

2025-2026 UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION ROUTES

EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 4/5

EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING LEVEL 4/5

This document outlines the available **Top-Up progression routes** for students who have successfully completed the **Extended Diploma in Computing Level 4/5** or **Diploma in Information Technology Level 4/5**. Students may progress to a UK university to complete the **Final Year (Level 6)** in a **Computing-related or IT-related degree programme** and obtain a full UK Bachelor's degree through the Top-Up system.

What is a Top-Up Degree?

A **Top-Up Degree** allows students who have completed Level 4 and Level 5 to enter directly into the **final year of a bachelor's degree program (Level 6)** at a UK university. Instead of studying a full three-year degree, students complete only the **final year**, provided they meet the university's academic and language requirements.

How Does the Top-Up System Work?

1. Students complete **Level 4 and Level 5** at our college.
2. Eligible students apply to a UK university offering a **Top-Up programme** relevant to their field of study.
3. Upon acceptance, students enroll directly into **Level 6 (Final Year)**.
4. After successfully completing the final year, students are awarded a full **UK Bachelor's degree**.

Steps to Apply for a Top-Up Degree

Students who wish to progress to a university Top-Up programme must follow these steps:

1. Complete Level 4 and Level 5 on Time

Students must complete their qualifications **within the specified deadlines**.

Failure to graduate on time may result in **missing the university intake cycle**, requiring the student to wait for the next admission period. (see Important Dates for Top-Up Degree)

2. Submit a Written Final Year Progression Request

Students must submit a **written request** to our college indicating their intention to progress to the Final Year before starting Level 5.

3. Meet English Language Requirements

Most UK universities require proof of English proficiency such as:

- IELTS
- TOEFL
- or equivalent recognised certificates

Students who do not meet the language requirement must improve their English independently and obtain the necessary certification before applying.

4. Apply to Selected Universities

Students may:

- Apply to universities listed by our college, or
- Apply independently through the **UCAS system**

5. Research University Requirements

Each university has its own:

- Entry criteria
- English score requirements
- Module expectations
- Application deadlines

It is the **student's responsibility** to ensure that they meet these requirements before applying.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TOP-UP DEGREE

Top-Up Degree Progression Schedule

The table below lists the official deadlines for students completing Level 4 and Level 5 who plan to progress to a UK university through the Top-Up system.

Important Dates Table – Top-Up Progression

University Intake	Eligible Level	Final Assignment Entry Deadline	University Application Deadline	Offer Acceptance & Document Submission Deadline
Jan 2025	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of September 2025	2 nd week of December 2025	2 nd week of January 2025
April / May 2025	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of January 2025	2 nd week of April 2025	1 st week of May 2025
September 2025	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of June 2025	2 nd week of August 2025	1 st week of September 2025
September 2025	Level 6	2 nd week of June 2025	2 nd week of August 2025	1 st week of September 2025
September 2025	Level 7	2 nd week of June 2025	2 nd week of August 2025	1 st week of September 2025
January 2026	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of September 2025	2 nd week of December 2025	1 st week of January 2026
April / May 2026	Level 4 / 5	2 nd week of January 2026	2 nd week of April 2026	1 st week of May 2026

Important Notes Regarding Deadlines

1. A **limited number of UK universities** offer admissions for the January intake.
2. Similarly, **April/May intakes are also limited** and may not be available at all universities.
3. Only students who **successfully pass all assignments by the listed final submission dates** will be eligible to begin the Top-Up application process.
4. Students are required to submit the **final assignment for each module at least three weeks before the official deadlines** stated above.
5. Submission for each subsequent module is only allowed after the **successful completion of the previous module**. Therefore, students must ensure that all Level 4 and Level 5 assignments are completed and passed before the application deadlines.
6. Late submissions or incomplete modules may result in students being **deferred to the next academic intake**.

Deadline Responsibility Statement

It is the sole responsibility of the student to monitor and meet all academic and university deadlines. Failure to complete assignments within the required timeframe may result in delays in Top-Up progression or loss of available university places.

University Progression Routes – Top-Up Universities

Below is the list of universities where students who have completed the **Diploma in Information Technology Level 4/5** or **Extended Diploma in Computing Level 4/5** may progress to a UK university through the Top-Up system. The table shows the available Top-Up programmes, intake dates, and application links.

Diploma in Information Technology Level 4/5

Extended Diploma in Computing Level 4/5

Progression Routes

Diploma in Information Technology Level 4/5 Progression Routes		
University	Field	Website
A.R.U. Anglia Ruskin University	Computer Science	Visit page
University of East London	Computing (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)	Visit page
University of Gloucestershire	Computer Science BSc (Hons)	Visit page
De Montfort University	Applied Computing	Visit page
Arden University	Computing (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)	Visit page
University of West of Scotland	BSc Computing Science	Visit page
The Open University	Computing and IT	Visit page
Birmingham City University	Computing	Visit page
BPP University	Computing and IT	Visit page
Buckinghamshire New University	Computer Science	Visit page
Cardiff Metropolitan University	Computer & Data Science - BSc (Hons) Degree	Visit page
Glasgow Caledonian University	Computing	Visit page
Leeds Beckett University	Computer Science	Visit page
Liverpool John Moores University	Computer Science	Visit page
London South Bank University	Computer Science	Visit page
London South Bank University	Computer System Engineering	Visit page
Northumbria University	Computing	Visit page
Staffordshire University	Computer Science	Visit page
Bath Spa University	Computer Science	Visit page
University of Bedfordshire	Computer Science	Visit page
University of Bolton	Computer Science	Visit page
University of Law	BSc (Hons) Computer Science	Visit page
University of Cumbria	Computer Science	Visit page

University of Derby	Computing and IT (online)	Visit page
University of Huddersfield	Applied Computing --- IT	Visit page
University of Chichester	Computing for Business	Visit page
University of Lincoln	Computing Science	Visit page
University of New England	Computer Science	Visit page
University of Leicester	Computer Science	Visit page
University of Suffolk	Computer Science	Visit page
Bangor University	Computer Science	Visit page
University of Wolverhampton	Computer Science Computing and IT	Visit page Visit page
Wrexham University	Computing	Visit page
University of Central Lancashire	Computing	Visit page

Extended Diploma in Computing Level 4/5 Progression Routes

University	Field	Website
Arden University (UK)	BSc (Hons) Computing Top Up	Visit page
Glyndwr University (UK)	BSc (Hons) Computing	Visit page
Glyndwr University (UK)	BSc (Hons) Computer Science	Visit page
Glyndwr University (UK)	BSc (Hons) Computer Networks and Security	Visit page
University of Bolton (UK)	BSc (Hons) Computer Networks and Security - HE6 top-up	Visit page
University of Bolton - WINC	BEng (Hons) Software Engineering (Top Up)	

Available Top-Up Degree Fields for IT and Computing

The following list outlines the main subject areas and degree titles available for students who wish to progress to a UK university through the Top-Up system after completing Level 4 and Level 5. These programmes allow students to enter directly into the Final Year (Level 6) of a Bachelor's degree related to IT and Computing disciplines

Top-ups for IT

- Computer Science
- Computing (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)
- Applied Computing
- Computing and IT
- Computer & Data Science- BSc (Hons) Degree
- Computer System Engineering
- Computing and IT (online)
- Applied Computing
- Computing for Business

Top-Ups for Computing

- BSc (Hons) Computing Top Up
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BSc (Hons) Computer Networks and Security
- BEng (Hons) Software Engineering (Top Up)