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## What is an integrated masters and the funding benefits of such courses



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An Integrated Master's (IM) degree is a four year programme which combines **undergraduate** and **postgraduate** study into a single course.

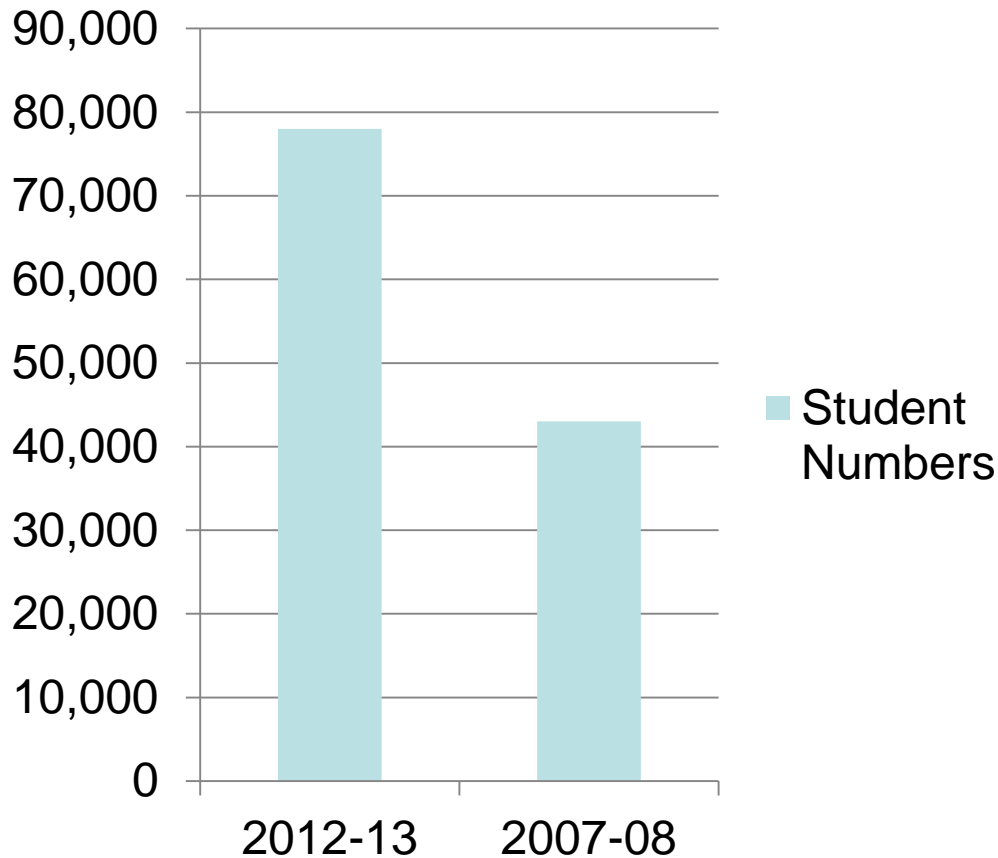


## Why is an integrated Master's popular?

The popularity of courses that combine a master's and bachelor's degree has exploded over the past five years as students look for new ways to finance postgraduate study.



### Student Numbers



Almost **79,000** students were on courses that included an integrated master's in **2012-13**, nearly **double** the number for **2007-08** when the figure stood at just under **43,000**, according to data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency.

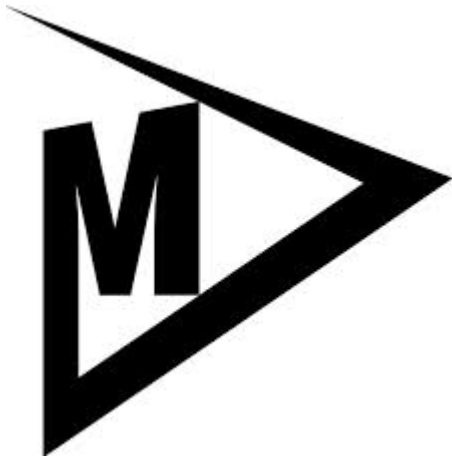


Overall, integrated master's courses in **science and engineering** subjects are **more popular** than those in the **arts and humanities**, but even these subjects now have hundreds more students taking the qualification than **five years ago**.



- Engineering and technology subjects have seen the **largest surge** in sign-ups, with about **11,500** more students on the courses in 2012-13 than in 2007-08.
- Other fields to see **strong growth** are physical sciences, up by almost **8,400** over the past five years, and subjects allied to medicine, up by almost **8,000** in the same period.





Mbiol	Biology
Mdes	Fashion Production
Mchem	Chemistry
MComp	Computer Science
MGeog	Geography
MEng	Mechanical Engineering
MBioMed	Sci Biomedical Science
Meng	Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Mmath	Mathematics
MPharm	Pharmaceutical Chemistry

And more ...



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## What does it entail?

- The first two years are usually in common with bachelors courses.
- Students are expected to perform well in the in the first two years before going on to more specialised study.
- On completion of the four year programme you graduate with a Master's level degree.



### Did you know?

Integrated Masters can be funded through a student loan in the same way as undergraduate degrees, so they are a great way to fund a Masters qualification.



### Entry Requirements – Year 1

A-levels – A, B, B preferably Biology & one other science

BTEC Extended Diploma – Distinction, Distinction, Merit in a related science subject

Access to HE Diploma (Human Health Sciences) or similar course – 45 credits @ Level 3, 30 or more at Distinction 15 at Merit or higher

