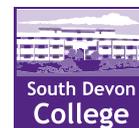


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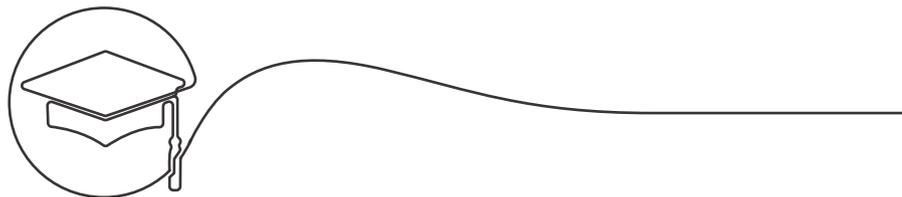
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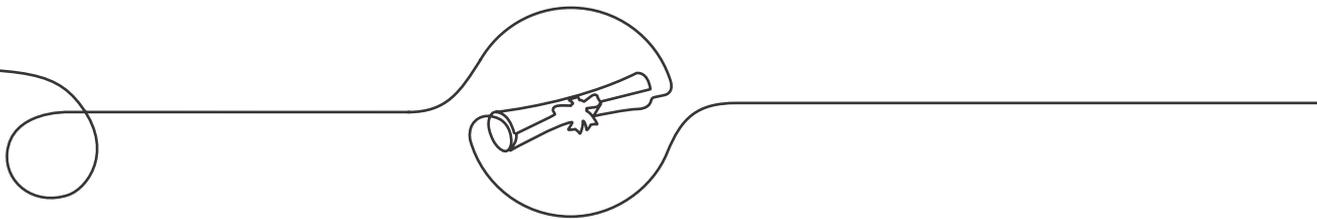
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WELCOME

TO SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE



I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to university study at South Devon College, and thank you for considering us as the people to help you achieve your goals.

Here at the College, everything is centred on your experience as a student, and helping you make the most of your time here. We have an unwavering passion for learning, and take great pride in our programmes of study. They offer a wide range of opportunities that enable you to progress into employment and give you the platform to excel.

We received a glowing report from the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) based on results from a 4-day Higher Education Review in 2015. The report rates South Devon College as one of the leading quality colleges for studying Higher Education. The College received 2 official commendations, which is the highest level awarded to a college in the South West, and is the benchmark of exceptional quality.

We maintain the very highest academic standards and ensure that we support your personal development, as well as your wider graduate skills. As a top-ranking institution in England for student satisfaction, we work incredibly closely with our students, so you can be sure that not only will we meet your needs, but that your voice can be heard too.

We deliver all of our Higher Education programmes in partnership with Plymouth University, with whom we share an incredibly strong relationship.

This means that you will be gaining a prestigious qualification from a first-class institution that's recognised by employers worldwide. You will also have the opportunity to progress to the third year of an associated course, either here at the College, or at Plymouth University.

We take great pride in the success of our students, and I speak from experience when I say that our tutors and lecturers find no greater satisfaction than seeing our past students go on to achieve great and remarkable things, which happens year after year.

So, please feel free to visit our campus by attending one of our open days, and see for yourself how we can help shape your future. I'm confident that you will be impressed by everything that we have to offer, and will see that we can support you to succeed. Thank you, once again, for considering us, and I look forward to welcoming you in September 2018.



STEPHEN CRIDDLE

Principal of South Devon College



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5 REASONS TO STUDY AT SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE



Our degrees have been designed to help you not just progress into employment, but to develop the skills you need to excel in your chosen career.

Our students' opinions and feedback define everything that we do. This is why our university provision focuses on 5 key principles, which our students have identified as most important to them.

There are countless reasons to study with us, but we think that these are what make us a unique Higher Education institution and the best place for you to study your degree.



LOCALITY

We offer a platform to achieve your goals here in the South West. Our curriculum is developed with employers to ensure that you develop graduate skills that the local employment market requires. You'll not only save money by staying closer to home, but play your part in ensuring the prosperity of South Devon, and beyond.



SUPPORT

A key feature of our university programmes is the exceptional support we provide for students. We are passionate about providing dedicated and bespoke support services to help you make the most of your time here and to maximise your potential. We have an experienced team who offer a range of services, and regular 1:1 contact time with your personal tutor guarantees your professional and personal development.



ACCESSIBILITY

We hold the principles of equality and opportunity for all in the highest regard. That's why our degrees are designed to be accessible for anyone, regardless of your personal circumstances. We endeavour to make reasonable adjustments and remove any barriers to your learning. We also offer more flexible timetables than other institutions to minimise the impact studying has on your personal life and responsibilities.



COMMUNITY

The success and wellbeing of every student is important to us. When you study with South Devon College, you will be part of our community, which is built upon a supportive culture of excellence. Because our programmes are delivered in partnership with Plymouth University, you will also be a member of their student body, in addition to being embedded within local businesses and communities as part of your programme of study.



EXCELLENCE

When you put all of this together, it results in an excellent learning environment that gives you every opportunity to excel. The numbers and statistics are evidence of this; we pride ourselves in consistently ranking above the national Higher Education benchmark in the National Student Survey. We work with you, the student, and by sharing our passion for success and excellence we can help you achieve your goals.





LOCALITY

Studying at South Devon College gives you the opportunity to gain a top-quality degree in the heart of Torbay, ensuring that you can achieve your ambitions, but also keep your studies affordable and within a budget.

We also work extremely closely with local businesses and organisations in a variety of ways to guarantee that our curriculum remains relevant to future employment opportunities. Our Foundation Degrees are designed with their input, so the skills you learn are in high demand in industry and will drastically increase your job prospects when you graduate.

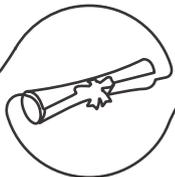
Our work with employers helps the brightest and best talent realise their potential here in South Devon, making them the cornerstone of economic growth in the local economy. With a multitude of projects planned or already underway in the South West, there have never been more opportunities for graduates, as businesses seek skilled practitioners in the local area.

Healthcare Practice students will find themselves embedded within the Torbay and South Devon NHS Trust; Animal Science students could be working with local zoos; Digital and Media students develop live briefs for local enterprises such as Living Coasts; whilst Engineering and Construction students participate in restoration projects at heritage sites of regional significance.

Our entire curriculum has opportunities for work experience so you can develop true practical skills, as well as making valuable contacts with employers to get an early foothold in industry.

If you're local to Torbay, studying at home could save you more than £6,000 per year* by reducing your living, travel and rent costs. It means you won't have to put your life on hold while you're studying, and makes getting a degree convenient, manageable and affordable. You will still be getting the full university experience, but with the benefit of being able to balance your family, work and social commitments.

*Figures calculated based on average living costs and rent prices









SUPPORT

We believe that every student should have dedicated and regular access to the support they need to graduate and achieve their goals. This is why we have an experienced support team, who offer a full range of services and provide guidance so that you know exactly who can help you and how.

Our support services have been designed to help you on both a professional and personal level. When you graduate, you'll have a highly advanced skill set that includes technical and practical skills, as well as transferable academic and research techniques designed to help you when you enter employment.

PERSONAL TUTORS

We regard the amount of time that you spend with your tutor as paramount, not just to your learning, but also to your personal and professional development. We pride ourselves on having smaller, more focused class sizes, as well as extensive 1:1 tutorials – allowing you to have dedicated contact time with your tutor and ensuring that you always know what your next step will be.

Your personal tutor will support you with issues relating to your academic study as well as pastoral support and personal development.

All of our staff members are either active practitioners in their field of specialism, or have strong links within industry, making them perfectly placed to advise you on career and progression opportunities when you graduate.

Our supportive and close-knit learning environment means that tutors don't just take an interest in your success at the College, but also in all of your personal and future endeavours.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The College welcomes students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties. We will make reasonable adjustments to support students where necessary, providing assistance with access requests and needs. Our support team will also give you guidance on additional financial support, such as the Disabled Students' Allowance, and will assist with the application process to ensure that you can concentrate fully on your studies.



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ACCESSIBILITY

Our university-level programmes are designed to be accessible for all. Whatever your personal circumstances, you can find a mode of study that helps you achieve your aspirations without having to make sacrifices.

We make studying for a degree achievable by ensuring that you're in university for no more than 3 days each week. This means that you'll be able to commit more time to pursuits or responsibilities in your personal life whilst managing your studies. In addition, most of our courses can be studied part-time, which makes studying even more flexible.

Travelling to College is very easy. We have ample parking at affordable rates, with excellent public transport links. The College is a dedicated stop on various bus services, so wherever you are in South Devon, getting here won't be a problem. The College remains committed to providing equal opportunities for all, and can make reasonable adjustments to help support students where necessary. So, if you have any concerns or issues that you believe may impact your learning, the College can work with you to create a tailored support programme.

If you are responsible for young children, the South Devon College site has access to Mama Bear's Day Nursery and Pre-School, which offers affordable and high-quality childcare. Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, Mama Bear's can provide childcare for children aged from 3 months to 5 years, which means you can focus on your studies in the knowledge that your child is cared for in a safe, friendly and stimulating environment.

In short, our dedicated and extensive support systems and networks mean that whatever your situation, we can remove the barriers to your learning and give you the platform to excel in your chosen career.







The world is full of people. The wise concentrate themselves.

Fire exit



COMMUNITY

By studying with us, you won't just be a number at the top of an exam paper. You will belong to the South Devon College community – one that drives excellence in everything that it does, and challenges you every day.

SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE

The College is nationally recognised as a leading Further and Higher Education institution. Here at the University Centre, we take great pride in providing an environment that will inspire you to further your career goals and aspirations, and give you every opportunity to achieve the highest levels of success in your chosen field.

We provide tailored support, with employer-focused curriculums delivered by industry experts, giving you all the tools to succeed.

Underlying this is a culture of challenge and excellence, which spreads throughout the entire College, from the tutors and staff members to your peers, whose support will be invaluable. Your learning won't be limited to the 4 walls of a classroom; each day will be an opportunity to grow, not just academically and professionally, but personally too.

The student experience is at the heart of everything we do. We believe that by providing a close-knit community that nurtures your talent, you'll be able not only to further your career, but also to have the opportunity to give something back and have a positive, lasting impact in whatever you choose to do when you graduate.

SOUTH DEVON

During your time at the College, you may be a part of the wider business community of South Devon, developing valuable links with local employers. Businesses play an integral part in the design of our degree programmes by identifying the skills our graduates need to succeed in the workplace and make the biggest possible impact on the local economy. So, when you graduate from South Devon College, you can enter the job market knowing your skills are sought after in local industry.

Whilst studying, you could have the opportunity to work on a project for a local business, get inspiration from an industry expert, or learn the skills needed to make a real difference for a company when you graduate.

Whatever your level of involvement and wherever your passion lies, studying at South Devon College means you will have a positive effect on the local community, and ensure its future prosperity.

PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

All of our Higher Education programmes are delivered in partnership with Plymouth University. This means you will also be a part of the student body at a world-class university, which has a track record of excellence. Qualifications awarded by Plymouth University are prestigious and recognised as being of the highest quality, both nationally and internationally, which means you'll stand out as a skilled practitioner in your field.

Our partnership with Plymouth University is founded on a shared belief in providing inclusive, high-quality learning opportunities that are co-designed, co-delivered and co-monitored, to ensure you receive the best education and support possible.

You'll have access to the extensive resources of both South Devon College and Plymouth University, including Plymouth University's Student Portal, library catalogue and study skills materials, as well as the Students' Union, making the entire university experience accessible.





EXCELLENCE

Those 4 reasons combine to give you an exceptional university learning experience, focused on your development and success. But don't just take our word for it. Come and see for yourself why the University Centre at South Devon College should be your first choice to study locally.

NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY

The National Student Survey* asks final year undergraduates throughout the country to provide feedback on their course.

In 2016 we scored fantastically well once again, with 84% of students satisfied with their course, compared to the average of 80% for all Higher Education institutions in England. This was the fourth year in succession that we have ranked above the national benchmark.

The survey is divided into 6 areas relating to the student experience, and we excelled in 4 categories. We take great pride in these fantastic results, as they are a tremendous endorsement from the people whose opinion matters most to us – our students.

The National Student Survey results are publicly available and help you make an informed choice of where and what to study. If you would like to view our results in more detail please visit unistats.direct.gov.uk.

DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION SURVEY

The Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey analyses what students go on to do after their studies, and helps us measure our (and more importantly, their) success. As you would expect, our students went on to achieve bigger and better things after graduating, making the most of their extensive and advanced skill set.

The survey showed that 94% of students had progressed to a positive destination, whether that was full- or part-time employment or further studies. This confirms the value of our employer-led curriculum, which provides you with the skills and qualities to find employment when you graduate from your course.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (QAA)



In 2015, the College was commended for its exceptional university provision, receiving a glowing

report from a Higher Education Review completed by the QAA.

The report rates South Devon College as one of the leading quality colleges for studying Higher Education, receiving two official commendations, the highest level awarded in the South West. These commendations were for the 'quality of student learning opportunities' and the 'enhancement of student learning opportunities', whilst also highlighting another 8 areas of good practice.



*National Student Survey undertaken in Spring 2016

91%

of students were satisfied with the teaching on their course, compared to the average of 87%

94%

of staff are enthusiastic about what they are teaching, compared to a national average of 88%

83%

of students were satisfied with their personal development during their studies, compared to the average of 82%

85%

of students were satisfied with their academic support, compared to the average of 82%



FACILITIES

Our facilities create an exceptional learning environment, which helps you realise your full potential and achieve your goals.

All of your lecture rooms are equipped for university study, with state-of-the-art projection and audio technology as standard. You'll also have direct access to our library, where we have an extensive range of learning resources, in addition to those available at Plymouth University.

YOU'LL HAVE ACCESS TO:

- 1,200 computers
- 29,000 books
- Campus-wide wireless network
- A comprehensive catalogue of e-books, journals, newspapers and electronic resources
- A virtual learning portal
- A personal email account
- 24-hour access to Plymouth University libraries, 365 days a year

OUR WIDER FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- 2 cafés dedicated to university students
- 5 other eateries on campus
- Dedicated Higher Education social study space
- Hairdressing and beauty therapy salon, 'Inspirations'
- Fine dining restaurant, 'Horizons'
- Gym and fitness suite
- Weekly fitness classes
- Mama Bear's Day Nursery for students with young children

All of our facilities have been designed to ensure that you can study and develop at your own pace. They provide a comfortable environment to suit your learning style, with all the necessary resources available to you.

THE STUDENT VOICE

We listen to you – the student – and place great importance on your experience at the College. We give you the opportunity to voice your opinions and feedback so that you can contribute to the ongoing development of our courses and, in particular, your programme of study.

The student voice is incredibly valuable, forming part of a community that promotes excellence, challenges conventional thinking and offers innovative new ideas and approaches. We encourage every university student to be actively involved in our student body, and provide a range of activities so you can have your say.

In addition to the social aspect of being part of the South Devon College community, you will also have the opportunity to join the University Student Committee as an elected course representative. Course representatives meet throughout the academic year to discuss important issues and share good practice, to help students develop professionally.

As a course representative, you'll also benefit from a number of enrichment events arranged by organisations such as the National Union of Students (NUS), broadening your experiences and enhancing your CV.

There are many other ways to get your voice heard and have a positive impact during your studies. As a university student with the College, you are automatically a part of the University of Plymouth Students' Union (UPSU).

As well as benefiting from the range of support and social activities that come with being a Plymouth University student, you can also participate in various forums that are designed to recognise the collective voice of students studying their degree away from the Campus or at a partner institution, such as South Devon College.

As students at South Devon College we are part of an organisation that truly values the opinions of their students. My role as Higher Education Student Representative is to ensure that the concerns, opinions and ideas of the students are heard.

I aim to maintain the already well-established link between the College and student body by chairing course representative meetings and attending governor meetings. Both of which are fantastic ways of allowing discussion and the collaboration of ideas.

Personally, this role is an exciting and challenging new experience for me – it has already allowed me to develop my organisation, communication and professional skills. I have already seen positive changes happen as a result of course representative meetings and look forward to aiding in the development of the College within this role.

It is comforting as a student to be part of a College that does not limit the reach of the student voice.

KELSEY FLYNN - HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
**PLYMOUTH
UNIVERSITY**



Plymouth University is renowned for high quality, internationally-leading education, research and innovation.

With a mission to Advance Knowledge and Transform Lives, Plymouth is a *top 50 research university with clusters of world class research across a wide range of disciplines including marine science and engineering, medicine, robotics and psychology. A twice winner of the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher Education, the University continues to grow in stature and reputation.

Plymouth has a strong track record for teaching and learning excellence, and has one of the highest numbers of National Teaching Fellows of any UK university. As a South Devon College student studying on a partnership course with Plymouth University, you are part of a wider community of 15,000 Plymouth students studying off campus at one of 30 partner institutions.

South Devon College is a member of the University's partner college network, bringing university-level courses to students across the South West. The partnership works closely with employers to develop degrees and other higher-level qualifications designed to increase student employment and career progression prospects.

