

2025-2026 UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION ROUTES

EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT LEVEL 4/5

This document outlines the available **Top-Up progression routes for students who have successfully completed the Extended Diploma in Business and Management – Level 4/5**. Students may progress to a UK university to complete the **Final Year (Level 6)** in a **Business-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 Business and Management 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 Business and Management Level 4/5

Progression Routes

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

University	Top-Up Program	Start date	Top Up Program Links
Aberystwyth University	BSc Business and Management (Top-up)	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
Anglia Ruskin University	BSc (Hons) International Business Management (Top-Up)	September 2026 January 2027 May 2027	Visit program page
Arden University	Business Management (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	Unknown	Visit program page
	Business Management (Marketing) (Top-Up) BA (Hons)		Visit program page
	Business Management (HRM) (Top-Up) BA (Hons)		Visit program page
	Business Management (Accounting & Finance) (Top-Up) BA (Hons)		Visit program page
Aston University	Global Business and Management (Top-up) BSc (Hons)	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
Bangor University	BSc Business Management	Unknown	Visit program page
Bath Spa University	Global Banking School (Partner Inst.)- BA (Hons) Business and Management (Level 6 Top-Up)	Unknown	Visit program page
University of Bedfordshire	Business Management (Top-up) BSc (Hons)	September-January	Visit program page
Birmingham City University	Business Administration (Top-Up)	September 2026	Visit program page

	International Business (Top-up)- BA (Hons)		Visit program page
Birmingham Newman University	Business and Marketing (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)	September 2026	Visit program page
	Business Management (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)		Visit program page
UCB (University College Birmingham)	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT BA (Hons) Top-up	Unknown	Visit program page
Bloomsbury Institute London	BA (Hons) Business Management, 1-Year Top-Up	October 2025	Visit program page
University of Bolton	BSc (Hons) Business Management (top-up)	Unknown	Visit program page
Bournemouth University	BA (Hons) Business & Management (Top-up)	September 2025	Visit program page
University of Brighton	Business Management BSc (Hons) top-up degree	2026 2027	Visit program page
University of The West of England Bristol	BA(Hons) Business and Management (Top Up)	2026/27	Visit program page
Buckinghamshire New University	Business Management (Top Up) (David Game College)	2025-2026 2026-2027	Visit program page
Cardiff Metropolitan University	Global Business Management (Top-up)- BA (Hons) Degree	2026	Visit program page
University of Chester	Bachelor of Arts (Honours)- Business Management and Administration (Top-Up)	September 2026	Visit program page
Chichester (University of Chichester)	BA (Hons) Business Management Top Up	2025-2026 2026-2027	Visit program page
Coventry University	Marketing Management BA (Hons) Top-up	September 2025 January 2026	Visit program page
University of Cumbria	BSc (Hons)- Business Management (Top Up)	September	Visit program page
	BA (Hons)- Global Business Management (top-up)		https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/global-business-

			management-top-up/
	BSc (Hons)- Project Management (top-up)		https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/project-management-top-up/
	BSc (Hons)- International Business Management (Top Up)		https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/bsc-hons-international-business-management-top-up/
	BSc (Hons)- Professional Policing (top up)		https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/professional-policing-top-up/
University of Derby	BA (Hons) International Marketing Top-Up	Unknown	Visit program page
University of East Anglia	BA (Hons) International Business Management (Final Year Entry)	September 2026	Visit program page
University of East London (UEL)	International Business Management Top-up BSc (Hons)	September 2025	Visit program page
University of Essex Online	BA (Hons) Business and Management (Top-up)	September 2025 January 2026 March 2026 May 2026 July 2026 September 2026	Visit program page
University of Gloucestershire	Undergraduate Business Management and Strategy (Level 6) BA (Hons)	Sep 2026 Sep 2027	Visit program page
University of Greater Manchester	Business Management top-up	2026/2027	Visit program page

