



UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER

Progression Agreement 2020-21

Between the University of Winchester & Laser Learning Awards

Our Commitment

We value the wealth of experience, skills and knowledge that students from diverse backgrounds bring to the experience of other students and staff of the University.

We recognise the value of Access to HE diplomas, as a well-established route for mature students, and those without traditional entry qualifications, to progress to degree level study.

We welcome applications from students studying an Access to Higher Education Diploma and each year welcome many of these on to a wide range of courses across the University.

Diploma subjects and entry requirements

Many of our applicants will choose to study an Access to HE Diploma in the subject area they wish to study at University and this provides a good preparation for University study at Winchester.

Several of our courses also require a related subject to be studied at level 3 (e.g. English, History or Physiotherapy) - please see the individual course page on our website for details of whether a course has this requirement.

However, we are also aware that this may not always be possible and therefore welcome applications to all subject areas, even if the Access to HE Diploma is in an unrelated subject. In this situation we would look to the applicant's personal statement and reference for evidence of a keen interest in the subject that is being applied for.

GCSE requirements

All courses at the University require GCSE English language at grade C or 4, or equivalent and several courses also require GCSE mathematics and a science - please see the individual course page on our website for details of whether a course has this requirement.

If the applicant does not hold the required GCSE level, we typically review the application on a case-by-case basis, taking in to account the applicants personal circumstances where possible and the course they have applied for.

Interviews

For most courses at the University, an interview does not form part of the selection process, with decisions made using the information included in the application form.

Applicants for performing arts courses (e.g. Acting, Drama or Musical Theatre, etc.) and professional courses (e.g. Initial Teacher Training, Nursing, Nutrition and Dietetics, Physiotherapy or Social Work, etc.,) are required to attend an audition or interview.

Applicants facing financial barriers to attending their interview may also be eligible for financial support.

Offers

We make most of our conditional offers in terms of UCAS Tariff points (www.ucas.com/tariff), with applicants studying the Access to HE Diploma normally asked to obtain a combination of distinctions, merits and passes that equate to our published entry tariff.

We receive results for most applicants studying the Access to HE Diploma direct from the awarding body, via UCAS, so in most cases, applicants do not need to provide results separately to us.

Support for Students and Colleges

Open Days and College Visits

Come and meet our current Mature Students at Open Days. We have a stand in our Advice Zone where our current students would love to talk with you about studying here as a Mature Student.

Our Schools and Colleges team deliver talks for Access to HE students and may be able to offer support when starting to work on your Personal Statements. Please do email schoolsandcolleges@winchester.ac.uk if you would like more information

Compact Scheme

The University of Winchester is committed to encouraging and supporting all students who have the academic potential and ability to progress to higher education. We have therefore formed partnership agreements with a number of schools and colleges across the southern region and in the Channel Islands.

If you are studying with one of our Compact Partners then may be eligible for help and support under the criteria “disrupted pattern of education”. If you would like to know more please contact Compact@winchester.ac.uk or visit www.winchester.ac.uk/compact.

Scholarships

We offer an Academic Achievement Award for applicants who achieve AAB in their level 3 study and applicants who achieve 39D6MOP or above in the Access to HE Diploma are eligible to receive the award. Further information can be found here: www.winchester.ac.uk/aaa

COMMUTING STUDENTS NETWORK AT WINCHESTER STUDENT UNION

The Commuting Students Network was started to find a way to link commuters with other students who may share similar circumstances, and who don't always find it easy to immerse themselves in university life because of their outside commitments. They also have their very own Commuting Network Lounge, with homely facilities designed to give commuting students a 'home from home'.