We offer Higher Education courses awarded by Plymouth University. Our Foundation Degrees usually have at least one built-in progression route to an Honours Degree (often 1-year courses are available at the University, or in some cases, another institution). Please note: there is a deadline of 15 January for applications, and places may be subject to availability. If you are progressing to Plymouth University, please check the fees with the University as these will be different from your current fees.

As a partner college student, you can access online University services, use its library, electronic resources and learning support materials through its web-based student portal (including information and support from its Careers & Employability Service) and receive vacancies via its job website. As a member of its Students' Union (UPSU), you can access sports clubs, societies, the advice service, NUS Extra student discount card, volunteering opportunities, student representation and University sports facilities.

*Research Fortnight Research Power League Table 2014

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YOUR QUALIFICATION EXPLAINED

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (HNC) – LEVEL 4

Higher National Certificates (HNCs) are vocational qualifications designed to develop practical as well as theoretical skills and knowledge. They focus on equipping you with a practical understanding of your chosen subject and can lead directly to employment in specific industries; they may also count towards membership of professional bodies and other employer organisations. Upon successful completion of the HNC you can progress onto the related Foundation Degree at South Devon College.

FOUNDATION DEGREE (FdA AND FdSc) – LEVEL 5

A Foundation Degree is a degree-level qualification that takes 2 years to complete, and is equivalent to the first 2 years of a traditional Honours Degree. Foundation Degrees focus on relevant, work-based skills within a particular career route or profession, and are designed to increase employability and progression opportunities.

More and more people are recognising that Foundation Degrees are one of the quickest and most direct routes to the high-level vocational skills required in the working world. Because employers are involved in the development of Foundation Degree programmes, they ensure you are ready for employment when you complete your studies.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE (BA [HONS] AND BSc [HONS]) – LEVEL 6

At the end of a Foundation Degree you have the option to 'top-up' your qualification with an additional third year of study to convert it into a Full Honours Degree. We offer a range of Bachelor's top-up courses for you to consider, or you could progress to Plymouth University where you will be guaranteed an interview for an associated top-up course. Please note there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

A Bachelor's Degree generally introduces you to new skills and research methods that employers will value, and is widely seen as a mark of intellectual ability and potential in the employment market.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We consider a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and assess every application on its own merit. This means that if you don't meet the specified requirements, you may still be able to study with us.

You should be able to demonstrate an appropriate level of numeracy and literacy, and your overall ability to complete the course is a deciding factor.

FOUNDATION DEGREES

As a guide, to receive an offer for a Foundation Degree, you will require between 48 and 60 UCAS points. These points can be gained from A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diplomas and equivalent qualifications.

If you are starting a course in 2018, the UCAS entry criteria are:

Points	A Level Grade	BTEC Sub. Dip
48	A	D
40	B	
32	C	M
24	D	
16	E	P

Points	BTEC 90 Credit Diploma
78	D*D
72	DD
60	DM
48	MM
36	MP

BACHELOR'S DEGREES AND TOP-UP PROGRAMMES

To progress to a top-up programme you will need 240 credits from a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject area.

RECOGNISING PRIOR LEARNING

We welcome applications from students of all ages, regardless of previous academic achievements. We assess each student's suitability individually, and take into account previous experience.

People learn and develop skills throughout their lives, and in varying contexts. We understand that this can be just as valuable as academic study, but harder to prove. This is why we give you the opportunity to use all of your prior learning and experience when you apply for a course. You can show this through statements from employers, personal development plans and reflective commentaries.

So, if you don't have the formal accreditation or qualifications required, but do have relevant past experience, you could still be accepted onto your course.

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND RETURN TO LEARN

If you don't feel quite ready for university study, an Access to Higher Education course may be perfect for you. These are intensive, 1-year programmes that are designed to prepare you for studying at university level.

They can also update your academic skills if you are returning to education, and provide the opportunity to fill any gaps in your application, such as retaking English and Mathematics GCSEs if you did not originally achieve a C grade or higher.

Return to Learn courses take slightly less time to complete, and are suitable for adults returning to education after an extended period of time. They are designed to build your confidence and reintroduce you to academic study in a manageable and achievable way. This will prepare you for an Access to Higher Education course, before continuing to university study.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT ACCESS TO HIGHER
EDUCATION COURSES, VISIT
SDC.CAREERS/ACCESS.

FUNDING AND FEES

Studying for a university degree doesn't have to be a daunting financial proposition. Our degrees are affordable but still offer first-class facilities and teaching, enabling you to gain a prestigious degree and save money at the same time.

We offer various bursary packages, as well as the full package of loan and grant funding available from Student Finance England, so you can be comfortable with your decision to study with us.

BURSARIES

We are committed to supporting our university students with a number of bursary packages, which you will receive if you meet particular criteria. Bursaries, which are not repaid, are awarded in addition to any grants, loans or funding received through Student Finance England.

Every full-time university student at the College will automatically receive the £200 University Centre Bursary when they start their studies.

You may also be entitled to an additional bursary of either £400 or £600, depending on your personal circumstances.

To receive an additional bursary you will need to apply via UCAS before 15 January 2018, accept South Devon College as your firm offer and make a bursary application with the College directly. For more information and to see if you are eligible, visit sdc.careers/bursary.

TUITION FEES

You will never be expected to pay for your tuition immediately. Instead, your tuition is covered by a fee loan, which is paid directly to the College on your behalf by Student Finance England. You will only be expected to begin repaying this loan when you have completed your studies and are earning over £21,000 per year. Fees for students joining us in 2018 are currently under review; however, as a guide, our tuition fees for full-time students in 2017/18 were £7,710 per year.

Please note that if you are progressing to study at Plymouth University after successfully completing a course at the College, the fees for the course you are progressing to will be different from your College course fees. Please check with the University for up-to-date fees for the course you are interested in.

LIVING COST (MAINTENANCE) LOANS

Your household income	Living at home	Living away from home
£25,000 or less	£7097	£8,430
£30,000	£6,322	£7,612
£35,000	£5,740	£7,023
£40,000	£5,158	£6,434
£45,000	£4,576	£5,845
£50,000	£3,994	£5,265
£55,000	£3,412	£4,667

MAINTENANCE LOAN

The maintenance loan is intended to help you with living costs during your studies. The basic rate of Maintenance Loan doesn't depend on your household income but if you apply for more it does. The Maintenance Loan has to be paid back but not until your income is over £21,000 a year. The maximum loan available for students (living away from home and studying outside of London) in 2017/18 was £8,430 per year.

EXTRA HELP

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) are available to students who have extra costs as a direct result of a disability, including a mental health condition or specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia or dyspraxia. DSAs don't depend on household income.

This helps with childcare costs for students with dependent children in registered or approved childcare. The children must be aged under 15 at the beginning of the academic year. Depending on their household income, you can apply for 85% of your actual childcare costs during term times and holidays.

Parents' Learning Allowances (PLAs) help with course-related costs if you have dependent children.

More information on this extra help can be found at www.gov.uk/studentfinance.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Some courses may incur additional costs. These will be confirmed to you during the application process and are not compulsory for the completion of the course.



REPAYMENTS

You will not repay your fee or maintenance loan until you are earning more than £21,000 per year. If you are earning less than this you will not need to pay anything. Repayments begin in the April after you graduate, but only if you meet the financial criteria.

Repayments are charged at a rate of 9% of any additional salary over the £21,000 threshold. Interest is charged from the day the first payment is made to you until the loan is repaid or written off. Any loan remaining after 30 years is written off entirely.

For example, if you are earning £27,000 after you graduate, you will make repayments on the £6,000 above the £21,000 threshold. The amount you pay is calculated as 9% of this income, meaning you would repay £540 per year, or £10.38 a week – about the cost of a pizza!

The table on the right is a useful reference to see how much you can expect to repay on various incomes.

APPLYING FOR STUDENT FINANCE



Winter 2017 – Find out how much funding you are eligible for by using the student finance calculator at gov.uk/student-finance-calculator.



Early 2018 – Apply for student finance online at gov.uk/studentfinance. You do not need to have accepted a place to apply.



Spring 2018 – If you haven't already, make sure you apply for student finance before the deadline in May to ensure you receive your funding at the start of the term.



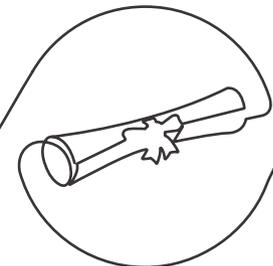
Summer 2018 – You will receive a student finance entitlement letter that details what finance you will get. Sign this and return your student finance declaration form.



September 2018 – Begin your studies and register your student finance with the College – you will not receive a payment until you do this.

YOUR REPAYMENTS EXPLAINED

Your annual salary (before tax)	Your monthly salary (before tax)	Your approx. monthly repayment
£21,000 or less	£1,750	£0
£24,000	£2,000	£22
£27,000	£2,250	£45
£30,000	£2,500	£67
£33,000	£2,750	£90
£36,000	£3,000	£112
£40,000	£3,333	£142





FULL-TIME COURSES

The application deadline for full-time courses is 15 January 2018. However, if you miss this, you can still apply until 30 June 2018, although you may not be guaranteed a place. You can apply for up to 5 different courses in your UCAS application.

PART-TIME COURSES

Applications for part-time courses are handled differently to full-time ones, and are not made through UCAS. All applications for part-time courses should be made directly to the College by contacting the team on 08000 21 31 81 or emailing university@southdevon.ac.uk.



HOW TO APPLY



Decide on your preferred course in this prospectus and online. Check to see if your qualifications match those required for your course.



Register with UCAS and complete your application form online at www.ucas.com.



Apply for student finance. You do not need to have accepted an offer to apply, and the earlier you can do this, the better.



From January 2018 you will be informed of the College's decision. Some applicants may need to attend an interview prior to a formal offer being made.



If successful, you will be invited to attend an 'Applicant Event'. This will give you the opportunity to see the University Centre in more detail.



Once you have your results (or if you already have them) you will need to send a copy of your certificates to the admissions office.



After getting your result certificates, you will receive a letter notifying you of the College's decision. This will also be available to view through the UCAS website.



Celebrate, and prepare for your studies to start in September!

ARTS

COURSES

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The learning environment at South Devon College is excellent, and provides you with the tools and support to succeed. I enjoyed all aspects of the course, particularly our field trips to Berlin, Budapest and London. I have now progressed to my third year of study towards a Full Honours Degree, and I look forward to applying the skills I have developed in industry.

- CHRIS BEDFORD
FdA ILLUSTRATION ARTS

The tutors are incredible; the way they teach is inspirational and really makes you dig deep inside of yourself to achieve things you didn't think were possible.

- KRISTINA COLES
FdA FASHION AND TEXTILES



£685

The average weekly salary of a graduate in drama or performance in the South West

8,928

The projected number of jobs in drama or performance in the South West by 2022

24%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA DRAMA, PERFORMANCE AND ARTS MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree prepares you for a range of creative and management careers within theatre, the community and arts management. You will become a confident practitioner with a variety of skills that cover multiple disciplines, and be capable of responding and adapting to professional practice.

During your studies you will explore various performance techniques and methods whilst developing the skills necessary to engage with audiences and create high-quality performance events. You will also explore how to facilitate, set up and manage a wide range of arts-based events.

The course will open up a number of career opportunities to you, thanks to the strong links the teaching team has with modern industry. By developing a broad skill set, as well as various transferable skills relevant to employment, you will be well-equipped to succeed in a range of fields and specialisms upon completion.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

You may also be required to attend an audition as part of the application process.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Production planning, design and technology
- Community performance and events
- Contextual studies
- Professional practice
- Final major project

This course will allow you to explore your own creativity and approach to performance. You will perform before public audiences, take part in a film, participate in community theatre and organise projects. You may have the opportunity to attend trips to theatre venues and be heavily involved in both the technical production and performance of theatrical events.

You will be encouraged and supported in securing valuable practical experience, taking up opportunities to work with organisations and professionals in industry. This will broaden your experiences, enhance your skill set and help you create a network of professional contacts and opportunities.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BA (Hons) Theatre and Performance degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

The course also prepares you for self-employment, with many graduates now acting, directing and managing performance events. Alternatively, you could gain employment in a more corporate business setting, in fields such as marketing and training.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Theatre director
- Events manager
- Performer (actor, singer, dancer)
- Community arts worker

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

WN48

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





£28,080

The average annual salary of a product or clothing designer in the South West

10%

The projected growth in jobs in product or clothing design in the South West by 2022

26%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in textile trades and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA FASHION WITH TEXTILES

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree is a practical exploration of fashion and textiles design, where you will develop skills relating to fashion, design, visualisation, pattern construction, texture, surface and printed textiles.

During this course you will produce a wide-ranging body of work, which will evidence your professional capabilities and prepare you for employment. Using the skills you have developed, you will have the opportunity to create high-quality personal and individual collections.

The course has a strong focus on employability, and ensures that you gain the essential skills required to work in the fashion and textiles industry upon completion. You will be encouraged to work independently, and by exploring the potential of small businesses and self-employment, you will have a broad range of career opportunities when you graduate.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

You may also be required to provide a portfolio of work as part of the application process.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Creative development
- Fashion and textiles production
- The collection
- Image and style

During your first year of study you will learn through a series of fashion and textiles workshops, design processes and theories. In addition to this, you will also focus on areas of drawing, visual communication and contextual studies. This will enable you to begin creating an experimental and diverse body of work during your studies.

In the second year you will begin to work more independently, as you grow in confidence and discover your professional voice and style.

There may also be the opportunity to showcase your final collection of work through exhibitions and a runway performance.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of an appropriate course at another institution.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

You could also consider self-employment, or working in various fields, such as fashion design, marketing, styling and purchasing.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Fashion designer
- Product manager
- Visual stylist
- Fashion merchandiser

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

OP4K

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





£28,600

The average annual salary of an artist in the South West

£690

The average weekly wage of an arts officer, producer or director in the South West

441

The projected number of new jobs to be created for artists in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA ILLUSTRATION ARTS

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree will provide you with a broad range of skills that will enable you to become an independent and capable illustrator. It will address the practical and professional requirements necessary to succeed in illustration practice, whilst developing an experimental approach to visual communication.

The course considers a variety of relevant fields of illustration, including: editorial, reportage, merchandising, publishing and narrative image making (comic arts, graphic novels and picture books). You can explore areas such as character development, typography, book design and visual expression. Practical areas include drawing, printmaking, bookbinding and digital skills.

Drawing is a central component of the course and is seen as critical to the development of your ideas and practical skills. You will explore contemporary and traditional approaches to drawing and illustration, working both on location and in the studio. The range of skills you develop will help you build a comprehensive, high-quality portfolio of work, where you will find your own personal and professional voice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

You may also be required to provide a portfolio of work as part of the application process.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Drawing
- The digital environment
- Sequence and narrative
- Image and expression

The majority of this course is delivered through project-based learning. You will be actively involved in industry by participating in live projects, whilst potentially entering competitions on a regional and national scale. The course consists of various teaching and learning methods, including lectures, seminars, practical demonstrations and workshop sessions.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BA (Hons) Illustration degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could explore freelance illustration opportunities or employment within a wide range of contexts, including:

- Publishing (children's books, comics and graphic novels)
- Advertising
- Merchandising
- Packaging

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

W213

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available



COMPUTING AND ENGINEERING

COURSES

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One of the main reasons I applied to study at South Devon College was because of the marine facilities, which are second to none; you'd really struggle to find anywhere that can match them. Working on such a variety of craft is beneficial, and helps you develop experience across a broad range of vessels.

- RICHARD SMITH
FdSc MARINE TECHNOLOGIES

The FdSc Computing course was recommended to me, and the broad range of subjects covered made it a fantastic way of developing my skills.

I received excellent support from my tutors, who were always helpful, and there were valuable vocational trips, such as visiting technology conventions in London.

- LUKE MILLS
FdSc/HNC COMPUTING

*Subject to approval

£830

The average weekly wage of a IT system designer in the South West

£30,160

The average annual salary of a web design and development professional in the South West

24,223

The projected number of jobs in programming and software development in the South West by 2022



FdSc/HNC COMPUTING

OVERVIEW

The digital technologies and solutions industries are dynamic, fast-moving and constantly in need of qualified professionals. This Foundation Degree equips you with the skills that employers seek in graduates in regard to managing digital technologies and producing digital solutions, and will open up opportunities for you in both the public and private sectors, not just in the UK but all over the world.

The course reflects industry trends with a mix of programming paradigms, networking and security, client and server web development, app development and various other topics, all of which are relevant to the modern industry. This will enable you to progress and succeed within today's digital technology sector by ensuring that you can readily transition into professional practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Network solution management
- Database design and implementation
- Creating digital solutions for the web
- Cyber-security analysis and forensics
- Mobile technology development

This course is delivered by an experienced teaching team, who regularly monitor and update it to reflect industry trends, ensuring you gain valuable skills that are relevant to employment. You will learn in small classes where there is an emphasis on support, which will enable you to make the most of your studies and succeed in your career.

The course consists of a core curriculum that includes lectures, presentations, class discussion and project work. You will be taught in our specialist computing lab, which provides access to current Cisco networking equipment and the latest industry-standard software, including packages from Adobe, Microsoft and Open Source alternatives.

