

Accelerated Courses

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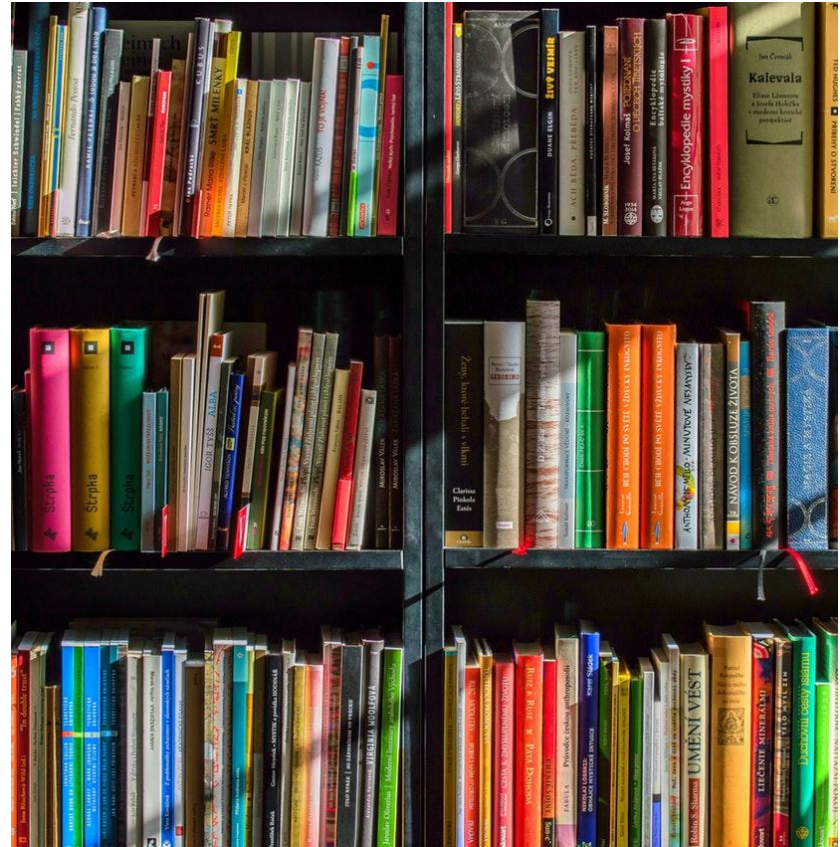


What's new?

Where are we right now?

Prior AY 2019/20

- Currently, there is no distinction made between the fee cap or maximum tuition fee loan of a standard length degree and an accelerated degree
- This means that where a provider delivers a standard three academic year course compressed over two academic years, the provider effectively forgoes the final year's tuition costs




What's new?

From AY 2019/20

- As of academic year 2019/20, English providers can charge a higher fee amount for an academic year of an accelerated degree and students can also access higher fee funding for the accelerated academic year
- Providers can now charge up to 20% more than their standard degree rate





What is an Accelerated Degree & what are the benefits?

Accelerated Degrees

- An Accelerated Degree is the equivalent of a standard degree in every sense but is compressed into a shorter timescale than the standard course length
- The most common scenario is where an undergraduate degree course is delivered in two academic years instead of three



Accelerated Degrees

- It is defined as a Higher Education course where the number of academic years applicable to the course is **one year less** than that of the standard equivalent degree
- So by studying for more weeks each year and taking shorter breaks between terms, accelerated students can graduate quicker



