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This document sets out the College's terms and conditions, which together with the terms contained in the Offer Letter, the Acceptance Form, website information and in any documents or policies referred to in these Terms and Conditions, will form a contractual relationship between the College and you (the Applicant) under which the College agrees to enrol you on the College's Programme set out in your Offer Letter and provide you with education and pastoral support services and you agree to progress your studies on that programme at the College.

These Terms and Conditions apply throughout your studies at the College. When you progress to the University of Hertfordshire, the University's own Terms and Conditions will come into effect. You can find these University Terms and Conditions online at <https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/our-leadership-strategy-and-plans/our-governance-and-leadership/university-policies-and-regulations-uprs> and we recommend reviewing them before accepting your offer to study with us.

Upon confirming acceptance of an offer of a place on a Programme (as defined below) and providing the items set out in term 2.5 below, a contract will be formed between you and the College, or your parents/guardian (if you are under the age of 18) and the College, on your behalf. Therefore, before accepting the offer, you should carefully read and make sure you understand these Terms and Conditions and any terms contained in the Offer Letter, the Acceptance Form and in the documents and policies referred to in these Terms and Conditions.

In particular, please note: (i) that Tuition Fees and other fees while fixed for the initial year may increase in subsequent years as outlined in Term 5.3 below; and (ii) the College's limitation of liability under Term 9 below.

If you do not understand any part of these Terms and Conditions, or any terms in the Offer Letter, Acceptance Form or in any other document mentioned in these Terms and Conditions, please contact our admissions team at admissions@hic.herts.ac.uk before accepting your offer.

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 The definitions set out below apply in these

Terms and Conditions:

Acceptance Form: the form sent by the College to the Applicant with the Unconditional Offer Letter, to be used by the Applicant to confirm acceptance of the Offer.

Additional Costs: has the meaning set out in term 5.17.

Applicant: you, the person applying to study on a programme offered by the College.

Application: the formal request made by an Applicant, on the Application Form, to study the programmes offered by the College as outlined in your Offer Letter.

Application Form: the application form included with your Unconditional Offer Letter, also available at <https://hic.herts.ac.uk/admission/apply/>

Business Day: any day, other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England, Scotland or Wales.

CAS: Confirmation of Acceptance for Study assigned by the College or its Partner University.

College: the College specified in your Offer Letter being a wholly owned subsidiary of Navitas UK Holdings Limited (company number 06009965).

Conditional Offer Letter: a letter sent to the Applicant offering a place on a Programme, setting out conditions that need to be met before the Applicant can be considered for an Unconditional Offer Letter.

Contract: has the meaning set out in term 2.6.

Deposit: the initial Tuition Fee payment required to accept your offer as stated on the Unconditional Offer Letter. The amount of the deposit required varies depending on the type of application but will be a minimum of 50% and a maximum of 100% of your Tuition Fees, as specified in your Unconditional Offer Letter.

Entitlement Letter: a valid letter of entitlement from Student Finance England or Student Finance Wales, confirming the funding to which the Student is entitled.

Face to Face: the instructional method used to deliver the Course whereby course content and learning materials are taught in person, typically on-campus.

Home Applicant: an Applicant that is not subject to immigration control within the UK and has the right to study in the UK without a visa.

International Applicant: an Applicant that is subject to immigration control within the UK and will therefore require a Student Route visa to study in the UK with the College unless they already hold another visa that permits study within the UK that is acceptable to the College.

International Student: a Student who requires a Student Route visa to study in the UK.

Navisure Policy: The student travel insurance policy issued by Endsleigh Insurance Services Limited available to Applicants who are traveling to the UK to study and have paid the Navisure Premium.

Navisure Premium: the insurance premium for the Navisure Policy, as detailed in the Unconditional Offer Letter (where applicable to the Applicant).

Navitas Group Company: Navitas UK Holdings Limited (company number 06009965) and each company that is controlled by, controls or is under common control with, Navitas UK Holdings Limited.

Offer Letter: the letter sent to the Applicant offering a place on Programme, being either a Conditional Offer Letter or an Unconditional Offer Letter.

Online: the instructional method used to deliver the Course whereby the course content and learning materials are made available only online, as opposed to through Face to Face delivery.

Other Fees Paid: fees or charges paid to the College under the Contract (including, without limitation, accommodation fees where such fees have not been collected on behalf of and transferred to a third party accommodation provider in accordance with the Student's instructions or where the College has provided the student with terms and conditions specifically covering an accommodation contract).

Partner University: the university associated with the College, as identified in your Offer Letter.

Financial Sponsor: any individual or organisation that has agreed to pay part or all your Tuition Fees, accommodation fees and/ or any Additional Costs.

Programme: means the programme offered by the College, as detailed in your Offer Letter.

Progression: where the Student has met the progression criteria, as detailed in term 6.16 and has enrolled to study on a programme with the Partner University, and "Progress" shall be construed accordingly.

Semester: each study period in an academic year, as confirmed by the College to you, during which classes for the Programme will take place.

