version of a PhD. The qualification requires the same research, training, and planning.

At Birmingham Newman, research is regarded as an integral part of our scholarly activities. Cutting-edge work is being undertaken across a wide range of academic and professional disciplines and is attracting national and international research funding. Research projects and collaborations with leading universities, at home and abroad, have been established in several areas.

### Education, Multi Professional Practice and Early Childhood

Staff are active in several areas of research and in scholarship. Research interests include educational policy; learning theory; curriculum; safeguarding; creativity and imagination in education; and early childhood education and care.

### English

English at Birmingham Newman is a thriving research area with expertise in colonial and postcolonial literature, twentieth-century and contemporary writing, language, drama and print culture. As well as giving papers at national and international conferences, the team host a

research seminar series and regularly organise conferences. In addition to publishing articles, editing essay collections and literary texts, members of the team are also contracted for monographs with Cambridge University Press, Taylor and Francis, and Palgrave-Macmillan. English staff at Birmingham Newman work with published writers and dramatists to enhance regional and national literary and performance culture.

### History

History at Birmingham Newman is a very successful area in terms of academic research. There is a strong research ethic within the team, who consistently produce internationally-recognised publications. Expertise within the subject team covers a number of diverse areas: the ancient Roman world, the medieval world, early modern Britain, and modern America. All academic staff are active in their fields, attending national and international conferences, hosting conferences at Birmingham Newman and publishing widely. The History team has a proven track record in supporting postgraduate students with successful MPhils and PhDs. The supervision teams are interdisciplinary and work closely with colleagues across the Humanities.

### Initial Teacher Education

Staff in the ITE department are engaged in a range of research and scholarly activities focussed on issues in education and the teaching and the development of teacher knowledge and professional learning. Research is being disseminated locally, nationally and internationally through conferences, national projects and local partnerships.

### Psychology and Counselling

The Psychology and Counselling area at Birmingham Newman has a focus on issues around health, well-being, clinical and applied psychology, counselling and psychotherapy - for example, students' health risk perception,

health knowledge and health behaviour, narratives of untreated heavy drinking, the role of cognition in psychological disorders, and the views and experiences of same-sex couples in counselling. The subject area has major strengths in the teaching of professional courses in counselling, psychotherapy and applied aspects of psychology, and this drives the research agenda.

### Sport and Health

The Sport and Health subject area is an active and successful research group at Birmingham Newman. There is a strong research ethos, with a highly committed team of early career and experienced researchers. The scholarly work of this enthusiastic team involves: physical activity and health-related behaviours of young people and adults; socio-cultural experiences within sport; physiological and psychological aspects of sports performance, as well as influences on sports officials, the biomechanical perspective on performance improvement and reduction of injury and creativity within teaching styles.

### Social Work and Social Policy

The Social Work and Social Policy Group are an inter-disciplinary team with a strong research profile in several academic and professional areas. Current staff interests cover a diverse range of research topics including: social justice and social policy, all aspects of working with

children, young people and communities, queer and critical pedagogy, critical criminology, safeguarding, fostering and social care, social geography, children's rights and advocacy, violence and harm and conceptions of vulnerability. Postgraduate students are fully supported to be centrally included in all the research activities of the team, including postgraduate training, seminar presentations and in preparation for their future careers.

### Theology

Research supervision for PhD/MPhil awards (both full and part-time) is offered in a number of areas of theology, particularly Christian theology. Current staff research interests include biblical studies, early post-biblical Judaism, patristics, contemporary philosophical theology, the history of philosophy and ethics. The team are also able to work with those wishing to apply theological reflection to their ministry or professional practice. Creating strong support networks for students and building good relationships between staff and students is at the heart of the approach to study. Members of the Theology team regularly present papers at international conferences and publish books and articles in their areas of particular expertise – further details can be found on the staff profiles section of the Birmingham Newman University website.





# Research Centres

The Research Centres form part of the structure of the Graduate School with several key aims: supporting staff participating in research and scholarly activities through the development of an inclusive culture and progressive environment; supporting the achievement of research excellence through focused growth, collaboration and development of applied research across the university and, where appropriate, with external partners; and developing opportunities to secure external sources of research funding that will expand the range of current research activities.