Assessment is assignment-based, usually comprising reports on practical work, such as programming or networking. There are also additional sessions that focus on employability and study skills.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Computing degree at Plymouth University.

Please note there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could consider employment in areas such as systems analysis, programming, database development, network administration, web technologies and programming for mobile and entertainment systems.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Web solutions developer
- Software engineer
- Systems/network support analyst
- Network engineer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

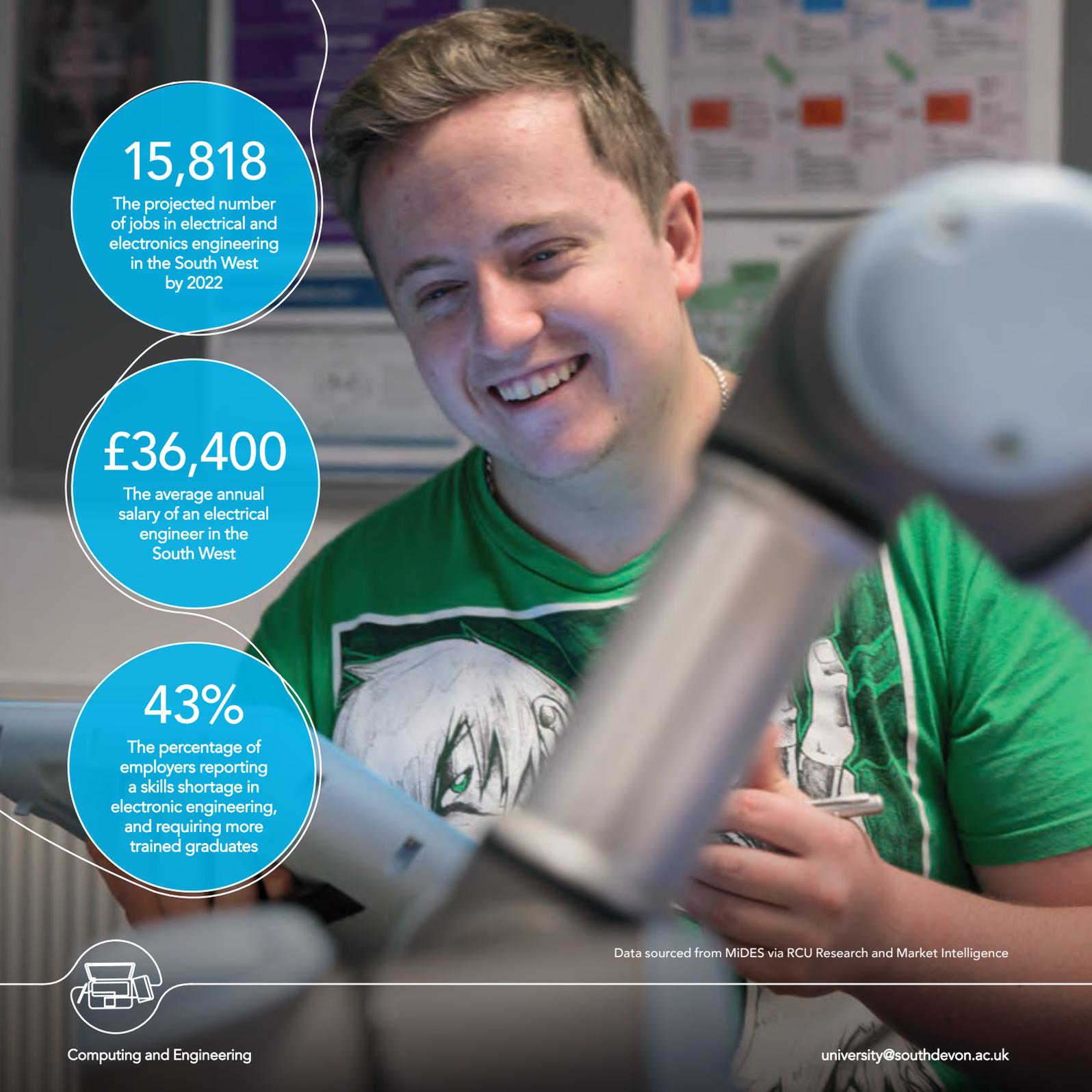
UCAS CODE

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MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





15,818

The projected number of jobs in electrical and electronics engineering in the South West by 2022

£36,400

The average annual salary of an electrical engineer in the South West

43%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in electronic engineering, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc/HNC ELECTRONICS AND ROBOTIC CONTROL ENGINEERING*

OVERVIEW

Technology and robotics are set to drastically alter the national job market over the next few decades, as automated systems become more advanced and take on a greater role across all sectors and industries. This will mean that the growing robotics industry will require a new wave of skilled technicians who can manage these increasingly sophisticated systems.

Embedded intelligence is even beginning to extend beyond industrial and military applications; products ranging from cars to domestic appliances are reliant on intelligent systems. In the future, robots will be a part of everyday life, in healthcare, education and even entertainment, meaning there will be more opportunities than ever before for skilled graduates.

The course incorporates a Higher National Certificate (HNC) as part of the first year of study, and is available as a full-time or part-time programme of study. There are flexible delivery options to ensure minimal impact on your existing responsibilities, including employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Embedded control
- Digital electronics
- Robotics build project

You will be taught through a variety of teaching methods, with lots of practical activity to develop skills needed for industry. You will attend seminars, tutorials and laboratory sessions, using our industry-standard equipment.

Our electronics laboratories feature industry-standard circuit development and simulation software, NI ELVIS prototyping systems, a fully equipped Schneider-sponsored industrial control suite and embedded controllers.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Robotics or the BSc (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering degrees at Plymouth University (subject to approval).

Please note there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

With increased opportunities in the robotic industry, you could also consider immediate employment in a variety of sectors when you graduate.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Robotics software engineer
- Electronic engineer
- Automation engineer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

68C5

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





£46,280

The average annual salary of a mechanical engineer in the South West

68%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in engineering, and requiring more trained graduates

10,956

The projected number of jobs in mechanical engineering in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc/HNC MANUFACTURING AND MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING*

OVERVIEW

This engineering qualification will prepare you to join the growing world of technology by developing the skills you'll need to succeed and enhancing your career prospects. The programme has been developed in response to the requirements of employers, both locally and worldwide, to provide the skills that a new generation of engineers require.

You will learn in our fully equipped workshops and additive manufacturing suite, which includes computer numerically controlled (CNC) machines, computer-aided design (CAD) software and our industry-standard 3D printers.

The course incorporates a Higher National Certificate (HNC) (see page 20), as part of the first year of study, and is available as a full-time or part-time programme of study. There are flexible delivery options to ensure minimal impact on your existing responsibilities, including employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Product design with CAD/CAM
- Materials
- Mechanical science

You will be taught through a variety of methods, which will vary by module. These will include tutorials, laboratory work, and practical tasks on industry-standard software and industrial equipment.

Our engineering workshops feature CNC machines; CAD software; 3D printers; centre lathes; vertical, horizontal and universal milling machines; and a fully equipped grinding section. This provides the opportunity, to engage in hands-on practical activities to enhance taught subjects.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Mechanical Design and Manufacture degree at Plymouth University (subject to approval).

Please note there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Mechanical engineers develop a huge range of products and services across many industries, which means that you could also consider immediate employment in a range of sectors as varied as medical engineering, aerospace and automotive design or energy utilities.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Mechanical engineer
- CNC programmer
- CAD designer
- Production engineer
- Engineering technician

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

87G5

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available



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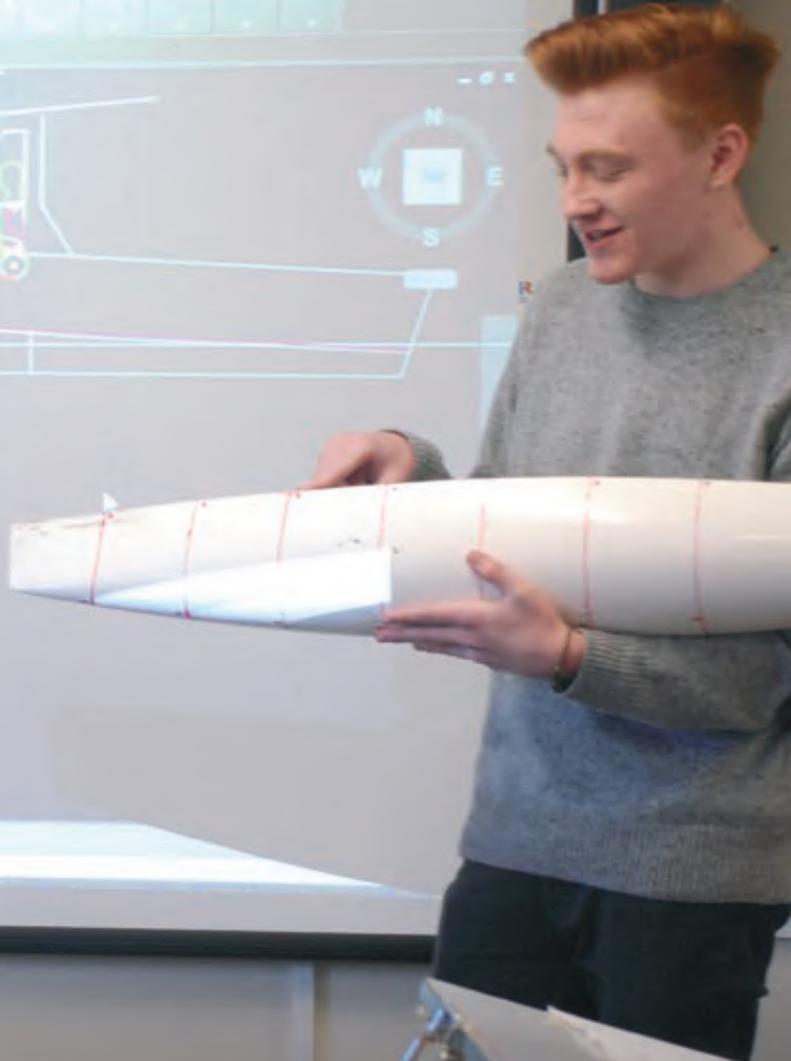
The number of vessels South Devon College Marine Academy has access to for research and development

£41,080

The average annual salary of a design and development engineer in the South West

37%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in boat building and repairs, and requiring more trained graduates



Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc/HNC MARINE TECHNOLOGIES

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree has been designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge to succeed in naval architecture and marine engineering. You'll benefit from South Devon College's unique facilities at South Devon College Marine Academy, based on the banks of the River Dart in Kingswear. This includes a fleet of 24 vessels, enabling you to work on a variety of craft.

The course focuses on developing a broad range of skills that you will need to work in the industry. You will study practical design and construction, work with composite and hi-tech materials and consider how varying materials perform under different conditions. Our strong links with local businesses also mean that you will be able to contribute to live briefs set by employers.

You will gain practical experience working with computer-aided design (CAD) programmes and on high-end designs. You will have the opportunity to design, test, build and refine projects, as you become confident using research and development techniques to improve efficiency and performance on live builds.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Production management
- Marine propulsion systems
- Mechanical principles
- Computer-aided design (CAD)
- Ship stability and naval architecture
- Commercial and business environments

You will develop skills across all areas of the marine engineering process, from design through to material selection and construction, before refining projects through extensive research and development.

You will also be able to study Royal Yachting Association (RYA) qualifications such as the Powerboat Level 2 course. The Academy runs various other RYA qualifications, which you can attend on a full-cost basis.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Marine and Composites Technology degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to entry criteria and availability.

This course will provide you with an advanced and varied skill set that will prepare you well for employment.

With further study, you could work in a number of roles, including:

- Structural engineer
- CAD designer
- Project manager
- Naval architect
- Vessel surveyor
- Composites engineer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

610J

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time and modular study available



CONSTRUCTION



10%

The projected growth in jobs in civil engineering in the South West by 2022

£34,320

The average annual salary of a civil engineer in the South West

35%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in civil engineering, and requiring more trained graduates



Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc/HNC CIVIL AND COASTAL ENGINEERING

OVERVIEW

Civil engineers will play an integral role in the development of civil infrastructure in the coming years, drawing upon their knowledge to combat the issues presented by growing populations, increased urbanisation, climate change and severe weather events.

This Foundation Degree, which incorporates a Higher National Certificate (HNC – see page 20), is designed to provide you with the knowledge, skills and ability to innovate and provide essential and sustainable infrastructure, including sea defences, flood protection, water treatment systems, roads, bridges and tunnels.

You will benefit from the exceptional facilities at the College, whilst Torbay itself has 2 miles of coastline and is a UNESCO-recognised Global Geopark, making it an exceptional location to study coastal disciplines.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Coastal engineering
- Setting out, surveying and computer-aided design for construction engineers
- Structural analysis and design
- Geology and soil mechanics
- Sustainable and civil engineering technology and site operations

This course is delivered by a teaching team who are incredibly passionate about their respective subject areas, and who all have a wealth of professional experience spanning a diverse range of projects.

You may also have the opportunity to utilise the College's South Devon College Marine Academy, an approved training centre for the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and a member of the British Marine Federation (BMF). This makes it an excellent resource for studying aspects of the coastal environment, offering a more involved and alternative perspective of coastal engineering.

Modules are assessed by a variety of different methods, including timed tests

and reports based on real-life projects. You will develop into an independent and confident practitioner capable of adapting to future challenges in your career.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

The HNC element of this course forms the first year of study, and is a separate qualification. Upon completion of the HNC you may be able to progress to the FdSc Civil and Coastal Engineering at the College, BSc (Hons) Civil and Coastal Engineering, or BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering with Plymouth University.

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Degree students may be able to progress on to the BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering at South Devon College (subject to approval).

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

You may choose to progress into the industry as a technician or junior engineer in sectors such as surveying, contracting, design and coastal, civil and structural engineering.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Structural engineer
- Civil engineer
- Surveyor

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

4H55

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





121,155

The projected number of jobs in skilled construction and building trades in the South West by 2022

£37,440

The average annual salary of a quantity surveyor in the South West

£570

The average weekly wage of a chartered architectural technician in the South West

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc/HNC SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree, which incorporates a Higher National Certificate (HNC) (see page 20), has been designed to provide you with the essential skills for working in the multi-disciplined construction sector. There is a strong focus on both sustainability and renewable energies because understanding them is more important than ever before.

The course has full accreditation from the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), which certifies the quality of the provision at the College. By studying a CIOB-accredited course, you will have exemption from membership requirements, as well as access to the CIOB resources library, professional development opportunities and career progression advice and guidance.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Sustainable construction and its environmental impact
- Design principles and application
- Building management systems
- Conversion and adaptation of buildings

During this course you will learn through a variety of methods, ensuring that you gain a diverse and broad skill set and knowledge base.

The teaching team consists of practitioners who have a wealth of industry experience, having contributed professionally to a wide range of construction projects. We have strong links with local employers, providing you with access to engaging and dynamic

work placements to support your learning, as well as the chance to develop a network of professional contacts.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Construction Management and the Environment course at Plymouth University, or the second year of study on the BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering (subject to approval) at South Devon College or BSc (Hons) Architectural Engineering degrees.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

The programme prepares you for management roles in various industry disciplines, opening up numerous opportunities. You could progress into advanced trade-based roles, or into junior, middle and senior management positions.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Project manager
- Quantity surveyor
- Architectural technician

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

K290

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





24%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in building and civil engineering

£480

The average weekly wage of a skilled building and civil engineer in the South West

3%

The projected growth of jobs in civil engineering in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BSc (Hons) CIVIL ENGINEERING*

OVERVIEW

Civil engineers will play an integral role in the development of civil infrastructure in the coming years, drawing upon their knowledge to combat the issues presented by growing populations, increased urbanisation, climate change and severe weather events.

This degree is designed to provide you with the knowledge, skills and ability to innovate and provide essential and sustainable infrastructure, including sea defences, flood protection, water treatment systems, roads, bridges and tunnels. You will benefit from the exceptional facilities at the College, whilst Torbay itself has 2 miles of coastline and is a UNESCO-recognised Global Geopark, making it an exceptional location to study the coastal elements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We consider a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and assess every application on its own merit. This means that even if you do not meet the specified requirements, you may still be able to study with us.

You should be able to demonstrate an appropriate level of numeracy and literacy, and your overall ability to complete the course is a deciding factor. To find out more about entry requirements, contact us today.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Structural design
- Individual project
- Business and enterprise in the civil engineering sector (subject to approval)
- Work-based project management (subject to approval)
- Professional development and the contemporary civil engineering sector (subject to approval)

This course will develop you into a confident and independent technician, capable of directing your own study. You will learn through a range of teaching methods, with a focus on enquiry and problem-based learning, which will lead you to identify and resolve your own learning needs and development.

The programme will require study at Plymouth 1 day a week to study 60 credits and 1 day a week at South Devon College to study a further 60 credits.

