

2025-2026 UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION ROUTES

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**. Students may progress to a UK university to complete the **Final Year (Level 6)** in a **Computing-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 enrol 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 **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.

Extended Diploma in Computing Level 4/5

University Progression Routes

(The rows highlighted indicate College's partner universities.)

University	Top-Up Program	Start date	Top Up Program Links
Aberystwyth University	BSc Computer Science (Top-up)	September start 2025 September start 2026	Visit program page
Anglia Ruskin University	Applied Computer Science (Top-up)	September 2026	Visit program page
Arden University	Computing (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)	Unknown	Visit program page
Bangor University	BSc Computer Information Systems	September 2026	Visit program page
Birmingham City University	Computing (Level 6 Top-up)- BSc (Hons)	September 2026	Visit program page
UCB (University College Birmingham)	COMPUTER SCIENCE BSc (Hons) Top-up	September	Visit program page
	Cyber Security BSc (Hons) Top-up		Visit program page
University of Bolton	Computer Science (Top-Up)	To be confirmed	Visit program page
University of Bolton – WINC (delivery partner)	BSc (Hons) Computing (Top-up)	26/01/2026	Visit program page
	BSc (Hons) Computer Science (top-up)	21/09/2026	Visit program page
University of Brighton (Not a top-up, must ask admission team)	– Computer Science BSc (Hons) – Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence BSc (Hons) – Computer Science with Cyber Security BSc (Hons) – Software Engineering BSc (Hons) – Data Science BSc (Hons)	2026 2027	Visit program page
University of Bristol	Bristol offers full BSc Computer Science programme.		Visit program page

UWE Bristol	BSc(Hons) Information Technology BSc (Hons)	2026/27	Visit program page
Chichester (University of Chichester)	BSc (Hons) Computing for Business (International Route) Level 6 Top-Up	Unknown	Visit program page
Coventry University	BSc (Hons) Informatics Top-Up	September 2026 January 2027 May 2027	Visit program page
University of Derby	Computing and Information Technologies Top-Up (Online)	Unknown	Visit program page
University of East London (UEL)	BSc (Hons) Applied Computing (Top-Up)	Unknown	Visit program page
Edinburgh Napier University	BSc BSc Computing Undergraduate, Online learning	September January	Visit program page
University of Greater Manchester	BSc (Hons) Computing (Top-up)	To be confirmed	Visit program page
	Computer Science (top-up)	2026-2027	Visit program page
University of Greenwich	BSc (Hons) Computing Top-Up (via NCC Education partner)	2026/27	Visit program page
University of Hertfordshire	BSc (Hons) Computer Science (top-up)	2025/26 2026/27	Visit program page
	BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Top Up) (Online)		Visit program page
	BSc (Hons) Information Technology (top-up)		Visit program page
	BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Applied Data Science) (Top Up) (Online)		Visit program page
University of Huddersfield	Applied Computing (Top-up) BSc (Hons)	22 September 2025	Visit program page
Keele University	Computing Top-up- BSc (Hons)	2026/27	Visit program page
University of Kent	Electronic and Computer Systems (Top-Up) Beng	September 2026	Visit program page
University of Leicester	Leicester offers Computer Science BSc (3-4 years) with standard entry paths.		Visit program page

London Metropolitan University	Business Computer Systems (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)	– UK – September 2026 Part-time – UK – September 2026 Full-time – Overseas- September 2026 Part-time – Overseas- September 2026 Full-time	Visit program page
	Cyber Security and Forensic Computing (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)		Visit program page
	Software Engineering (Top-Up) BEng (Hons)		Visit program page
London South Bank (LSBU)	BSc (Hons) COMPUTER SCIENCE (TOP-UP)	Unknown	Visit program page
Middlesex University	Information Technology and Business Information Systems (Top-up) BSc Honours	2026/27	Visit program page
	Information Systems (Top-up) (Online Distance Learning) BSc Honours		Visit program page
Northumbria University	Computing (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)	September 2026	Visit program page
Open University	Top-up BSc (Honours) Computing and IT Practice	Unknown	Visit program page
Oxford Brookes University	Computing- BSc (Hons) (Final Year Entry)	September 2025 / September 2026	Visit program page
University of Plymouth	Applied Computer Science (top-up) City College Plymouth	September 2026	Visit program page
University of Portsmouth	Applied Computing (Distance Learning) (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)	September 2025	Visit program page
University of Roehampton	Computer Science (Top-up) BSc (Single Honours)	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page

University of Salford	BSc (Hons) Data Science (Top up Programme)	September 2027	Visit program page
University of South Wales	BSc (Hons) Applied Computing (Top-Up)	September	Visit program page
University of Sunderland	Computer Systems Engineering (Top-up) BSc (Hons)	19 Jan 26	Visit program page
	BSc (Hons) Applied Business Computing (Top-Up) via Study Centres	Unknown	Visit program page
Wrexham Glyndwr (Wrexham University)	BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Top-Up)	2026	Visit program page
	BSc (Hons) Cyber Security (Top- Up)		Visit program page
York St John University	Computing for Industry (Top Up Degree) BSc (Hons)	September 2025, February 2026	Visit program page