

# Admissions Policy

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## **1. The purpose and scope of the policy**

The Admissions Policy ('the policy') sets out the University's aims for the admission of students and describes the principles and processes which are used to select and admit new students to taught programmes of study and research degrees.

The policy only covers access to credit bearing provision.

The policy serves to inform both applicants and staff, and supersedes any previously approved admissions policy.

The principles of the policy, as outlined in section 2 below, also apply to the University's collaborative partner institutions. A current list of such institutions can be found at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/governance-and-management/register-collaborative-partners](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/governance-and-management/register-collaborative-partners).

## **2. The University's aims**

The policy and procedures support the goals and aims of the University as laid out in its mission, vision, values and defining characteristics, published at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/mission-and-vision](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/mission-and-vision).

The University is committed to providing a fair, inclusive and professional admissions service.

### **2.1 Fair admissions**

The policy is underpinned by the University's commitment to the following principles:

- Providing clear, transparent and accessible admissions information to prospective applicants;
- Operating a fair and effective admissions process;
- Ensuring the consistent application of policy across the University;
- Ensuring that candidates who are admitted have the potential to achieve the intended award;
- Encouraging applications from the widest range of educational, social and cultural backgrounds.

## **3. Compliance with codes and regulations**

The policy and associated procedures comply with the Data Protection Act 2018, the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and relevant equality and diversity legislation affecting the admission of students, and takes account where relevant of sectoral best practice, including:

- The QAA's UK Quality Code for Higher Education 2018 ([www.qaa.ac.uk/the-quality-code](http://www.qaa.ac.uk/the-quality-code)) to include the Code's Advice and Guidance on Admissions, Recruitment and Widening Access. The 2024 Quality Code will be used from academic year 2025-26, following a 12 month implementation period;
- UCAS's guidance and manuals for institutions;
- The Schwartz Report's principles of fair admissions;
- Good practice recommendations issued by Supporting Professionalism in Admissions (SPA);
- The requirements of relevant accrediting professional bodies and national QA bodies;

- The requirements of UKVI, [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration);
- The Welsh Language Standards (No.6) Regulations 2017, [www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/90/contents/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/90/contents/made);
- Guidance from the Office of the Independent Adjudicator (IOA).

#### **4. Related policies, procedures, and regulations**

The policy conforms to the University's academic rules and regulations as set out in the Academic Quality Handbook (AQH). The content of the AQH is reviewed and updated as necessary on an annual basis and is published at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook).

Details about admissions to research programmes of study is provided in the University's Code of Practice for Research Degrees, published at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook).

This Admissions Policy should be read in conjunction with the University's '[Student Agreement](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants)' which applies from the point that an applicant accepts an offer of a place, and the 'Policy Statement on the Admission of Disabled Students' available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants).

Details regarding agent driven recruitment and the University's Agent Management Policy can be found at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/applying-agent](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/applying-agent).

The 'Applicant and Student Name Change Policy' can be found at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/governance-and-management/strategies-and-policies](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/governance-and-management/strategies-and-policies).

The University has a Safeguarding Policy and procedures relating to the care of students under the age of 18 available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook).

The process for the recognition of prior certificated and experiential learning can be found in The Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy available at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook).

Unsuccessful applicants are made aware that they can request feedback. Further information is contained in the Policy and Procedures for Admissions Feedback, Appeals and Complaints document, available at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants).

The Admissions Policy conforms to the requirements of relevant external bodies.

#### **5. Responsibility for admissions and review of the policy**

The University Senate is responsible for ensuring that the University has and implements appropriate regulations, policies and procedures for the admission of students. Advice on these matters is provided to Senate by its relevant sub-committees.

This policy and any associated procedures are reviewed annually by the Senate and may also be reviewed following national or international developments affecting university admissions more generally.

Overall responsibility for the admissions process for home students rests with the Registry. The Executive Head of Registry has oversight of the designated admissions staff who process applications from UK applicants within the Registry. The Provost and Head of Institute & Associate Pro Vice Chancellor (International) has oversight of the admissions policies relating to international students and also for staff who process international applications. The Executive Head of Agent Partnerships, Recruitment and Admissions has oversight of the admissions policies relating to Home applicants applying directly or via student recruitment agencies to the London Campus and the Birmingham Campus and also of agency driven student recruitment in Wales.

Admissions decisions are made on behalf of the University by relevant academic staff or by designated admissions staff.

Each University Academic Institute is responsible for appointing appropriately qualified individuals to oversee the admissions process within the Institute and to make admissions decisions where required on behalf of the University. For research degrees, this will normally be the Institute Manager of Research Degrees.

The Institute must ensure that the individuals understand and support the University's admissions aims, principles and procedures. It is expected that they will work closely with designated University admissions staff who process applications.

Admissions related training sessions are delivered throughout the year to staff responsible for making admissions decisions. This training is coordinated by the Head of Academic Development.

## **6. Progression/articulation agreements**

At the University's discretion, an applicant may be admitted to a programme of study at a later stage rather than at the beginning of a programme. This normally applies to students entering a second or third stage of a programme e.g. into levels 5 or 6 of an Honours degree or into Part 2 of a Master's programme. Such 'direct entry' or 'advanced standing' may be granted either on the basis of an individual application (including an individual Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) claim) or on the basis of an articulation agreement. In both cases, the University must recognise and award credit for the student's previous certificated or experiential learning via the RPL process. Further information can be found in the [Recognition of Prior Learning Policy](#).

The final decision to grant direct entry or advanced standing is dependent on the nature of the programme and the policies of the relevant Institute.

Articulation is the procedure by which an agreement is made with a specific institution that guarantees entry to named UWTSD programmes. The details of conditions of entry are outlined in an Articulation Agreement.