The programme features a work-based learning module, lectures, seminars, group work and presentations, with additional workshops and tutorials. You will also develop a range of transferable and practical skills through scenarios relating to working practice, which will provide an excellent foundation for your future career or further study.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

You could consider immediately progressing into the industry as a technician or junior engineer in sectors such as surveying, contracting, design or civil and structural engineering.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Structural engineer
- Civil engineer
- Surveyor
- Project manager

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

117C

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available



DIGITAL AND MEDIA

COURSES

FdSc Digital Design*	56-57
FdA Digital Marketing	58-59
FdA Film and Photography	60-61
FdA Games and Interactive Design	62-63
BSc (Hons) Gaming Technologies*	64-65



Having progressed from a Level 3 course at the College, I knew that there were excellent facilities and levels of support. The fact that the College is local also meant I would save money by staying at home.

The support of the tutors has helped me transition into university-level study, which has been very positive. I contributed to an employment and research scholarship, where we secured an Oculus Rift display, which I'll be using to simulate and test some of the 3D spaces I've created.

– JACK GLADMAN
FdA GAMES AND
INTERACTIVE DESIGN

Whilst studying my Foundation Degree I learnt a massive amount about the creative aspect of video production, as well as the business side of things. It also gave me the skills I needed to go self-employed, and helped me start my own business.

– JON PALFREY
FdA FILM AND PHOTOGRAPHY

*Subject to approval

£480

The average weekly salary of a graduate in this sector in the South West

9%

The projected growth in jobs in this sector in the South West by 2022

21%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in this sector



Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc DIGITAL DESIGN*

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree has been designed to provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills to enable you to play a significant role in the rapidly expanding creative and digital design industries.

Combining traditional design practice with a strong digital skill set, you will work on a range of engaging and innovative projects that will allow you to develop your creative design skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit. To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications. You may also be required to provide a portfolio of work as part of the application process.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Digital concepts
- Client engagement
- Design and visualisation
- Structure and form

During your studies you will consider a variety of production practices, including 3D design, rapid prototyping and interactive design. You will work in both the physical and the digital realms, combining these techniques to create designs in areas such as wearable technology and the Internet of Things (IoT). You will engage in a number of external live brief projects, working with a range of employers within the region, allowing you to put the skills you develop as part of your Foundation Degree into practice.

You will have access to the latest industry-standard equipment and software, and the skills you develop on the course will be directly transferable to employment opportunities within the hi-tech and creative digital sectors. Throughout this course you will be encouraged to develop a critical and reflective approach to your own practice, enabling you to adapt and grow as a digital practitioner.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you will have developed both technical and transferable skills. There may be possible progression to further study – please contact the College for details.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to approval.

The course also prepares you for employment in this dynamic and evolving sector.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Digital designer
- Product designer
- Interactive designer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

W200

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available



34%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in web design and development, and requiring more trained graduates

£24,960

The average annual salary of a marketing associate professional in the South West

15,186

The projected number of jobs for marketing associate professionals in the South West by 2022



Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA DIGITAL MARKETING

OVERVIEW

With digital platforms and mediums continuing to have an increasing impact on our cultural and personal lives, there are more ways than ever for digital marketers to devise innovative and creative methods of communicating with consumers and taking a product to market. There is an increasing need for marketing professionals of the future to have a portfolio of digital skills and, when you graduate, the skills you have developed on this course will provide you with a wealth of interesting opportunities.

This Foundation Degree will combine elements from both the creative digital sector and the business sector to provide you with a broad knowledge base in an applied setting. By focusing on digital technology, creative design and business, you will be able to contribute to innovative and engaging campaigns integrated across a variety of mediums and platforms, whilst also understanding the underlying theory and reasoning, including marketing planning, consumer behaviour and market research.

The course will prepare you for work in a variety of fields and careers. You will gain transferable skills and develop practical experience, utilising our strong links with industry to work on live briefs set by local employers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Principles of marketing
- Digital consumer behaviours
- Content management
- Integrated communications planning

You will be able to make use of the extensive facilities at the College, including an Apple Mac suite and industry-standard software. The delivery of this course consists of lectures, seminars, guest speakers and the potential to work on live projects with local business.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BA (Hons) Leadership and Management degree at South Devon College (subject to approval) or the final year of the BSc (Hons) Marketing degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

The skills you will develop will prepare you well for employment in a variety of fields and careers, and progression opportunities are varied. Businesses in all sectors require skilled graduates who have a breadth of digital skills and knowledge in order to reach and engage with their customers. This means that you could be working in a range of environments, from small business and creative agencies to organisations in the public and voluntary sector.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Digital marketer
- PR manager
- Webmaster
- Digital copywriter

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

P304

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





6,945

The projected number of jobs in photography and audio-visual trades in the South West by 2022

£27,040

The average annual salary in photography and audio-visual trades in the South West

21,968

The projected number of jobs in related fields in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA FILM AND PHOTOGRAPHY

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree has been designed to provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills that will enable you to play a significant role in the rapidly expanding digital media industries. At the end of your course, you will be capable of producing high-quality short films, screenplays and photographs.

You will consider a variety of production practices, including digital filmmaking, screenwriting and digital photography. You will also be developing professionally focused research skills, as well as pre- and post-production techniques.

You will have access to the latest industry-standard equipment and software, and the skills you develop on the course will be directly transferable to roles within the creative media sector. Throughout this course you will be encouraged to develop a critical and reflective approach to your own practice, enabling you to adapt and grow as an independent practitioner.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

You may also be required to provide a portfolio of work as part of the application process.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Narrative
- Digital applications
- Producing and directing for screen

During this course you will explore contemporary themes through the generation of ideas for still and moving image, which will include location and studio work for drama, documentary, advertising, portraiture, digital imagery and post-production.

All of our teaching team have direct industry experience, enjoy strong links with current practitioners, and can provide invaluable insight into working practice for you.

Teaching and learning is delivered through practical workshops, visits, lectures and seminars.

You will be contributing to live projects, enabling you to engage with interesting and exciting productions within a realistic working context. The course may also feature residential film shoots, industrial visits and educational trips overseas.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BA (Hons) Media Arts or BA (Hons) TV Arts top-up degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Upon completion, you will have developed both technical and transferable skills, which could lead to a range of careers within this dynamic and evolving sector.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Photographer (general, editorial, corporate)
- Director
- Film/video editor
- Lighting technician (broadcasting, film, video)
- Programme researcher

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

28P3

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available



A man is shown in profile, wearing a black VR headset. He is sitting at a wooden desk in an office environment. On the desk, there is a laptop and a large monitor displaying a software interface. The background shows office shelves and windows.

£26,520

The average annual salary of a graduate in this sector in the South West

10%

The projected growth in jobs in this sector in the South West by 2022

26%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in this sector

Data sourced from MIDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA GAMES AND INTERACTIVE DESIGN

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree concentrates on the technical and artistic use of digital interactive technologies to create games and mobile apps. It provides you with access to a range of software for designing and building interactive content on multiple platforms.

Computer coding forms an integral part of the course, providing the technical foundation for dynamic artistic design. You will have the opportunity to specialise in game design or app and web development as you progress through the course.

The course is built around both the theoretical and practical aspects of interactive design, which will develop your skills in contemporary industry practice and technologies. This means that when you graduate, your knowledge and skills will be directly transferable to current roles within the creative media sector.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

You may also be required to provide a portfolio of work as part of the application process.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Digital culture
- Interactive narratives
- Sound production
- UX design
- Designing and pitching concepts

This course has a strong focus on employability, and incorporates live industry projects, enabling you to engage with exciting productions within a realistic working context, which will underpin your learning and develop a strong understanding of working practice.

The course is delivered through a variety of methods, including practical workshops, industry visits, lectures and seminars, with a range of enrichment opportunities to support your learning.

You will be taught by our team of enthusiastic professionals, who all have direct industry experience and links with current practitioners.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons) Digital Arts degree at Plymouth University or BSc (Hons) Gaming Technologies at South Devon College (subject to approval).

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could immediately enter employment in a variety of creative media production environments using the skills you have developed.

The roles you could be working as include:

- App developer
- Games developer
- Interactive designer
- Multimedia programmer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

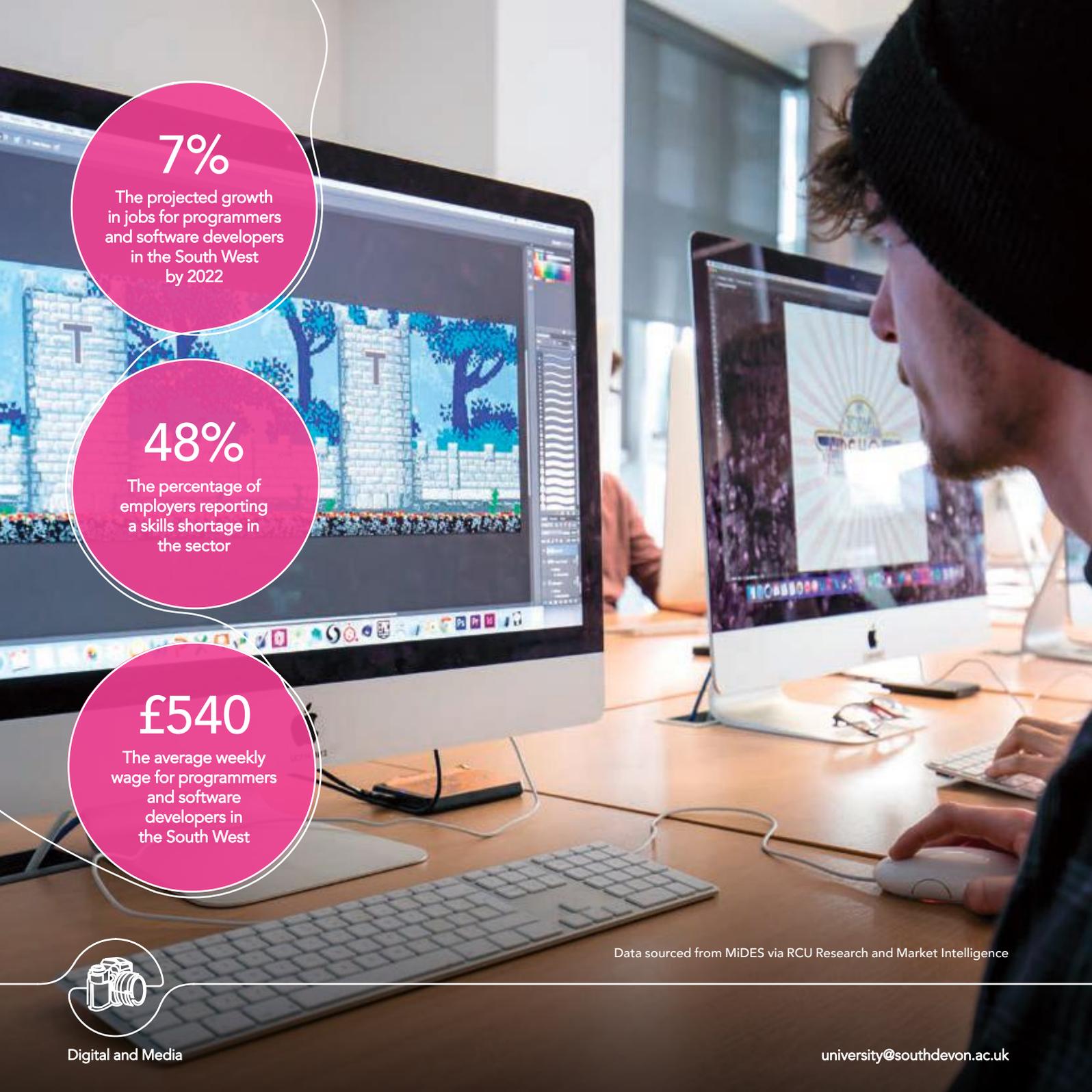
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MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





7%

The projected growth in jobs for programmers and software developers in the South West by 2022

48%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in the sector

£540

The average weekly wage for programmers and software developers in the South West

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BSc (Hons) GAMING TECHNOLOGIES*

OVERVIEW

The BSc in Gaming Technologies focuses on the technical and artistic use of digital interactive technologies to create games and interactive applications. It provides you with access to a range of industry-standard hardware and software for designing and building content across multiple platforms. Programming and coding forms an integral part of the course, providing the technical foundation for dynamic artistic design. Focusing primarily on games design and development, you will also have opportunity to develop a wide variety of interactive content for virtual and augmented reality, mobile and other connected devices as you progress through the programme.

The course is built around both the theoretical and practical aspects of interactive design and development, which will develop your skills in contemporary industry practice and technologies. This means that when you graduate, your knowledge and digital skills will be directly transferable to current roles within the hi-tech, creative and digital sectors.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit. To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications. You may also be required to provide a portfolio of work as part of the application process.

Direct entry onto the programme is also possible through completion of either the FdA Games and Interactive Design or FdSc Computing programmes.

YOUR STUDIES

This course has a strong focus on employability, and incorporates live industrial projects, enabling you to engage with exciting productions within a realistic working context, which will underpin your learning and develop a strong understanding of working practice. The course is delivered through a variety of methods, including practical workshops, industry visits, lectures and seminars, with a range of enrichment opportunities to support your learning.

Modules you could study include (subject to change):

- Software programming
- Games production
- Development methodology

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to further study.

Alternatively, you could immediately enter employment in a variety of creative media production environments using the skills you have developed.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Games and app programmer
- Software developer
- Software engineer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor's with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

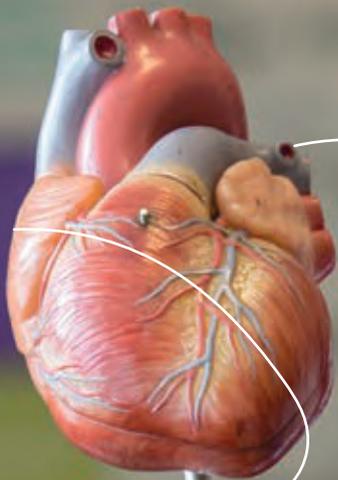
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MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available



HEALTH AND EDUCATION



COURSES

FdA Early Years Care and Education	68-69
FdSc Health and Wellbeing*	70-71
FdSc Healthcare Practice (Assistant Practitioner)	72-73
FdA Teaching and Learning	74-75
BA (Hons) Child Development and Education (1 Year Top-up)	76-77
BA (Hons) Education, Society and Development*	78-79
BSc (Hons) Healthcare Practice (1 Year Top-up)	80-81
Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)	82-83



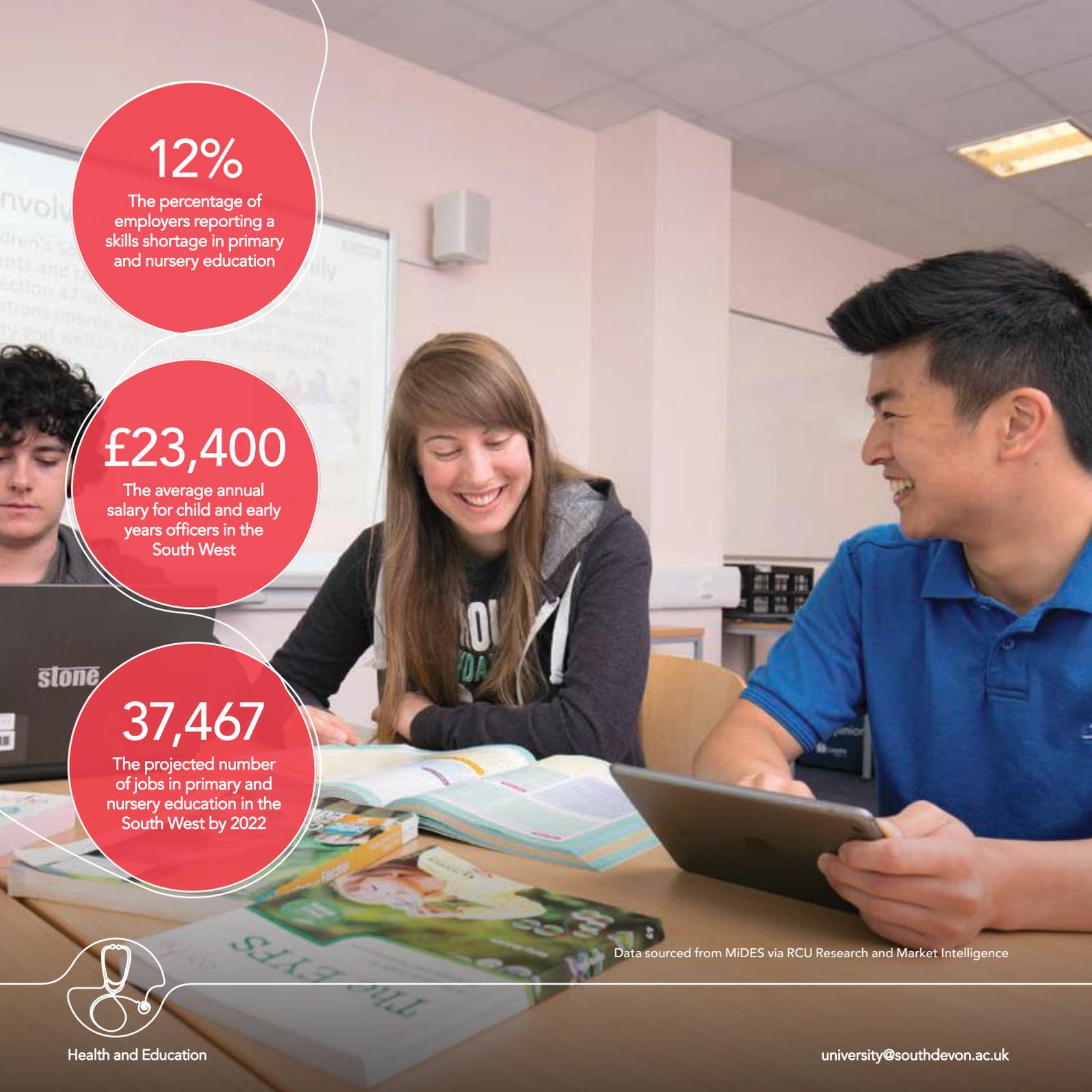
The skills I developed during my studies on the top-up degree have been essential to finding employment in a Band 5 role. I gained knowledge across a range of areas, including leadership, management, mentorship and assessment within healthcare. The course structure, combined with the support and help of the teaching staff, has enabled me to succeed and progress within this field and has prepared me well for the future challenges I will face.

