

Enhancement-led Institutional Review of the University of the West of Scotland

Outcome Report

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About the University of the West of Scotland

The University of the West of Scotland (the University or UWS) was formally established in 2007 following the merger of the University of Paisley and Bell College. UWS inherited a rich history from the institutions that preceded it, including the Paisley School of Arts, founded in 1836. UWS comprises five campuses - four situated in the west and south-west of Scotland: Ayr, Dumfries, Lanarkshire and Paisley; and one in London. The London Campus was opened in 2015, and now accounts for around 8% of the University's total student numbers.

The University's vision is to be a transformational influence on economic, social and cultural development in Scotland and beyond by providing student-centred, personalised and distinctive learning experiences underpinned by innovative and relevant research. In each of its three priority areas - Student Success, Research and Enterprise, and Global Engagement - the Corporate Strategy is supported by an enabling plan. These plans incorporate explicit actions to support achievement of the aspirations set out in the Corporate Strategy and link it to the plans of the University's schools and professional services. In addition, the Corporate Strategy articulates a set of 'UWS truths' that serve as guiding principles for the University.

In 2018-19, UWS had a total student population of 19,280 (headcount)

Threshold judgement about the University of the West of Scotland

The University of the West of Scotland has **effective** arrangements for managing academic standards and the student learning experience.

16 This review and its findings relate to the institution as a whole and do not provide
information about individual programmes of study or subjects. For further information about
17 those, ~~co~~ntact the institution or [Visit its website](#).

17 University sector institutions in Scotland also engage in systematic Enhancement
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