

Briefing



**Universities UK**

# Key Information Sets (KIS) – Implications for engineering

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- Existing Public information and why the KIS?
- 17 KIS items + accreditation
- Sample KIS and Widget
- UNISTATS 2012
- Timeline for KIS
- Quality checks
- KIS evaluation
- Questions



*Objective information to inform decision making*

- *NSS*
- *DLHE*
- *Unistats*

- 1. Proportion of students at the university satisfied or very satisfied with the standard of teaching (NSS)**
- 2. Proportion of students at the university satisfied or very satisfied with their course (NSS)**
- 3. Proportion of students in employment six months after completing this course (DLHE)**
- 4. Professional bodies which recognise the course (Institution)**
- 5. Proportion of students at the university satisfied or very satisfied with the support and guidance they received (NSS)**



- 6. Proportion of students at the university satisfied or very satisfied with their feedback on assessment (NSS)**
- 7. Proportion of students employed in a full-time professional or managerial job six months after completing this course (DLHE)**
- 8. Proportion of students at the university satisfied or very satisfied with the library facilities (NSS)**
- 9. Average annual cost of accommodation (institution)**
- 10. Percentage of course spent in scheduled learning and teaching (institution)**
- 11. Proportion of the assessment by written or practical exam or coursework (institution)**



- 12. Average salary six months after leaving**
- 13. Proportion of students at the university satisfied or very satisfied with the Students' Union**
- 14. Financial support available**
- 15. Proportion of students at the university satisfied or very satisfied with the IT facilities**
- 16. Fees**

Available HEFCE (Circular letter: 04/2012)

# Sample KIS

Newtown University

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Ask a question about this course

Science Admissions  
Tel: +44 (0)20 8417 2492  
[Email us](#)

**Location**  
This course is taught at Penrhyn Road

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### Related courses

Related to this course:

- [Biology BSc\(Hons\)](#)
- [Forensic Biology BSc\(Hons\)](#)
- [Human Biology BSc\(Hons\)](#)
- [Science foundation year](#)

### Facts

Year of entry 2011  
Qualification BSc(Hons)  
Application route 3 years full-time: apply through UCAS (code CC17)  
4 years sandwich: apply through UCAS (code CC1R)  
4 years full-time including foundation year: apply through UCAS (code CC1T)  
6 years part-time: apply direct to the University  
Modules [Module Listing](#)

### About this course

**Why choose this course?**  
Cell and molecular biology has formed the basis of many advances in our understanding of subjects such as agriculture, animal and plant development, ecology, genetics, medicine and drug development. If you would like to learn about the theory, techniques and applications relating to cell and molecular biology, this course is ideal.

**What will you study?**  
You will gain a firm foundation in molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics and physiology in Year 1, when you will also be introduced to laboratory techniques and procedures. You will then study research methods and develop your knowledge of genetics, biochemistry, immunology, microbiology, analytical

**KIS** ESTABLISHED 2007 SHARE ALL STATS

**BSc Health Studies (b900)**  
Newtown University

**69%** Student Satisfaction

**99%** In work or study after 6 months

**£21k** Average Graduate Salary

[More course stats](#)

Independent data collected by HEFCE

Source: HEFCE April 2012

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## Introducing the new KIS Widget!

- Rolling widget (10 items)



Get the stats at **UNISTATS**

**Contemporary Craft and Design BA**  
Univeristy of Cumbria

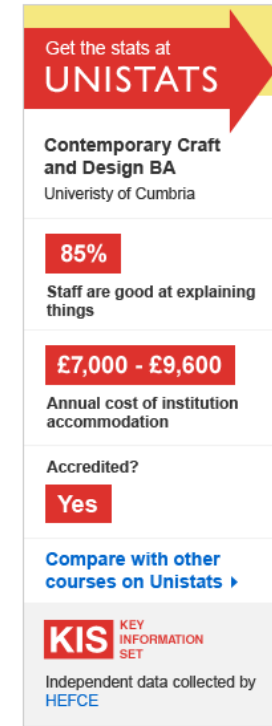
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Staff are good at explaining things

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Annual cost of institution accommodation