## **7. Collaborative partnerships with other providers**

Applications to study on certain UWTSD programmes at collaborative partner institutions are received and processed by the partner institutions. Partner institutions are expected to adhere to the principles outlined in 2.1 and determine for themselves the operational details in the context of their own structures and systems. It is expected that partner institutions' admissions policies take full and proper account of prevailing legislation, including, in respect of criminal convictions, as consistent with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK General Data Protection

Regulation, contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults (Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks or equivalent), visa requirements and ensuring only appropriate information is collected from applicants. Details of institutions with which the University has a collaborative partnership can be found at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/governance-and-management/register-collaborative-partners](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/governance-and-management/register-collaborative-partners).

Collaborative partners provide pre-entry and point of application advice and guidance and also provide information and marketing material approved by the University. The entry requirements are approved at the point of programme validation and collaborative partners are responsible for providing clear, accurate and transparent information about the programmes, appropriate to the needs of prospective applicants, in both internal and external publications.

Collaborative partners are responsible for any requirements for applicants to attend an academic interview or audition, undertake an admissions test or present a portfolio.

Collaborative partners based in Wales are expected to apply the requirements for correspondence with prospective students from Wales outlined in section 10.

Unless otherwise stated in their Agreement with University, collaborative partners are responsible for collecting fees from their students. It is expected that collaborative partner applicants, in accepting an offer of a place, agree to accept responsibility for the payment of tuition and any other charges that they may incur while studying.

## **8. Use of intermediaries/external agents**

The University has formal agreements with many institutions worldwide and in many countries, including within the UK. The University has appointed local representatives/agents who can offer advice, information and assistance with applications from prospective home and international students alike.

The University's Agent Management Policy is available at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/applying-agent](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/applying-agent).

## **9. Enquiries and information, advice and guidance for applicants**

The University will ensure that information about its programmes is made available bilingually (in English and Welsh) through various media channels, including its website, social media platforms, prospectuses and other recruitment materials.

Pre-entry and point of application advice and guidance for international applicants are provided by a range of different professional departments within the University. Appointed recruitment agents may also provide information and marketing material approved by the University.

The University aims to respond to admissions related queries from prospective students within 10 working days of receipt. The University recognises the importance of keeping applicants informed and aims to provide admissions related updates at key points during the admissions process. A wide range of communications are sent to applicants via email and the MyTSD applicant portal, including the following:

- Acknowledgement of receipt of an application;
- Confirmation of the offer of entry;

- The Student Agreement, which will apply when an applicant accepts an offer;
- Confirmation of meeting the terms of any offer of entry;
- Introductory and enrolment information.

In addition to the above, applicants may receive an invitation to visit a campus or to attend an interview as well as programme specific information. Institutes may require applicants to attend additional mandatory admissions sessions, especially in the case of direct entry programmes.

Applicants are invited to download the Student Hwb's 'UWTSD Hwb' App providing them with key information regarding the University and their programme of study. A student version of the App is made available following enrolment.

## **10. Correspondence between the University and prospective students from Wales**

Correspondence sent from the University to prospective students from Wales is sent bilingually, with English and Welsh versions treated equally. Correspondence that is received from prospective students through the medium of Welsh is responded to in Welsh. The University keeps a record of applicants who have indicated that they would like to receive correspondence in Welsh. Where a course requires applicants to attend an interview, Welsh speaking applicants are offered the interview through the medium of Welsh. If the Admissions Tutor is a non-Welsh speaker, they must ask a Welsh speaking colleague to contact the applicants before, during and following any interview arranged by the University. If a simultaneous translation service will be required during the interview, the applicant will be notified of this. It is imperative that the University, in accordance with The Welsh Language Standards, provides a positive experience for all prospective Welsh speaking students whether they wish to study through the medium of Welsh or not.

The University's Welsh Language Standards are available at:

[www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/governance-and-management/welsh-language-standards](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/about/governance-and-management/welsh-language-standards).

## **11. Fees and Finance**

### **11.1 Fee status**

UK Government legislation allows publicly funded educational institutions to charge two levels of tuition fee: a lower 'home' student fee and a higher overseas or 'international' student fee. The University charges different levels of fees depending on whether an applicant's fee status is classified as Home or International. In order to be charged a lower 'home' student rate of fee, an applicant must meet certain residence and immigration status requirements. In assessing an applicant's fee status, the University follows the guidelines provided by UKCISA: [www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Wales-HE-fee-status](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Wales-HE-fee-status).

Where University admissions staff are unable to reach a decision on an applicant's fee status using the information provided on the application form, they will contact the applicant for further information and where necessary will request that the applicant completes a Fee Assessment Form. The University's assessment of fee status has no bearing on whether or not an applicant is eligible to receive funds from Student Finance.



## 11.2 Payment of fees

Maximum tuition fees in Wales are governed by the Welsh Government for full-time (FT) Home undergraduate (UG) (including PGCE) students. The current maximum chargeable fee for such students is £9,250 per year. This maximum chargeable fee will be applied to such students commencing a programme in 2025/26 and beyond.

Tuition fees for Home students commencing a programme in 2025/26 and beyond may be increased by the University on an annual basis in line with any revision to the maximum tuition fees set by Welsh Government.

The University will inform all Home applicants and students of fee levels and any increases for successive years of study as soon as confirmation is received from Welsh Government and approval for the relevant Fee and Access Plan received by HEFCW. Applicants affected will be contacted by email and letter. Updates to tuition fee information will be published on the University's website where applicants and students are directed via MyTSD, the University's applicant and enrolment portal. Updates to fee levels are displayed on the UCAS website and the Student Loans Company (SLC) student finance portal.

In accepting an offer of a place, applicants agree to accept responsibility for the payment of tuition and any accommodation or other charges that they may incur while studying at the University. If a student fails to pay tuition fees when they become due and fails to make satisfactory arrangements for discharging any outstanding debt, the University reserves the right to commence legal proceedings to recover the debt. Students who have outstanding tuition fee debts are not entitled to progress to the next year of studies, to be awarded or to graduate.

Further information on fees and finance is available at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/applying-finance/fees-finance](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/applying-finance/fees-finance).

## 12. Application process

### 12.1 Applying online at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

Applications from Home applicants to study for a full-time undergraduate degree programme, Higher National Diploma or Certificate programme, or Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) programme at the University are normally made through [UCAS](http://www.ucas.com) using an online application system.

