

GRADUATE APPRENTICESHIPS 2018-2019

University	Graduate Apprenticeships
Edinburgh Napier University Also see: YouTube video	Business Management Software Development; Cyber Security; IT Management for Business Civil Engineering; Construction & the Built Environment
Glasgow Caledonian University	BA (Hons) Business Management with CMI accreditation BSc (Hons) IT Management for Business; BSc (Hons) Software Development for Business; BEng (Hons) Cyber Security; MSc Cyber Security BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering: Design and Manufacture; BSc (Hons) Construction and Built Environment with a focus on Quantity Surveying; BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering
Glasgow Kelvin College	HND Civil Engineering (SCQF level 8)
Heriot Watt University 2018 entry - 175 fully-funded places across Graduate Apprenticeships	MA (Hons) Business Management; MA (Hons) Business Management: Financial Services MA (Hons) IT Management for Business; BSc (Hons) Software Development for Business BEng (Hons) Engineering Design and Manufacture (Electronic or Mechanical); BSc (Hons) Construction and the Built Environment; BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering
Open University	BSc (Hons) IT: Software Development; BSc (Hons) Cyber Security; MSc in Cyber Security
Queen Margaret University	BA (Hons) Business Management
Robert Gordon University 2018 entry - 135 fully funded places over seven GA courses.	BA (Hons) Business Management; BA (Hons) Business Management: Financial Services BSc (Hons) Software Development for Business; BSc (Hons) IT Management for Business; BSc (Hons) Construction: Built Environment; BEng (Hons) Engineering: Design & Manufacture; BEng (Hons) Engineering: Instrumentation, Measurement & Control
University of Dundee	Business Management IT Management for Business; IT Software Development Engineering Design and Manufacturing; Civil Engineering; Engineering: Instrumentation, Measurement and Control
University of Edinburgh	BSc Data Science Graduate Apprenticeship
University of Glasgow	Software Engineering for Enterprise (Launch 2019)
University of the Highlands & Islands	BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering; DipHE Civil Engineering (SCQF 8)
University of Strathclyde	BA (Hons) in Business Management BSc (Hons) IT: Software Development BEng (Hons) Engineering: Design & Manufacture
University of St Andrews	Degree in Data Science (to launch in 2019)
University of the West of Scotland	BA (Hons) Business Management BSc (Hons) IT: Software Development BEng (Hons) Engineering Design & Manufacture; BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering
DO NOT CURRENTLY OFFER GA's	Abertay University; Glasgow School of Art; Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; SRUC; University of Aberdeen; University of Stirling

Further Information

www.apprenticeship.scot is the main source of information for Scottish Apprenticeships
There is also information on My WoW www.myworldofwork.co.uk/getting-job/apprenticeships

Also see individual college or university webpages / prospectuses (weblink above)

The SDS Apprenticeship team continue work to promote and expand the Graduate Apprenticeship offer

Apprenticeships & University 2018-2019

Foundation Apprenticeships for entry

- **FA's are recognised by all Scottish universities as equivalent to at least one Higher (SCQF level 6).** However if subjects are 'required' for entry the FA does not replace the subject Highers.
- **FA's are not recognised for entry to some courses:** Glasgow University Law, Vet Medicine, Medicine, or Dentistry. Edinburgh University Finance, Business, Accounting; Creative & Digital Media; ICT Hardware; Food & Drink technology (SDS in discussion with the university)
Candidates are advised to check with universities for specific subjects
- **The UCAS personal statements** should be used to emphasise the value - contextualised learning and work based learning component - of the FA.
- **FA's are recognised by UCAS** which supports wider UK recognition (check with individual universities out with Scotland)

Valued as 2x Highers	Valued as 1x Higher	Specific Grade Value Allocated
Abertay University (at B) Robert Gordon University	Aberdeen University; Edinburgh Napier University; Glasgow Caledonian; Glasgow School of Art; Heriot Watt University; Queen Margaret University; Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; SRUC; Dundee University; University of the Highlands & Islands; St Andrews University; West of Scotland University	Edinburgh University – 1 Higher at B (<u>but not in all subject areas</u>) University of Glasgow – 1 Higher at A University of Stirling – 1 Higher at B University of Strathclyde – 1 Higher at B Open University – Open Recognition

The SDS Apprenticeship team continue work to make sure all staff in provider colleges and universities are aware of the value of Foundation Apprenticeships and that this is reflected in online and printed entry information.

