University of Derby choose TDS Student Time & Attendance & TDS Cloud

34,000
Students

430+
Readers

2016
Customer Since

Location

⊙ Derby, England, UK
- ⊙ Buxton
- ⊙ Chesterfield

Systems Installed

- ⊙ TDS Student T & A
- ⊙ TDS Cloud

Hardware Selected

- ⊙ x 430 fixed MiFare compatible 9600 Android App Readers

- ⊙ x 80 mobile MiFare readers for off-site activities & field trips.

Overview

University of Derby is spread over three campuses in Derby, Buxton and Chesterfield, it gained university status in 1992 and provides over 300 study programmes at undergraduate level as well as short courses, foundation degrees and postgraduate degrees. The University of Derby is an ambitious, innovative and modern university focused on real world learning.

The University of Derby ranks in the top 5 universities in the East Midlands for Student Satisfaction, Student-Staff Ratio and Academic Services Spend (Complete University Guide 2018). The university has invested £150 million in facilities over the past 10 years. Ranked in the top 20 nationally for Teaching Quality, it is firmly established as one of the fastest growing universities in the UK.

The University of Derby selected the TDS Cloud Student Attendance Monitoring Solution to reduce the administrative burden on staff, proactively monitor student attendance, and keep students in full-time study.

Time & Attendance

Process

Derby required a solution that placed the ownership for student attendance firmly in the hands of the students. TDS provided future proofed Mifare Card Readers and a Student Portal, allowing students to view their attendance percentages in-real time, log absences, and take ownership of their attendance.

TDS installed x 430 fixed Mifare compatible 9600 Android App readers across the campus, along with x80 mobile Mifare readers for off-site activities and field trips.

With a dedicated UKVI dashboard, academic staff could protect compliance with automated trigger alerts and quick access reporting in the event of an audit. In addition to supporting UKVI compliance, automated communications enabled Derby to develop a proactive pastoral care program for both domestic and international students.

Specialists in systems integration TDS Student has been fully integrated with Derby's existing software solutions, including CMIS (timetabling) and PeopleSoft Campus (student records software).

A flexible solution TDS Student allowed for full integration, increased student retention and academic support.

Challenges

- Protecting Tier 4 Sponsor Status
- Multi Campus University
- High administration costs due to manual process
- Timetable integration

Benefits

- Full compliance with UKVI Legislation
- Automated detailed student reports
- Increased time efficiencies, resulting in lower administrative costs
- Improved pastoral care
- Timetable integration resulting in

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