The Research Centres contribute to ensuring students are taught by excellent researchers and course content remains at the forefront of developments in the subject area.

## The Centre for Community and Social Justice

At the heart of Birmingham Newman University's values and ethos lies a commitment to the principles of social justice, and the common good. The core purpose of this interdisciplinary Centre for Community and Social Justice, therefore, is to bring together diverse communities to think critically about relations of power, social inequities and injustices in order to create a more inclusive, equal and democratic society. The Centre encourages external communities and organisations to join academic staff and students to research collaboratively and to disseminate knowledge in order to combat social injustices for the wider social good.

## Humanities Research Centre

The Centre aims to promote research excellence and foster relationships between scholars in all of the University's departments across the Humanities. Each year, the Centre has a number of key focal points for research while facilitating other internal and external collaborations. The Humanities Research Centre is a vibrant community made up of staff and postgraduate students from Drama, English, History and Theology; it also includes colleagues from other disciplines who work in Humanities related areas.

## Newman Institute for Leadership in Education (NILE)

NILE is a hub for a growing network of services offered by the Faculty of Education at Birmingham Newman University. It will be of interest to those involved in leadership in early years settings, schools, colleges and universities. In particular those involved in pastoral care leadership, pedagogic leadership and faith-based leadership will find this research centre valuable. NILE activities include research-based seminars and workshops. NILE is also well-positioned and able to offer expertise in research and consultancy.

Key thematic foci underpinning the research agenda in NILE are:

- pedagogic leadership
- leading and managing faith-based education
- multi-professional educational management and leadership
- inclusive leadership models
- leadership and management in all phases of education (early years, school, college, university)
- pastoral care leadership

## The Bible and its Reception Research Centre

Birmingham Newman's Research Centre for the Bible and its Reception engages with the academic study of the Jewish and Christian Bible, its later reception (in art, music, literature and culture) and its relevance to contemporary society. The primary research interests of the Centre's staff include literary readings of the Bible, the Bible in art and visual culture, and early Jewish and early Christian biblical interpretation and study of its early textual forms.

The multicultural region of the West Midlands, in which Birmingham Newman is situated, is an ideal location for the exploration of the sacred texts of three of the world's major religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) which interconnect in so many ways. The research centre is located within the Theology subject area, providing opportunities for research students to network with scholars of international standing and to benefit from engagement with an active research culture.

## Sport, Exercise and Health Research Centre

The work of this Centre contributes towards the generation of high quality applied research of regional, national and international significance that facilitates the work of practitioners involved in sport, exercise and health. The Centre's staff engage in developing collaborative research in partnership with the local community, schools and third sector organisations. The Research Centre places particular emphasis on multi-disciplinary applied research topics – for example, physical activity and health related behaviours of young people and adults; socio-cultural experiences within sport; psychological and physiological aspects of sports performance: including the training and conditioning of athletes; and the evaluation of projects in the areas of sport, exercise and physical activity.

## The Romero Freire Institute

The Institute seeks to build capacity for the scholarship of learning and teaching practices in Higher Education, focusing largely on critical pedagogy. It is uniquely made up of representatives from academics, professional and support staff, students, alumni, and members of the local community. It has a broad reach and acts as a bridge and mediator between student and community research, consultancy and evaluation, the scholarship of teaching and learning and academic research in Higher Education. The aims of the institute are to generate a creative space where all staff, students and the community can come together in common cause, develop research agendas, co-create knowledge, and undertake actions that advance the common good.





# Financing Your Degree

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A university degree is an investment in your future, so it pays to choose carefully. Your decision now can have a real impact on your employability and earning potential in the future. With the outstanding employment rate enjoyed by our graduates, we believe that a Birmingham Newman degree represents excellent value for money.

**Current undergraduate tuition for 2025/26 update to current academic year academic year (Fees per annum)**

Our fee levels have been set to ensure that we can continue to invest in the best resources and teaching staff to deliver an exceptional learning experience.

£9,250 full-time Honours degrees, Foundation degrees, Honours Degree with Foundation Year, and all full-time Top-Up awards.