UCAS will begin to process applications for the new academic year from early September.

All of UWTSD's full-time undergraduate programmes for the September intake have a UCAS application deadline for equal consideration. [Key dates in the UCAS application cycle can be found here](#).

Applicants are advised to submit their application to UCAS prior to the deadline specified; however, they can apply after that date if the University still has vacancies for the programme(s) that they have selected. Applicants can check for vacancies on the UCAS website.

### Institution Codes

**T80** - Carmarthen, Swansea, Lampeter, Cardiff, Birmingham and London.

**C22** - Coleg Sir Gâr.

## **12.2 Applications to Non-UCAS Programmes (Home Applicants only)**

The University offers several programmes at undergraduate level and the majority of its postgraduate programmes, including postgraduate research degrees, through direct entry.

All direct entry programmes at UWTSD include some additional stages of the admissions process, which may include written tests, open days or interviews. These additional stages can help to inform the academic decision as to whether or not an applicant has the potential to successfully complete the programme they have applied for. Where applicable, past performance at higher education level will be taken into account. Further details of the specific application process for individual programmes can be found on the University website's programme-specific pages.

Potential applicants for direct entry programmes should complete the application form available on the 'How to Apply' section of the University's website: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply). Guidance on how to apply can also be found here.

## **12.3 International applicants**

Individuals who are classed for fee purposes as International students apply online independently to the University, except for those whose school or college is registered with UCAS. Advice is available from British Council offices and other centres overseas and may be available from the applicant's school or college.

## **12.4 Inbound study abroad / exchange students**

For exchange students, the University requests a nomination from its overseas partners for all students who select UWTSD. Partners must send details of nominated students to the University's International Recruitment Unit to include the student's full name, their current subject of study and the proposed subject area at UWTSD. Once nominated, students will be directed to apply via the international exchange application. If a student is applying as a study abroad fee-paying student and therefore outside of the exchange agreement, then they should apply before the application deadline.

Further information is available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/international-applications](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/international-applications).

## **12.5 Part-time applicants**

Potential applicants for part-time programmes should complete the application form available on the 'How to Apply' section of the University's website, [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply). Alternatively, application forms can be requested from Admissions at: [admissions@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@uwtsd.ac.uk).

## **12.6 Postgraduate applicants**

Potential applicants for postgraduate programmes (excluding PGCE programmes offered through UCAS) should complete the application form available on the 'How to Apply' section of the University's website. Alternatively, application forms can be requested from Admissions at [admissions@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@uwtsd.ac.uk) for Wales-based postgraduate programmes, or for international applicants, from the relevant admissions team below:

Birmingham International Admissions: [BirminghamInt@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:BirminghamInt@uwtsd.ac.uk)

London International Admissions: [LondonInt@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:LondonInt@uwtsd.ac.uk)

Wales International Admissions: [WalesInt@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:WalesInt@uwtsd.ac.uk)

## **Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) applicants**

Potential applicants for full-time PGCE programmes should apply through the [UCAS Undergraduate scheme](#).

## **Postgraduate research applicants**

Potential applicants for postgraduate research programmes should complete the application form available on the 'How to Apply' section of the University's website. All potential applicants for the PhD, MPhil, PhD by Published Works, Master of Arts by Research and the Master of Science by Research programmes should have an initial discussion with the relevant Institute Manager of Research Degrees to determine a potential supervisory team before submitting an application.

### **12.7 Apprenticeships**

All applicants for Apprenticeship programmes should be in employment in a role related to the programme that they wish to study. Potential applicants should register their interest as a potential apprentice by completing the form available on the [Apprenticeship Unit homepage](#) on the University's website. After registering their interest, potential applicants will be contacted by a member of the Apprenticeship Unit Team who will check their eligibility and advise on the best entry point based on their existing qualifications and experience. A link to the application form may then be provided.

### **12.8 Work-based Learning**

The University offers a range of work-based learning awards at undergraduate and postgraduate levels through its Professional Practice Framework. In all cases, academic study is combined with workplace learning to equip learners with the relevant knowledge, understanding and skills to develop performance at work and gain an academic qualification.

Prospective applicants must be in employment and have work agreed with their employer.

### **12.9 Micro-credentials**

The University offers a range of standalone, credit-bearing, professional development modules known as micro-credentials. These can be combined or 'stacked', leading to a full award such as a Certificate of Higher Education. The course content is hosted on a VLE site and course payments are collected using an integrated secure payment platform. A third-party company is used to authenticate student identity documents through an online verification service. Normal procedures, such as submitting an application to study and receiving an offer of a place, do not apply to students wishing to study micro-credential modules.

## **13. General information about the application process**

Applicants to the majority of credit bearing programmes will be given access to the University's application portal, MyTSD, which will become the student portal after enrolment. Applicants will be provided with log-in details so that they can track their application, respond to an invitation to attend an interview and respond to an offer.

## 14. Entry requirements

The University aims to provide clear, accurate and transparent information about its programmes, appropriate to the needs of prospective applicants, in both internal and external publications. This principle applies regardless of the medium (i.e. printed, audio-visual, world wide web, etc.), in order to enable applicants to make choices in an informed manner.

The main sources of information on entry requirements, and the University's standard offers, are:

- The UCAS website and entry profiles (for programmes handled by UCAS);
- The University website;
- Institute literature;
- The University programmes prospectuses;
- The University Open Days;
- Campus or Learning Centre staff;
- Information sessions at discipline level;
- The Apprenticeship Unit;
- International promotional materials produced by the Wales Global Academy;
- Overseas recruitment exhibitions and fairs.

Any changes made to entry requirements or standard offers after the publication of printed materials will be communicated as soon as possible via the University website (and the UCAS website or recruitment agents where applicable). These sources should therefore be considered the most up-to-date and applicable. Applicants holding offers will be contacted directly to inform them of any changes that affect them. Please refer to the University's [Student Agreement](#) for further details.