Subsequent Tuition Fees: the Tuition Fees minus any Deposit paid by or on behalf of the Student.

Student: the person that, following receipt of an Unconditional Offer Letter, accepts a place to study on a Programme in accordance with term 2.5.

Terms and Conditions: these terms and conditions, also available online at <https://hic.herts.ac.uk/about/policies/terms-and-conditions/>

Tuition Fees: the fees payable by the Applicant or Student (as applicable) to the College for the Programme as detailed in the Unconditional Offer Letter, including the Deposit. Tuition Fees also include any outstanding but unpaid fees from previous Semesters, which must be settled by the Student before enrolling for the next Semester.

UK: The United Kingdom.

Unconditional Offer Letter: the letter sent to the Applicant offering a place on a Programme, containing the Acceptance Form.

1.2 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

1.3 Term headings do not affect the interpretation of these Terms and Conditions.

1.4 Any words following the terms including, include, in particular, for example or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.

2. Application and Offer Stage

2.1 Following the selection of a desired programme of study, the Applicant should complete an Application Form and submit it to the College together with the relevant documentation requested in the Application Form.

2.2 The College reserves the right to accept or reject any Applications in its absolute discretion, subject to its legal obligation not to unlawfully discriminate.

2.3 Where the College accepts an Application, the College will issue a Conditional Offer Letter or an Unconditional Offer Letter to the Applicant.

2.4 Where an Applicant receives an Unconditional Offer Letter, an Acceptance Form will also accompany this.

2.5 In order for an Applicant to accept an Unconditional Offer, the Applicant must:

2.5.1 complete and sign the Acceptance Form and return it to admissions@hic.herts.ac.uk. If the Applicant is under 18 years of age, their parent or guardian must also sign the Acceptance Form;

2.5.2 if the Applicant is self-funded, pay the Deposit. The Deposit paid to the College will be deducted from any Tuition Fees that become payable; and

2.5.3 if the Applicant is to be financially sponsored, provide to the College satisfactory (in the College's opinion) evidence of such sponsorship.

2.6 A binding contract constituted by your Unconditional Offer Letter, your Acceptance Form and these Terms and Conditions (the "Contract") will be formed when the College has received all of the items listed in term 2.5 above. The College will promptly confirm receipt by email.

2.7 The Student or their educational advisor or agent (if applying on behalf of a student) must notify the College at the time of application of any disability, or mental or physical condition, that will have or is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the Student's ability to participate in a Programme, including all ancillary activities associated with the Programme, or where it is likely to mean that special arrangements will be required (for example in relation to access, accommodation, travel). In performing its obligations under the Contract, the College will comply with the Equality Act 2010 and applicable laws. In particular, the College will make reasonable adjustments to alleviate the effects of a Student's disabilities. To assist the College to make any such reasonable adjustments, the College must have full disclosure from the Student of any such disability (as described at the beginning of this clause). If the Student fails to notify the College of any such disability at the time of application and the College subsequently determines that it cannot support the Student because the adjustments required

to accommodate the Student go beyond the adjustments that the College would reasonably be expected to make then the College may: (i) refuse the Student's application; (ii) withdraw any offer that has been made; or (iii) where an offer has been accepted, withdraw the Student from the Programme and terminate the Contract.

2.8 The College, with the Applicant's consent, may refer the application to other colleges operated by a Navitas Group Company. This referral may occur due to factors such as course availability, variation in entry requirements, or other circumstances that prevents the College from accommodating the Applicant.

3. Cancellation

3.1 The Student has the legal right to change their mind and cancel the Contract without giving a reason within 14 days starting from the day after a binding contract has been formed under term 2.6 (the "Cancellation Period"). Subject to term 3.2 below, the College will refund any Tuition Fees (including Deposit) paid to the College and any other fees or charges paid to the College by the Student or on the Student's behalf. Any refund payable under this term will be paid within 14 days of the Student cancelling the Contract. See Terms & Conditions refund table in Section 9.

3.2 If the Student accepts an offer for a Programme which starts during the Cancellation Period and the Student cancels the Contract during the Cancellation Period but after the Programme has started, the Student must pay for the part of the Programme that has been provided by the College until the time the Student informed the College of their decision to cancel the Contract, in accordance with term 3.3 below. See Terms & Conditions refund table in Section 9.

3.3 This term provides information on how to cancel the Contract within the Cancellation Period: The Student must let the College know by a clear statement that the Student wishes to cancel the Contract. The Student may use the form at [\[enter cancellation form link\]](#) to notify the College, but the Student is not obliged to do so. If the Student would like to use this form, the Student must print it, complete it as indicated and send it by post or email to the address provided on the form. The College will promptly acknowledge in writing receipt of the Student's cancellation.

4. Fee Status

4.1 In order to ensure that the Applicant is charged the correct Tuition Fees in relation to the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007; The Education (Student Fees, Awards, Qualifying Courses and Persons) (Wales) Regulations 2013 or the Education (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (as applicable) the College will assess their fee status based on the information provided in or with their Application and any additional documentation requested by the College and/or the Partner University.