£9,250 undergraduate and postgraduate Initial Teacher Education degrees.

£11,100 accelerated two-year undergraduate degree.

For the most up-to-date information on fees, including part-time and postgraduate fees, please refer to the applicable course pages on our website.

£5,300\* part-time Honours degrees (4.5 years). Invoiced each of the 4 years.

£4,850\* part-time Foundation degrees. (3 years) Invoiced each of the 3 years.

£9,250 part-time Top-Up award (total course fee).

£7,200 part-time Top-Up award for those completing a Birmingham Newman Foundation degree (total course fee).

\*The University will review tuition fees and increase fees in line with any inflationary uplift as determined by the UK Government, if permitted by law or government policy, on enrolment and in subsequent years of your course. It is anticipated that such increases would be linked to RPI (the Retail Price Index excluding mortgage interest payments).



## Key points to remember

### 1. No upfront fees

Only repay when you are earning over £25,000 per year.

### 2. Financial Support available for eligible undergraduates

You can apply for tuition fee loans and maintenance loans to pay for your studies.

### 3. You apply to the Student Loans Company Student finance for undergraduates: Overview - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

You will need to apply via SLC for your loans and they will inform you how much you are entitled to.

### 4. Part-time courses

If you study part-time you can still access tuition fee loans and may be able to apply for maintenance loans.

### 5. PGCE Bursaries

Bursaries are available for a number of PGCE's via the Department for Education (DfE), visit [getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-salary/overview](http://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-salary/overview)

### 6. Course fees shown on course pages

You can view the course fees for the course you wish study on the course pages on our website.

### 7. Alumni discount for Master's courses

A 10% discount will be available to Birmingham Newman alumni who have completed a full undergraduate degree or PGCE course, enrolling on a Master's degree programmes. A 10% discount is available to those enrolling on a Master's degree programme, who are currently employed by a Birmingham Newman University partnership school. Visit [www.newman.ac.uk/study/student-finance/postgraduate-finance-information/](http://www.newman.ac.uk/study/student-finance/postgraduate-finance-information/) for further information.

### 8. Doctoral Loans

Postgraduate Doctoral Loans are available for eligible students, visit [www.gov.uk/doctoral-loan](http://www.gov.uk/doctoral-loan) for further information.

### 9. Studentships

A small number of studentships funded by Birmingham Newman are available for research degrees, giving you financial help towards your living expenses. Funding may also be available from a range of research councils, charitable foundations and government departments. Visit [newman.ac.uk/research](http://newman.ac.uk/research) for a list of organisations that may be able to help fund your research project.

### 10. Additional financial support

For students with a recognised disability, Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA) may be available to help with buying the equipment or personal support you need to facilitate your studies. DSA is not a loan and you do not have to repay anything. You can apply for DSA funding via the Student Loans Company at [www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk). Students may be eligible for additional financial support, in the form of grants, if you are studying a full-time undergraduate course and you are a parent.

Birmingham Newman manages a discretionary Birmingham Newman Support Fund which can help if you find yourself in financial difficulty. Check our website for more information.

### 11. Additional costs

There may be some additional costs associated with your course including field trips, placement costs, purchasing of books, DBS checks, and clothing for sports courses. There may also be further costs such as a TV licence for those living in halls. Visit the course page for details on any associated costs.

For more information on how to apply for loans as well as how much you could borrow visit [newman.ac.uk/finance](http://newman.ac.uk/finance) or [gov.uk/student-finance](http://gov.uk/student-finance)

All fee information is believed to be accurate at time of printing but government support, fees and scholarships may be subject to change without notice. For the latest information on levels of support available across all courses, visit [www.newman.ac.uk/fees](http://www.newman.ac.uk/fees). Alternatively, visit the Student Finance England website via [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) or contact Student Finance England's support line on 0300 100 0607 ([www.gov.uk/call-charges](http://www.gov.uk/call-charges)).



# Entry Requirements



Birmingham Newman University welcomes students with a wide range of qualifications. This ensures that those who have studied different qualifications are treated equally in the admissions process. Most importantly, we want to be sure that everyone who is offered a place has the experience, knowledge and aptitude to be successful.

