



## 3.02 University Groups

Many universities are members of various different groups:

### Ancient Universities

For hundreds of years there were only a small handful of universities in England, Scotland and Ireland. The earliest was the University of Oxford in 1096 and the latest of the Ancient Universities was the University of Dublin in 1592.

- University of Oxford
- University of Cambridge
- University of St Andrews
- University of Glasgow
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Dublin

### Guild HE

Guild HE particularly represents institutions specialising in art and design, teacher training, agriculture, music and drama.

- Abertay University
- ALRA Academy of Live and Recorded Artists
- AECC University College
- Arts University Bournemouth
- Bath Spa University
- Bishop Grosseteste University Lincoln
- BIMM British and Irish Modern Music Institute
- Bradford College of Further and Higher Education
- Falmouth University
- Harper Adams University
- Hartpury
- Hereford College of Arts
- ICMP Institute of Contemporary Music
- Instituto Marangoni London
- LAMDA London Academy of Music and Drama
- Leeds Arts University
- Leeds College of Music
- LIPA Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts
- London Film School
- London Institute of Banking & Finance
- Mont Rose College of Management & Sciences
- Morley College London
- New College of the Humanities
- Newman University
- NCA Northern College of Acupuncture
- Northern School of Art
- Norwich University of the Arts
- Pearson College London
- Plymouth College of Art
- RADA

- Ravensbourne
- Rose Bruford College
- Royal Agricultural College Cirencester
- Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
- SAE Institute
- St. Mary's University College Belfast
- St. Mary's University College Twickenham
- University Academy 92 Manchester
- University College Birmingham
- UCEM University College of Estate Management
- UCFB University College of .....
- University College of Osteopathy
- University for the Creative Arts
- University of Law
- University of St Mark & St John
- University of Winchester
- University of Worcester
- Writtle College
- York St John University

### Million+ Group

Members of the Million+ Group tend to be former polytechnics from before 1992.

- University of Abertay Dundee
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Bath Spa University
- Glasgow Calendonian University
- University of Bedfordshire
- University of Bolton
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Cumbria
- Edinburgh Napier University
- Leeds Trinity University
- London Metropolitan University
- London South Bank University
- Middlesex University
- Solent University
- Staffordshire University
- University of East London
- University of Highlands and Islands
- University of Sunderland
- University of West London
- University of the West of Scotland
- University of Wolverhampton

### Red Brick Universities

Red Brick originally referred to six civic universities that were given charters in the late 19th century in the big industrial cities of the UK. The term Red Brick referred to a building at the University of Liverpool which was built from red bricks, but the term also referred more generally to "new" buildings/institutions.

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Sheffield

The six original Red Brick institutions were then joined by a number of other universities as the definition was relaxed to include universities given a charter between 1900 and 1963.

- Aberystwyth University
- Bangor University
- Cardiff University
- University of Dundee
- University of Hull
- University of Wales Trinity St David
- University of Leicester
- University of Newcastle Upon Tyne
- University of Nottingham
- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Reading
- University of Southampton
- University of Swansea

### Russell Group

'The origins of the Russell Group go back to 1994, with 17 original members. The heads of these universities would meet informally in the Hotel Russell in London, which is where the name came from.'

New universities have been added, with the group becoming an official, incorporated organisation in 2007.

There are currently 24 universities belonging to the Russell Group:

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- London School of Economics & Political Science
- University of Manchester
- Newcastle University
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University College London
- University of Warwick

- University of York

## UKADIA

The United Kingdom Arts and Design Institutions Association is 'a group of specialist arts and design institutions from across the UK's higher and further education sectors.'

- Arts University Bournemouth
- Royal Central College of Speech and Drama University of London
- Hereford College of Arts
- Leeds Arts University
- Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts
- Northern School of Art
- Norwich University of the Arts
- Plymouth College of Art
- Ravensbourne
- Rose Bruford College
- Royal College of Art
- Falmouth University
- University for the Creative Arts
- University of the Arts London

## University Alliance

University Alliance is a group of major, business-engaged universities committed to delivering world-class research and a quality student experience around the UK. UA tends to represent smaller specialised institutions:

- Birmingham City University
- Coventry University
- Kingston University
- Leeds Beckett University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Teesside University
- University of Brighton
- University of Greenwich
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of South Wales
- University of the West of England Bristol

Websites:

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[www.millionplus.ac.uk](http://www.millionplus.ac.uk)

[www.russellgroup.ac.uk](http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk)

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