

Coronavirus FAQ'S for University Level and Higher-Level Apprenticeship Courses

BMet College recognises that the impact of COVID-19 pandemic will have many concerns for offer holders and prospective students. BMet has placed temporary guidance, following advice from the Office for Students (OfS), to help with uncertainty and give clarity during the COVID-19 outbreak. If you are studying at University Level, we have provided frequently asked questions which will give appropriate guidance and support. We understand this is a difficult time for you but please be assured that we are working extremely hard on contingency planning and will keep you informed. We encourage you to refer to these and the main website page regularly. We wish all applicants, prospective students, peers, schools and families the very best during this pandemic.

A. Are courses still being taught?

Yes! BMet is preparing to welcome continuing students and new students to its campuses for the academic year 2020-2021 and plans to remain in inspiring futures and help realise dreams. *We will continue to monitor* healthcare, Government and the Department of Education guidelines to implement changes where necessary as the situation changes.

Visit <https://www.bmet.ac.uk/courses/> to see the range of courses we have to offer.

If you have any query or wish to discuss your entry requirements before making an application, please call our Admissions Team on 07526 178745 or email he@bmet.co.uk.

B. What is the length of the courses being offered?

We offer a range of courses delivered on either a full or part-time basis over one, two or three years. For further details please visit our course information pages on our website.

Depending on the nature of your course, your time will be divided between lectures, practical work, professional placements and private study.

How long you spend in the classroom depends on the course you are enrolled on. On average full-time degree courses require between 15 and 25 hours of attendance per week. Whereas part-time courses require less, for instance, engineering and manufacturing courses, most of your time is spent at placement with once a week classroom contact.

C. Do all courses have the same awarding body?

No, some of our courses are awarded by our partner universities such as Birmingham City University, the University of Derby, the University of Wolverhampton and the University of Worcester as well as Pearson UK, the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) and the Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM). There is many more!

Visit the course page <https://www.bmet.ac.uk/courses/> and click the course that you are interested in to see it's the awarding body.

D. Are all course fees the same?

No, not all courses have the same fee. Our University level courses fees range from £2,750 to £9,000 for the academic year 2020-21 depending on the course of study and mode of delivery.

*Majority of courses are a lesser amount compared to other universities. University level courses at BMet are subject to the maximum fee limits set out in OfS Regulations and we intend to increase fees each year using the RPI-X. To find out fees for a specific course please visit our course page.

E. Has there been any changes to courses?

BMet will continue to follow health care, the Government and the Department of Education guidelines, implementing necessary adjustments as the circumstance changes. You will be informed of any planned

changes and possible changes promptly. If you are not satisfied with any changes that have been made, we will look at all options available like, taking a year out of study or transfer to another course.

BMet will make all reasonable efforts to deliver your course of study and we will aim to keep changes to a minimum. However, we may be forced to make changes as the COVID-19 pandemic changes. Please note BMet reserves the right to make reasonable changes where required; see our Terms and Conditions.

F. I applied to BMet to start a course in September and I have confirmed my offer, but I am now worried about the restrictions and changes in place. How will the course be delivered during the COVID-19 outbreak?

We plan on delivering courses the same as we usually do, mentioned in 'question B'. Courses will be divided between lectures, practical work, professional placements and private study. Face-to-face teaching will be delivered following guidelines on social distancing and increased health and safety measures. However, as we continue to monitor the Department of Education and Government guidelines this could change in situations like:

- The Government announces that we are back at being at high-risk levels and restrictions are in place. In this case, teaching will be online until Government restrictions on social distancing are lifted which might mean this is online for the entire academic year. Tutors will be in direct contact with students to provide learning tasks, support and feedback with arrangements on your course.
- In the event of a future lockdown and you have modules that need completing, we may reschedule, or alternate methods may be applied for you to ensure you complete modules/ course. Tutors will be in direct contact with students to provide learning tasks, support and feedback with arrangements on your course.
- We will do our best to carry on delivering our courses at a distance and will keep you informed with every decision as circumstances change.

G. How will the course be assessed?

In the meantime, we plan to continue to assess you in various ways during studying at University level. Modern assessment methods may include:

- coursework (such as reports, essays, debates, discussions)
- seminars
- presentations (these could be an individual or team effort)
- short mid-module tests
- practical examinations (such as teaching or clinical practice)
- formal examination

However, these assessments may change, as you know, this is a fast-developing situation. The OfS is working with the Department for Education and institutions to ensure you have the information and guidance you need. BMet will ensure that you are informed of any course assessment changes immediately.