The entry requirements for Birmingham Newman University undergraduate courses are based on the UCAS tariff points allocated to qualifications and grades.

The University welcomes applications from students with Access to Higher Education Diploma, T-Levels, CACHE level 3, International Baccalaureate Diploma, Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate, Scottish Higher & Advanced Highers and Irish Leaving Certificate (higher).

For a full list of accepted qualifications that form the UCAS tariff visit the UCAS website [www.ucas.com](https://www.ucas.com)

A selection of the most common qualifications and their tariff values are listed in the table below.

An example of UCAS tariffs and entry requirements can be seen below. UCAS tariffs can be achieved in several ways, visit <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator> to calculate your UCAS points.

Qualification/Grade			
UCAS Points	A Levels	BTEC Extended Diploma	BTEC National Diploma
112	BBC	DMM	D*D*
104	BCC		D*D
96	CCC	MMM	DD
64	CC	MPP	MM
48	A or DD	PPP	MP

Qualifications not listed on the UCAS tariff will be assessed by our Admissions department on an individual basis.

## Undergraduate BA and BSc (Hons) degrees

3 years full-time, 4.5 years part-time

- **112 UCAS points\***: The entry requirements vary by course and are listed on each subject area page. The entry requirements are designed to ensure that you have the previous experience and knowledge required to be successful on the course, and will be one of our three standard offers.

\*N.B. BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies and BA (Hons) Studies in Primary Education requires 96 UCAS Points. Physiotherapy requires 120 UCAS points.

4 years full-time including Foundation Year

- **48 UCAS points**: However, those with considerable work and life experience of a complexity that demonstrates an aptitude to study at degree level, but with no formal qualifications, may also be accepted. See course pages on our website for further details.

## Access to HE diploma

Students can achieve the requirements with a combination of Distinction, Merit and Pass grades at level 3 achieved from a completed Access course.

**96 UCAS Points**: D21-M3-P21; D18-M9-P18; D15-M15-P15; D12-M21-P12; D9-M27-P9; D6-M33-P6; D3-M39-P3; D0-M45-P0

**112 UCAS points**: D30-M0-P15; D27-M6-P12; D24-M12-P9; D21-M18-P6; D18-M24-P3; D15-M30-P0

## T Levels

The University accepts appropriate T Levels as part of its usual entry requirements.

## Foundation degrees and Top-Up degrees

Entry requirements vary for each course and you'll find full details on the relevant course pages on our website. If you have completed a Higher National Diploma or Foundation Degree at another institution, contact Admissions at [admissions@newman.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@newman.ac.uk) to ensure that the course content has covered the topics needed for the relevant top-up award.

## Additional academic entry requirements

The following 3-year degrees have additional requirements:

**English:**  
A Level (or equivalent) in a Humanities/Social Sciences related subject.

**Initial Teacher Education:**  
Primary – GCSE English Language, Mathematics and Science at grade 4 (or C) or above.  
Secondary – GCSE English Language and Mathematics at grade 4 (or C) or above.

**Mathematics:**  
A Level Grade C or above in Mathematics is required.

**Sport and Exercise Science; Sport Coaching:**  
A level 3 qualification (e.g. A Level or BTEC level 3) in a sport, PE or science related subject.

**Youth and Community Work:**  
All applicants are required to be interviewed as part of the professional body requirements.

**Nursing Adult/Mental Health:**  
GCSE/IGCSE English language and maths grades 9-4/A\*-C or equivalent.  
Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

**Occupational Therapy:**  
GCSE/IGCSE English language and maths grades 9-4/A\*-C or equivalent.  
Applicants will also be required to be successful at a values-based in person interview.  
Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

**Paramedic Science:**  
GCSE/IGCSE English Language and Maths grades 9-4/A\*-C or equivalent. GCSE/IGCSE Biology or Human Biology grade 9-4/A\*-C or equivalent.  
Applicants will also be required to be successful at a values-based in person interview.  
Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

**Physiotherapy:**  
GCSE/IGCSE biology or human biology grade 9-4/A\*-C or equivalent\*  
\*Pass in a biology-focused module, e.g. anatomy and physiology, human biology, as part of a relevant Level 3 qualification is regarded as an equivalent for entrance.  
Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.



