**Terms and Conditions for Students Accepting Course Offers**

**(September 2020 Applications for University of Gloucestershire (UoG) Validated Courses)**

Updated September 2020

Before you accept your course offer please ensure you have read and understood the following important Information:

**Costs:**

**Tuition Fees and Student Loans**

The tuition fees for the course are **£6,165** per year. By accepting this offer and enrolling on the course you are agreeing to pay this fee for each year of your course. For Welsh domiciled students please read the Gower College Swansea HE funding Guide before you apply for funding which is available [here](https://www.gcs.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Applying%20for%20HE%20Funding%20via%20Student%20Finance%2020_21.pdf).

The arrangements for student loans vary between regions. For students domiciled in regions other than Wales please contact the College before accepting your offer as funding arrangements are not confirmed.

You will need to choose **Gower College Swansea** as the provider when you apply for your student loan and you will need to select **£6,165** as the tuition fee regardless of where you reside. If you do not apply for a tuition fee loan and/or tuition fee grant you will be invoiced by the College for the full tuition fees. The College bursary, information below, is awarded by Gower College Swansea and does not reduce your tuition fee.

**If You Need to Leave Your Course**

You will be eligible for the tuition fee for all terms that you are registered with us. If you need to withdraw it’s very important that you tell us straight away. Tuition fee payments are made by Student Finance in three instalments: 25% in term 1; 25% in term 2 and the remaining 50% in term 3. If you withdraw from your course part way through a term, you are liable for the fee for that term. No tuition fee loan will be paid by Student Finance after you have withdrawn.

**College Bursary**

All full time HE students starting their Course in September 2020 are eligible for a £500 bursary in each year of their course based on satisfactory progression and attendance. The Bursary is awarded by Gower College Swansea and is independent of any UoG policies *e.g. Minimum attendance*. The bursary consists of two payments, a **Progress Bursary** of **£250** and a **Completion Bursary** of **£250**. The Initial Bursary Award (Progress Bursary) will be made in February or March of the academic year. In order to receive this, first, £250 payment students must have a minimum of 70% attendance and have submitted all assessments due at that date\*. You will also need to have shown satisfactory settlement of fees or evidence of Student Loan arrangements provided to the College finance team *e.g. grant letter*.

*\* Where students have submitted extenuating circumstances, for non-submission of work, the bursary would be released if extenuating circumstances are granted and the work submitted by the new deadline. This is likely to delay the award of the bursary.*

The End of Year Bursary Award (Completion Bursary) will be made in June following the progression and examination boards. In order to receive this, second, £250 payment students must be eligible for either progression to the next level or award of the full qualification, as confirmed by the Final, Summer, examination boards.

Further information can be found [here](https://www.gcs.ac.uk/criteria-and-process-bursary-full-time-he-courses)

**Additional Course Costs**

Some Courses will have additional course costs which you need to be aware of before you accept this offer. Information on these costs will be shown on the relevant UCAS listing and College Website.

**The Qualification You Will Study and the Award**

The award of the qualification will be made by the University of Gloucestershire (UoG).

**Responsibilities of the College and University:**

When you start on your course you will be required to enrol with Gower College Swansea and the UoG to allow the awarding of your qualification.

**Academic Policies including Appeals and Malpractice**

Gower College Swansea will act in line with all academic policies of UoG. The Gower College Swansea Assessment Appeals and Malpractice policy is available [here](https://www.gcs.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Assessment%20Appeals%20%20Malpractice%20%20Policy%20%282020-2022%29.pdf). Students should be aware that whilst this is a Gower College Swansea policy, UoG academic policies will be applied by the College. If a student is unhappy with a decision and has fully followed the College Gower College Appeals process, they may make a complaint to UoG. The UoG complaints policy is available [here](http://www.glos.ac.uk/docs/download/Governance/student-complaints-procedure.pdf).

**Teaching and Day to Day Responsibilities including Complaints and Non-Academic Appeals**

Teaching and day to day responsibilities will be of Gower College Swansea. Complaints or appeals regarding issues related to non-academic matters will be dealt with under Gower College Swansea’s Complaints Policy which is available [here](https://www.gcs.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Complaints%20Procedure%20%282020%20-%202022%29.pdf).

**Code of Conduct and Student Disciplinary Procedures**

When you enrol at the College you will be agreeing to abide by the code of conduct of Gower College Swansea. The Gower College Swansea Code of Conduct is available [here](https://www.gcs.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Student%20Code%20of%20Conduct%202019-22.pdf). The College Student Disciplinary Procedure is available [here](https://www.gcs.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Student%20Disciplinary%20Procedure%202018-2020.pdf)

**Course Variations:**

**Courses Subject to Validation**

Courses advertised as Subject to Validation are required to go through the UoG approval process before they can be delivered by Gower College Swansea. Although unlikely, it is possible that the course may not be approved for delivery. In this event the College will offer you an alternative course delivered by the College or work with you to find an alternative course with another provider. In some cases changes to Course Titles and Module Changes occur through validation, please see information below.

**Course Title, Qualification Type or Module Changes**

The College will inform you of any changes, or proposed changes, of course title, qualification or modules for the course you have applied for. If an applicant decides to withdraw their choice as a result of any changes which they were informed after the time at which their choice was made the College will work with you to find an alternative course with the College or another provider.

**Courses Cancellations**

Whilst the College will make every effort to ensure the course you have applied for runs all courses have a minimum number of enrolments required to be viable. If this is not reached a decision may be made to cancel the course. In this event the College will offer you an alternative course delivered by the College or work with you to find an alternative course with another provider.

**Other Information:**

**Graduation**

Attendance at any graduation events and ceremonies is optional. You are not required to attend in order to be awarded your qualification. You will be invited to attend the Gower College Swansea Graduation Ceremonies.

**Academic Debt**

If you have failed to pay your course tuition fees Gower College Swansea may withhold your Award certificate until they are paid in full.