

FAQs

Why is the University introducing weekday evening sessions?

The Department for Education has recently clarified its expectations regarding attendance patterns for students who may be eligible for maintenance loans. Following this clarification, the University reviewed the delivery of programmes taught primarily at weekends.

As part of this review, we also considered student progression and outcomes and identified that additional structured academic and employability support would benefit students. The weekday evening sessions have therefore been introduced to strengthen academic support and enhance programme delivery.

What exactly is changing?

Your programme will continue to be taught at weekends as scheduled. In addition, you will now be required to attend one two-hour weekday evening session each week.

These sessions are part of your programme and form a mandatory element of your timetable.

What will the weekday sessions include?

The weekday evening sessions will focus on areas designed to support student success, including:

- Academic skills development;
- Career preparation and employability support;
- For BA level 6 students, dissertation supervision and guidance.

These areas have been identified as particularly important in supporting students to progress and complete their programme successfully.

Are the weekday sessions mandatory?

Yes. Attendance at the weekday evening sessions is mandatory and will be monitored in line with the University's Engagement Policy.

How do I choose my weekday session?

You will be asked to select one of the available weekday evening sessions via a booking link. Sessions are allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you do not make a selection by the stated deadline, you will be allocated to a session. Please check your email for the link.

Does attending these sessions mean I will definitely receive a maintenance loan?

The University does not make decisions about individual maintenance loan entitlement. However, the revised delivery pattern supports alignment with current expectations relating to attendance for students who may be eligible for maintenance loans.

If you have specific questions about your personal funding eligibility, you should contact Student Finance directly.

Is financial support available if I incur additional costs due to weekday attendance?

The University recognises that attending the additional weekday session may result in extra travel or related costs for some students. A bursary may be available to support students who experience financial difficulty as a result of these additional expenses. Eligibility and awards are assessed on a case-by-case basis. Students can apply for the bursary through this link [Additional Course Costs Bursary Application Form](#).

What if I cannot attend any of the weekday evening sessions?

We recognise that some students may have work, caring, or other commitments that make weekday attendance challenging.

If you believe you will be unable to attend any of the available sessions, you should contact weekend@uwtsd.ac.uk as soon as possible to discuss your circumstances. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, in line with academic requirements and regulatory expectations.

Can I switch to a fully weekday-delivered programme instead?

Yes. If you would prefer to move to a programme delivered fully during the week, please contact weekend@uwtsd.ac.uk to discuss the options available to you.

Will this change affect my weekend classes?

No. Your weekend classes will continue as scheduled. The weekday sessions are an additional component designed to enhance and support your studies rather than replace existing classes.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

If you have questions or would like to discuss how this change may affect you, please contact weekend@uwtsd.ac.uk.