## Health check requirements:

As part of the Health Clearance Checks, you are required to provide information about your immunity and vaccination status for the following courses:

Mental Health nursing  
Nursing Adult  
Occupational Therapy  
Paramedic Science  
Physiotherapy

Candidates must prove they have been immunised against Rubella, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis B. We strongly recommend that all successful applicants (unless exempt on medical grounds) receive a full course of COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations before commencing the course.

Candidates must receive a satisfactory occupational health clearance before commencing the course.

## Contextual admissions

The tradition of the University is to ensure a holistic approach when considering applications from prospective students. This is supportive of the University's commitment to widening participation and social justice. In line with this and the University's admissions policy. The decision will be informed by academic and admissions staff based on contextual information including details of additional qualifications and relevant experience.

## Undergraduate Initial Teacher Education (ITE)

- A Level students: a minimum of 112 UCAS points including a minimum of CC at A Level (A-Level General Studies is not accepted)
- BTEC Extended Diploma: a minimum of 112 UCAS points (DMM) in your BTEC Extended diploma
- BTEC Diploma: a minimum of 112 UCAS points including minimum grades of D\*D\* in your BTEC diploma
- Access Diploma: you will need to have completed the course and achieved a minimum of 112 UCAS points.

Prior to enrolment, GCSEs (or recognised equivalent) at grade 4 (or C) or above in English Language, Mathematics, and Science are required for Primary ITE.

GCSEs (or recognised equivalent) at grade 4 (or C) or above in English Language and Mathematics are required for Secondary ITE.

Key Skills, Adult Literacy or Adult Numeracy are not accepted as GCSE equivalent for Initial Teacher Education courses. If the qualifications you are studying are not indicated above please contact Admissions on 0121 476 1181 or email [admissions@newman.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@newman.ac.uk) for clarification. Visit [www.newman.ac.uk/gcse-equivalent](http://www.newman.ac.uk/gcse-equivalent) for further details.

School experience is not an essential requirement. However, having experience in a school will:

- help ensure that you are making the right decision to join the programme
- give you a potential advantage when starting the course as you will be able to make links between your learning and how this relates to a school setting

If you are invited to interview, this will either be at Birmingham Newman or virtually.

You will also need to obtain Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance and meet the requirements for Fitness to Train to Teach.

## Postgraduate Initial Teacher Training – PGCE

A UK bachelors degree (or equivalent). School experience is not an essential requirement for this course, however, at interview you will have the opportunity to tell us about any school experience you have gained. You will also be required to undertake a short teaching activity.

You will need to obtain Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance and meet the requirements for Fitness to Train and Teach. As well as these requirements, you will need the following, depending on which programme you apply for:

PGCE Primary (including School Direct)  
A UK bachelors degree (or equivalent). You should also have GCSEs (or a recognised equivalent) in English Language, Mathematics and Science at grade 4 (or C) or above on enrolment.



## PGCE Secondary (11–16 years) with Post-16 enhancement (including School Direct)

A UK bachelors degree (or equivalent) of which approximately 50% is related to the relevant subject – or a recognised equivalent qualification. You will also need GCSEs (or a recognised equivalent) in English Language and Mathematics at grade 4 (or C) or above on enrolment. You may also need to take a Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) course if your degree does not directly link to your chosen teaching subject.

## Additional information

### Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

If your course or your placement involves working with children or adults at risk, you will need to apply, through Birmingham Newman, for an Enhanced Disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). There is an initial fee of £61 for this. If you already have a valid Enhanced Disclosure and have paid the annual subscription fee of £13, you will need to show your DBS clearance and provide a link to your online DBS record. Contact Admissions on 0121 476 1181 or visit [www.gov.uk/db](http://www.gov.uk/db)s for more information. Please note that Enhanced DBS clearance must be gained before enrolment for teacher training courses.

## Fitness to Train to Teach

All universities have to ensure that entrants on Initial Teacher Education courses have met the Secretary of State's requirements for physical and mental capacity to teach. We take great care to make sure that while all candidates meet these requirements, we do not discriminate against people with disabilities in our selection procedures, requirements for progression, completion of training or provision of services.