4.2 If the Applicant's fee status is unclear from the information provided with their Application, the College will ask the Applicant to provide further information. Where uncertainty remains, a final decision will be made by the College or its University Partner.

5. Payment and Fees

5.1 A breakdown of applicable Tuition Fees and, where applicable the Navinsure Premium, is provided in the Unconditional Offer Letter.

5.2 Once the Applicant has accepted his or her offer in line with term 2.5 above, the amount of Tuition Fees for the first year of his or her Programme is fixed and will not change.

5.3 Fees for any subsequent years of study before Progression are reviewed annually and may be increased by the College to reflect increases in cost to the College of delivering the Program in line with increases in the Consumer Price Index; increases resulting from changes in any applicable taxation; changes by regulatory, professional or academic bodies resulting in additional costs being borne by the College; and to reflect changes to Partner University tuition fees. Such increases will usually not exceed 5% per year except in exceptional circumstances. The College will give as much notice as possible of any such Tuition Fee changes. The College has no control over or responsibility for fees payable to third parties, which may include (without limitation) accommodation fees where the accommodation is not provided by a Navitas Group Company.

- 5.4** University Partner tuition fees that apply to a Student after Progression are determined by the Partner University and are published on the Partner University's website [insert UP website]
- 5.5** It is the Student's responsibility to ensure that the Tuition Fees, accommodation fees and any Additional Costs are paid in full and on time.
- 5.6** If a Financial Sponsor is paying the Tuition Fees on behalf of the Student, the Student must ensure that the Financial Sponsor is made aware of these Terms and Conditions before the Student accepts an offer. The Student is responsible for payment of the Tuition Fees even if the Student has arranged for a Financial Sponsor to pay these on his or her behalf and the Financial Sponsor does not do so.
- 5.7** Where a Programme is longer than one Semester, the College will inform the Student by no later than on the day of enrolment of each Semester, of the deadlines for the Subsequent Tuition Fees to be paid for that Semester.

- 5.8** If the Student fails to pay all or any part of the Tuition Fees for any reason, the College reserves the right (provided the unpaid amount is more than trivial and relates to the Tuition Fees and not accommodation costs or other non-academic costs) to take one or more of the following actions:

5.8.1 suspend or withdraw the Student from his or her Programme;

5.8.2 withhold the Student's results and not permit the Student to graduate and/or Progress;

5.8.3 in relation to International Students, withhold any documentation required for a visa extension;

5.8.4 take legal action against the Student to recover the Tuition Fees payable to the College, plus the College's reasonable expenses for the costs of taking such an action; and

5.8.5 terminate the Contract immediately on written notice. Prior to taking any action listed in this term 5.8, the College will try to contact the Student to request payment and discuss how the issue may be resolved

- 5.9** Where Subsequent Tuition Fee payments are made after the deadlines provided by the College, without the prior approval of a Director of the College, a £250 late payment fee will apply.

- 5.10** All payments shall be made by online payment, bank transfer or bank draft only. Cash payments will not be accepted.

- 5.11** All payments are subject to the following conditions:

5.11.1 the payee is authorised to use the payment method used;

5.11.2 a payment must be confirmed as having reached the College's bank account for it to be deemed as a payment; and

5.11.3 where a card provider declines or refuses a payment or where incorrect details have been provided by the payee and a payment does not reach the College's bank account, the College has no obligation to notify the payee or Applicant or Student (as applicable) and accepts no liability for any losses.

Student Loans and Fee Liability

- 5.12** Where a Home Applicant that has had his or her fee status assessed as Home, intends to fund his or her studies through a Tuition Fee loan through either Student Finance England or Student Finance Wales, the Student must produce a correct Entitlement Letter, before completing the enrolment process. If the Entitlement Letter has not been received prior to enrolment at the College, the Student may enrol at his or her own risk and will be responsible for any Tuition Fees owed should the application for a Student Loan be unsuccessful. Applicants and Students are expected to comply with reasonable requests by the College or University Partner as to the status of his or her finance application. To be clear, if the Student enrolls at his or her own risk and is not successful in gaining a Tuition Fee loan, the Student will be liable to pay his or her Tuition Fees for the duration of his or her Programme.

- 5.13** Once enrolled, the Student must renew their application with Student Finance for each subsequent year of study and produce a valid Entitlement Letter supplied by Student Finance prior to the start of their re-enrolment with the College or University Partner.

- 5.14** If, after enrolling with the College or University Partner, the Student withdraws or is withdrawn from their Programme, Student Finance might not pay the Student's full Tuition Fee liability. In such circumstances, the Student will be liable for the difference in payments as set out in the table in term 5.16.

- 5.15** Students should also be aware that depending on the date of their withdrawal, their maintenance payments from Student Finance may also be impacted.