GRADUATE APPRENTICESHIPS



COURSES

11 courses designed by industry for industry at 12 different universities and colleges (details on next page)



QUALIFICATIONS

HND (SCQF level 8),
Diploma in Higher Education (SCQF level 8),
Honours Degree (SCQF level 10)
Masters Degree (SCQF Level 11).



STUDY TIME

Spend 80% of your time in the workplace
Study time agreed between employers & college/uni - could be 1 day a week, online learning or block release for several weeks



STUDY LENGTH

Depends of qualification level
SCQF level 10 up to 4 years
SCQF level 8 up to 2 years
GA's can study out with normal term time so could complete qualifications faster



RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Previous qualifications & experience are considered when designing a programme of learning and can support advanced entry reducing time needed to complete the course.



MONEY

Paid a wage by employer
Cost of academic course covered by SDS
Can still apply if had previous SAAS funding if higher level qualifications or change of direction

WHO CAN APPLY

Anyone resident in Scotland, and eligible to live and work in Scotland.
No upper age limit, but must be over 16, over 18 for some vacancies.
Existing employees can approach their employer (more info on employer area of website)



APPLYING

Vacancies appear throughout the year on www.apprenticeship.scot
Entry requirements depend on the course and college/university.
Relevant experience and qualifications will be of value. You can progress from a Foundation or Modern Apprenticeship to a GA in the same subject

University Admission & Entry Criteria 2018-2019

Each university sets its own entry criteria often reflecting levels of difficulty within a course or competition for places. Criteria can also be influenced by Scottish Government and SFC priorities like widening access. While it is essential for individual to research and compare individual course entry criteria it is helpful to be aware of different entry policy and practice across Scotland.

National 5 Qualifications

Most universities **DO NOT** require a specific number of N5 qualifications (exception Royal Conservatoire Ballet)

- Most **DO** ask for English and/or maths at grade C or above and may list other 'required' or 'essential' subjects. If an 'essential' subject is not achieved at N5 this may be asked for as a Higher instead.
- Most universities accept **National 5 Applications of Mathematics (previously Lifeskills Maths)** at grade C or above **BUT** not all - **Aberdeen University** does not accept it for science or medicine, **Edinburgh University** accepts it unless 'mathematics' is listed as 'required' and **Abertay University** does not accept it for a number of courses - if it is not accepted it is usually highlighted in the entry criteria.

Highers - minimum no. required for 1st year degree entry

- **3 highers** – University of Highland and islands, Queen Margret University, Robert Gordon University, Royal Conservatoire and University of the West of Scotland (**3/4 highers** – University of Dundee)
- **4 highers** - University of Aberdeen, Abertay University, Edinburgh Napier University, Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow School of Art, Heriot-Watt University, Scotlands Rural college, University of Stirling, university of Strathclyde
- **4/5 highers** - University of Glasgow, University of Edinburgh, University of St. Andrew

'One Sitting' - minimum no. highers must be achieved by end of S5

- Some universities ask that entry criteria be achieved 'in one-sitting' before the end of S5 or they will require additional qualifications and/or higher grades if the qualification are taken over S5 and S6. Some universities/courses will look for Advanced Highers if entry criteria is not in place by end of S5.
- **Universities with increased entry requirements for S6 application:** Glasgow School of Art; Heriot-Watt University; University of Aberdeen, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, University of St. Andrews, University of Stirling.