## Master's degrees

You will normally be expected to have an honours degree. Of course, you must be able to demonstrate commitment to pursuing your studies at a higher level. Additional entry requirements may vary for each course, and can be found on the relevant course pages.

## Research degrees

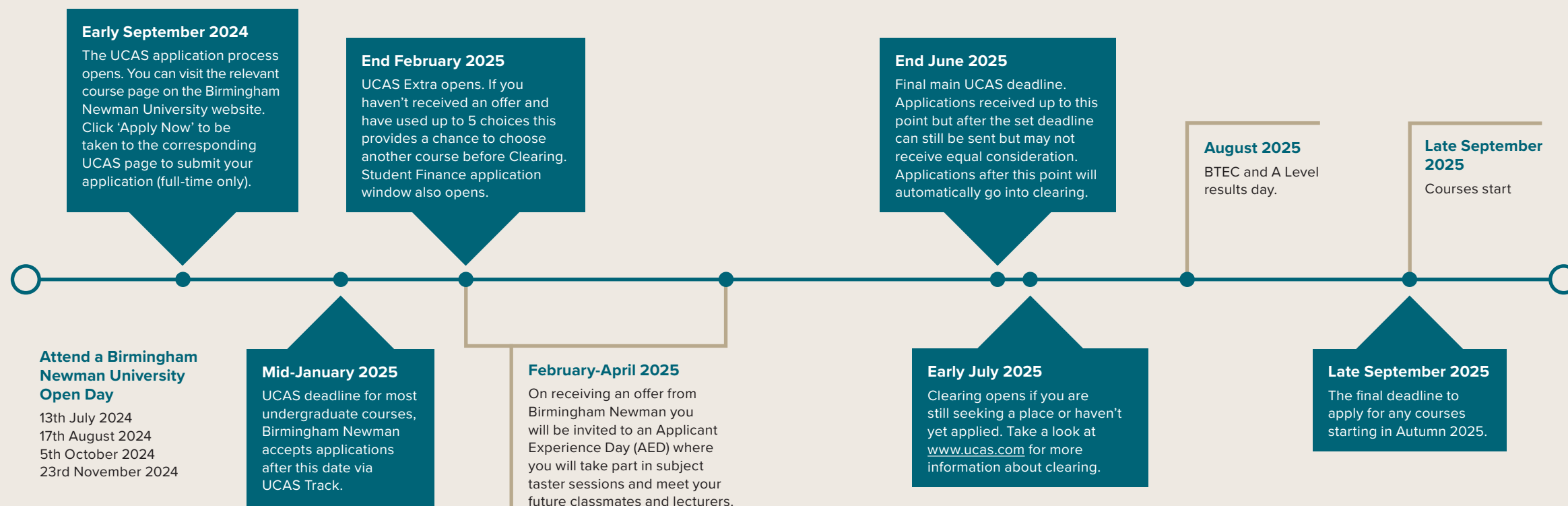
Students studying for a research degree at master's level will normally have a first class or 2:1 honours degree in a subject relevant to the research proposal.

## Admissions contact details:

[admissions@newman.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@newman.ac.uk)  
0121 476 1181



# How to Apply: Undergraduate Degrees



## What you need to know for part-time and postgraduate courses

### Part-time Undergraduate Degrees, including Top-Up:

Apply directly via the Birmingham Newman University website or download an application form from [newman.ac.uk/apply](http://newman.ac.uk/apply)

### Master's Degrees:

Apply directly via the Birmingham Newman University website. You will also need to supply two references.

### Research Degrees:

If you're interested in carrying out postgraduate research with us, please visit [www.newman.ac.uk/research/postgraduate-research](http://www.newman.ac.uk/research/postgraduate-research)

## What you need to know when applying to a teacher training course

Teacher Training courses require you to attend an interview. It will help your application if you have an up-to-date knowledge of the education sector, evidence of any experience working with children. You should be prepared for a one-to-one and peer group interview.

If you are offered a place this will be conditional on gaining a DBS clearance and meeting requirements for fitness to train to teach before you start your programme.