The University welcomes applications from adult learners who may not possess formal qualifications but have the motivation and commitment to study for Higher Education qualifications. Where applicants do not meet the normal minimum entry requirements, but are able to demonstrate appropriate experience, knowledge or evidence of recent study, the University may be able to consider these in lieu of formal academic qualifications.

### 14.1 References

In addition to the personal and academic details required on the application form, applicants may be required to provide two references. Ideally these will be academic references, but professional or personal (not family) references may be acceptable for applicants who have not recently been in education. Apprentices must include their current employer as a referee.

## 15. The use of contextual information in the admissions process

As part of its commitment to widening participation and access to Higher Education, the University welcomes applications from prospective students of all backgrounds. Contextual information provided by applicants is taken into account in order that prior achievements and potential to succeed can be assessed in the context of their individual circumstances. Additional consideration may be given to the following categories of applicant: applicants whose home postcode is in a disadvantaged area where the rate of progression to higher education is low; applicants who are the first generation of their immediate family to enter higher education; applicants who have been in public care for three months or more; applicants with caring responsibilities; applicants who are estranged from their parents; refugees and asylum seekers; and applicants who have been involved in pre-enrolment

activities. Such indicators also enable the University to identify applicants who may need additional support.

You can find out more about the University's approach to Contextual Admissions [here](#).

## **16. Academic interviews, auditions, admissions tests and portfolios**

### **16.1 Course requirements**

Applicants for certain programmes are required to attend an academic interview or audition, undertake an admissions test or present a portfolio. Further detail on such requirements for each programme is available on the University's website and UCAS website (where applicable). Where such requirements apply, the University will aim to provide applicants with further information on what is required of them within 10 working days from receipt of their application. Home applicants are encouraged to attend visit days, open days and relevant information sessions.

### **16.2 Applicant conduct**

In accordance with the University's Dignity at Work Policy, the University seeks to establish an environment where staff and students are treated with dignity and respect, whether at work or at study, and where each individual recognises their responsibility in developing and maintaining an environment where every student, member of staff, or visitor is valued and respected. All applicants shall be treated with dignity and respect during the admissions process and it is expected that they should extend the same respect when interacting with University members of staff.

Applicants should be aware that the University will not tolerate any form of threatening or abusive behaviour towards its staff during admissions interviews or at any stage in the admissions process. The University reserves the right to withdraw the application of any applicant who it considers has behaved in such a manner.

## **17. Programmes requiring enhanced disclosure (DBS)**

Applicants who wish to enrol on programmes that will require them to work with children and/or vulnerable adults will be informed through course information, during interviews and in subsequent offer letters that they will be required to gain a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service in order to fully enrol as a student at the University and before they can be allowed to undertake work that requires contact with children or vulnerable adults. Applicants who receive an offer of a place will be sent instructions on how to undertake and complete a DBS check through '[First Advantage KnowYourPeople](#)', an online electronic disclosure service. The University's Criminal Convictions Review Panel will decide if any convictions or information revealed are incompatible with a place on a programme of study.

To allow for their DBS check to be portable and to enable other organisations to accept it, the University strongly recommends that applicants register for the DBS Update Service [www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service](http://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service).

The point at which the applicant will be required to apply for this disclosure (for example, prior to enrolment or not until year three of the programme) will vary depending upon the timing of the contact with children and/or vulnerable adults within the course structure and will be made clear to the applicant in their offer letter. No student will be allowed to undertake work that

requires contact with children and/or vulnerable adults without a satisfactory enhanced disclosure.

Applicants who have previously undertaken an enhanced DBS check through another organisation and who have a valid subscription to the DBS Update Service, should contact the Admissions Team at [dbb@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:dbb@uwtsd.ac.uk) to ask if their enhanced disclosure can be accepted for their programme of study. Where this applies, the disclosure must be at the same level and for the same workforce(s) as is required for their programme of study, and the applicant must be able to provide the University with their original DBS certificate upon request.

Whilst only a certain number of programmes offered at the University will require the applicant to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check, applicants should be aware that future UK based employers may require them to obtain a DBS Check as part of the recruitment process or during the course of their subsequent employment. This may apply even where a DBS Check was not a requirement for entry to their University programme of study.

Further information on the DBS application process can be found at:  
[www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/advice-applicants/disclosure-and-barring-service-dbs-checks](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/advice-applicants/disclosure-and-barring-service-dbs-checks).

In addition to gaining a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service, applicants from overseas will be required to provide evidence of a satisfactory police check from their home country before they can fully enrol on a programme for which an enhanced DBS check is required and before they can be allowed to undertake work that requires contact with children or vulnerable adults. The application process for obtaining a criminal records check for applicants from overseas varies from country to country. Further information is available at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-records-checks-for-overseas-applicants](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-records-checks-for-overseas-applicants).

## **18. Decisions, Offers and Feedback**

The University aims to consider applications and make decisions as quickly as possible. However, given the volume, range and quality of applications received, it is not always possible to make an admissions decision immediately.

In the case of programmes of study that do not require applicants to attend an academic interview or audition, to undertake an admissions test or to present a portfolio, the University will aim to provide applicants with a decision on their application within 10 working days from receipt of their application.

Where an applicant has applied through UCAS, the University will communicate its decision through the official channels of UCAS as well as directly by either the Admissions Team in Registry through the University's applicant portal MyTSD, or by the Immigration Services and Visa Compliance Team. Where an applicant has applied directly to the University or through an agent, the decision will be communicated to the applicant (and agent, where applicable) by the relevant admissions team or the Immigration Services and Visa Compliance Team.

Successful applicants will receive either a Conditional offer on the basis of qualifications or requirements yet to be completed, or an Unconditional offer. Certain applicants may be eligible to receive a contextual offer. Further information on contextual offers can be found at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/advice-applicants](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/advice-applicants).

In some circumstances, an offer may be conditional upon non-academic requirements e.g. financial requirements for International applicants requiring a Student Visa.



Where an applicant has applied for one programme and is not successful, an alternative programme may be offered.

