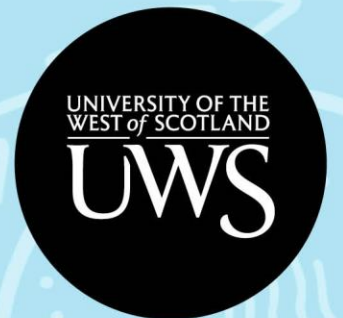


Understanding Articulation Routes

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Introducing Articulation

- UWS is a sector leader in articulation, with over 95% of our courses offering articulated pathways and approximately 1000 students joining through this pathway every year.
- Approximately one third of our students come from college pathways, including articulation
- University “college teams” provide advice and information to prospective students within colleges and schools on articulation pathways.
- Additional support is often given to students who articulate, including Academic Skills support
- Universities can also have Associate Student Schemes where students can access university facilities in advance, while they are still at college. This helps with transition to the university they are hoping to attend.



What is articulation?

- Articulation is when a student who is studying on an HNC at college progresses into year 2 (level 8) of a degree programme at university, or a student who is studying an HND at college progresses into year 3 (level 9) of a degree programme at university.
- This is sometimes referred to as advance standing/entry or direct entry.
- This was introduced to minimise duplication of levels of study and to ensure that the work that students have already undertaken at college is acknowledged. Students get full academic credit for prior learning.
- This offers students an alternative route or pathway to gaining a degree.
- Articulation pathways and agreements between colleges and universities in Scotland have existed for many years



THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8	←→	Higher National Diploma	←→	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	←→	Higher National Certificate	←→	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2, Awards			
1	National 1, Awards			



Example of an Articulation route - Business

	Student A (Direct Entry from School to University)	Student B (College articulation route)	
Year 1	1 st Year BA (Hons) Business at University	HNC Business/Travel and Tourism/Events Management	Apply for Year 2 entry at University through UCAS
Year 2	2 nd Year BA (Hons) Business at University	HND Business/Travel and Tourism/Events Management	Apply for Year 3 entry at University through UCAS
Year 3	3 rd Year BA (Hons) Business at University	3 rd Year BA (Hons) Business at University	
Year 4	4 th Year BA (Hons) Business at University	4 th Year BA (Hons) Business at University	
	Both students attend the same Graduation Ceremony with BA(Hons) Business at University		

Please note: this is an example and pathways are different at each university and can change. You are best to check with Admissions/entry requirements at each individual university.

Example of an Articulation route - Sport

	Student A (Direct Entry from School to University)	Student B (College articulation route)	
Year 1	1 st Year BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching at University	HNC Sport Coaching & Development at College	Apply for Year 2 entry at University through UCAS
Year 2	2 nd Year BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching at University	HND Coaching & Developing Sport at College	Apply for Year 3 entry at University through UCAS
Year 3	3 rd Year BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching at University	3 rd Year BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching at University	
Year 4	4 th Year BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching at University	4 th Year BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching at University	
	Both students attend the same Graduation Ceremony with BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching at University		

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Example of an Articulation route – Childhood Studies

	Student B (College articulation route)	
Year 1	HNC Early Education and Childcare at College	Apply for Year 2 entry at University through UCAS
Year 2	2 nd Year BA (Hons) Childhood Studies at University	
Year 3	3 rd Year BA (Hons) Childhood Studies at University	
Year 4	4 th Year BA (Hons) Childhood Studies at University	
	Graduation with BA (Hons) Childhood Studies	

Please note: this is an example and pathways are different at each university and can change. You are best to check with Admissions/entry requirements at each individual university.

Partnerships with colleges

- Universities and colleges work closely to agree articulation pathways and to ensure the courses “map” together appropriately
- In most cases, students still need to apply through UCAS to university, as places are not necessarily guaranteed. They are supported through this process by the college staff and also the university college teams visit the college classes and provide support/information
- Some universities have a small number of “articulation agreements” with colleges which may guarantee a small number of places on their course for articulating students.
- Students need to check online/with admissions that their HNC/HND will be accepted.
- New Next Gen qualifications are also being introduced in colleges.



Lack of Awareness and understanding of articulation

- Students/pupils – students can often be unaware of this pathway – particularly school pupils
- Parents and carers – parents are often only aware of the traditional direct entry route
- Schools staff - can be unaware of the articulation options available and often advise on the more traditional route to university