Advanced Highers

- While not essential for 1st year entry to most universities and courses (except medicine/veterinary) some universities **require or strongly recommend gaining AdvH's for some courses** - Heriot Watt University; University of Aberdeen, University of Edinburgh; University of Glasgow; University of Strathclyde.
- Almost all universities in Scotland have options for **Advanced Entry to year 2*** with Advanced Highers (or other relevant qualifications) exceptions include: Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; Scotlands Rural College (has other college/HNC/D routes); Glasgow Caledonian University and Glasgow School of Art (both have advanced entry with HNC/HND) **Those that apply for advanced entry but are not accepted are usually automatically offered entry to first year if they meet the entry criteria.*

Double Counting

- **Most universities do not 'double count'** so Highers and Advanced Highers in the same or very similar subjects would be treated as one qualification. An Advanced Higher at C or above would be an upgrade to a previous Higher at B or below, most universities count the 'better' qualification.
- **Exceptions:** University of Dundee & University of St Andrews focus only on highers; University of Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian University & University of the Highlands and Islands will double count for some courses.

Exam Resits

- **Most universities accept exam resits** though they usually require improved grades.
- Resits are not accepted for entry to Medicine.
- The University of Glasgow and University of St Andrews do not usually accept resits.

* This information is based on online research carried out in July/August 2018

What is important to colleges and universities in 2018-2019

Scottish Government

Investment of around £1.8bn in colleges and universities 2018-19

To support the ambitions of the Enterprise and Skills Review: skills alignment; innovation; internationalisation and securing an improved learner journey post-15

"..improve Scotland's skills base by providing accessible, high quality learning opportunities, with good outcomes for learners which are aligned to industry needs."

Scottish Funding Council Outcome Agreements

High quality learning in a system that seamlessly connects for learners

Access to FE and HE for people from the widest range of backgrounds

Colleges working in partnership

Quality learning and good governance in universities

Effective knowledge exchange and innovation between universities, colleges and industry

College & University Priorities

Widening Access with additional articulation options between college and university + more advanced entry to YR2/3

Supporting under represented groups into further learning, particularly degree routes

Developing courses/skills for growth areas including STEM and Early Learning & Childcare

Increasing international partnerships and attracting international student

Closer links with industry for both student placement and for workforce development (up-skill and re-skilling)

Address Gender Equality in course choice and in HE/FE staffing

For individual college and university Outcome Agreements see:

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/funding/outcome-agreements/outcome-agreements-listing.aspx>

Changing Routes & Pathways 2018-2019

Widening Access

All universities across Scotland are working to widen access. This means in some circumstances lower grades or fewer qualifications may be accepted. The university will look at 'Contextual Information' to consider circumstances, including:

- **Home postcode** – if Quintile 1 or 2 (the bottom 20% and 20-40% most deprived areas in Scotland) check [postcode search tool](#)
- If you are **care experienced**
- If you are one of the **first in your family to apply to university**
- Have taken part in a **university preparation programme** such as LIFT OFF, LEAPS, FOCUS West, Aspire North (or similar)

Each university has Widening Access information online and in their prospectuses.

Advanced Entry

More courses now support entry to second year with suitable **Advanced Highers** helping to avoid duplication of learning.

Route between college HNC/HND courses and university degrees are being strengthened - particularly advanced entry to 2nd or 3rd year.

NEW Associate or Partnership Degrees are being introduced. You apply through UCAS (need Highers) and spend half your degree at college gaining HNC/HND and the second half at university.

Examples:

[Edinburgh College](#)
[Edinburgh Napier University](#)
[Robert Gordon University](#)
[Strathclyde University Engineering](#)

Advanced entry options are listed with individual course entry requirements

More Study Options

Integrated Masters (SCQF 11) – a five-year degree incorporating a Masters. Mainly available in science, health and engineering subjects.

Integrated industry placement – more universities are adding a year's industry placement to courses, often as a 3rd year or as an additional year.

International – more universities are offering opportunities to study part of a degree abroad, this could be a year exchange, a 2+2 option or more if the university has international campuses.

Online – more universities are offering distance learning, from free MOOCs to full degree and postgraduate options.