- DAVID HICKMAN
BSc (Hons) HEALTHCARE PRACTICE
(1 YEAR TOP-UP)

The hours were suitable alongside my work, which meant that I could stay employed while developing my knowledge and skills. It was really valuable to learn from experienced professionals and experts in their field, who have helped me to develop.

- ANNA MESSER
BA (Hons) CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND
EDUCATION (1 YEAR TOP-UP)

*Subject to approval



12%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in primary and nursery education

£23,400

The average annual salary for child and early years officers in the South West

37,467

The projected number of jobs in primary and nursery education in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA EARLY YEARS CARE AND EDUCATION

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree has been designed to provide you with a broad understanding of early years theory and practice, giving you an insight into cultural and contextual changes that influence child development and growth.

There is a large focus on employability, and you will undertake a work placement in your first and second year of study. This will help you develop essential practical skills, which are supported by the theoretical knowledge you acquire during your studies.

In the second year, you will also have the opportunity to enhance your learning on a trip*. Previous groups have travelled to Germany, where they visited a forest school. Here, you will experience how children learn in a different culture and educational system. This has been invaluable to students in the past and helped them develop into effective practitioners.

*Subject to approval

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications. You'll also need GCSE English and Maths at grade C or above.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:*

- Child development
- Children moving, growing, playing and learning
- Research methods
- Developing communication in the early years
- Safeguarding children and young people

*Modules may be subject to approval

You will learn through a variety of assessment methods such as seminar discussion and assessment, reflective video diaries, essays, reports and portfolios, all of which will enhance your communication and presentation skills.

All of our teaching team have a wealth of experience and maintain strong links with industry. You will benefit from guest speakers, who will share their experiences and provide you with a valuable insight into working practice. You will also undertake a work placement in your first and second year of study – this could be your current employment or a voluntary placement.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BA (Hons) Child Development and Education degree at South Devon College, or the BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies degree at Plymouth University.

Most students will progress onto a PGCE at South Devon College. Please see page 82 for more information.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could go straight into employment. The roles you could be working as include:

- Nursery practitioner
- Early years manager
- Teaching assistant
- Family support worker

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

BX71

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 4 years part-time and modular study available





15%

The projected growth in jobs in this sector in the South West by 2022

£23,920

The average annual salary for a health associate professional in the South West

13%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in this sector, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc HEALTH AND WELLBEING*

OVERVIEW

The need to educate people in improving their health and preventing disease has never been greater, with the promotion of health and wellbeing high on the government agenda to address current health concerns. This means that there are more opportunities than ever before for health and wellbeing specialists, who are capable of engaging with communities to effect lasting lifestyle changes.

The course develops a detailed understanding of health and wellbeing, providing knowledge of nutrition, diet, healthy choices, behavioural changes and techniques for lifestyle intervention. You'll also be considering the key skills to put this knowledge into practice and how to operate as an effective practitioner and promoter of health and wellbeing within your community.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications. Level 2 English and Maths are essential.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Mental health
- National and international health promotion
- Law and ethics
- Human anatomy and physiology
- Local commissioning for health services
- Exercise and lifestyle
- Public health

The course will be delivered by an experienced teaching team, who are themselves former or current practitioners in the field. The College enjoys a strong working relationship with the Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, as well as various local community bodies, which will be utilised during your studies.

The Foundation Degree will be available on a full-time and part-time basis, and will also include a distance learning option to ensure it is flexible around current employment and commitments.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Health and Fitness degree at Plymouth University, subject to meeting their entry requirements.

Please note there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could explore employment opportunities in the local area. Because of the heightened awareness of the importance of health and wellbeing, and the increased promotion of preventative measures within national policies, there are more opportunities and pathways than ever before for specialists in this field.

You could find yourself working in a variety of roles, promoting health and wellbeing through:

- GP referrals
- Social care
- Education
- Local authority initiatives

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

2M73

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





5,028

The projected number of new jobs to be created in nursing auxiliary roles in the South West by 2022

£20,800

The average annual salary for an assistant practitioner in the South West

13%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in this sector, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc HEALTHCARE PRACTICE (ASSISTANT PRACTITIONER)

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree is designed to provide you with a direct route to becoming an assistant practitioner within the NHS. After completing it, you will be qualified to work at Band 4 within the NHS.

The course is delivered in partnership with the Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, which means that some study will take place at the Horizons Centre, located at Torbay Hospital. This enables you to fully utilise an exceptional clinical skills facility, where you will learn from experts in their field.

During your studies you will spend 2 days each week in a clinical placement, giving you an excellent opportunity to put the theoretical knowledge you develop into practice. You will also gain valuable experience in a healthcare setting, which will strengthen your CV and improve your employment prospects.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications. Level 2 English and Maths are also essential.

You will be required to complete an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, and to purchase your own uniform.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Applied anatomy and physiological principles
- Clinical research in practice
- The care process
- Diverse perspectives on health and illness
- Legal and ethical aspects of contemporary healthcare
- Inter-professional collaboration and leadership skills
- Health promotion

During your studies you will learn from a variety of engaging and innovative methods, including detailed seminar discussion, reflective diaries and essay writing, all of which have been designed to enhance your communication and presentation skills.

Our teaching team are highly experienced, enthusiastic practitioners, who all have contemporary skills and regularly refresh and update their knowledge, ensuring you remain inspired and learn skills relevant to working practice.

Guest speakers may also form part of your learning, and are invited to honestly share their experiences of the working environment with you, providing you with further valuable insight into the reality of modern industry and professional practice.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Healthcare Practice degree at South Devon College. Progression to the BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult) or the BSc (Hons) Nursing (Mental Health) degrees at Plymouth University is subject to approval.

Alternatively, you will be eligible to seek employment as an assistant practitioner within the NHS. With further study, you will have the opportunity to work as a paramedic, nurse or midwife, as well as various other healthcare professions.

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

B900

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 4 years part-time and modular study available





13%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in teaching and education, and requiring more trained graduates

£400

The average weekly salary for teaching and education jobs in the South West

133,816

The projected number of jobs in teaching and education in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA TEACHING AND LEARNING

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree is focused on the teaching and learning of children and young people, aged up to 25 years old. It will develop your awareness of current educational issues and policies, and their impact on the role of the teaching assistant and other support staff.

The course will increase your knowledge and understanding of the needs and characteristics of different types of learners, including children, young adults and people with learning difficulties. You will also gain a range of effective skills for supporting teaching and learning in a team work context.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications, GCSE English and Maths at grade C or above.

YOUR STUDIES

This programme aims to combine academic theory and practical experience by utilising work-based and experiential forms of learning. The course is delivered through a variety of methods, including lectures, seminars, independent study and practical activity.

The course also utilises online resources for blended learning, which means that you will be able to continue working in an appropriate professional capacity whilst developing academically.

Modules you could study include:

- Educational policy and practice
- Pastoral care
- Supporting literacy and numeracy
- Supporting learners with learning disabilities and difficulties
- Understanding psychological, social and emotional aspects of behaviour

All of our teaching team have a wealth of experience and maintain strong links with industry. You will benefit from guest speakers, who will share their experiences and provide you with a valuable insight into working practice. You will also undertake a work placement in your first and second year of study – this could be your current employment or a voluntary placement.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BA (Hons) Child Development and Education, at South Devon College or the BA (Hons) Education Studies degrees at Plymouth University.

After completing your Honours degree, you could also consider postgraduate qualifications, such as the Postgraduate Certificate in Education in order to gain qualified teacher status (QTS).

Alternatively, you will be able to use your knowledge to further your career within a school or teaching organisation.

Some of the roles you could be working as include:

- Teaching assistant
- Assistant SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator)
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)
- Pastoral support worker
- Family/parent support advisor
- Youth worker

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

P9L5

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





7,268

The projected number of jobs in special needs education in the South West by 2022

£34,320

The average annual salary for primary and nursery teaching professionals in the South West

133,816

The projected number of jobs in teaching and education in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BA (Hons) CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION (1 YEAR TOP-UP)

OVERVIEW

This course is a top-up to convert the FdA Early Years Care and Education degree (or similar) into a full Honours Degree. The course consolidates the skills and knowledge you have previously acquired, whilst developing your understanding of working practice.

You will study children's and young people's development in an ecological context, drawing upon a range of influential factors such as anthropology, psychology, education, welfare, sociology and economics.

You will analyse and critically evaluate the processes that shape childhood and people's lives, exploring topics that cover the changing nature of childhood, ethical principles in relation to working practice and young people's rights. The course will give you a broad understanding of early years, children and young people theory and practice, with a focus from birth to 18 years.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol on this course, you will require 240 credits from a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject. You will also need a grade C or above in GCSE English and Mathematics.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Context and policy for children
- Geographical and sociological lenses of childhood
- Perception, thought and consciousness
- Global education
- Research in child development and education

This course will develop you into a confident and independent practitioner, capable of directing your own study. You will learn through a range of teaching methods, with a focus on enquiry and problem-based learning, which will enable you to identify and resolve your own learning needs and development.

The programme features lectures, seminars, group work and presentations, with additional workshops and tutorials.

You will also develop a range of transferable and practical skills through scenarios relating to working practice, which will provide an excellent foundation for your future career or further study.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree you will have a wide range of career opportunities.

You could choose to study towards a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or equivalent teaching qualifications, enabling you to work in the teaching and education sector. You could also consider progressing to further study at Master's level in social work and psychology.

Alternatively, you will be able to enter employment in a wide range of roles and professions in either an early years or young adult setting.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Learning mentor
- Early years teacher
- Community education officer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor's with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

CX83

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time



A woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing glasses and a blue sweater, is speaking in a meeting. The background is blurred, showing other people and colorful sticky notes on a wall.

12%

The projected growth
in jobs for qualified
occupational therapists
in the South West
by 2020

£520

The average weekly
salary for professionals
in this sector in the
South West

31%

The percentage of
employers reporting
a skills shortage in
this sector

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BA (Hons) EDUCATION, SOCIETY AND DEVELOPMENT*

OVERVIEW

This top-up year will enhance your understanding of the psychological and sociological factors that impact upon education and development.

Students completing this programme may be able to progress successfully on to a range of higher level study programmes, including Master's qualifications in Psychology, Social Work and PGCE (Primary and Tertiary). You may also be able to progress to working within teaching roles, management roles, family liaison and welfare roles, as well as safeguarding roles within local authorities and within the police.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have passed a Foundation Degree within a relevant field or achieved a pass grade on a Diploma in Education and Training (DET) programme. All applicants must have GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.

YOUR STUDIES

The BA programme consists of 4 core modules making up 80 credits, with 2 additional 20-credit option modules making up the pathway and full credit value.

Modules you could study include:

- Educational psychology
- Perception, thought and consciousness
- Global education
- The psychology of social interaction
- Sociology and education
- Dissertation – an individual research project with an educational, psychological or sociological grounding

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

The course will prepare you for professional practice in a number of fields, offering you a diverse array of employment opportunities upon completion. Areas of interest may include:

- Teaching
- Educational psychology
- Counselling and therapies
- Occupational psychology

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor's with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

120Z

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time





15%

The projected growth in jobs in this sector in the South West by 2022

£480

The average weekly salary of a healthcare professional in the South West

13%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in this sector, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BSc (Hons) HEALTHCARE PRACTICE (1 YEAR TOP-UP)

OVERVIEW

This course is a top-up to convert the FdSc Healthcare Practice degree (or similar) into a full Honours Degree. The course will enable you to strengthen the theoretical and practical skills that you have previously acquired at Foundation Degree level.

During your studies you will consider a variety of different subject areas, enhancing your clinical knowledge and development and preparing you for employment in various roles and settings.

Local employers have contributed to the course's content, structure and delivery. This ensures that you will graduate with the skills you need in employment. The modules you study relate to working practice, providing you with both theoretical and vocational skills that will prepare you well in your chosen profession.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol on this course, you will require 240 credits from a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject. You will also need a grade C or above in GCSE English and Mathematics.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Enhancing the patient experience
- Developing leadership potential
- Mentorship and assessment
- Exploring practice
- Practice-based decision making

This course and its modules have been developed to provide you with a holistic approach to a breadth of topic areas, where in-depth analysis provides a clinical knowledge base whilst developing many valuable transferable skills. You will be taught by an experienced teaching team, all of whom have industry experience and can provide valuable insight into working practice.

The course features lectures, seminars, group work and presentations, with additional workshops and tutorials. Methods of assessment include seminar discussion, essays, projects, critical reflection, coursework and examinations.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree you will have a wide range of career opportunities. You could enter employment as an assistant practitioner within the NHS, capable of working across a range of professions, from community to acute settings.

You could also pursue a career in management, government strategies, health promotion or public health.

You could also consider progressing to further study at Master's level in various healthcare professional roles.

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

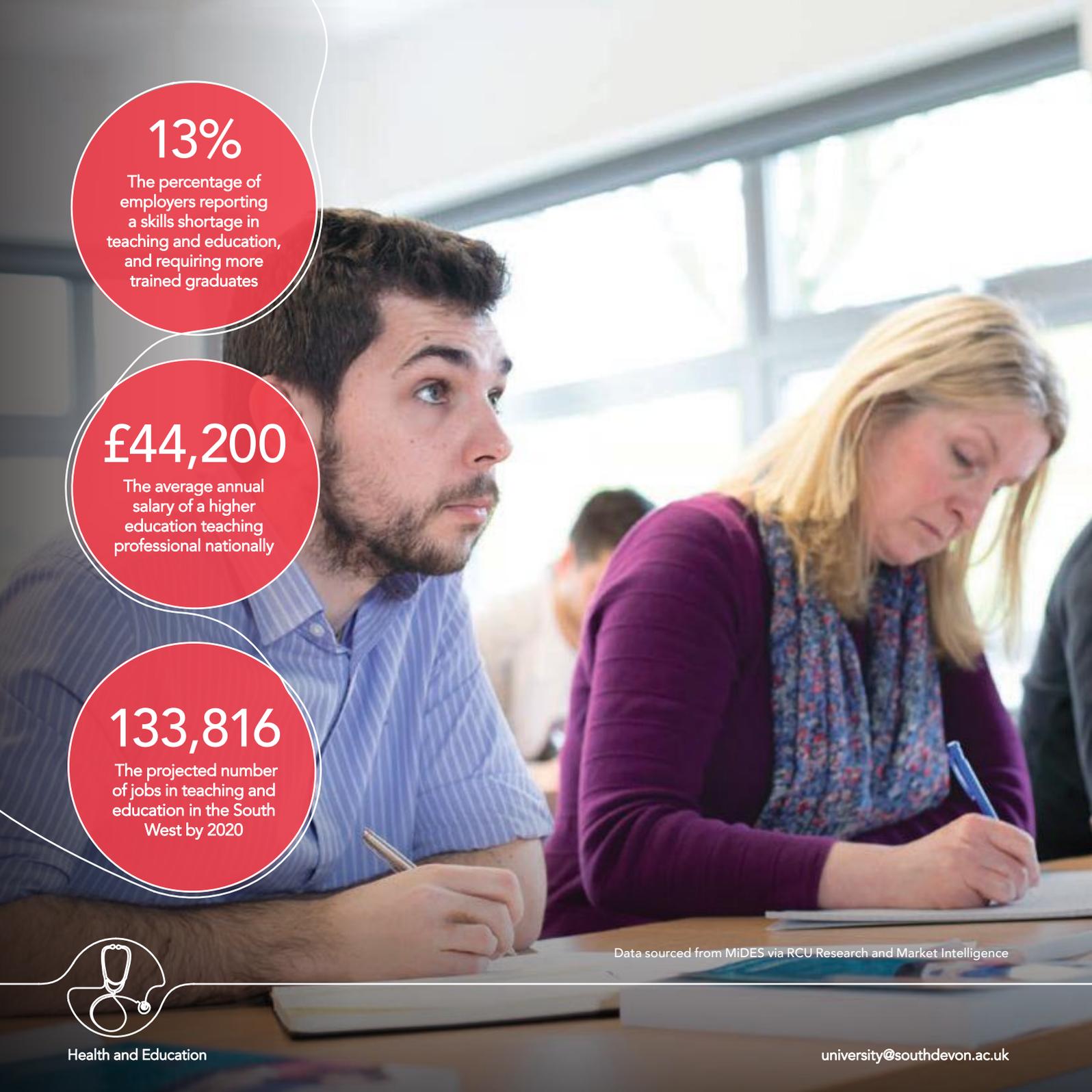
UCAS CODE

B901

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time or
2 years part-time





13%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in teaching and education, and requiring more trained graduates

£44,200

The average annual salary of a higher education teaching professional nationally

133,816

The projected number of jobs in teaching and education in the South West by 2020

Data sourced from MIDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (PGCE)

OVERVIEW

This postgraduate qualification will explore and analyse current ideas related to teaching and learning in the further education and skills sector. It has been designed for suitably qualified new and experienced teachers aiming to achieve Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status.