Accelerated Degrees - Fees

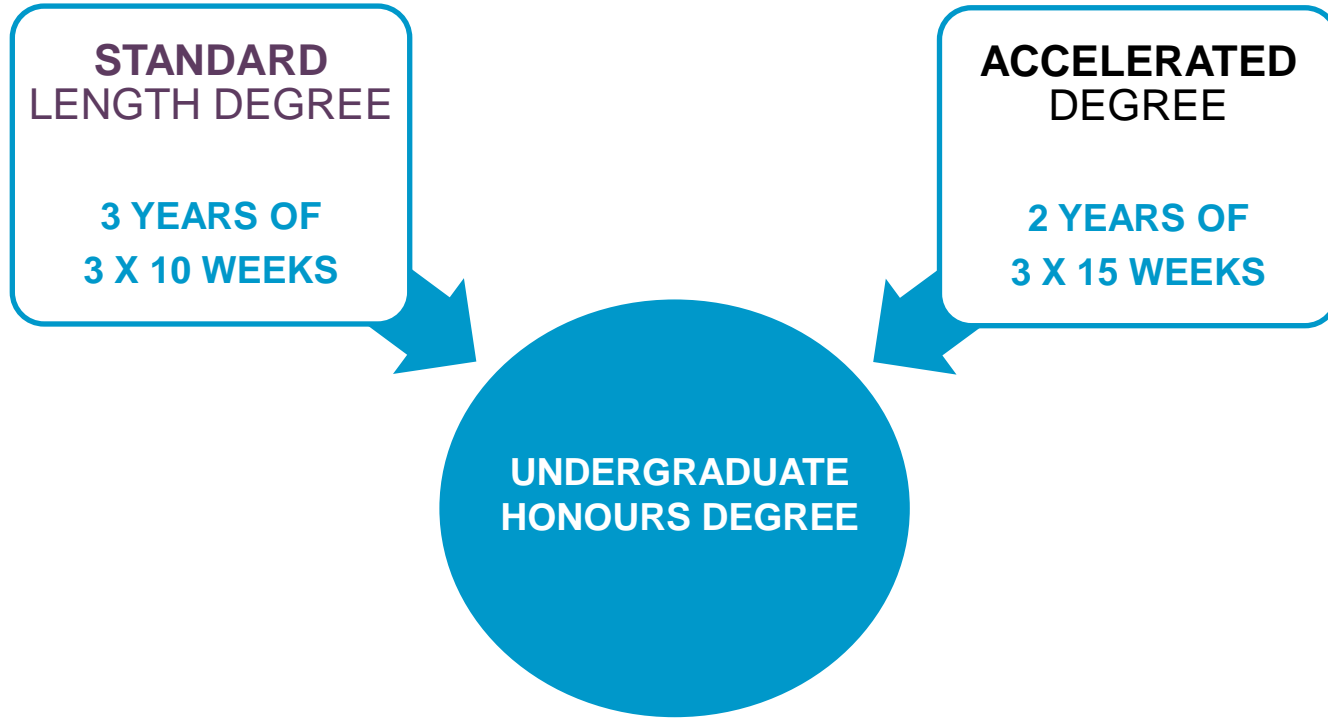
Fee per annum = Up to £11,100

Total course fee = Up to £22,200

The £22,200 total revenue for universities offers providers **£3,700 more per accelerated degree** (80% of the three year fee), compared with the current £18,500 maximum (67% of the three-year fee) that they can currently charge.



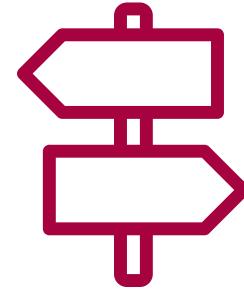
Accelerated Degrees - Terms



Benefits

IMPROVED STUDENT CHOICE

Students have a greater choice as to how they study and how quickly they can enter or re-enter employment



INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING

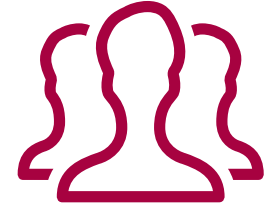
More intense mode of study with the opportunity to enter or re-enter employment sooner could benefit mature students looking to change or progress their careers



Benefits

WIDENED PARTICIPATION

Increasing the variety of course structures available could attract students into HE who may have not considered a HE level of study previously



SAVINGS TO STUDENTS

Lower total tuition fee costs per degree, and lower living costs arising from graduating one year sooner



The Rules

Course eligibility



The course must be provided by an **English HEP**



The course must lead to one of the following degree qualifications:

- **Honours degree**
- **Ordinary degree or**
- **Integrated master's degree**



The course must be **full-time**



The course must be undertaken over the length of an equivalent standard-length course **minus one year**

A standard-length course in the same qualification and subject is not required.

Accelerated degrees can be undertaken by attendance or distance learning.

Student eligibility

Who is eligible

- Only new FT students in AY 2019/20 may be assessed for the enhanced support package for accelerated degrees
- A new student is defined as a student starting a FT course for the first time on 1 August 2019 or later



Student eligibility

Who is eligible

- Students who are undertaking an accelerated degree in England and who are domiciled in Wales will not be able to access additional funding for the new accelerated degree courses in England in academic year 2019/20. They will, however, be able to access a standard package of fee support for these courses.



Student eligibility

Who is eligible

- English, Scottish and Northern Irish students can access funding up to the higher fee rate. However, Northern Irish students studying at an Approved provider will continue to be subject to a maximum fee cap of £4,275 for both standard and accelerated degree courses.