### PGCEs:

Apply via DfE from mid-October 2024 for 2025 entry. It's important to apply early as on some courses can close when allocation is filled. Visit [www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training) for more information.

## What happens when I apply?

Once you have submitted your application to UCAS, it will be forwarded to Birmingham Newman University for consideration.

Once we have made a decision you will be notified by UCAS. You can view the decision on UCAS Track.

On receiving an offer we will send you further information.

Please note that some courses may require you to attend an interview.

## What happens when I receive my results?

Once you receive your results, in most cases, these will be forwarded on to any universities which you hold a Firm or Insurance offer with.

If you have been offered a Conditional Offer by Birmingham Newman University and meet the entry requirements your place will be automatically confirmed. If you have not met the terms of your offer, our Admissions Team will then consider your application based on places available and grades achieved.



# Find Out More

Visiting us is the best way to get a feel for student life at Birmingham Newman. It's key to helping you decide if you'll be happy studying for your degree here.

## Open Days

Saturday 13th July 2024

Saturday 17th August 2024

Saturday 5th October 2024

Saturday 23rd November 2024

An Open Day gives you the opportunity to:

- Chat to course lecturers and current students
- Take a look around the campus and its facilities
- Gain valuable information at presentations on student finance, home and international placements, graduate employment, teaching and Honours degrees

Your family and friends are welcome to come along with you. Visit [www.newman.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.newman.ac.uk/opendays) to register your interest.

## Applicant Experience Days

If you have been offered a place to study at Birmingham Newman University, we'd really like you to visit the university in person – even if you have already been to an open day. It's an opportunity for you to take part in a taster session based on the course you've applied for. This will give you a good feel for what it's like to be a student here. Applicant experience days are by invitation and are usually held in the Spring.

## Social media

We're active on a range of social media channels, so you can be part of the Birmingham Newman community at any time.

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 Newman University – Birmingham

## Birmingham Newman Alumni

Once you've graduated, you certainly won't be saying goodbye to Birmingham Newman for good. We would love it if you continued to be part of our Alumni community. To start with, you can be sure of our continued support beyond graduation: our careers advice team are graduate career specialists who can provide you with tailored networking and mentoring opportunities to help you build a successful future.

You will also enjoy plenty of other benefits including discounts on campus services, invitations to campus events. You may even want to feature in our communications, telling people your story and inspiring others to achieve.

## Services to schools and colleges across the UK

Our Student Recruitment and Outreach Team provide a range of services to schools and colleges to help students and their families on their journey to higher education. This includes presentations and webinars on topics such as:

- The benefits of Higher Education
- Choosing a course/university
- The UCAS application process and personal statements
- Student Finance
- Routes into Teaching

We can also provide tailored presentations for our school and college partners, as well as opportunities to experience our campus. In addition, we run subject-specific conferences for students and host an annual HE Advisers' Conference for colleagues involved in advising young people about their futures.

For more information about these opportunities please visit [www.newman.ac.uk/sro](http://www.newman.ac.uk/sro)

# Find Us

## By bus

From Birmingham City Centre: X22 and 23  
From Yardley Wood via Cotteridge or Northfield: 18  
From Halesowen: 202  
From Merry Hill via Halesowen: 002

## By cycle or car

If commuting by bicycle or car and using a Sat Nav system, please enter the postcode B32 3NU.

We have dedicated areas for cyclists to store their bikes whilst visiting the campus and we have visitor, student and staff car parks for those commuting by car or motorbike.