The programme offers a balance of practical skills, reflection and related educational theories, which will help you develop as a complete and highly skilled practitioner.

Your studies will also consider the processes and theories of learning, teaching and assessment, the relationship between curriculum and society, and wider professional practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will require a Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent) relevant to the subject you are planning to teach. You will also require Literacy (Level 2), Numeracy (Level 1) and ICT skills.

You will also be required to attend an interview as part of the application process.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Learning, teaching and assessment
- Wider practice and professional development
- Theories of learning and managing behaviour

You will study a variety of topics in relation to your own teaching practice and subject specialism, which will be central to your professional development. Peer support and learning from your colleagues will also form an essential part of your studies during this qualification.

You will also produce a professional portfolio, which will evidence your practical skills, knowledge and understanding, whilst also reflecting upon the relationship between theory and professional practice.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon completion of this course you will have the option to gain QTLS status or complete further postgraduate study. You will have a route to gaining employment in a variety of teaching and education environments, including further education colleges, public services and voluntary organisations.

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a postgraduate qualification awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Relevant Bachelor's Degree, with supporting literacy, numeracy and ICT skills

INSTITUTION CODE

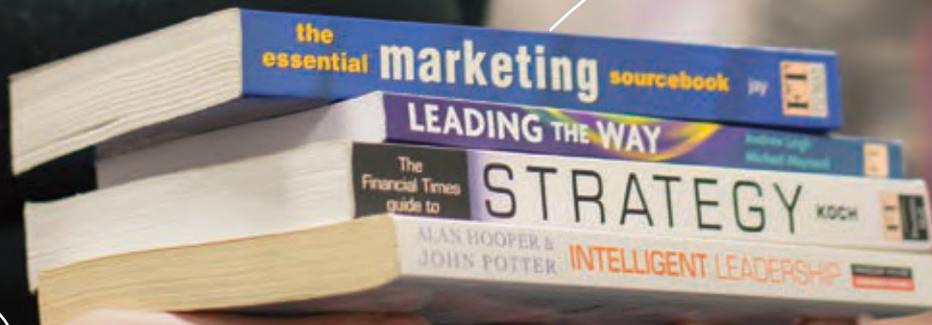
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MODES OF STUDY

2 years part-time



MANAGEMENT



COURSES

FdA Business and Management	86-87
FdA/HNC Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management	88-89
BA (Hons) Leadership and Management	90-91



The skills I developed during my studies at South Devon College have enabled me to progress in my studies and build a successful career in events and conference management. After graduating with my Foundation Degree I went on to study a further year on the BA (Hons) Events Management programme at the University of West London.

- TRISH ALBANO
FdA TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND
EVENTS MANAGEMENT

When I attended an Open Evening at South Devon College, I was initially unsure which direction I wanted to take. When I spoke to a tutor about my goals, strengths and weaknesses, they guided me to the FdA Business course and I never looked back.

- CHARLOTTE MCGOWAN
FdA BUSINESS AND
MANAGEMENT



£45,240

The average annual salary of a human resource manager in the South West

£830

The average weekly wage of business and financial project managers in the South West

15,789

The projected number of jobs in management consultation in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



Management

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FdA BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree will equip you with the skills to progress and succeed in a variety of careers within business, providing you with experience in disciplines such as finance, management and marketing.

An integral element of the course is working with local employers on projects and assessments, and building relevant industry experience. You will be working with businesses and/or community groups on live marketing and business strategy projects, where you will apply the theoretical knowledge you develop during your studies.

You will develop a broad and transferable skill set, enabling you to seek employment in almost any sector upon completion, and also to benefit from enterprise opportunities. You will refine your research, leadership and management skills, ensuring that you will be a success in any area you choose when you graduate.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Financial reporting and accountability
- Marketing and intelligence strategy
- Economics for business
- Organisational behaviour
- Digital business

This course is delivered through a wide range of methods, including lectures, seminars, workshops and collaborative discussion. There may also be the opportunity to participate in local and national visits. Past activities have included visiting large companies and business districts, such as Jaguar in Birmingham and Canary Wharf in London, and trips to Amsterdam and Brussels.

You will gain valuable practical experience by working with local businesses on live projects and assessments to strengthen your CV and prospects.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the third year top-up of the BA (Hons) Leadership and Management degree at South Devon College or the BA (Hons) Business, BA (Hons) Human Resource Management, BSc (Hons) Management Practice (part-time, online), or BA (Hons) International Management degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could immediately seek employment. Previous graduates have excelled in business-based careers, in industries such as marketing, retail, human resources, tourism and hospitality. You will also be well prepared for management positions in a variety of sectors.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Business advisor
- Project manager
- Marketer
- Market researcher

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

N100

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





£550

The average weekly wage of a conference manager or organiser in the South West

£29,120

The average annual salary of a hotel manager or proprietor in the South West

31,025

The projected number of jobs in this sector in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA/HNC TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

If you are interested in the dynamic sectors of tourism, hospitality and events, or are currently employed in the industry and wish to develop your management career, then this is the course for you. It provides you with the opportunity to develop skills in both operational and managerial aspects of the sector.

By studying with the College, you'll be embedded in the English Riviera, where tourism and hospitality blend with a strong events industry. This Foundation Degree considers a broad range of topics and disciplines to provide you with a holistic and varied skill set that can be applied in a vocational setting during various work and course experiences.

The College recognises that you may wish to undertake part-time work during your studies, which is why the course is scheduled around the nature and demands of tourism, hospitality and events industries, being predominantly timetabled on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Dimensions of tourism
- Events management
- Digital communication and strategy

This course provides you with many stimulating opportunities. The nature of the tourism, hospitality and events industries is reflected in the style of teaching and learning. Key lectures are heavily supported by regular trips, visits and guest lectures from industry experts.

Previous students have had the opportunity to attend an annual 3-day visit to London, where they considered the current trends and challenges in our capital city. In the past this trip has included visits to some of the most prestigious hotels in London, as well as touring Canary Wharf, the Bank of England, the Houses of Parliament and the Olympic Village.

Annual overseas visits have also been organised, which have previously seen

students travel to destinations such as Berlin, Cannes, Monaco, Naples, Paris, Reims, Rome and Venice.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the third year top-up of the BA (Hons) Leadership and Management degree at South Devon College or the BA (Hons) in Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you may wish to consider employment immediately, and will be eligible for management trainee posts in many tourism, hospitality and events organisations. Past students have gone on to have careers in fields such as hotel management, events management, contract catering, tourism development, the airline industry and education.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Customer service manager
- Event organiser
- Hotel manager
- PR officer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

N801

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available



£1,490

The average weekly wage of a chief executive or senior official

11%

The projected growth of jobs in senior management positions in the South West by 2022

6,660

The projected number of jobs for chief executives and senior officials in the South West by 2022

CHARLES HANDY the age of unreason

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LEADING THE WAY Andrew Leigh Michael Maynard

STRATEGY KOCH

AN HOOPER & JOHN POTTER INTELLIGENT LEADERSHIP

ALIGN IT Business Impact Through IT Richard Wyatt-Haines

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BA (Hons) LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

This degree is a third year top-up, designed as a progression route for students who have successfully completed the FdA Business and Management, FdA Digital Marketing, FdSc Healthcare Practice or FdA Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management Foundation Degrees. Progression from other suitable programmes will also be considered.

The programme has been designed to develop management and leadership skills, based strongly around decision-making, management development and strategic leadership, whilst addressing many major concepts including the values, principles and rules within the subject. This is in response to the needs of many local employers, with many organisations commenting that they expect to require more people with these vital skills over the next 3 to 5 years.

The course will also develop your problem-solving, critical analysis and interpersonal skills, which are essential to succeed within management in any industry, providing you with a range of exciting job opportunities upon completion.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol on this course you will require 240 credits from a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject. The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Leadership and management concepts
- Operational decision-making
- Corporate strategy in action
- Marketing planning and stakeholder management

The course will be delivered through a variety of methods, including lectures, student-led seminars, research projects and analytical assessments. These methods have been chosen to develop you as both an independent and critical thinker.

The course maintains a strong practical element by applying theoretical study to real-world cases, providing you with a grounding and understanding of working practice. You may also have the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and educational trips as part of your learning.

Assessments will include essays, seminar work, presentations, research projects and debates, due to the number of employers who require skills in these areas.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree, you will be well prepared to work in management roles in a range of careers and sectors. The focus of the course means that you could potentially work in any industry that interests you, particularly in roles that require leadership skills.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Industry management
- Project manager
- Events manager
- Operations manager

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor's with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

A3NB

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time and 2 years part-time study available





SCIENCES

COURSES

FdSc Animal Science	94-95
FdSc Biosciences	96-97
FdSc Marine Science	98-99
BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science (1 Year Top-up)	100-101
BSc (Hons) Applied Science (Bioscience) (1 Year Top-up)*	102-103
BSc (Hons) Applied Science (Marine) (1 Year Top-up)*	104-105
BSc Extended Science (Year 0)	106-107



Whilst studying the FdSc Biosciences degree I gained a huge array of skills, including lab techniques, and study and research skills, as well as the skills necessary to review scientific papers efficiently. I was also able to fit managing my online business around my studies, which was really important to me.

- ROXANNE DUNBAR
FdSc BIOSCIENCES

Studying at South Devon College also means a greater and more personal level of support from tutors, which really helps. The animal unit at the College is fantastic, and enables you to gain a lot of relevant experience.

- EISHA MIAH
FdSc ANIMAL SCIENCE

*Subject to approval



10%

The projected growth of jobs in conservation and environmental professions in the South West by 2022

£540

The average weekly wage of environmental professionals in the South West

46%

The percentage of vacancies in this sector due to skill shortages in the South West

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc ANIMAL SCIENCE

OVERVIEW

This is a wide-ranging Foundation Degree that incorporates contemporary issues in the animal science sector, including animal behaviour, welfare, sustainability and conservation. The course focuses on enhancing your employability and career prospects by developing your academic, vocational and transferable skills.

You will work in our well-equipped laboratories and may have the opportunity to participate in work experience with a land-based employer in order to gain valuable practical experience. You will also work with the College's extensive collection of over 100 animals, including companion, livestock and exotic species such as meerkats, reptiles, amphibians, pigs and goats.

The teaching team offers an excellent level of support, enabling you to learn from experienced practitioners who can help develop your skills and advise you on career opportunities and working practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications. You will also require GCSE English and Maths at grade A-C.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Animal husbandry and handling
- Principles of animal behaviour
- Nutrition
- Wildlife management and rehabilitation
- Animal health and welfare

You will learn from dedicated sessions where you engage in husbandry with our animal collection, gaining valuable, practical animal-handling skills. You will also learn from activities such as debates, group tasks and lectures.

The course features various field trips, with previous cohorts visiting Madagascar, Transylvania, Scotland and London. We work closely with organisations such as Paignton Zoo, and the Torbay Coast and

Countryside Trust, which provides you with the opportunity to build industry links. Your practical skills will also be developed through work experience of a minimum of 20 working days with a land-based employer in a relevant sector.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the BSc (Hons) in Applied Animal Science top-up at South Devon College, or the final year of the BSc (Hons) in Animal Conservation Science or BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could immediately seek employment in the animal science sector, where you will be suitable for a variety of roles and professions.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Animal behaviourist
- Conservationist
- Zoo keeper
- Animal nutritionist
- Animal technician

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

D300

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available



8,788

The projected number of jobs in biological science and biochemistry in the South West by 2022

£550

The average weekly wage of a biological scientist or biochemist in the South West

43%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in scientific research roles, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc BIOSCIENCES

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree is the perfect preparation for a career in the rapidly evolving life sciences sector, which continues to grow in both the UK and the EU. With the government planning to make the UK a global hub for life sciences, there have never been more opportunities for graduates.

The curriculum has been designed to develop your skills across the biosciences, by combining exciting theoretical biology with the development of the necessary practical skills to become a well-rounded and skilled practitioner.

The course has a strong focus on employability, and the College will encourage and support you to find work experience. This will develop your practical, research and communication skills, and also increase your employability by securing a vocational reference within industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each candidate is assessed on their own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Laboratory techniques
- Cell biology
- Molecular genetics, biotechnology and cancer
- Biodiversity and speciation

This course focuses on both practical and theoretical study, with dedicated time in our well-equipped laboratories. You will develop into an independent learner with extensive research skills, preparing you for a career in biosciences.

The College will encourage you to secure a work experience placement with a suitable employer. This will help you gain vocational skills in a real working environment, enabling you to apply the theoretical knowledge you have learnt.

Some students secure employment through their work placement, and a good report or reference will significantly strengthen your CV and prospects.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Biosciences degree or the second year of the 3-year BSc (Hons) Human Biosciences degree at Plymouth University or the BSc (Hons) Applied Science (Bioscience) top-up degree (subject to approval) at South Devon College.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

You could also immediately enter employment. Increasing investment in industry means that employment opportunities continue to grow. Developing areas include genomics, proteomics, biopharmaceuticals and more.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Laboratory technician
- Biochemist
- Microbiologist
- Clinical geneticist

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

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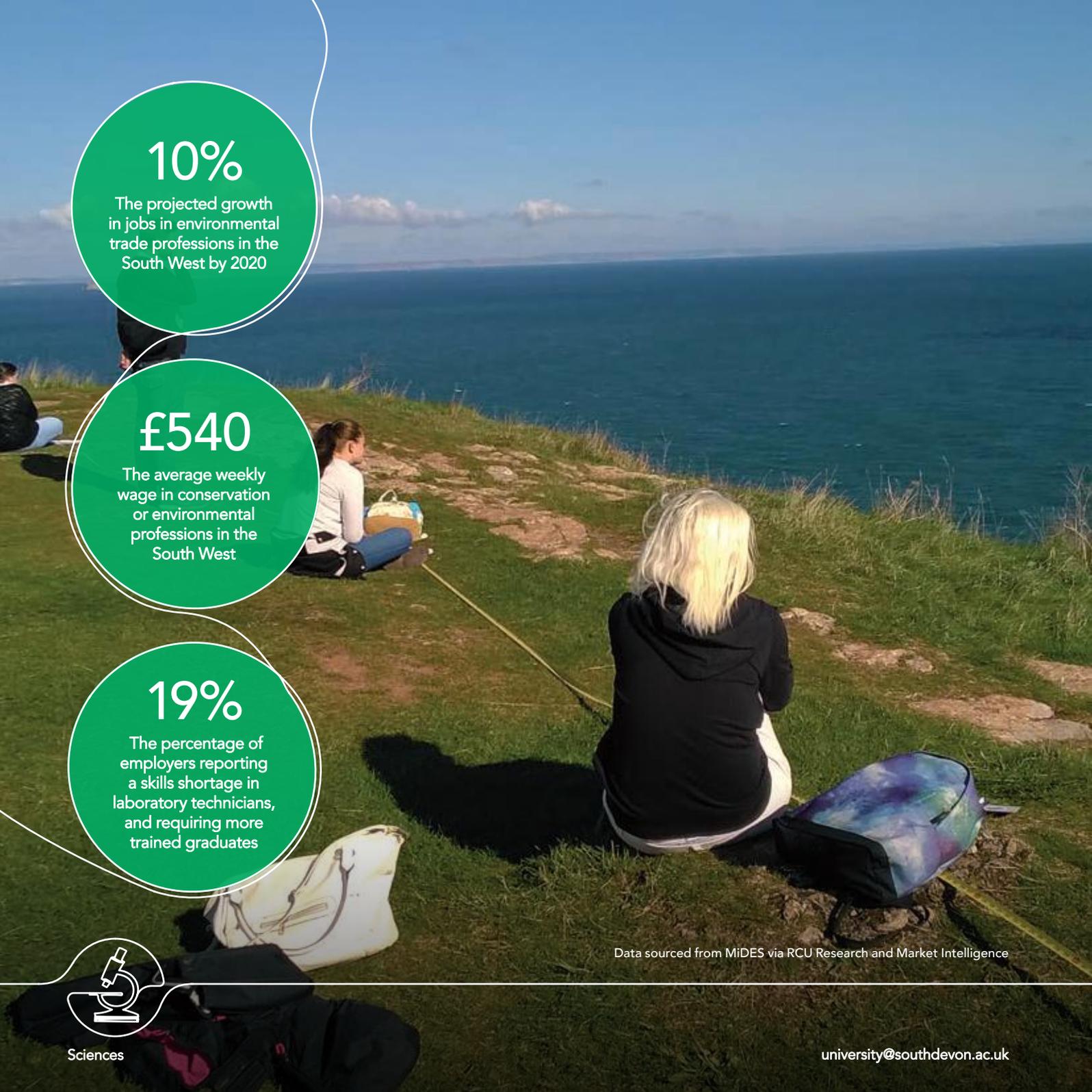
UCAS CODE

C900

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





10%

The projected growth in jobs in environmental trade professions in the South West by 2020

£540

The average weekly wage in conservation or environmental professions in the South West

19%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in laboratory technicians, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc MARINE SCIENCE

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree has been designed to give you a broad understanding of the marine science sector, and will develop the skills necessary to succeed in a range of roles and professions.