- 5.16** Tuition fee liabilities for: (i) Students with Tuition Fee loans; or (ii) self-funded Home Students that withdraw from a Programme under term 8.8, are set out in the following table:

Confirmed Withdrawal Date	Fee Liability	Payment Required Upon Withdrawal
Up to two weeks ⁽¹⁾ after the Semester commences	0%	No tuition fees due
On or after two weeks after the first day of enrolment	50%	Student Finance to pay 25%, student to pay 25% ⁽²⁾
On or after the first day of the second Semester	50%	Student Finance to pay 50% ⁽²⁾
On or after four weeks after the first day of the second Semester	100%	Student Finance to pay 50%, student to pay 50% ⁽²⁾
After the end of the second Semester	100%	Student Finance to pay 100% ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ Weeks end at 5.00pm on the Friday and the subsequent week starts immediately.

⁽²⁾ For self-funded Home Students, the Student must pay the specified percentage rather than Student Finance

Additional Costs

- 5.17** Students should be aware that there may be other costs associated with their Programme that are not stated on the Offer but which may be payable by the Student to the College or to a third party ("Additional Costs"). Additional Costs may consist of:

5.17.1 administration charges for any late or dishonoured payments of £250 (see term 5.9 above)

5.17.2 assessment re-sit administration fee of £250 (see term 5.24 below);

5.17.3 fees for additional, non-timetabled tuition hours provided by the College (or its University Partner) to support any assessment re-sits (fees will vary depending on the Programme and the individual Student needs, but are typically charged at between £40 and £75 per hour);

5.17.4 module re-take fees, such fees to be calculated in accordance with term 5.22;

5.17.5 Programme transfer fees (see term 6.14 below);

5.17.6 appropriate materials to support the Student's studies such as textbooks, course materials, art and design consumables, software, stationary, and photocopying costs;

5.17.7 transport costs when travelling to and from the College;

5.17.8 accommodation (where not already included in the Student's Offer);

5.17.9 general living costs such as food and drink;

5.17.10 if the College takes legal action in accordance with term 5.8.4 (unpaid Tuition Fees), the reasonable costs incurred by the College in taking such action; and

5.17.11 costs associated with any English Language assessment (see term 6.16.3).

- 5.17.12** costs associated with assessing Online materials and delivery, such as internet and device costs.
- 5.18** No CAS will be assigned to an International Student until he or she has accepted his or her offer in accordance with term 2.5 and the College is confident that the course is able to take place through Face to Face delivery.
- 5.19** Where an accommodation reservation deposit has been paid to the College which is then transferred to a third party accommodation provider with the approval of the Student or their parent/legal guardian, the deposit is then subject to the terms and conditions for refund of the third party accommodation provider and the College has no further liability or responsibility for any refund.
- 5.20** The College reserves the right to return to source any excess payment consisting of more than three Semesters advance payments. Such refunds will be subject to a £250 administrative fee.
- 5.21** Except: (a) where a Student is funded by Student Finance, as stated in terms 5.12 to 5.16 above; (b) where a Student cancels as set out in term 3 above; or (c) where a Student withdraws in accordance with term 8.8, once a Student has enrolled for a given Semester, Tuition Fees paid for that Semester are no longer eligible for refund from the College, as the College will be unable to recoup its loss. Where the Course's mode of delivery is Online and the Student withdraws during the first week of teaching within the first Semester, the student may defer their studies and relevant Tuition Fees paid to the next available semester where Face to Face delivery is available at no cost, but may be required to make up any difference in cost. If the student subsequently does not choose to enrol, in the next available semester where Face to Face delivery is available, then no refund of Tuition Fees will be refunded.
- 5.22** Where a Student is required to retake a module, the applicable fees payable will be invoiced on a per module basis with the fee determined by the weighting of the module as a proportion of the total Programme, subject to any discount that may apply under term 5.23 below.
- 5.23** Where a Home Applicant Student is required to retake a module and is Home fee status, the Student may be eligible for a fee discount for those modules as determined within the Retake and Resit Policy of the College located at <https://hic.herts.ac.uk/about/policies/>.
- 5.24** If College management approves a re-sit assessment, an administration fee of £250 will be charged to the Student. Additional tuition hours if required can be provided and will be invoiced at an additional cost (see term 5.17.4 above). Re-sits and retakes will be considered in accordance with the current Immigration Rules and Policy Guidance documents located at www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules.
