

Helping education institutions be more resilient and responsive

Unit4 Focus on Education



Transform operations and empower your people

Unit4 helps education institutions respond more quickly to change, improve institutional effectiveness, and demonstrate the value they deliver to their students and their communities. Our solutions for Finance and HR provides administrative agility that transform how people work, freeing your people to spend more time focused on delivering high-quality education and student services.



Gain agility

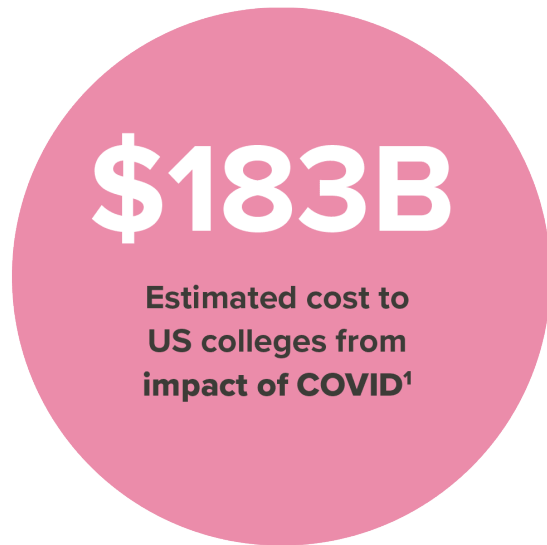
Education establishments need to become more agile, improve operational effectiveness and become more responsive to change in order to survive and thrive.



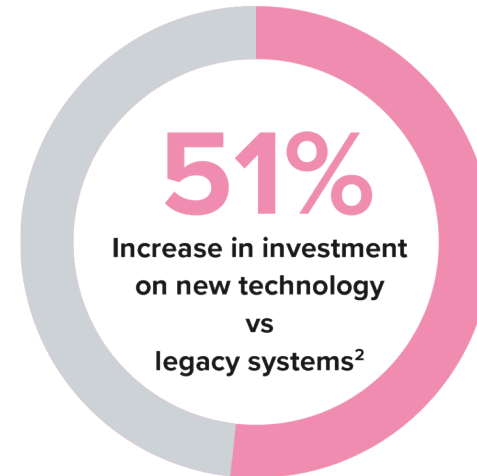
Challenges

We're all facing the reality of today's challenges, but the impact to education has been particularly acute, not just in the short-term but also in the long-term. Pressures to improve accountability and transparency, demonstrate value delivered, a greater demand for agility and proactivity in planning, as well as supporting remote work while ensuring the well-being of your staff – as well as students – have also taken center stage. Your institution needs to innovate now more than ever.

Higher costs



Greater demand for value



¹ "How Much has COVID Cost Colleges? \$183B"

Chronicle of Higher Education

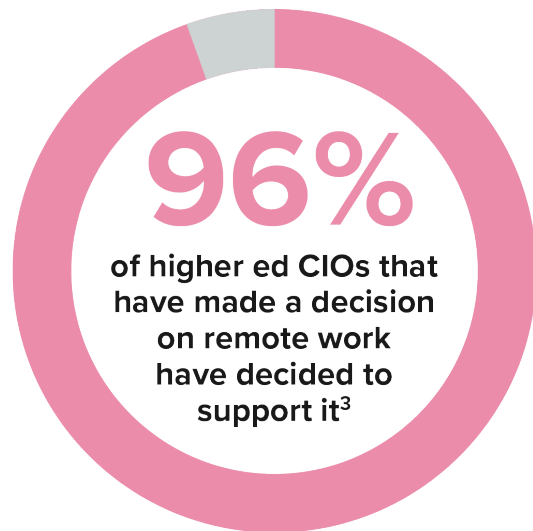
² "UK Education SITS: Market & Suppliers 2021-2024"

TechMarketView

Opportunities

Fortunately, these challenges have also opened the doors for real change. Remote working, more flexibility in how learning is delivered and an overall opportunity to digitally transform the entire organization all hint at the silver lining in the recent clouds of change.

Huge potential to boost productivity



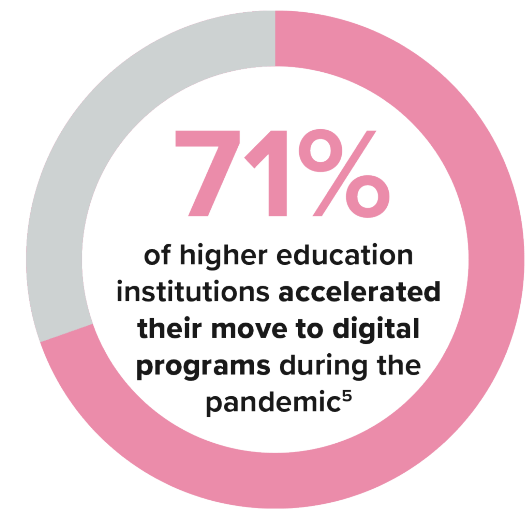
³ EDUCAUSE QuickPoll Results: Post-Pandemic Plans for Remote Work, *EDUCAUSE Review*, January 2021

Acceleration of productivity gains



⁴ 2021 CHLOE Report, June 23, 2021

Automation



⁵ "The Pandemic Pushed Universities Online. The Change Was Long Overdue." *Harvard Business Review*, September 2020

Technology that enhances the people experience

Powering these opportunities for digital transformation, your faculty and staff want their work technology to be as modern and capable as the technology they use in their private lives. This means tools that better support their role from any location, help them improve their performance, enable collaboration, and aid decision-making. Technology, skills, and employee experience are now playing a key role in your organization's performance.