University of Greenwich	Business Management, BA Hons (Year 3 Direct Entry)	2025/26 2026/27	Visit program page
Harper Adams University	BSc (Hons) / BSc Business Management with Marketing (Top-up)	2025	Visit program page
University of Hertfordshire	BA (Hons) International Business Management (Top Up)	Unknown	Visit program page
University of Huddersfield	Business Administration and Management (Top-up) BA(Hons)	22 September 2025- 12 January 2026	Visit program page
	Global Marketing (Top-up) BA(Hons)	22 September 2025	Visit program page
Keele University	Business and Management Top-up BA (Hons)	2026	Visit program page
University of Kent	BA (Hons) Business (top-up)	September 2026	Visit program page
University of Lancashire	BA (Hons) Top-up Business Administration (Top-up)	September 2025 January 2026 September 2026 January 2027	Visit program page
University of Law	BSc (Hons) Business Management (Top up)	January 2026 September 2026 January 2027	Visit program page
Leeds Beckett	Undergraduate BSc (Hons)	21 Sep 2026 19 Jan 2026	Visit program page
* Eligibility depends on the specific program	Facilities Management (Top-Up)	15 Sep 2025 25 Jan 2027	
University of Lincoln	Contact the Admission Team	Contact the Admission Team	Visit program page
London Metropolitan University	Business Management (Top-up) BA (Hons)	Starting in September from one year before the start of the course	Visit program page

London South Bank (LSBU)	BA (Hons) INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TOP-UP	September January	Visit program page
Manchester Metropolitan University	BA (Hons) Business Administration and Management Top-Up	September 2026	Visit program page
Middlesex University	Business Management (1 year top-up) BA	2025/26 2026/27	Visit program page
Newcastle University	Business Management (Top-up)	2026-2027	Visit program page
University of Northampton	Global Business Management (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	September January	Visit program page
Northumbria University	Business and Management BA (Hons) Top Up	Upcoming Intakes- October 2025, January 2026, April 2026	Visit program page
Nottingham Trent University	International Business Management (top-up) BA (Hons)	September 2026	Visit program page
University of Plymouth	-BA (Hons) Business	Unknown	Visit program page
	- BA (Hons) Human Resource Management		Visit program page
	- BA (Hons) International Business Management		Visit program page
University of Portsmouth	Marketing (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
Ravensbourne University London	BSc (Hons) Business (Top up)	Sep 2026	Visit program page

	BSc (Hons) Business for Creative Industries (Top up)	Sep 2026	Visit program page
University of Roehampton	Marketing (Top-up) BSc (Single Honours)	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
Royal Agricultural University	BSc (Hons) Business Management (Top-up)	28 September 2026 to 21 May 2027	Visit program page
University of Salford	BSc (Hons) Business with Management (Top-Up)	September 2025	Visit program page
Sheffield Hallam	BA (Honours) Business Management (1 year top-up)	2026/27	Visit program page
University of South Wales	BA (Hons) Business Management (Top Up)	September 2025 September 2026	Visit program page
Southampton Solent University	BSc (Hons) Maritime Management Top-Up	2025 2026	Visit program page
St Mary's University, Twickenham	Business Management (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)	September / January	Visit program page
University of Staffordshire	Business Management (Top-up) BSc (Hons)	Unknown	Visit program page
University of Suffolk	BA (Hons) Business Management (Top-Up)	2026/27	Visit program page
University of Sunderland	Business and Management (Stage 3) BA (Hons)	13 Oct 25	Visit program page
University of Surrey	International Business (FHEQ LEVEL 6 Direct Entry)	September 2027	Visit program page
Swansea University	Global Business Management (Top Up), BSc (Hons)	Unknown	Visit program page
Teesside University	International Business Management (Top-up) BA (Hons)	Unknown	Visit program page
University of the West of England (UWE Bristol)	BA(Hons) Business and Management (Top Up)	2026/27	Visit program page
University of the West of Scotland	Business & Finance (Year 3 Entry)	September	Visit program page

	Business & Marketing (Year 3 Entry)		Visit program page
University of Westminster	Global Trade and Business BA Honours Part of Business and Management and Economics	September 2026 September 2027	Visit program page
University of Winchester	BA (Hons) Business Management (Top-up)	2026	Visit program page
University of Worcester	Business Management BA (Hons) Top-Up	Unknown	Visit program page
Wrexham Glyndŵr (Wrexham University)	BA (Hons) Applied Business with Management (Top-up)	2025	Visit program page
York St John University	Global Business Management (Top Up Degree)	2026-2027	Visit program page