- ## 6. The Programme of Study
- 6.1** Details and key information about the Programme that you are offered to study with the College can be found on the relevant page of the programmes section of the College website <https://hic.herts.ac.uk/study/>. Applicants should ensure that they read this information carefully to ensure that the Programme is suited to them and their objectives.
- 6.2** The College shall provide education services appropriate to the mode of delivery for the Programme, whether Face to Face or Online (Programme delivery, tuition, supervision and assessment), as well as ancillary services (academic/learning support and resources, careers support and pastoral support) with reasonable skill and care.
- 6.3** Subject to term 6.5, classes will normally be held Monday to Friday between the hours of 08:00 and 19:00 UK time during the Semester.
- 6.4** Subject to term 6.5, examinations will normally be held Monday to Friday between the hours 08:00 and 19:00 UK time except where scheduling requires them to be held outside these times. In which case the College will take all reasonable steps to schedule the examinations at a time and place so as to minimise any inconvenience to affected Students, notifying the Student as early as possible.
- 6.5** Class and/or examination times or locations may need to change due to unforeseen circumstances, the College will notify the Student as early as possible to inform them of the change to minimise impact.
- 6.6** Students must enrol or re-enrol on and at the time and date provided by the College. For Face to Face delivery, new students must additionally arrive prior to the start date stated on the Unconditional Offer Letter.
- 6.7** Whilst the College expects all Students to arrive on time for Face to Face delivery, it is understood that there can be unavoidable delays, including delays in the grant of an Applicant's visa delay. Students must notify the College of their expected arrival and enrolment date as soon as they become aware that they may not arrive or enrol on the start date stated in their Unconditional Offer Letter. In no instance will a Student be permitted to enrol more than 10 working days after the first day of teaching without the written permission of a Director of the College. If the Student fails to enrol or reenrol on or before 10 Business Days after the first day of teaching of a Semester, without written permission from a Director of the College, the College may suspend or withdraw the Student from his or her Programme (in such cases the Contract will terminate immediately on written notice to the Student and neither the Deposit nor the Subsequent Tuition Fees paid to the College for that Semester will be refundable as the College will be unable to recoup its costs of arranging for the delivery of the Programme to the Student in that Semester).
- 6.8** Where a Student is studying a pre-sessional English Programme, late arrivals must be approved in advance by a Director of the College.
- 6.9** No discount or refund of fees due to the Student's late arrival will be provided.
- 6.10** Students are required to re-enrol at the start of each Semester and will be advised upon enrolment of the subsequent Semester's enrolment deadline. If the Student fails to re-enrol prior to the deadline for that Semester without written permission from a Director of the College, the College may suspend or withdraw the Student from his or her Programme in such cases the Contract will terminate immediately on written notice to the Student and neither the Deposit nor the Subsequent Tuition Fees paid to the College for that Semester will be refundable as the College will be unable to recoup its costs of arranging for the delivery of the Programme to the Student in that Semester. Where a Director of the College permits the late re-enrolment of the Student, a £250 late enrolment fee will be charged.
- 6.11** The College and Partner University reserves the right to make changes to the Programme for the following reasons:
- 6.11.1** to meet the requirements of an accrediting, professional, statutory and/or regulatory body;
 - 6.11.2** to reflect changes in the applicable laws and regulations;
 - 6.11.3** to respond to sector good practise or quality enhancement processes;
 - 6.11.4** to keep programmes contemporary by updating practices or areas of study;
 - 6.11.5** Events Outside the College's Control;
 - 6.11.6** sickness or absence of tutors; and
 - 6.11.7** where a change to the Programme or module needs to be made where the minimum number of students needed to ensure a good educational or student support has not been met.
- In making any such changes, the College or University Partner will aim to keep the changes to the minimum necessary and will usually notify and/or consult (depending on the nature of the change) with affected Students in advance about any changes that are required.

