

Not got the grades required by the Department for support for a student award?

First Degrees

The academic criteria for support for a first degree is 80 UCAS points.

If you have not met the academic criteria the department would be unable to support your application. However, should you decide to self-fund the first year of your course and successfully pass year 1, the Department may consider support from year 2 onwards, under the Regulations in force at that time. You must also have met the 4 year residency criteria at the start of your course.

- *Please note that the Tuition loan is not available when self-funding an academic year.*

Foundation Years

An application for support for a foundation year will be refused. This is because a foundation year is the same academic level as A-levels or a level 3 qualification. However, should you decide to self-fund a foundation year and successfully pass, the Department may consider support from year 1 onwards, under the Regulations in force at that time. You must also have met the 4 year residency criteria at the start of your course.

- *Please note that the Tuition loan is not available when self-funding a foundation year.*

Alternative Courses

The academic criteria for support an alternative course is listed below:-

- Foundation degree – 32 UCAS points
- HND or comparable course - 32 UCAS points

Further information is available in the Guide for new students on our website at:

www.gov.im/student-grants

Advice and guidance can also be obtained from:-

- School Sixth Form Heads
- UCM Enrolments team - applications@ucm.ac.im
- DESC Careers Advisory team – tel: 685128 or email careers@gov.im
- Please see the link below for how to access Independent Careers Advice and Guidance with DESC Careers Advisors during the Summer Holidays: <https://signposts.sch.im>