Unit4 for Higher Education

elevate
your business

engage
your people

plan
your future

ERPx

The next-gen platform:



user experience



cloud architecture



extensions

 secure and compliant

Resilient and responsive higher education

Unit4 has helped education institutions to:

- Transform and modernize operations
- Add strength and agility to planning
- Demonstrate value and provide transparency
- Align the back-office digital strategy to achieve your mission



Transform and modernize

the experience of working at and interacting with your institution to compete in today's fast-changing world.

- Break down silos and champion efficiency with streamlined, automated processes for an improved people experience across your administration
- Scale and adapt business models quickly to respond to changing needs and expectations
- Recruit and retain talent that is passionate about your students
- Improve security with modern cloud solutions

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Unit4 represents a great step forward for the university. It liberates our people by automating manual tasks. Decision making is faster, easier, and more accurate. And our processes are far more efficient now, too.”

Andrea Whiting, Systems Manager, Kingston University

Customer success story: Kingston University

Key metrics



SPEED

Cut month-end close
from 10 days to 2 days



VISIBILITY

Unlocks complete financial
insights, connected to the
rest of the institution

‘Unified’ is the name for Kingston University’s Unit4 enterprise resource planning strategy. A single, complete view of core back-office processes spanning finance, procurement, HR, payroll, and research planning along with connections to other key systems is helping them drive efficiency, agility, and shared insights.

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Planning strength and agility

Gain insight from across your institution with a single source of data and equip decision makers with flexible plans for financial and operational resilience.

- Access up-to-date, trustworthy data whenever and wherever you need it
- Visualize performance with built-in reporting and dashboards
- Build flexible, responsive plans for multiple scenarios backed up by powerful performance analysis and integrated people planning

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Thanks to Unit4, we have complete visibility and control over each capital project – the schedule, resources invoiced, and cost versus budget. Armed with this insight, BMet can maximize the return on investment and build a college which is fit for the future.”

Fiona Yardley, Finance Director, Birmingham Metropolitan College

Customer success story: Birmingham Metropolitan College

Key metrics

**20
minutes**

Time saved
on each
expense claim

12 days

Annual time saved
on management
accounting

Challenged to close the cost-funding gap and create a modern, agile education institution, Birmingham Metropolitan College has standardized on a smart, connected Unit4 finance platform in the cloud.

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Add value and transparency

to establish your reputation for accountability and responsiveness against today's evolving operating models.

- Improve data quality and trustworthiness through automation
- Provide role-based access to relevant data, and free your people from the burden of manual data handling
- Build and share accessible reports against metrics from funding and enrollment to success, confidently with funders, leadership and performance teams

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We deliberately chose a tool that doesn't limit us in any way but is highly scalable and, therefore, future-proof. The system is our single source of truth. Due to Unit4's flexibility and the possibility to integrate different data sources, we all get the same clear and consistent picture. Ultimately, it's all about key figures, about linking financial and quantitative KPIs. We're also much better prepared to make fast strategic decisions.”

Horst Rode, CFO and Managing Director, FH Campus Wien

Customer success story: FH Campus Wien

Impacts

75%

Managing 75% more students since 2013, using the same resources.

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Due to the software's usability and intuitive handling there's been no need for extensive training.

Since 2013, Austria's largest university of applied sciences has been working with Unit4 FP&A to create a solution that smartly integrates finances, planning and analysis. Giving their team a single source of truth.

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Align the back-office

to better support changing student needs, fluctuations in funding and increasing costs, to maintain quality of services to student.

- Proactively respond and adapt services to deliver the best student experience at all times
- Automate processes and free your people up to improve frontline student services
- Quickly and confidently deliver financial and compliance reporting with a single source of data from across the institution

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All in all we can say that the project has brought us a long way. Now we can really be sure that our data is correct. It feels good to know that data reliability is ensured at all times. In addition, we gained a lot of quality time, which we now can use for the essential tasks.”

Lukas Feldhofer, Finance & Controlling, FH St. Pölten

Customer success story: FH St. Pölten

Impacts



DATA RELIABILITY

FH St. Pölten can now always be sure to have correct data in their system

**30 days/
year**

TIME SAVINGS

Up to 30 man-days per year can now be put to much better use



EMPOWERED TEAMS

Release from ineffective processes frees up more time to make a real difference

FH St. Pölten had reached the limits of what it could achieve with spreadsheets. The team were looking for an integrated business software solution to plan the working hours and salaries of employees and student employees, to allocate and balance subsidies, to plan budgets and to manage projects.

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Why Unit4 for education?

With years of experience of working with the education section we have built a deep understanding of your needs, and best practices for implementations that deliver the desired results and functionality from day one.



Out-of-the-box functionality delivered through a single platform



Finance & Accounting

- Supplier payments process
- Sales orders, recurring billing and invoicing
- Debt recovery
- Bank reconciliation
- Asset management
- Auditability, reporting and control



Budgeting & Planning

- Operational budgeting
- Operational forecasting
- End-to-end process governance
- Scenario planning



Program Management

- Capital program creation
- Project initiation and budgeting
- Project implementation
- Project monitoring, time recording and reporting
- Project forecasting



HCM

- Organizational design
- Recruitment and onboarding
- Absence management
- Payroll*, compensation and benefits
- Travel and expenses
- Learning and talent tools



Procurement

- Supplier management
- Contract and product catalog management
- End-to-end purchasing process and governance
- Funds checking

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We had very specific requests, but all of the challenging things we put forward were met head-on with confidence and a feeling of partnership from Unit4.”

Gary Leier, CFO, Selkirk College



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