Accredited?  
**Yes**

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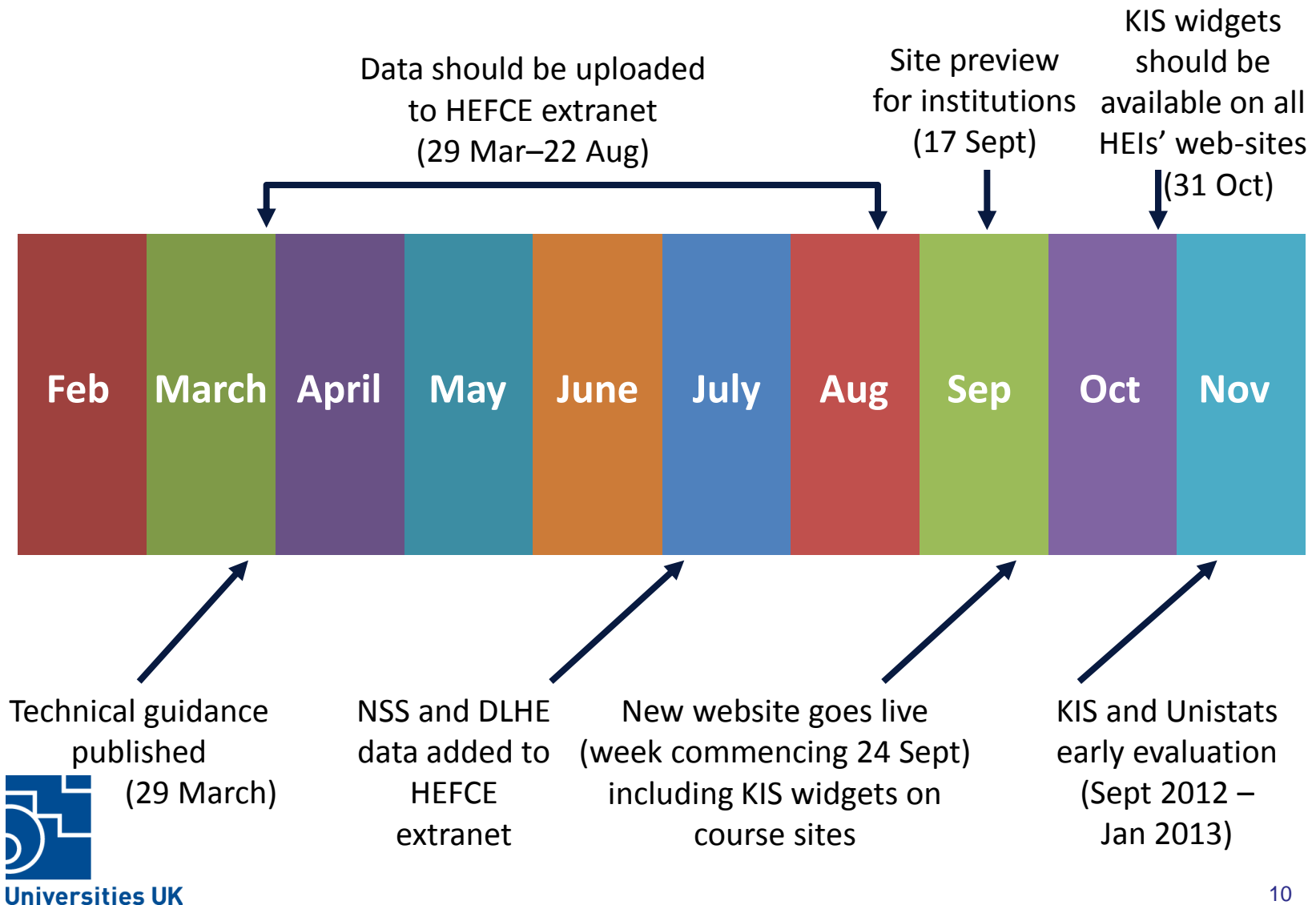
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The screenshot shows the UNISTATS website interface. At the top, there is a GOV.UK header with navigation links for Settings, Help, and Feedback, and a search bar. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Education. The main header features the UNISTATS logo and tagline 'from universities and colleges in the UK', a search input field, and a 'SEARCH UNISTATS' button. A secondary search option for 'Advanced search' is also present. A red navigation bar contains links for Courses, Institutions, Course assistant, and About Unistats. A dark blue 'Shortlist' button with a 'Login or register' link is positioned on the right. The main content area is titled 'The official Government website for information about what to study, where to study, when and how to study'. It includes a sub-header: 'Includes official data on each institution's minimum entry requirements, satisfaction scores in the National Student Survey, and jobs and salaries after study'. The page is divided into three columns: 'Courses' (listing various subjects like Architecture, Law, Biological Science, etc.), 'Institutions' (a grid of letters A-Z for navigation), and 'Course assistant' (a section for answering questions to find courses). A 'Shortlist' sidebar on the right provides a step-by-step guide: 1. SEARCH for a course, 2. ADD TO SHORTLIST two or more courses, 3. COMPARE COURSES to compare statistics, and 4. Login or register to save your shortlist. A 'GET STARTED' button is located below the Course assistant section. At the bottom left, there are links for 'Accessibility' and 'Terms of use'.

# Key dates for KIS 2012



## Who will check that the information is correct?

- From 2012-13, QAA will make a judgement in the area of public information.
- In addition to the existing judgements on management of quality and management of standards.

See:

Indicator 3 of the UK Quality Code Part C

<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/Quality-Code-Part-C.aspx>

And the revised Handbook for Institutional Review in England and NI

<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Pages/IRENI-handbook-second.aspx>

- HEFCE will conduct a number of validation checks



### – ***Early evaluation (2012-13)***

- Light touch review – is it working?
  - i. User experiences of the website and widget (Fluent interaction)
  - ii. HE providers' experience of the website and widget (HESA survey of providers)
  - iii. Data audit (HEFCE)

### – ***Full evaluation (2013-14)***

- As part of a wider evaluation of the provision of information landscape



Looking in depth at purpose, usage, effects, outcomes, costs.

Thank you!

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