In accepting an offer of a place on a programme of study, an applicant is entering into a legally binding contract with the University. The Student Agreement together with the applicant's offer letter form the basis of the contract between the applicant and the University. It is therefore important that applicants read the terms and conditions set out in the [Student Agreement](#) carefully before accepting an offer of a place.

Applicants have a legal right to change their mind and cancel their agreement within 14 days of accepting an offer. A cancellation form can be found at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants).

## **19. Confirmation and Clearing**

### **19.1 Meeting offer conditions**

The confirmation of an offer occurs when the applicant has met all the conditions of the original offer including the provision of their results. The confirmation process involves the comparison of conditions attached to the offer against evidence provided to meet those conditions. If the University is of the opinion that conditions are met, then the University is able to 'confirm' places to applicants.

### **19.2 Clearing for Home Applicants**

Full-time Undergraduate home applicants who are not holding offers at any university are eligible to apply through the UCAS clearing process. UCAS Clearing opens in early July and is the process through which applications may be made after the 30<sup>th</sup> June UCAS application deadline has passed.

## **20. Applications for Recognition of Prior Certificated Learning and Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning**

Where appropriate, applicants for undergraduate programmes may apply for admission to the second or third year of a programme. Applicants for both undergraduate and taught postgraduate programmes may also apply for exemption from particular modules based on study undertaken at another institution. All such applications will be considered by the relevant Programme Managers. Applications for recognition of prior experiential learning will be considered by the University's Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning and Accreditation Board.

Full details of the process for the recognition of prior certificated and experiential learning can be found in the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook). In all cases, the process should normally be completed before the candidate enrolls on a programme of study.

## **21. Care experienced students**

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David is committed to providing a high standard of care and support for its students. Students entering Higher Education from care can be assured that the University will provide them with the necessary support and information. This support is available whilst they are deciding what or where to study, continues through the application

process, and is ongoing when they have started their programme of study. Further details are available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing/wellbeing-support](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing/wellbeing-support).

## **22. Under 18s**

The University has some home students who commence their studies before their 18th birthday. Anyone under the age of 18 is, as a matter of law, a child and the University has a particular duty of care towards a child.

At the offer stage, the Admissions Team in Registry will send a consent form to the applicant and their parent or legal guardian for both of them to complete and return. The form provides a statement of agreement to the activities that the applicant is likely to engage in as a student. The applicant will be asked to consent to the University contacting their parent/legal guardian as necessary whilst they are under 18. The University of Wales Trinity Saint David does not act 'in loco parentis' and the permission of a parent or legal guardian will be sought where the student wishes to make certain decisions (e.g. entering into specific contracts, making a complaint or in the event of illness, accident or disciplinary matters). The parent or legal guardian will be required to provide emergency contact details of a parent/legal guardian resident in the UK before the applicant can be accepted.

The University has a Safeguarding Policy and procedures relating to the care of students under the age of 18 available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook).

Students of the London Campus and Birmingham Campus must be at least 18 years old on the first day of the teaching period of their programme of study.

## **23. Vulnerable Adults**

Any person aged 18 years and over who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and who is or may be unable to take care of themselves, or unable to protect themselves against significant harm or serious exploitation will be considered vulnerable.

The University has a Safeguarding Policy and procedures relating to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults available at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook).

## **24. Young Adult Carers**

The University cites Young Adult Carers as a target group within its Widening Access Strategy. Along with other specific groups, Young Adult Carers are considered to be potentially disadvantaged educationally because of their caring responsibilities thus meriting pre-entry support, support at the point of application and throughout their education. Admissions Tutors, who are made aware of an applicant's Carer status as indicated on their UCAS application form or through their personal statement or their references, may choose to take this into consideration when deciding on the offer they wish to make.

The University has a team of people dedicated to providing support both financially and pastorally to ensure that students who are juggling extra responsibilities are fully supported and adequately equipped to undertake their studies. The University has a Carers Champion who works across all campuses and can be contacted at any time, by email, text or via a dedicated Facebook page regarding any queries or concerns that a student may have, before,



during, or following completion of their studies. The University works closely with The Carers Trust Wales, as well as local carer support groups to provide information and support to any young adult carer hoping to pursue higher education and throughout their studies.

Further information is available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing).

## **25. Members of the Armed Forces**

The University is an approved Learning Provider on the MOD's Enhanced Learning Credits Scheme, administered by ELCAS. The scheme promotes lifelong learning amongst members of the Armed Forces and offers financial support to eligible serving personnel and service leavers who are looking to complete a nationally recognised qualification at higher education level. Further information is available at: [www.enhancedlearningcredits.com](http://www.enhancedlearningcredits.com).

## **26. Refugees and asylum seekers**

The University is aware that it is good practice to employ holistic assessment, looking not just at examinations and grades but also the circumstances in which the applicant's education was undertaken. The University takes all factors into account when considering outreach activities with refugees and asylum seekers.

Refugees, asylum seekers and their families represent a highly qualified and motivated group of potential students and the University considers the positive qualities that they may bring to programmes at all levels.

The University supports the Welsh Government's 2019 plan to make Wales a 'Nation of Sanctuary' in providing accessible information, advice and guidance to increase access to further and higher education by refugees and asylum seekers. The University offers a University of Sanctuary Bursary which provides a tuition fee waiver and additional support to refugees and asylum seekers. Full details of the support provided and the eligibility criteria that applicants must satisfy are published on the [University of Sanctuary](#) pages of the website.

## **27. Applicants with additional support needs**

This section of the Policy should be read in conjunction with the University's 'Policy Statement on the Admission of Disabled Students' available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants), and with reference to the definitions specified therein.

Applicants are encouraged to disclose any specific learning difference, disability or medical condition to the appropriate persons, as early as possible during the application process and throughout their time at the University. Applicants who have disclosed a disability on their application form are encouraged to contact Student Services and their Academic Institute to discuss their support requirements. Further information on Student Services is available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/experience-facilities/student-support-wellbeing).