- 6.12** If the College or Partner University intends to withdraw a Programme or make a material change(s) to the Programme after the Student has accepted the offer to undertake that Programme, the College or Partner University will consult with the Student and take reasonable steps to obtain his or her consent and minimise the impact of any such changes. The College will inform the affected Students if the College implements the change(s) or withdraws a Programme. If the Student did not consent to the change and the College's implementation of the changes causes the Student detriment or hardship the College will, where appropriate, work with the Student to try to reduce the adverse effect on the Student and try to find an appropriate solution, for example by offering suitable alternatives which may include transfer to a similar programme within the College, deferred enrolment to a later Semester, transfer to another Navitas Group Company College. Some examples of a material change include:
- 6.12.1** a change of award or Programme title;
- 6.12.2** a change to the availability of or discontinuation of a core module; or
- 6.12.3** a change to the overall type of assessment for the Programme, for example, by exams, coursework or practical assessment (or combination of these).
- 6.12.4** a change to the mode of delivery of the course, or part of the course. For example, from Face to Face to Online.
- 6.13** If any change the College makes pursuant to term 6.11 and/or term 6.12 above materially affects the Student, to the Student's detriment, the Student may withdraw from the Programme and terminate the Contract immediately by written notice and, unless the change is due to events Outside the College's Control (in which case term 10.2 shall apply), the College will reimburse the Student for any reasonable costs incurred by the Student in relation to the Programme, such as visa fees and travel costs directly relating to the Programme, and:
- 6.13.1** if the Student withdraws prior to the Programme start date, the College will provide a full refund of the Tuition Fees paid to the College and any Additional Fees paid to the College for that Programme; or
- 6.13.2** if the Student withdraws on or after the Programme start date, the College will provide the Student with an appropriate refund taking into consideration the proportion of the Programme completed and the costs of accommodation provided to the Student at the time of termination of the Contract.
- 6.14** The Student does not have the automatic right to change their Programme once they have accepted their offer (in accordance with term 2.5), however where possible, the College will aim to facilitate the Student's request. If the Student wishes to make a change to the Programme, the Student must contact the College at the earliest opportunity. The Student will be informed whether the change will be possible and of any additional fees the change will incur.
- 6.15** Failure to meet the stated progression criteria, detailed in term 6.16 below, of a stage of study within the set time frames and according to the requirements of the Programme, as well as the current requirements of the Immigration Rules for International Students located at www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules, may result in the Student being unable to complete their Programme.
- 6.16** The progression criteria are:
- 6.16.1** to meet all pass criteria for each module/stage as required by individual Programme requirements;
- 6.16.2** to attend all classes, examinations and meetings in line with the Attendance and Monitoring policy of the College, which can be found at <https://hic.herts.ac.uk/about/policies/>.
- 6.16.3** achieve the English Language standard specified in the Programme information, where applicable, required by both the College and the Partner University, and where applicable, pay any costs associated with any English Language assessment; and
- 6.16.4** study according to the Immigration Rules, where applicable; and
- 6.16.5** to successfully demonstrate the Right to Study according to the Immigration Rules.
- 6.17** The College reserves the right to terminate the Contract in the following circumstances:
- 6.17.1** prior to enrolment where either (a) the Applicant/Student requires a CAS and the College believes that the issuance of a CAS would breach the relevant Immigration Rules; (b) the College believes that the Applicant/ Student's visa application will be unsuccessful; or (c) the College believes that the performance of the Contract would bring the College or Partner University in to disrepute. In such cases the College will provide a refund of Tuition Fees paid to the College and Other Fees Paid less: (i) any costs incurred by the College; and (ii) the administration charge of £250 (set out in term 8.3). See Terms & Conditions refund table in Section 9.
- 6.17.2** during the Course of study where either (a) the Applicant/ Student requires a CAS and the College believes that the issuance of a CAS would breach the relevant Immigration Rules; (b) the College believes that the Applicant/ Student's visa application will be unsuccessful; or (c) the College believes that the performance of the Contract would bring the College or Partner University in to disrepute. In such cases the College will provide an appropriate refund taking in to account the proportion of the course already completed, less: (i) any costs incurred by the College; and (ii) the administration charge of £250 (set out in term 8.3). See Terms & Conditions refund table in Section 9.
- 6.18** The College may revise and amend these Terms and Conditions from time to time and will give the Student prior notice of any such changes, provided that such changes do not impact students in a materially adverse way or are limited to the changes that are desirable to ensure that legal, regulatory, University Partner and accrediting body requirements continue to be met. In the unlikely event that any amendment substantially changes the Contract, the Student may choose to withdraw from his or her Programme and terminate the Contract by written notice and the College will provide the Student with an appropriate refund taking into consideration the proportion of the Programme completed at the time of termination of the Contract.
- ## 7. Deferral
- 7.1** Requests for the deferral of either a Conditional or Unconditional Offer prior to enrolment are considered on a discretionary basis and deferrals can only be requested twice before the offer is withdrawn and a new Application must be made. Where a CAS has been assigned by the College or its Partner University to the Student and he or she has gained a student visa on this basis, deferrals will only be approved where the Student can provide binding evidence that:
- 7.1.1** the Student is not in the UK; and
- 7.1.2** the request/reason for deferral is fully supported by the documentary evidence.
- 7.2** If the deferral request is as a result of the Student receiving a visa refusal, the deferral will be subject to the approval of a Director of the College.
- 7.3** Requests for the deferral of studies after enrolment, including those under 5.21, are considered on a discretionary basis and must be made in line with the College's s CPRQS09 – Assessment Regulations which is available on the College's website at <https://hic.herts.ac.uk/about/policies/>.