The natural environment of Torbay will provide you with a fantastic outdoor classroom. The College is situated 5 minutes from the coastline, with a variety of beaches and marine features in close proximity, including sandy beaches, rocky shores and conservation zones.

As one of the most unique coastal regions in Britain, Torbay is also a buoyant tourist location. It is heavily supported by its diverse marine environment, with 3 busy harbours and one of the country's biggest fishing ports. Many key local organisations have contributed to the design of this course, which ensures that you will graduate with the skills and knowledge necessary to work in the sector.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications. You will also require GCSE English and Maths at grade A-C.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Introduction to biology of marine organisms
- Marine environment
- Anatomy and physiology of marine organisms
- Introduction to aquaculture and mariculture

The course focuses on developing practical skills; you will undertake field and laboratory work, and find work experience with a suitable employer. You may also have the opportunity to gain additional, industry-relevant qualifications in disciplines such as boat handling, snorkelling and sea safety.

Many modules include field work; some are delivered in a laboratory setting, whilst boat handling and navigation sessions are taught at South Devon College Marine Academy, based on the River Dart.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Environmental Resource Management degree at Cornwall College Camborne, or the BSc (Hons) Applied Science (Marine) top-up degree (subject to approval) at South Devon College.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Locally, there are employment opportunities in aquaculture, coastal planning and development, marine education and aquarium work. You could also go on to work in marine biology, ecology, environmental management or mariculture.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Fishery biologist
- Biological technician
- Marine mammalogist

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

F710

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





10%

The projected growth of jobs in conservation and environmental professions in the South West by 2022

£31,720

The average annual salary of a conservation or environmental trade professional in the South West

19%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in laboratory technicians, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BSc (Hons) APPLIED ANIMAL SCIENCE (1 YEAR TOP-UP)

OVERVIEW

This course is a top-up to convert the FdSc Animal Science degree (or a Foundation Degree in a similar subject area such as animal management, welfare or conservation) into a full Honours Degree.

Your studies will encompass a dedicated research project in an area of animal or land-based science that interests you. The course explores a broad range of topics to provide you with in-depth knowledge of current issues in animal science, such as sustainable food production, conservation, bioethics and behavioural ecology.

The course focuses strongly on developing the leadership and practical skills required by employers. You will undertake training and attend conferences that complement your interests and career aspirations, ensuring a comprehensive and advanced skill set and making you an effective and confident practitioner. Examples have included The Mammal Society Conference, ecological surveying, animal nursing qualifications and dog grooming qualifications.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol on this course, you will require 240 credits from a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Bioethics and anthrozoology
- Project management
- Birds: diversity, behaviour and conservation
- Advanced ecology

Guest speakers and applied field study are an important part of this course, undertaken in collaboration with conservation and land-based organisations. Your studies will incorporate a mix of student- and teacher-led activities, including group tasks, debates, seminars and lectures, all of which are delivered in an inclusive and engaging learning environment.

Modules are assessed through examinations and coursework. Coursework may be in the form of essays, scientific reports, field work or presentations. You will be required to undertake your own research and academic reading in order to prepare, as well as to develop your understanding of the topics covered. By doing this, you will grow as an independent professional, capable of leading your own study and development.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree you will have a wide range of career opportunities. You could enter employment in a variety of fields and roles, or alternatively could consider progressing to further study at Master's level in various related subjects.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Senior research scientist
- Animal care manager
- Animal nutritionist
- Zoologist

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

4M13

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time or
2 years part-time





10%

The projected number of jobs in biological science and biochemistry in the South West by 2022

65,529

The average number of people with a Level 6 qualification and above in full-time employment

43%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in scientific research roles, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BSc (Hons) APPLIED SCIENCE (BIOSCIENCE) (1 YEAR TOP-UP)*

OVERVIEW

This course is a top-up to convert the FdSc Biosciences (or a Foundation Degree in a similar subject area, such as Human Biosciences or Biomedical Science) into a Full Honours Degree.

Your studies will encompass a dedicated research project in an area of biological sciences that interests you. The course explores a range of topics that are relevant to current research and employment opportunities in the sector.

The course is strongly focused on developing the leadership, communication, and practical skills required by employers. You will undertake training that complement your interests and career aspirations, ensuring the development of an advanced skill set that will make you ready for employment opportunities in industry or academia.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol on this course you will require 240 credits from a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include (subject to approval*):

- Dissertation
- Medical microbiology and parasitology
- Advanced biomedical techniques
- Sustainable food production
- Communicating science
- Coastal ecology
- Professional skills and project management

*Please refer to the South Devon College website for up-to-date information.

Laboratory visits and guest speakers will widen your experience and allow you to find out about a number of career options. Your studies will be complemented by the development of advanced practical laboratory skills. The course will incorporate a mix of student- and teacher-led activities, including group tasks, debates, seminars and lectures, all of which are delivered in an inclusive and engaging learning environment.

Modules are assessed through examinations, practice and coursework. Coursework may be an essay, a scientific report, field work or a presentation.

You will be required to undertake your own research and academic reading to develop your understanding of the topics covered. By doing this, you will grow as an independent professional, capable of leading your own study and development.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree you will have a wide range of career opportunities. You could enter employment in a variety of fields and roles, or alternatively could consider progressing to further specialist study at Master's Level in various related subject fields, or apply for a PhD.

Your potential careers include:

- Research scientist in a broad range of sector areas (industry/academic)
- Quality control scientist
- Project/laboratory manager
- Microbiologist/parasitologist in a range of industries or health settings
- Scientific sales and marketing

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

700B

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time





4,007

The projected number of jobs in environmental trade professions in the South West by 2020

£31,720

The average annual salary in conservation or environmental professions in the South West

43%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage for trained environmental graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BSc (Hons) APPLIED SCIENCE (MARINE) (1 YEAR TOP-UP)*

OVERVIEW

This course is a top-up to convert the FdSc Marine Science (or a Foundation Degree in a similar subject area such as Marine Biology) into a full Honours Degree.

Your studies will encompass a dedicated research project in an area of marine sciences that interests you. The course explores a range of topics that are relevant to current research and employment opportunities in the sector.

The course is strongly focused on developing the leadership, communication, and practical skills required by employers. You will undertake training that complements your interests and career aspirations, ensuring the development of an advanced skill set that will make you ready for employment opportunities in industry or academia.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol on this course you will require 240 credits from a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include (subject to approval*):

- Dissertation
- Ecotoxicology and marine pollution
- Coastal ecology
- Practical marine biology
- Bioethics and anthrozoology (option)
- Professional skills and project management (option)

* Please refer to the South Devon College website for up-to-date information.

Guest speakers and applied field study, using our local marine environment and beyond, will widen your experience and allow you to find out about a number of career options. Your studies will be complemented by the development of practical skills in marine science. The course will incorporate a mix of student- and teacher-led activities, including group tasks, debates, seminars and lectures, all of which are delivered in an inclusive and engaging learning environment.

Modules are assessed through examinations, practice and coursework. Coursework may be an essay, a scientific report, field work or a presentation. You will be required to undertake your own research and academic reading to develop your understanding of the topics covered. By doing this, you will grow as an independent professional, capable of leading your own study and development.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree you will have a wide range of career opportunities both in the United Kingdom and overseas. You could enter employment in a variety of fields and roles, or alternatively could consider progressing to further specialist study at Master's Level in various related subject fields, or apply for a PhD.

Your potential careers include:

- Aquarist
- University researcher
- Marine technician
- Coastal ecologist
- Conservationist

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor's with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

700F

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time





8,663

The projected number of jobs in biological sciences in the South West by 2022

£40,040

The average annual salary of chemical scientists in the South West

19%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in laboratory technicians, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BSc EXTENDED SCIENCE (YEAR 0)

OVERVIEW

This course is designed to help you progress to university-level study in a scientific field, and is relevant to students from a variety of backgrounds.

The course is suitable for those wishing to change from a non-scientific background, improve their current scientific qualification or build upon previous professional experience.

You will choose to study 2 subjects from biology, chemistry and physics throughout the year, alongside core mathematics, statistics and study modules. The modules you explore will be essential for your future studies, and prepare you well for progression to a full Honours Degree, or a Foundation Degree, as appropriate.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The BSc (Hons) Extended Science with Foundation Year is relevant to students with non-standard qualifications, including those without Science qualifications at Level 3. Applications from such students are welcomed and are assessed on an individual basis. This programme is also suitable for those returning to study who can offer work-related or other experience in place of formal qualifications and who have basic mathematical, English and science skills (i.e. at Grade C or above at GCSE level or equivalent).

Students with formal qualifications in science will require at least 140 UCAS points from Level 3 qualifications, including at least one pass in a science subject at A Level or equivalent.

YOUR STUDIES

You will choose 2 areas to study from the following options:

- Biology – topics include cell biology, animal and plant transport, respiration, photosynthesis and ecology
- Chemistry – topics include atomic structure, chemical compounds, energy, chemical reactions, periodic trends and organic compounds

- Physics – topics include nuclear physics and radioactivity, classical mechanics, quantum theory, electricity and magnetism.

You will also study a compulsory maths and statistics module that will give you essential skills for future scientific study.

The course is delivered through a variety of interactive teaching methods, including laboratory sessions, lectures, seminars and tutorials. You may have the opportunity to participate in field work and benefit from guest speakers with industry experience.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this course, you may automatically progress to one of a number of science degrees in the Faculty of Science and Engineering at Plymouth University. The marks required for guaranteed progression to specific degrees differ, for instance BSc (Hons) Chemistry, Conservation Biology, and Biological Sciences ask for an average of 50%, while others, such as BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences and BSc (Hons) Human Biosciences require 60%. Some degrees have additional requirements. Please note that some science degrees do not accept this course for progression.

Alternatively, you may progress on to any of the science-based Foundation Degrees that the College offers.

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Bachelor with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

140 UCAS points from Level 3 qualifications, including at least one science subject. Applications from adults with no formal qualifications also considered.

UCAS CODE

CFG0

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time (leading to 3- or 4-year degree study)



SOCIAL SCIENCES

A photograph of two men in a meeting. The man on the left is older, balding, and wearing glasses and a blue and white checkered shirt. The man on the right is younger, with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue cable-knit sweater. They are both smiling and looking towards the right. In the background, a world map is projected onto a screen. A white wavy line graphic is overlaid on the image, separating the two men.

COURSES

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During my time at the College I definitely gained the research bug, which has contributed to my success today. I went on to receive a first-class honours in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies at Plymouth University, and had my dissertation on domestic trafficking published in the Law and Criminal Justice Review.

I have my tutors and the College to thank for spurring me on to the success I'm now enjoying.

- ANNIE WESTCOTT
FdSc CRIMINOLOGY AND
PSYCHOLOGY

The classes are much smaller than other universities, so you receive so much more support which really impacts your learning. Because of that support, I didn't have the fear of starting a new course, which could have been daunting.

- CHLOE BROCK
FdSc PSYCHOLOGY
WITH SOCIOLOGY

8%

The projected growth in jobs for probation officers in the South West by 2022

£27,560

The average annual salary of a prison service officer in the South West

£690

The average weekly wage of a psychologist in the South West

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree has been designed to develop your understanding of the nature of crime, society and human behaviour. You will study a range of disciplines, including criminology, psychology, criminal psychology, criminal law and the criminal justice system.

The course analyses theory in relation to working practice, preparing you for employment in a variety of professions and career pathways. You will also develop the necessary academic and research skills, as you become an independent practitioner capable of adapting to challenges you may face in your career.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- The psychology of offending behaviour
- Cognitive and physiological psychology
- Criminological and penal theory
- Social, developmental, clinical and learning psychology
- Policing and community safety
- Methods of detection and offender profiling
- Youth justice, restorative justice and victims of crime

This course is delivered through lectures, collaborative discussions, group work and independent research. The teaching team consists of passionate practitioners with experience in a variety of fields and disciplines, including law, policing, youth work and prisoner education.

You will also benefit from guest speakers, who will share their experiences with you and provide a valuable insight into working practice.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies, BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies with Psychology or BSc (Hons) Police and Criminal Justice Studies degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you would be suitable to enter employment in a wide range of roles and professions within the sector or in the wider community.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Probation officer
- Police officer
- MI5 intelligence officer
- Community development worker

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

3S4B

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





5,620

The projected number of jobs in journalism in the South West by 2022

£29,640

The average annual salary of an author, writer or translator in the South West

£520

The average weekly wage of an archivist or curator in the South West

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdA HISTORY WITH ENGLISH

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree is an innovative course that gives you the chance to explore the South West of England, casting a new light upon it in a historical and literary context. From its enduring naval tradition to post-war regeneration, the South West has borne witness to, and defined, the pivotal social, historical and cultural movements of the modern era.

The South West acts as the lens through which you will explore the major developments between the 16th and 20th centuries, examining how its communities have adapted to and influenced societal change and evolution. You will utilise local resources and cultural heritage sites to make history practical and uniquely relevant, taking advantage of opportunities to apply your learning at Torre Abbey and Devon Heritage Centre.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- What is history?
- Evolution and revolution in Reformation Europe c.1500–1700
- History and visual culture: the changing face of the South West c.1890–2000
- The American literary voice

You will learn through a series of interactive lectures and seminars. There will also be opportunities to study and conduct research within the local community, accessing its wealth of museums, libraries and research centres, as well as various excursions to locations of historical and literary significance.

The course is delivered by our exceptional teaching team, who are enthusiastic and passionate about their subject, and have extensive backgrounds in industry and education.

Drawing on their comprehensive knowledge and experience, you will learn across various disciplines and become familiar with different approaches to research and critical analysis.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BA (Hons) History with English or BA (Hons) History degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could immediately enter employment, using the academic and professional skills you have gained to work in a variety of fields and disciplines.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Journalist
- Archivist
- Heritage manager
- Museum conservator
- Academic librarian

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

VQ13

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





£47,320

The average annual salary of a barrister or judge in the South West

£780

The average weekly wage of a solicitor in the South West

23%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in law, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc LAW

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree will provide you with a strong understanding of the law, focusing on either law within the business environment or in relation to criminology and criminal justice, depending on the pathway you choose.

The course will familiarise you with the English legal system. You could also study aspects of business and management organisations, or the theory behind criminal behaviour and the justice system.

This Foundation Degree has been designed with input from local employers, which ensures that it develops the skills required in industry today. Modules within the curriculum are intended to provide you with the skills you will need, and allow you to relate theory to practice so you're prepared for the challenges you may face in your future career.

The course includes two potential specialist pathways, which are:

- Business
- Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- The English legal system and method
- Criminal law
- Constitutional and administrative law
- Criminological and penal theory
- Contract law

This course is delivered through lectures, tutorials, seminars and workshops. You will benefit from regular guest speakers and may have the opportunity to visit local courts and wider educational trips, which are planned both nationally and overseas. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a mooting competition, which will simulate presenting a case in court and provide valuable experience.

The course places a strong focus on building relevant professional and personal skills, which is why you will be encouraged to work closely with local employers in a true working environment.

You will be encouraged to gain legal-related experience, which the College can support you in securing.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Law with Business or the BSc (Hons) Law with Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies degree at Plymouth University.

If you wish to qualify as a solicitor or barrister you will need to complete the Graduate Diploma in Law, prior to taking the Legal Practice Course or the Bar Professional Training Course. For those who wish to qualify as a solicitor, some exemptions of Graduate Diploma in Law modules may be awarded.