The University will assess applications from disabled applicants using the same admissions criteria that applies to all applicants. The assessment of an applicant's academic suitability for a programme of study will normally take place separately from a discussion centred on the applicant's needs.

A Support Needs Enquiry Form will be made available to applicants who receive an offer of a place to enable those with additional support needs to provide further information in relation to these and to give their consent for this information to be shared with relevant University staff in order to determine reasonable adjustments and compensatory measures. Applicants who decline to share information regarding their additional support needs should be aware that this may limit the University's ability to ensure that appropriate support arrangements are put in place in time for the start of their studies.

The University may decide to invite applicants who have disclosed disabilities to meet with a member of the Academic Institute, a representative from the Learning Support Team (Student Services), and any other relevant staff, in order that support requirements can be identified. The meeting will normally be arranged to take place as early as possible after an offer of a place on a programme of study has been made.

Where complex support requirements are identified, the applicant's case may be referred to the University's 'Reasonable Adjustment Review Panel' for further consideration. The Panel will assess whether the University can reasonably make adjustments to enable the applicant to participate fully in their chosen programme and to reach their full potential.

Where needs cannot be met and having explored all possible alternatives, the only reasonable option may be for the University to withdraw its offer of a place. In such circumstances, a recommendation will be made to the designated Senior Manager by the Director of Student Services, on behalf of the Reasonable Adjustment Review Panel. The designated Senior Manager will consider the recommendation and if they agree, the applicant will be informed of the decision to withdraw the offer.

Applicants who wish to transfer to an alternative course within the University or to progress to a higher level should be aware that a new assessment may need to be undertaken, in the context of the new application.

## **28. Applicants to accredited programmes of study (including those leading to qualified status or accredited by a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body)**

The professional requirements for programmes of study that lead to professional accreditation (such as qualified teacher status) may be found on the programme specific pages of the University's website.

Programme teams also need to make sure that everyone admitted to a programme of study that leads to an accredited status has the physical, mental, intellectual and behavioural competencies inherent for a successful career in their chosen field. The University's Fitness to Practise Policy is available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-quality-handbook).

Where there are concerns regarding an applicant's health, the applicant should be advised to contact their GP to seek an appointment to undergo a medical health check with an Occupational Health specialist. Any costs incurred should be borne by the applicant.

Where a professional code of conduct is associated with a programme of study that is not accredited, the Institute will make applicants aware of those requirements.

## **29. Applicants declaring arrests, charges or convictions in relation to criminal offences**

In the interests of safeguarding students, staff and visitors and to enable the University to provide the appropriate support, applicants to the University and enrolled students are encouraged to declare if they have been arrested, charged or convicted in relation to a relevant criminal offence at the earliest opportunity. Having been arrested, charged or convicted in relation to a criminal offence will not necessarily bar an applicant from a place on their chosen programme. This will depend on the programme and the circumstances and background to the offence(s).

Any declaration of an arrest, charge or conviction in relation to a criminal offence, and any subsequent information disclosed in relation to the declaration, will be handled sensitively, held in the strictest confidence, disclosed only to designated University staff members and managed in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR. Any information relating to declarations or disclosure obtained through the DBS or by other means will be kept, and ultimately disposed of, in accordance with the current guidance from the DBS on the secure storage, handling, use, retention and disposal of disclosures and disclosure information. The legal basis for processing criminal convictions data is conditions 10 (Preventing or detecting unlawful acts) and 18 (Safeguarding of children and of individuals at risk) in DPA 2018 Schedule 1; and the condition in Article 6(1)(b) and/or 6(1)(e) UK GDPR.

Guidance for applicants on the disclosure of criminal convictions is available at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/advice-applicants/criminal-convictions](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/advice-applicants/criminal-convictions). The Student Services Team have trained staff who can provide applicants with relevant support. Applicants who wish to speak to someone in confidence regarding their convictions may contact [disclosures@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:disclosures@uwtsd.ac.uk).

Depending on the programme of study applied for, there are different requirements and procedures in place relating to the disclosure of arrests, charges and convictions in relation to criminal offences.

Applicants who wish to enrol on programmes of study where they will be required to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults are required to disclose all unspent convictions and conditional cautions, and all spent convictions and adult cautions except for any which would be “filtered” as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2020) [www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-filtering-guidance/dbs-filtering-guide](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-filtering-guidance/dbs-filtering-guide). Applicants who have indicated that they have criminal convictions on their application will be asked to complete the University’s Criminal Conviction(s) Self-Declaration Form. The completed self-declaration form and any subsequent information provided in relation to the declaration will be considered by the University’s Criminal Convictions Review Panel. Applicants to such programmes will also be required to gain a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service in addition to meeting any other offer conditions before they can fully enrol as a student. The Criminal Convictions Review Panel will decide if any convictions or information relating to arrests or criminal charges revealed on the self-declaration form and DBS check are incompatible with a place on a programme of study.

Applicants who wish to enrol on programmes for which an enhanced DBS check is not a requirement will be invited to complete the University’s Criminal Conviction(s) Self-Declaration Form once they have firmly accepted an offer of a place to enable them to disclose any convictions. Applicants to such programmes are encouraged to declare any ‘relevant’ ‘unspent’ criminal convictions and/or conditional cautions and to provide details of any restrictions or probation requirements that may impact upon their studies. The completed self-declaration form and any subsequent information provided in relation to the declaration will be

considered by the University's Criminal Convictions Review Panel. The Panel will consider whether restrictions or probation requirements that the applicant may be subject to following a conviction are compatible with a place on a programme of study. The Panel will take into account any adjustments that can be made to facilitate study.

Students who at a later stage in their programme of study indicate that they wish to enrol on an optional module that involves working with children, young people or vulnerable adults will be required to declare any arrests, charges or convictions in relation to criminal offences and to gain a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service before they can proceed to undertake the module.

International applicants will be asked to declare any criminal convictions in line with Home Office requirements.

Applicants who wish to apply for a place in University owned accommodation will be required to disclose any convictions on their Accommodation Application Form.