8. Withdrawal by the College

8.1 The College may withdraw the Student from the Programme and terminate the Contract immediately by notice in writing if:

8.1.1 the College or its University Partner decide that the Student may not continue as a Student and is liable for expulsion under the College's or the Partner University's code of conduct or academic conduct or disciplinary rules, which can be found at <https://hic.herts.ac.uk/about/policies/> and <https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/our-leadership-strategy-and-plans/our-governance-and-leadership/university-policies-and-regulations-uprs>;

8.1.2 the Student fails to meet the progression criteria detailed in term 6.16;

8.1.3 the Student's behaviour represents a serious risk to the safety, health and/or welfare of him or herself or others; or

8.1.4 the Student commits a material breach of the terms of the Contract, where such breach is irremediable or (if such breach is remediable) the Student fails to remedy that breach within a period of 30 days after being notified in writing to do so. In such cases the College will provide a refund of Tuition Fees paid to the College for future Semesters, and Other Fees Paid less the administration charge of £250 (set out in term 8.3) and any costs incurred by the College.

9. Refunds Table

Pre-Visa Refund Policy – For students who have not yet been issued a CAS or who have been issued a CAS but not yet received a Student Visa

	Administration Charge	Tuition Fee Deposit	Subsequent Semester Fees
	£250	50% of course fees or full course fees if one semester Programme	Remaining 50% of course fees or next semester fees
Student cancels within 14 days cancellation period, no reason required.	Y	Y	Y
Student notifies the College after the Cancellation Period that they wish to withdraw from the Programme prior to receiving a CAS.	N	Y	Y
Student accepts an offer for a Programme which starts during the Cancellation Period and withdraws within the Cancellation period.	N	Y⁽¹⁾	Y
The College or University Partner believe the Applicant to be non-compliant for CAS issuance or that Visa application may be unsuccessful.	N	Y⁽²⁾	Y
Student requests an approved Deferral.	N	Y⁽³⁾	Y

Payments Key: N - Not Refunded, Y - Refunded

(1) Payable up to the last date of study, balance of fees refunded

(2) Minus any costs incurred by the College

(3) Tuition Fee Deposit payment will be retained by the College and deferred until next semester upon agreement with the student

Pre-Arrival Refund T&Cs⁽¹⁾

	Administration Charge	Tuition Fee Deposit	Subsequent Semester Fees
	£250	50% of course fees or full course fees if one semester Programme	Remaining 50% of course fees or next semester fees
Fraudulent, untrue or misleading information and/or documents were provided to the College.	N	N	Y
Deliberately withheld or omitted information relevant to the College accepting the Student's Application or facilitate a CAS.	N	N	Y
Student requests an approved Deferral confirming their absence from the UK, and relevant documentary evidence.	N	Y ⁽²⁾	Y
The Student notified the College 4 (four) weeks prior to the enrolment date they will not be enrolling. AND Student provides sufficient proof that they have not travelled to the UK (expired and unstamped Visa Vignette).	N	Y	Y
The CAS is unused.	N	Y	Y
Visa Application withdrawn.	N	Y	Y
Student fails to gain a Student Visa (including in-country applications)			
Suspicion or confirmation of fraudulent documents omitted relevant information.	N	N	Y
Student error.	N	N	Y
Agent error.	N	Y	Y
Visa/Immigration Service error.	N	Y	Y
College error.	N	Y	Y
If none of the above applies.	N	Y	Y

- (1) The college reserves the right to subtract from the refund all reasonable costs incurred by the College investigating and dealing with the circumstances that led to the withdrawal and termination.
- (2) Deposit payment can be retained by the College and deferred until next semester upon agreement with the student.

Refund T&Cs for Students who received a Student Visa⁽¹⁾

	Administration Charge	Tuition Fee Deposit	Subsequent Semester Fees
	£250	50% of course fees or full course fees if one semester Programme	Remaining 50% of course fees or next semester fees
Student gains a Student Visa but fails to enrol/re-enrol			
Student fails to enrol on or before the enrolment deadline for the Semester, without written permission from the College Director/Principal (CDP).	N	N	Y
Student fails to re-enrol on or before the enrolment deadline for the Semester, without written permission from the College Director/Principal (CDP).	N	N	N
Student receives Visa cancellation by the Border Force and declined entry to the UK.	N	N	Y
Student seeks a non-sponsored Visa permission, e.g. switches to Asylum or Skilled Worker in the 1st Semester.	N	N	Y
Student gains a Student Visa, enrolls but is no longer undertaking study with the College			
If the student withdraws (in either 1st or 2nd Semester) due to exceptional circumstances e.g. illness, bereavement, can show that they are no longer in the UK and have attended at least 85% of classes during their studies. (Documented proof required).	N	Y ⁽²⁾	Y ⁽³⁾
Withdrawal with no exceptional circumstances 1st Semester.	N	N	Y
Withdrawal with no exceptional circumstances 2nd Semester.	N	N	N
Student is withdrawn by the College in the 1st Semester due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> serious misconduct failure to meet attendance requirements non-payment of the outstanding tuition fees going AWOL (including failure to re-enrol) evidence of fraud 	N	N	Y
Student is withdrawn by the College in the 2nd Semester due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> serious misconduct, failure to meet attendance requirements non-payment of the outstanding tuition fees going AWOL (including failure to re-enrol) evidence of fraud 	N	N	N
Student fails to return from approved Deferral.	N	N	Y ⁽⁴⁾
If the College withdraws student due to academic performance, providing student have attended at least 85% of classes during their studies, submitted their assessments and sat their exams.	N	Y ⁽⁵⁾	Y ⁽⁶⁾
Student seeks a non-sponsored Visa permission, e.g. switches to Asylum or Skilled Worker in the 2nd Semester.	N	N	N
Withdrawal of the programme of study by College, or other eligible reasons outlined in the Student Protection Plan.	Y	Y	Y

(1) The college reserves the right to subtract all reasonable costs incurred by the College, including teaching costs, investigating and dealing with the circumstances that led to the withdrawal and termination.

