The University of the Highlands and Islands.

Regional, Tertiary, Networked Graduate Skills for Employment

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Skills for life?
The Leading Integrated University in the United Kingdom

University facts
We’re a little different...

- 9,703 HE students
  - 60% full time
  - 40% part time

- 30,001 FE students
  - 14% full time
  - 86% part time

- 13 colleges and research centres
- 70 local learning centres

Regional university
Higher education
Further education
Regional Economic Challenges

- Peripheral and fragile communities
- A high percentage of ‘non standard jobs’
- Underemployment not unemployment
- Decline in working age population
- Labour market/skills supply and demand
- Productivity below Scottish Average
- Brain drain of younger population
Never more than 30 miles from...

- Single site specialisms
- 20 degrees (regional core)
- 10 Masters programmes
- Vocationally focussed HNCs
- Work-based learning / CPD
- FE and links to schools
CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY CENTRE

Curriculum Development
Employer Engagement Team

Business, Management and Leisure (Alana MacPherson)
Creative Industries (Katie Masheter)
Engineering and the Built Environment (John McLuckie)
Health and Wellbeing (Lorna Ferguson)
Science, Technology and the Environment (Audrey Decou)

*Development & Currency of Curriculum  *Integration of Employability Skills  
*Growth of Placement and Work Experience
Examples of flexible curriculum approaches

- BSc (Hons) Aircraft Engineering & Management (Part 66)
- BSc (Hons) Applied Software Development (IBM sponsorship and co-design, distance learning, project based)
- BSc Optometry development with industry partners and extensive placement, clinical and business skills.
- Civil Engineering, BSc and GA routes, but students do mix and undertake joint project work
- Cert HE Aquaculture (‘pay as you go’)
- BSc (Hons) Geography (accelerated, cohort based)
- Senior Phase options – National 5, FAs, Highers, 1st year modules, HNC units
- Progression pathways (e.g 1+3, 2+2)
- Construction HNC, VQ, degree and professional
Tertiary opportunities:
regional hub for Life Sciences—Inverness Campus

The Green House Business Incubator
Raigmore Hospital
Centre for Health Science-1
LifeScan Scotland
Inverness College UHI
New project “Centre for Health sciences” Phase 2/ECC/HIE City Region Deal Hub
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Breadth: right product, right place, right time, right mode of delivery

- 9703 HE students
- 237 programmes of study
- 140 degree (UG/PG), Cert/Dip HE, HNC/HND
- The rest are ‘short’ programmes tailored to specific skills development requirements.

- ...and.... in addition.