The University reserves the right to decline to offer a place if it considers that the acceptance of an applicant may pose a risk to the safety of the University community.

Failure to declare a criminal conviction may result in an application being refused, and if a student is convicted of a criminal offence or becomes the subject of a criminal investigation after they have applied, they must inform the University.

Continuing students will be expected to declare arrests, charges and criminal convictions immediately and will be required to confirm at re-enrolment that they do not have a criminal conviction that has not previously been declared to the University.

The University will consider implementing the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy if a student fails to declare arrests, charges or convictions in relation to criminal offences, when appropriate at the admission stage.

### **30. International applicants**

Each applicant is assessed on an individual basis, according to the evidence provided on the application form and supporting documents. Each applicant must meet the University's requirements in addition to any requirements placed upon the institution by Government/legislative bodies. These include, but are not limited to, the requirements of student visa sponsorship as defined by the Home Office.

In the case of distance learning programmes, the University will not require international applicants to apply for a visa where there is no requirement for them to attend campus in person in the UK and where their learning is to take place entirely remotely, outside of the UK, for the duration of their studies.

International applicants who require support during the admissions process may contact:

Birmingham International Admissions: [BirminghamInt@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:BirminghamInt@uwtsd.ac.uk)

London International Admissions: [LondonInt@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:LondonInt@uwtsd.ac.uk)

Wales International Admissions: [WalesInt@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:WalesInt@uwtsd.ac.uk)

### **30.1 Academic requirements**

The University welcomes academically qualified students from around the world. However, equivalence of academic qualifications varies from country to country and qualifications gained outside of the UK are verified as part of the admissions process and are normally aligned with guidance from UK ENIC – for more information please go to [www.enic.org.uk](http://www.enic.org.uk).

As part of the University's UKVI Student Sponsor Licence, the University is required to view and maintain copies of all international students' current passports and visas (valid for study at the University) along with qualification documents (including certified translations if these are not in English) on the basis of which admission is granted to the University.

The University undertakes these checks as part of the admissions and subsequent enrolment processes upon arrival. The University cannot permit an international applicant to fully enrol in person at the University without undertaking this process. In addition to the documentation required as part of the University's Student Sponsor Licence commitments, the University will also store any other documentation received in support of an application.

International applicants requiring a sponsored student visa may be subject to an admissions interview using digital platforms, telephone or face to face.

### **30.2 English Language Requirements**

Many overseas applicants will not have English as their first language, although they may have been taught through the medium of English. English Language requirements have two dimensions: 1) academic requirements as stipulated by the University in its English Language Entry Requirements for Academic Study Policy and 2) immigration requirements as stipulated by the Home Office. International applicants are required to satisfy both of these requirements.

Applicants whose first language is not English must have sufficient command of the English language to complete their studies satisfactorily and have completed an English language proficiency test or hold a specified Academic Qualification that has been assessed by the University as meeting both the stated academic requirements of the course applied for and the UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) requirements equivalent to a minimum level B2. All tests and academic qualifications accepted for these purposes are contained within the University's English Language policy guide. This policy applies to all applicants whose first language is not English and who wish to study at the University in the UK, as well as all international applicants who are seeking to apply for a course delivered entirely online.

### **30.3 Admissions interviews**

All international applicants may be interviewed at least once. The objectives of the interview are to assess the applicant's suitability for their chosen programme, with reference to the information which has been provided in their application, including their personal statement and to some extent to assess their English language capabilities. The applicant's motivation to come and study in the UK is also explored at interview. International applicants may also be interviewed by the University's admissions team.

Interviews are conducted through video conferencing software, transcribed and normally a recording of the interview is kept.

When an applicant has successfully completed the above checks (academic, English and interview(s)), the applicant may be issued with an academically Unconditional Offer Letter.

### **30.4 Financial information**

International applicants must make an initial payment to secure a place to study with the University. In addition, further evidence is required to confirm that the applicant has sufficient funds to pay for any remaining tuition fees for the first year of study and the living costs as stipulated by the UKVI. On verification of the evidence submitted by the applicant, the University will issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). Details regarding acceptable evidence, which may vary from country to country, are provided on the UKVI website: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration). Details of tuition fees and financial requirements will be specified in the offer letter and can also be found on the University's website. International applicants are required to pay a tuition fee deposit before receiving their CAS. A CAS is a unique reference number which is assigned and used by UKVI in any subsequent student visa application.

### **30.5 Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)**

The CAS number links to the electronic information about a student and the programme of study provided by the University. Every student sponsored by the University under the UK student visa route has a unique CAS number.

The University generates the CAS via the UKVI Sponsor Management System once an offer is unconditional, has been firmly accepted and all relevant financial payments due have been received.

It should be noted that a student visa application can be made only in the six months prior to the start of a programme. In order to apply for a UK student visa and enrol at the start of a programme, students must produce all required certificates, transcripts and other documentation as specified. More information is available on the University's website, [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/international](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/international) including information about immigration and visas, travel to UWTSD and English Language requirements.

Offer letters will include appropriate information and guidance notes for international applicants. The University's Immigration Services and Visa Compliance Team is responsible for all admissions decisions as well as carrying out the appropriate checks to assess immigration history before issuing a CAS for applicants where required. Collaborative Partners are responsible for ensuring that their own institution has undertaken all appropriate checks before allowing applicants to enrol on UWTSD programmes.

## **31. Changes to and discontinuation of programmes**

An offer of a place to study at the University shall be based on the latest available information about the Programme of Study, on the date that the offer is made. Applicants can find information such as the core modules and an indication of optional modules on the course pages of the University's website.

However, changes to programme information, including to programme description, content, mode and/or location of delivery and/or timetable, services, facilities and/or the University's Royal Charter, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Academic Guide may be necessary.

