

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This policy provides a framework for the setting, payment and collection of Bangor University tuition fees and other tuition-related fees.
- 1.2. This policy covers:
 - Governance of and the setting of tuition fees;
 - Tuition fee amounts and the period to which they apply;
 - Payments & refunds;
 - Tuition fee and related debt management;
 - Tuition fees for specific groups
- 1.3. This policy does not cover:
 - Halls of residence or other accommodation-related fees;
 - Vehicle parking fees;
 - Students' Union subscription fees;
 - Graduation ceremony or gown hire fees.
- 1.4. This policy and [tuition fees for all programmes](#) are published on the University's public website. Details of any changes made to this policy will also be made available via the University's public website, accessible to all prospective, new and continuing students.
- 1.5. Students will be asked to agree to the terms of this policy as part of the [enrolment and registration](#) process at the start of each year of study.
- 1.6. This policy (including its annexes) is reviewed annually by the University's Finance & Planning Strategy Group, to ensure it continues to meet the needs of students and the University.
- 1.7. The University reserves the right to take appropriate action against students who fail to pay their fees, or make satisfactory arrangements to pay on, or by the end of a set period after, the start date of their programme (see clause 12. Debt Management).
- 1.8. Students studying University programmes through partnership institutions should refer to programme information for details of any fee policies applicable to them in their host institutions.
- 1.9. The University confirms that it abides by the [Competition and Markets Authority \(CMA\) guidelines for higher education](#) (May 2023), including its processes for determining and specifying fee levels.

2. Governance

- 2.1. Final authority for the approval and amendment of tuition fees lies with the University Executive, which devolves responsibility to the Finance & Planning Strategy Group.
- 2.2. The Finance & Planning Strategy Group considers all aspects of student tuition fee charging and funding arrangements, including bursaries, scholarships, discounts and fee waivers, and makes recommendations to the Executive: -
 - 2.2.1. To commission benchmarking analysis and consultation with Schools/Colleges in relation to the annual review and setting of tuition fees, discounts, scholarships, bursaries and fee waivers.
 - 2.2.2.

5. New and Continuing Students

8.3. Tuition fee amounts may differ between programmes at the same level, and a student will be charged the fee appropriate to the programme on which they are registered. In the case of students transferring from one programme to another during the academic year, where the fees charged for the second programme are different to the fee charged for the first, the student would be required to pay the fee appropriate to the new programme. In such cases, students will either be required to pay the difference, or may be entitled to a refund, depending on any outstanding charges due for the original programme.

8.4. No variation on these fees will be allowed without written confirmation from the University.

8.5. Programme Fees

Programme fees include all compulsory elements required for students to meet the minimum learning outcomes of the programme.

8.6. Module Fees

All modules at the University carry a credit rating and the fees charged for a module reflect the number of credits a student can achieve on completion of the module. Module fees are published per 10 credits. Module fees include all compulsory elements required for students to meet the minimum learning outcomes of the module.

8.7. Sandwich / Placement Year Fees

The University charges a reduced [tuition fee](#) to students taking a sandwich or placement year. The annual maximum level of fees for sandwich programmes, and for student and work placements overseas, is set by the Welsh Government.

Research Support (or 'Bench') Fees and Optional Additional Costs

8.8. Research support fees, also known as 'bench' fees, are charged where certain postgraduate programmes incur specific, extra costs to cover facilities that can include: basic consumables; specialist laboratory or field work; the purchase, hire and maintenance of equipment; and specialist computing hardware and software.

8.9. In some undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and modules, optional additional costs may be incurred (e.g. field trips, materials, professional body membership, etc.), but these will be clearly specified in advance, in the University's programme literature and web pages, listing exact amounts, where possible.

8.10. Prospective students will be informed of research support (or 'bench') fees and/or any optional additional costs when they are offered a place at the University.

Fees for Professional Body Recognition and Accreditation

8.11. As part of the programme fee for some programmes, the University may cover the professional body registration fees for

- 8.14.2. Students continuing their programme, remotely, away from Bangor, will be charged 5% of the annual fee for the academic year(s) in which the continuation is undertaken.
- 8.15. Continuation fees will only apply to postgraduate research students commencing their programme from 2020/21 onwards, who require a 5th year of study, or more, i.e. continuing from 2024/25 onwards.
- 8.16. For part-time students, continuation fees apply from the pro rata equivalent of a fifth full-time year, and for every subsequent year thereafter.

Re-Sit Fees

- 8.17. Students who do not pass a module at the first sitting will be allowed to re-sit. There is no charge for a re-sit taken within the original academic year.
- 8.18. Students registering as a part-time student or an external student, in order to re-sit in a subsequent academic year, will be charged a pro rata full-time fee, as defined in the fees schedule corresponding to the year in which the re-sit is to be taken. [See [Regulation 01: section 5. Resits and Resubmission](#)].
- 8.19. Fee Waiver Requests
Any requests for fees to be waived must be presented to the Finance & Planning Strategy Group (or its Chair), with the strategic rationale clearly outlined, and will be considered, and agreed or rejected, in line with section 2. Governance.

9. Payment of Fees

14. Tuition Fees for Staff