Student eligibility

'As is' policy

Placement years (work or study, and including Erasmus placements)

Intercalated degrees

The maintenance support available to students (*loan for living costs plus long course loans for additional weeks of study in the AY where applicable*)

Previous study rules (*one AY of an accelerated degree will be considered equivalent to one AY of a non-accelerated HE UG course for the purposes of previous study calculations*)

The maximum values for Disabled Student Allowance (DSA)

Student eligibility

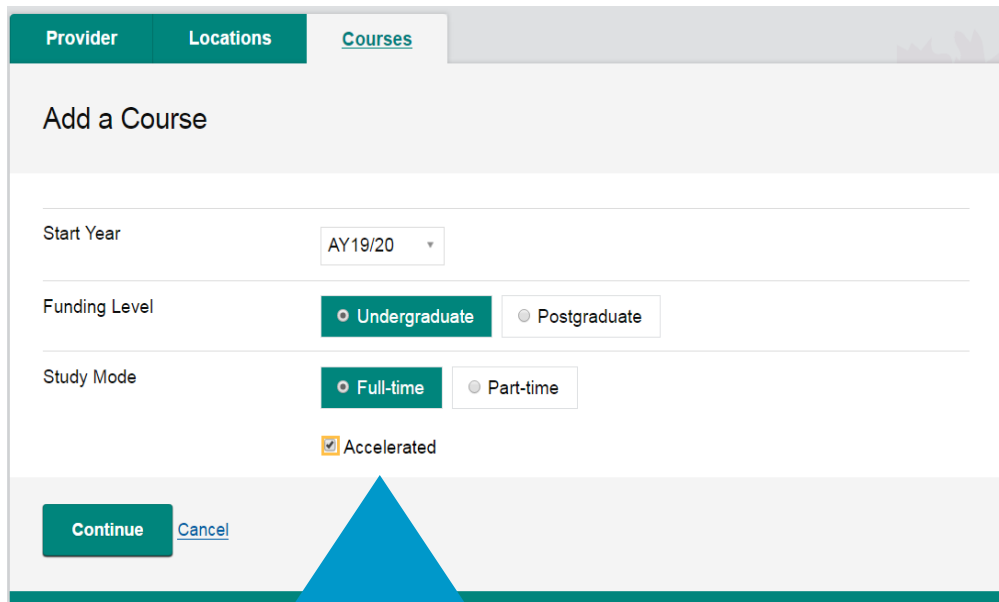
Transferring

- New students from AY 2019/20 can transfer either way between accelerated degrees and standard length degree courses. Standard previous study rules will apply in either case
- Students will be unable to transfer on to a new accelerated degree from a standard course which commenced in AY 2018/19 or earlier
- Students on an accelerated course which started in AY18/19 or earlier cannot transfer on to the new accelerated course in AY 2019/20



Adding an Accelerated Degree course to CMS

Adding a course to CMS



The screenshot shows a web interface for adding a course. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Provider', 'Locations', and 'Courses', with 'Courses' being the active tab. Below the tabs is a header 'Add a Course'. The form contains several fields: 'Start Year' with a dropdown menu set to 'AY19/20'; 'Funding Level' with radio buttons for 'Undergraduate' (selected) and 'Postgraduate'; 'Study Mode' with radio buttons for 'Full-time' (selected) and 'Part-time'; and a checkbox for 'Accelerated' which is checked. At the bottom left, there are two buttons: 'Continue' and 'Cancel'. A large blue arrow points upwards from the bottom center of the image towards the 'Accelerated' checkbox.

We've added an 'Accelerated' check box that should be selected when adding an accelerated course.

Adding a course to CMS

Selecting the Accelerated check box then triggers the validation required for accelerated degrees, for example the qualification list and durations.

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Course name | <input type="text" value="Mathematics degree"/> |
| | <small>Up to 120 characters</small> |
| Qualification | <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"><div style="background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 2px;">- Select one -</div><div style="background-color: #2196f3; color: white; padding: 2px;">- Select one -</div><div style="padding: 2px;">Bachelor Degree</div><div style="padding: 2px;">Bachelor Degree with Honours</div><div style="padding: 2px;">Integrated Masters Degree</div></div> |
| Duration | |

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|---------------|--|
| Qualification | <input type="text" value="Bachelor Degree"/> |
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| UCAS code | |

Adding a course to CMS

Add a Course

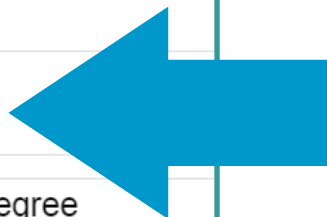
All fields are required unless marked Optional.