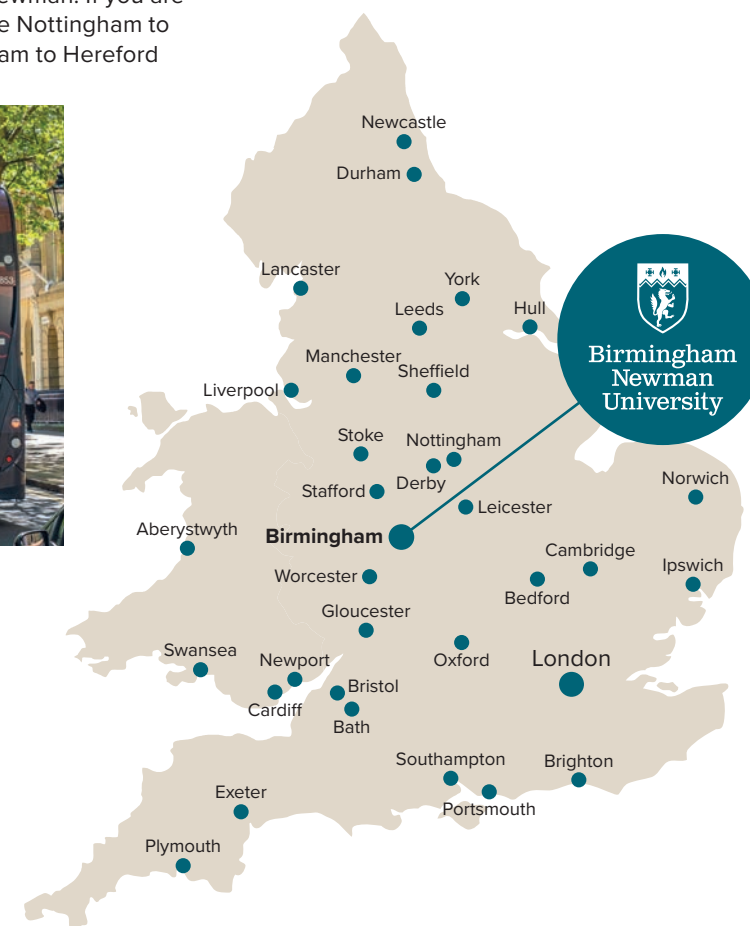
## By rail and bus

There are several railway stations within three miles of Birmingham Newman. If you are travelling from stations on the Nottingham to Cardiff route or the Birmingham to Hereford

route, we recommend taking a direct train to University station and then taking the X22 bus service. To access the X22 bus route, leave the train at University station and head for the Queen Elizabeth hospital (across the road and along a well-marked path), and choose the X22 bus stop marked 'Towards Quinton, Weoley Castle'. If you are travelling from other stations, we recommend changing at Birmingham New Street for Kings Norton station and taking the 18-bus service from directly outside the station.

Alternatively, Birmingham Newman is about 10 minutes by taxi from either University or Kings Norton stations.

For information on train operators and times, please consult National Rail Enquiries at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)





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# THINGS WE THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW.

## Terms and conditions

The contents of this prospectus are correct at the time of going to press. Please check our website [www.newman.ac.uk](http://www.newman.ac.uk) before making an application in case there are any changes to the course(s) you are interested in or to the other facilities and services described here. Where there is a difference between the contents of this prospectus and our website, the contents of the website take precedence and represent the basis on which we intend to deliver our services to you.

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## Course Revalidation

As part of a university's standard academic processes, Birmingham Newman courses are revalidated between every 3–5 years. This is to maintain up to date course content alongside current research and academic thinking and also to be relevant to the requirements of the potential employment market place. It also ensures that any professional accreditation requirements are kept up to date.

## Credits

The people featured in this prospectus are all Birmingham Newman University students and staff. You may well see some of them in and around campus when you visit us for an Open Day or when you start your course.



The Research Excellence Framework (REF), is a national expert assessment process, carried out in 36 broad subject-based units of assessment. Our results indicate an increase and improvement in Birmingham Newman's research since the last REF in 2014, especially in World-leading 4\* research. Also, 80% of the University's research publications were rated as international (2\*+) in quality.



Birmingham Newman has a good record for the quality of its courses. In recent years very positive inspection reports have been received from OFSTED.



Birmingham Newman University is committed to promoting the broader understanding and awareness of Fairtrade, poverty and the developing world. As a university we wish to broaden the global perspectives of the communities we work with, including its 400 partnership schools throughout the West Midlands. Achieving Fairtrade status reflects Birmingham Newman's mission which is based on respect for others, social justice and equity.

Birmingham Newman University is a thriving community of likeminded students and staff. We hope to welcome you into it very soon.



New courses  
for 2025





## Open Days in 2024

Saturday 13th July

Saturday 17th August

Saturday 5th October

Saturday 23rd November

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