

Shaping a Future UoN: Q&A with the Vice-Chancellor





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- At this stage, courses are only being suspended for the 2026/27 intake.
- If you're already studying on a suspended course, you will be able to continue with your studies as normal.
- Tomorrow (Tuesday 26 November), the university board of trustees will make a decision about whether to permanently withdraw suspended courses.
- If they vote to withdraw the courses, there will then be a period of consultation with staff and trade unions.
- Whatever that outcome, anyone already studying on a suspended course will be supported in completing their studies.



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- Closing courses and launching new ones is a part of standard operations for a university – we are always reviewing our offering.
- The university is operating in an increasingly challenging financial landscape. We simply cannot afford to continue offering all of our courses. We need to change size and shape.
- We are reducing activity in some areas so we can redirect resources in response to student demand and areas of excellence.
- This includes proposing a faculty restructure into three colleges to encourage resource-sharing and cross-disciplinary collaboration.
- We expect to move to the new college structure from September 2026.



How was the decision made as to which courses would be suspended?



How were the courses selected?

All courses were assessed on the following criteria:

Current and projected future demand from students

Revenue

Market share

Entry requirements



Which courses are being suspended?



Faculty of Arts

- American and Canadian Studies courses
- English and Modern Languages BA Jt
- French Studies BA
- French Studies with Foundation Year BA
- German Studies BA
- German with Foundation Year BA
- Hispanic Studies BA
- Hispanic Studies with Foundation Year BA
- History and East European Cultural Studies BA Jt
- History and Modern Languages BA Jt
- Modern Languages BA
- Modern Languages with Foundation Year BA
- Modern Languages with Business BA
- Modern Languages with Translation BA

- Modern Languages and Translation with Foundation Year BA
- Music BA
- Music with Foundation Year BA
- Music with Creative Music Technology BA
- Music with Creative Music Technology with Foundation Year BA
- Music and Philosophy BA Jt
- Modern Languages and International Media and Communication Studies BA
- Philosophy and Modern Languages BA Jt
- Russian Studies BA
- Russian Studies with Foundation Year BA
- Theology and Religious Studies BA
- Theology and Religious Studies with Foundation Year BA



Faculty of Engineering

- Electronic and Computer Engineering with a Year in Industry MEng
- Electronic and Computer
 Engineering with a Year Abroad
 MEng
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering Including an Industrial Year MEng
- Electrical Engineering with a Year in Industry MEng

- Electrical Engineering with a Year Abroad MEng
- Electronic Engineering with a Year in Industry MEng
- Electronic Engineering with a Year Abroad MEng
- Architecture Design & Build MArch



Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

- Health Promotion and Public Health BSc
- Nursing (Child) BSc
- Nursing (Mental Health) BSc



Faculty of Science

- Agricultural Business Management BSc
- Agriculture BSc
- Animal Nutrition MSc / PGDip
- Food Science and Nutrition BSc
- Microbiology BSc
- Msci Mathematical Physics
- Plant Biology BSc
- Plant Biology MSci



Faculty of Social Sciences

- Economics with French BA
- Economics with German BA
- Economics with Hispanic Studies BA
- Education BA
- Social Work MA



Draft proposed structures

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

School of Business

School of Social Sciences

School of Arts

College of Health

School of Health, Life and Psychological Sciences

School of Medicine

School of Pharmacy

School of Veterinary Medicine and Science

College of Science and Engineering

School of Engineering, Applied Sciences and Innovation

School of Physical Sciences and Informatics

School of the Earth and Environment



Q&A

Please raise your hand if you would like to ask a question and a microphone will be brought to you.