(2)(3)(4)(5)(6) Payable up to the last date of study, balance of fees refunded

Refund T&Cs for Student Visa extension during the Course of Study

The College or University Partner believe the Applicant to be non-compliant for CAS issuance or unsuccessful Visa application.	N	Y ⁽¹⁾	Y
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(1) Minus any costs incurred by the College

10. Liability

- 10.1** Nothing in this Agreement shall exclude or limit in anyway the College's liability:
- 10.1.1** for death or personal injury caused by the College's negligence;
- 10.1.2** for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; or
- 10.1.3** which cannot be excluded or limited under laws, including laws relating to discrimination, occupier's liability or health and safety.
- 10.2** Subject to terms 9.1, if the College fails to comply with the terms of the Contract:
- 10.2.1** the College's total liability for loss or damage the Student suffered as a foreseeable result of the College's failure to provide the Programme, either at all or to a reasonable standard or in accordance with any pre-contract information provided to the Student/Applicant, shall not exceed the total Tuition Fees payable to the College and any reasonable costs already incurred by the Student in relation to the Programme, such as visa fees, accommodation costs and travel costs directly relating to the programme; and
- 10.2.2** the College shall not be liable for any loss or damage that is not foreseeable.

Loss or damage is foreseeable if it is obvious that it will happen or if, at the time the Contract between the College and the Student was made, both the Student and the College knew it might happen.

- 10.3** Where the Student is an International Student and the College or its Partner University loses its ability to sponsor the International Student (or has its Student Sponsor licence restricted or downgraded or its CAS allocation reduced, meaning the College cannot provide the Programme to the International Student), the College's liability to such Student shall be limited to refunding all Tuition Fees paid to the College for the academic year in which the College loses its sponsor licence and any reasonable costs already incurred by the Student in relation to the Programme for that academic year, such as visa fees, accommodation costs and travel costs directly relating to the Programme.
- 10.4** The College accepts no responsibility for any miscommunication that may arise where the Student/Applicant (as applicable) has provided incorrect or out of date contact details or has not kept his or her contact details up to date. It is the Student/Applicant's (or parent/guardian's if the Student/Applicant is under 18 years of age) responsibility, to provide and confirm, when asked to do so, correct contact details (and to keep those contact details up to date) for communication purposes. The College reserves the right to correct any such details or omissions.

11. Events Outside College Control

- 11.1** The College will not be liable or responsible for any failure to perform, or delay in performing, any of the College's obligations under the Contract caused by an event outside the College's reasonable control ("Event Outside the College's Control"), including: (i) terrorist attacks or security threats; (ii) damage or interruption to buildings, facilities, or equipment; (iii) fire or flood; (iv) severe weather conditions; (v) civil disorder; (vi) changes in applicable laws, regulations, actions or delays by any government authority; or (vii) refusals by any such authority to grant any necessary licence.
- 11.2** The College's obligations under the Contract will be suspended for the period that the Event Outside the College's Control continues, and the time to perform these obligations shall be extended for the duration of that period. The College will take reasonable steps to find a solution by which the College's obligations under the Contract can be performed despite the Event Outside the College's Control. If the period of delay or non-performance continues for four weeks or more, the Student or the College may terminate the Contract immediately by giving written notice to the other party, without liability to each other and the College will refund to the Student any Tuition Fees for future Semesters of the Programme paid to the College or Other Fees Paid for future Semesters.

12. Intellectual Property

- 12.1** The copyright, design right and all other intellectual property rights in any Programme materials and other documents or items that the College prepares or provides in connection with any programme taught by the College or its Partner University will belong to the College or its Partner University, or their licensors, absolutely.
- 12.2** The Student may not use the materials, documents or other items detailed in term 12.1 for any commercial purpose.

13. Notices

- 13.1** Any notice or other communication given to a party under or in connection with the Contract shall be in writing and shall be delivered, to the address mentioned below, as follows:
- 13.1.1** by hand;
- 13.1.2** by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day deliver service; or
- 13.1.3** sent by email;
College: Hertfordshire International College (HIC)
Address: College Lane Campus, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 9AB
Email address: ask@hic.herts.ac.uk
Student: the correspondence address and/or email address provided in the Student's Application Form (or any other address the Student notifies to the College).

- 13.2** Any notice or communication shall be deemed to have been received:

13.2.1 if delivered by hand or sent by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day delivery service, at 09.00am on the second Business Day after posting or at the time recorded by the delivery service; or

13.2.2 if sent by email, at 09.00am on the next Business Day after the time of transmission unless a notification of non-delivery is received by the sender.

- 13.3** This term does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action.

14. General

- 14.1** If any court or competent authority decides that any of the terms of the Contract are invalid, unlawful or unenforceable to any extent, such term will, to that extent only, be severed from the remaining terms, which will continue to be valid to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 14.2** If the College does not insist immediately that the Student do anything he or she is required to do under the terms of the Contract, or if the College delays in taking steps against the Student in respect of the Student breaking the Contract, that will not mean that the Student does not have to do those things and it will not prevent the College taking steps against the Student at a later date.
- 14.3** A person who is not party to the Contract (including any person who is responsible in whole or part for the Student's Tuition Fees) shall not have any rights under or in connection with it.
- 14.4** Subject to terms 6.1, 6.5, 6.11 or 6.12, no variation of the Contract shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the Student and the College.

15. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

- 15.1** The Contract and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.
- 15.2** Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with the Contract or its subject matter or formation.

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