- [UHI](#)
- [University of Glasgow](#)
- [Open University](#)

HIGHER EDUCATION EXHIBITIONS 2018 – August to October

Day & Date	Event Page	Location	Time
Tuesday 28 August	Orkney	Pickaquoy Centre , Muddisdale Road, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1LR	9.30-12.30pm 1-3pm
Thursday 30 August	Tayside	University of Dundee, Dalhousie Building, 75 Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EN	9.30am-12.30pm 1pm-3pm
Tuesday 4 September	Edinburgh	Royal Highland Centre , Ingliston House, Edinburgh EH28 8NBa	9.30am-3pm
Wednesday 5 September	Borders	Border Union Showground, Kelso, TD5 8LS	10am-12noon 1-3pm
Thursday 6 September	Dumfries and Galloway	Easterbrook Hall, The Crichton, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TA	9.30am-1pm
Monday 10 September	Fife	Rothes Halls, Rothes Square, Glenrothes, KY7 5NX	10am-1pm 1.15-3.30pm Evening 5pm-7pm
Wednesday 12 September	Moray	Moray College UHI, Alexander Graham Bell Centre, Moray Street, Elgin, IV30 1JJ	9.15am-12.45 1.15-3.15pm
Thursday 13 September	Highlands	Inverness College, UHI, Inverness Campus, IV2 5NA	9.15-12.15 12.45-2.45pm
Tuesday 18 September	Glasgow	SECC, Exhibition Way, Glasgow G3 8YW	9.30am-3pm
Wednesday 19 September	Forth Valley	The University of Stirling, The Atrium, FK9 4LA	9.30am-12.30 1-3pm
Thursday 20 September	Lanarkshire	Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility, 1 O'Donnell Way, Motherwell ML1 2TZ	9.30am-1pm 1.30-3pm
Tuesday 25 September	Aberdeen	Non-SDS led - University of Aberdeen, Elphinstone Hall, King's College, Regent Walk, Aberdeen AB24 3FX	9.30am-12.30pm 1-2.30pm Evening 4.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3 October	Ayrshire	Ayrshire College, Kilmarnock Campus, Hill Street, KA1 3HY	Tues 9.30am-1pm & 12.30-3pm Wed 9.30am-1pm

Further Information

[My WoW – Events & Fairs](#) attending an HE Exhibitions, Top Ten Questions and upcoming Open Days.
[My Wow – College and University](#) area, has a [Guide to University Rankings](#) to support further research
(there is a related 'Priorities' activity in CIAG Senior Phase Resources– [CMI Higher Education resources](#))

UCAS Events & Open Days

UCAS Virtual University and College Tours

Scottish Universities with Virtual Tours: University of Aberdeen; University of Dundee; University of Edinburgh; Edinburgh Napier University; Glasgow School of Art; Heriot-Watt University; Robert Gordon University; University of St Andrews;

Higher Education Entry 2018-2019

UCAS KEY DATES 2018

DATES	Key Dates	Full list: https://www.ucas.com/tile/416	ADDITIONAL
16 AUGUST	2018 Adjustment Opens – if applicants exceed conditional offer requirements, they can look at other courses without losing their place.		Adjustment (closes 31 st August)
29 AUGUST	Final date to submit late 2018 Conservatoire applications (except music which must be submitted by 1 October)		conservatoires
5 SEPTEMBER	entry applications can be submitted to UCAS for 2019		
20 SEPTEMBER	Final Deadline for 2018 Undergraduate entry applicants – from June 30 th all applications received go into clearing		Register & apply
15 OCTOBER	Deadline for 2019 Oxford and Cambridge Universities and most medicine, veterinary medicine/science & dentistry courses		Many of these courses also use admission tests
23 OCTOBER	Last date to add 2018 entry Clearing choices and for universities/colleges to make decisions		Clearing

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15 JANUARY	Deadline for applying to majority of undergraduate courses		At UCAS by 18:00
	Deadline for applying to majority of undergraduate dance, drama or musical theatre courses		Register & apply
25 FEBRUARY	Extra opens - if applicants have used all 5 choices but are not holding an offer they may be able to add another choice		more on Extra (closes 4 July)
APRIL – MAY	SQA exams 2019 - 25 April to 31 May		Exam Timetable 2019
5 JULY	Clearing for 2019 entry opens (application received after 30 June will go into Clearing)		Clearing
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Closing deadlines highlighted in red

Further Information

UCAS: www.ucas.com
 UCAS for Advisers: <https://www.ucas.com/advisers>
[UCAS Undergraduate: Types of Offer](#)

SAAS For Funding: <http://saas.gov.uk/>