Course Details

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Funding Level | Undergraduate |
| Study Mode | Full-time Accelerated |
| Course name | <input type="text" value="Mathematics degree"/> |

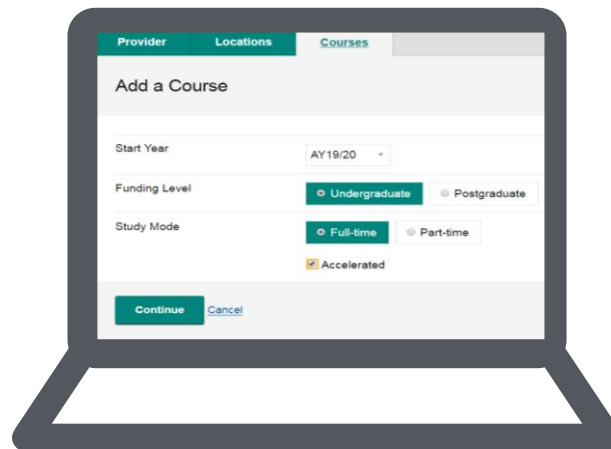
Up to 120 characters

You can easily see that you have selected the Accelerated option as it will display in the 'Study Mode' field



Adding a course to CMS

- Validation has been added to the course fee field to allow a provider to enter a course fee of up to 1.2 times their provider fee cap (rounded up or down to the nearest whole £5).
- Where a provider enters a fee higher than 1.2 times their fee cap, an error message will be displayed.
- In terms of course term dates, these should be added as per the term date guidance (available on the HEP Services website) for full-time undergraduate courses.



The screenshot shows a laptop displaying the 'Add a Course' form. The form has a teal header with tabs for 'Provider', 'Locations', and 'Courses'. The 'Courses' tab is active. The form fields are:

- Start Year: AY19/20 (dropdown menu)
- Funding Level: Undergraduate, Postgraduate
- Study Mode: Full-time, Part-time
- Accelerated:

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Continue' (teal) and 'Cancel' (light blue).

Adding a course to CMS

ACCELERATED DEGREE

| | START | END |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| TERM 1 | 16/09/19 | 20/12/19 |
| TERM 2 | 06/01/20 | 09/04/20 |
| TERM 3 | 20/04/20 | 21/08/20 |
| Total weeks | | 43 |

STANDARD LENGTH DEGREE

| | START | END |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| TERM 1 | 16/09/19 | 13/12/19 |
| TERM 2 | 06/01/20 | 03/04/20 |
| TERM 3 | 27/04/20 | 19/06/20 |
| Total weeks | | 31 |

What will students see?

What course will you study?

You can change this later if you need to.

Course title or UCAS course code

For example: Mathematics Msc

AD accel

33 courses found

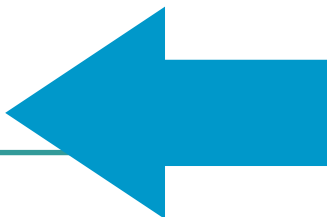
AD accelerated placement hors

3 years Bachelor Degree with Honours

Accelerated degree

Placement (year2)

The student application has been updated to call out course attributes so students can identify if they have selected an accelerated degree



What will students see?

Check your course details

You have chosen an accelerated degree. This could affect the tuition fee you are charged and the amount of Maintenance Loan you can get.

AD accelerated placement hons

3 years BDEG-HON

[change](#)

Accelerated Degree

Continue

And where they have selected an accelerated degree we will ask them to confirm this

Summary

Summary



From AY 2019/20 English providers can charge more per annum for an Accelerated Degree and students can access higher fee funding per annum.



An Accelerated Degree is a Higher Education course where the number of academic years applicable to the course is one year less than that of the standard equivalent degree and that by offering such courses you are improving student choice and opportunities.

Summary



For a course to be eligible for the higher fee rate the course has to be provided by an English provider. It must be full-time and one year less than the standard equivalent. Students eligible for the higher funding must be new students domiciled in either England, Northern Ireland or Scotland.



Adding a course is simple. Just remember to select the Accelerated check box when adding the course to CMS then complete the remaining fields as you would for a standard undergraduate degree.

The background features several decorative elements: a teal and yellow geometric shape in the top left; a blue triangle in the top right; a grid pattern on the left side with an orange vertical bar; and a purple, pink, and teal geometric shape in the bottom right.

Thank you

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