Reasons for changes may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- to meet the requirements of an accrediting, professional, statutory and/or regulatory body;
- to respond to sector good practice or quality enhancement processes;



- to keep programmes contemporary by updating practices, modules or areas of study;
- because of circumstances outside the reasonable control of the University, such as a key member of staff leaving the University or being unable to teach (where the programme or module is reliant on that person's expertise);
- enhancement to the University's Estate and Facilities and planned relocation for delivery;
- Other circumstances outside the reasonable control of the University including industrial action, severe weather, public health pandemics, fire, civil disorder, political unrest, government restrictions or serious concern about the transmission of a communicable disease making a programme unsafe to deliver.

Changes to programmes or modules may also need to be made where the minimum number of students required to ensure a good educational or student experience has not been met. Please note that in some exceptional circumstances, programmes may be withdrawn (prior to commencement) for this reason.

If a programme is withdrawn or if fundamental changes are made to a programme after an applicant has accepted an offer of a place, the University will take reasonable steps to notify the applicant and where applicable offer a suitable alternative programme at the University. Applicants will also be entitled to withdraw their acceptance of a place.

In the case of a major change to a programme, international applicants requiring sponsorship may be required to withdraw their acceptance of a place.

Further information, including details of what the University considers constitutes major or minor changes, and how it will communicate with applicants in relation to these, is contained within the University's [Student Agreement](#).

## **32. Late admission to a programme of study**

In the interests of allowing its students the opportunity to benefit fully from the student experience, and where applicable, to avoid any unnecessary delays in the receipt of funding through Student Finance, the University will not normally allow a student to join a programme of study more than 4 weeks after the official start date.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they provide all of the information that the University requires in support of their application. Documents may include proof of qualifications, appropriate ID, confirmation of immigration status and any other information requested by the Admissions Team. Incomplete applications will normally be withdrawn by the Admissions Team no later than 4 weeks after the programme start date.

For certain programmes of study, late admission may not be feasible. In deciding whether or not to grant admission, the academic director will consider the impact that late admission may have on the student and whether this could be successfully managed to enable the student to succeed on their chosen programme and to reach their full potential.

## **33. Deferred Entry**

The University is willing to consider applications for deferred entry to the next intake point in the case of the majority of its full-time undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, including postgraduate research degrees. Applicants who wish to defer entry must put the request in writing via email or letter. Contact details can be found at: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply). The University is willing to consider written requests made on behalf of applicants who for medical

reasons are unable to submit the request themselves. All requests for deferred entry are considered on an individual basis and granted at the University's discretion.

At the London Campus and the Birmingham Campus, applicants may defer to the next available intake point only without formally reapplying.

The University reserves the right to withdraw a programme from its prospectus during an academic year, and applicants choosing to defer their entry will be clearly informed of this. The University cannot guarantee that the programme's tuition fee will not change during the deferment period.

Applicants who make a deferred application or who following receipt of an offer have their place deferred to the next academic intake, will be liable to pay fees applicable to the academic intake in which they commence their studies, irrespective of the cycle in which they applied.

Deferred applicants should refer to the University's website for up to date information on tuition fees: [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/applying-finance/fees-finance/tuition-fees](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/applying-finance/fees-finance/tuition-fees).

### **34 Withdrawal and re-admission**

Full-time students at the University who are enrolled, are resitting externally or who have withdrawn from their programme of study, will not be permitted to reapply to the University for the same programme or any other full-time programme due to commence in the same academic year.

Applicants who were previously enrolled on Certificate of Higher Education programmes and who withdrew themselves, may if they wish, reapply to start their course from the beginning (if they did not gain any credits), or if they gained some credits, they may apply for recognition of prior certificated learning up to a maximum of 40 credits.

Students who were previously withdrawn from their course due to lack of attendance and/or academic engagement/progression will not normally be considered for readmission to the University prior to two years after they were withdrawn and for the next available intake point, unless there were exceptional reasons for non-engagement. The University will not normally allow a student to be readmitted in such circumstances more than twice. Students who decide to withdraw themselves are permitted to reapply to the University in the academic year following the year in which they withdrew.

### **35. Document verification and fraud**

If an application and/or supporting documents where appropriate is found to contain false information at the point of verification or thereafter, the University reserves the right not to enrol the applicant or to require the student to withdraw from the programme of study. Where fraud is discovered in relation to an application after the student has been admitted, the matter will be dealt with under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy. Applicants whose personal statements have been identified as similar under the UCAS Similarity Detection Service or in the case of international applicants by the Immigration Services and Visa Compliance Team, will either be required to submit a new personal statement before their application will be considered or will have their application withdrawn.



### 36. Appeals and complaints procedure

The University considers all applicants fairly and in line with the principles outlined in the policy. However, the University recognises that there may be occasions where applicants request an appeal (review of their application), or make a complaint about the admissions process. The arrangements in place for applicants to obtain feedback about an unsuccessful application, to appeal against a selection decision or to complain about the admissions process are set out in the Policy and Procedures for Admissions Feedback, Appeals and Complaints document available at [www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants](http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apply/admissions-policy-and-terms-and-conditions-applicants).

### 37. The University's use of applicant data

The information contained in an application will be used primarily for the purpose of processing the application and creating the student record. This information will also be used to make statutory returns to bodies including the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).

All data is held and processed in accordance with the requirements of the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Applications are normally confidential between the applicant, appropriate staff at the University (and contributing partner institution where applicable) and in the case of International applicants, the Home Office UK Visas and Immigration. In some cases, application data may also be shared externally where programmes have been developed in collaboration with third party organisations and where staff who are external to the University have a role in the admissions selection process. In the interests of detecting and preventing fraud, the University also has the right to share information with outside organisations such as the Police, local authorities, examining or awarding bodies, and the Department for Work and Pensions and its agencies.

Full information on how the University collects and uses personal data of prospective students, and the retention schedule is available here: [Applicant Privacy Statement](#).

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*The policy will be formally considered and approved in accordance with Committee Terms of Reference outlined in the Academic Quality Handbook.*

*If the policy affects staff, advice should be sought from HR at the outset to ascertain if consultation is required at JCC. HR will also provide advice on the most appropriate stage to consult with JCC and on whether approval by Council is required*

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### **For completion by the committee secretary**

*Please tick to confirm the following:*

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