You may also progress to the second year of the 3-year LLB (Hons) Law degree (subject to approval), after which you can proceed to the Legal Practice Course or Bar Professional Training Course to gain qualified status.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Barrister's clerk
- Legal executive
- Legal publicist
- Legal secretary

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

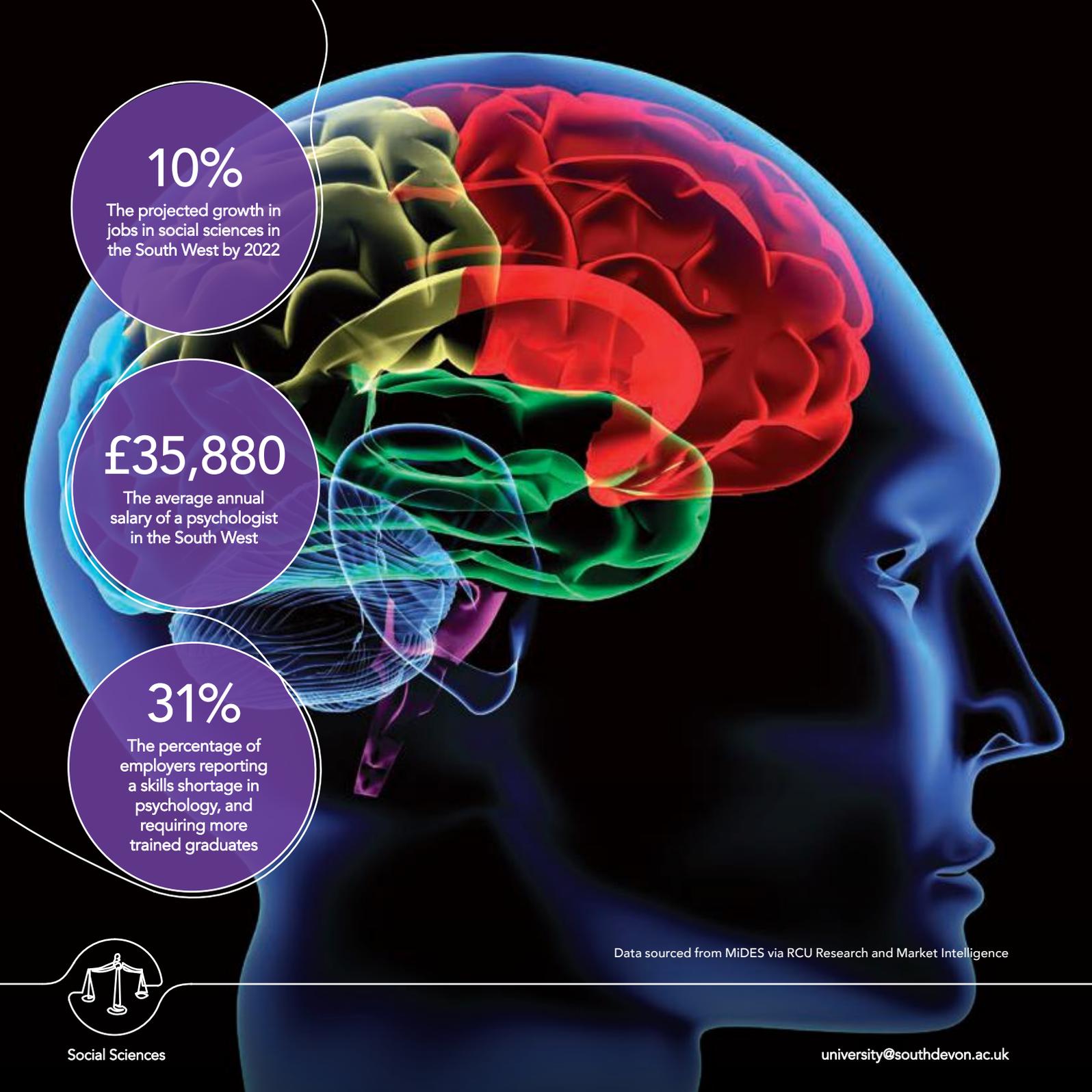
UCAS CODE

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MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





10%

The projected growth in jobs in social sciences in the South West by 2022

£35,880

The average annual salary of a psychologist in the South West

31%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in psychology, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc PSYCHOLOGY WITH SOCIOLOGY

OVERVIEW

During the Foundation Degree in Psychology with Sociology you will tackle questions such as:

- Why do good people sometimes do bad things?
- Is poverty due to the individual or society?
- Where is the line between mental health and mental illness?
- Do human beings have free will or are people programmed like robots?
- What is the place of religion in contemporary society?
- How much do childhood experiences influence development?
- How reliable is human memory and which factors affect it?
- How are every day experiences affected by societal change?
- Does society value individuality or conformity?
- Can all behaviour be explained by imbalances within the body?

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit. To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications. You will also need Level 2 qualifications in English and Maths.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

Psychology content:

- Social psychology
- Developmental psychology
- Learning psychology
- Clinical psychology
- Cognitive psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research methods
- Graduate skills (academic and work-based)

Sociology content:

- Sociology of social transformation and cultural change
- Sociological imaginations
- Sociological identities in modern societies
- Sociological change in a modern world

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the third year of the BSc (Hons) Psychological Studies degree at Plymouth University. You may also apply for progression to the BA (Hons) Education, Society and Development degree at South Devon College (subject to approval).

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability. Alternatively, you will be able to immediately seek employment, working in related fields.

The course will prepare you for professional practice in a number of fields, offering you a diverse array of employment opportunities upon completion. Areas of interest may include:

- Clinical psychology
- Counselling and therapies
- Educational psychology
- Forensic psychology
- Health psychology
- Neuropsychology
- Occupational psychology
- Sport and exercise psychology

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

CL83

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





SPORTS AND COACHING

COURSES

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There were many memorable moments on the course, my favourite being when a course mate and I organised a trip to the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES) Sports Science Conference at Portsmouth University, which was really valuable. The course provides both theoretical and practical knowledge, making it excellent preparation for a career, whether that's in sports or in any other field.

– ALEC PHILLIPS
FdSc SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

The facilities available to us were excellent; as was the teaching and support. The adaptability of the instructors, especially during the practical aspects of the course, showed us first-hand the skills that we would require working in industry.

– SAMANTHA RAMSEY
FdSc ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP



4,696

The projected number of jobs in leisure and sports management in the South West by 2022

£22,360

The average annual salary of a leisure or sports manager in the South West

9%

The projected growth in jobs in sports, health and fitness in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree focuses on outdoor adventure sports, and provides you with valuable practical experience, enabling you to pursue a variety of careers in this thrilling sector. The course also offers you the opportunity to gain qualifications from national governing bodies, alongside your studies, further evidencing your skills and increasing your employability.

You will gain experience in activities such as mountaineering, climbing, kayaking, mountain biking and coasteering. Our students also regularly achieve BCU 2 and 3 Star, UKCC Level 1 Coach awards, and many also take steps towards gaining their Mountain Leader training and Single Pitch Award qualifications during their studies. These are dependent on previous experience and are offered as additional opportunities alongside the main practical programme. This provides you with a broad skill set and opens up a variety of opportunities upon the completion of your studies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Principles of adventure
- Physiology for the outdoors
- Coaching
- Expedition leadership
- Psychology for the outdoors

You will be learning from a highly qualified and experienced teaching team, whose theoretical and practical knowledge will be invaluable to your development as an effective adventure sports practitioner. Their passion and enthusiasm is exceptional, with dedicated support and tutorial time available so that you can make the most of your studies.

Practical sessions and trips scheduled throughout the year are designed to develop skills and confidence to adapt your coaching techniques.

You will be learning in challenging environments, ensuring that when you graduate you will be well prepared to work in almost any setting.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Coaching (Outdoor Leadership) degree at South Devon College, or an associated course at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could seek to immediately enter employment and work in a range of outdoor and adventure related professions.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Specialist coach
- Outdoor activities/education manager
- Instructor
- Expedition leader

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

X900

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





721

The projected number of new jobs to be created in sports coaching and fitness in the South West by 2022

£17,680

The average annual salary of sports coaches and instructors in the South West

7%

The projected growth in jobs for fitness instructors in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

OVERVIEW

This Foundation Degree has been designed to equip you with the specialist skills and knowledge necessary to excel within the dynamic health and fitness sector, and the ability to adapt to the growing public demand within the industry.

The course considers a broad range of relevant disciplines, preparing you for future employment in the sector. You will build a strong understanding of the physiological theory of sport science, as well as health psychology, nutrition and various other topics.

The course is designed to provide opportunities for students to develop vocational skills in realistic working environments, and the College has a range of specialist facilities that support both your academic and practical development. These include a modern fitness suite, diagnostics room and rehabilitation suite.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Human anatomy and physiology
- Fundamentals of training and fitness
- Exercise and lifestyle
- Biomechanics of sport performance
- Sports coaching and leadership

This course is delivered by our passionate teaching team and you will learn through lectures, seminars and practical sessions. There may be the opportunity to attend trips and learn from guest speakers.

You will learn the correct procedures involved in health and fitness assessments, including scientifically recognised cardiorespiratory testing and power output testing. We also have a variety of equipment, which includes electrical modalities and specialist gym and fitness equipment.

You will also have the opportunity to gain industry-recognised qualifications, such as YMCA Gym Instructor and Sports Massage qualifications, the GP Referral Consultants Certificate (small fee required) and additional discounted qualifications.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Coaching (Sports Performance and Development) degree at South Devon College, or the BSc (Hons) Health and Fitness degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you could seek to immediately enter employment and work in a range of sport- and health-related professions.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Personal trainer
- Health and fitness centre manager
- Sports development officer
- Health promotion specialist
- Exercise physiologist

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

CB69

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available



A group of people in sailing gear are on the deck of a white boat with a green hull. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The boat is on the water, and the sky is overcast. The text is overlaid on the image in blue circles.

30%

The total marine industry revenue generated by the South West in 2015/16

£35,000

The average annual salary of superyacht or windfarm transfer vessel crew

5%

The growth of the UK marine industry workforce in 2015/16

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



FdSc YACHT OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

This is a unique, industry-driven Foundation Degree, designed to prepare you for employment within the marine sector. The course combines recognised practical qualifications with academic study, and equips you with a range of skills, technical knowledge and relevant experience to excel in your chosen field.

This course is delivered at South Devon College Marine Academy, our marine centre of excellence based in Kingswear on the River Dart. These facilities provide a fantastic learning environment and make the most of the local environment, where students have the opportunity to apply the skills and theory they learn on the water.

The South Devon College Marine Academy has access to over 20 boats. This includes powerboats, sailing dinghies and two 38-foot yachts: Aspiration (Sigma 38) and Endeavour (Beneteau 381).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each applicant is interviewed and assessed on their own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you will study include:

- Navigation
- Sailing and powerboating
- Yachting
- Performance and racing
- Coaching and leadership

There is a strong practical focus on this course, with the majority of study delivered at the South Devon College Marine Academy. This will help you develop vocational experience in a real setting, enabling you to transfer into employment when you graduate.

During your studies you will also have the opportunity to gain Royal Yachting Association (RYA)/Marine and Coastguard Agency (MCA) qualifications at a subsidised cost (RYA administration and exam fees are not included).

These include: Yachtmaster (offshore); Yachtmaster (coastal); Day Skipper; RYA Powerboat Level 2 Certificate; Diesel Engine Maintenance Certificate; Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Theory; Sea Survival; Professional Practice and Responsibilities; VHF/DSC Radio Operators Licence; and dinghy sailing qualifications.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this Foundation Degree you may be able to progress to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Coaching (Outdoor Leadership) degree (subject to approval) at South Devon College, or the BSc (Hons) Navigation and Maritime Science degree at Plymouth University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

You could also work in yacht charter companies, coastal adventure and guiding, yacht racing, national centres (such as Plas Menai), sailing schools or skippering yachts in the UK and overseas.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Skipper
- Harbour and coastal agency officer
- Sailing instructor

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Foundation Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

J610

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





9%

The projected growth in jobs for coaches, instructors and officials in the South West by 2022

£17,680

The average annual salary of coaches and instructors in the South West

27%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in sports, health and therapy, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BSc (Hons) COACHING (OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP)

(1 YEAR TOP-UP)

OVERVIEW

This course has been designed for those who have a background and experience in coaching and leadership, and aspire to develop an advanced skill set and work in the sports or outdoor (land- and water-based) industries. There is a particular emphasis on sport, outdoor adventure and yachting.

Your core modules will develop both theoretical and applied skills in outdoor coaching, where you will analyse the coaching process and utilise advanced techniques on a range of athletes, with varying degrees of proficiency and expectation.

The Outdoor Leadership Pathway focuses on topics such as the dynamics of risk and its beneficial uses in performance coaching, critical analysis of leadership performance and identity, and reflective practice to encourage evaluation and development of coaching.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol on this course, you will require 240 credits from a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you will study include:

- Applied performance coaching and research project
- Experimental leadership
- The dynamic of risk
- Reflection of practice and development

This course is delivered through a variety of teaching and learning methods, including lectures, seminars and independent research. You will be assessed by completing essays, presentations and some examinations. There is also the opportunity to study for a number of qualifications from national governing bodies alongside this course.

Our teaching team have an exceptional background, both in education and in industry. You will be assigned a personal tutor and have access to a number of other specialist staff, whose experience and guidance will support you in developing personally and professionally to become a highly skilled practitioner.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree you will have a wide range of career opportunities. You could work in the outdoor, sailing or yachting industries, particularly in coaching and leadership roles.

You could also consider progressing to further study at Master's level, or starting your own business, which our team can support you with.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Outdoor sports development
- Outdoor activities instructor
- Expedition leader

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor's with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

3D0W

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time





9%

The projected growth in jobs for coaches, instructors and officials in the South West by 2022

£17,680

The average annual salary of coaches and instructors in the South West

27%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in sports, health and therapy, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



BSc (Hons) COACHING (SPORTS PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT) (1 YEAR TOP-UP)

OVERVIEW

This course has been designed for those who have a background and experience in coaching and leadership, and aspire to develop an advanced skill set and work in the sports or outdoor (land- and water-based) industries. There is a particular emphasis on sport and fitness.

Your core modules will develop both theoretical and applied skills in sports coaching, where you will analyse the coaching process and utilise advanced techniques on a range of athletes, with varying degrees of proficiency and expectation.

The Sports Performance and Development pathway considers various issues within the context of sport, such as psychology, cultural influences, gender inequality and development policies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol on this course, you will require 240 credits from a Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you will study include:

- Contemporary issues in sport
- Applied psychology for sports performance
- Sports development

This course is delivered through a variety of teaching and learning methods, including lectures, seminars and independent research. You will be assessed by completing essays, presentations and some examinations. There is also the opportunity to study for a number of qualifications from national governing bodies alongside this course.

Our teaching team have an exceptional background, both in education and in industry. You will be assigned a personal tutor and have access to a number of other specialist staff, whose experience and guidance will support you in developing personally and professionally to become a highly skilled practitioner.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree you will have a wide range of career opportunities. You could work in the sports, leisure or fitness industries, particularly in coaching and leadership roles.

You could also consider progressing to further study at Master's level, or starting your own business, which our team can support you with.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Sport and fitness centre manager
- Specialist coach
- Sports development officer
- Match and performance analyst

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Top-up Bachelor's with Honours Degree awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma

INSTITUTION CODE

S32

UCAS CODE

3D0W

MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time



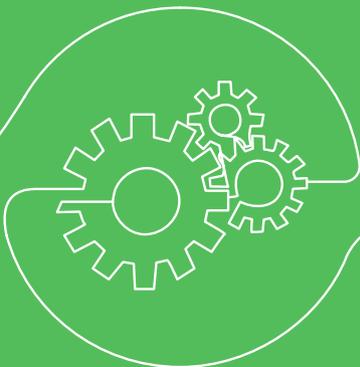


HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

INCORPORATING UNIVERSITY LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS

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A Degree Apprenticeship or Higher Apprenticeship is an education route, recently launched by the Government, bringing together the best of higher and vocational training. This new option enables university study and the invaluable on-the-job training typical of an apprenticeship, without any cost to the apprentice for tuition.

The Degree Apprenticeship will strengthen the 'vocational pathway', and enable progression from craft and technical roles into management. This means that programmes are suitable for those who have completed lower-level apprenticeships but wish to advance their career through further study.

*Subject to approval



15,818

The projected number of jobs in electrical and electronics engineering in the South West by 2022

£36,400

The average annual salary of an electrical engineer in the South West

43%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in electronic engineering, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP: ADVANCED MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING (ELECTRICAL)

INCORPORATING THE HNC ELECTRONICS AND ROBOTIC CONTROL ENGINEERING*

OVERVIEW

This Higher Apprenticeship has been designed to provide access to development opportunities for as wide a range of individuals as possible. The course would be beneficial if you are at the start of your career and wish to become a professional engineer and achieve Incorporated Engineer status, or if you have already developed practical experience but wish to develop your theoretical understanding.

This engineering qualification will enable you to become part of the growing world of technology. It will enhance your career prospects and earning power, and has been developed in response to the requirements of employers worldwide to provide the skills that professional engineers need.

The provision at South Devon College incorporates exceptional facilities, including our Schneider-supported state-of-the-art PLC lab suite, and a passionate teaching team, which has many years of experience and various industry links.

As a student, you will need to demonstrate and evidence where you have taken responsibility for people, projects, operations and/or services to deliver long-term organisational success, with the expectation that you will deliver impact, behave ethically and demonstrate your commitment to continual learning and development. These attributes will be shown through assembling personal records showing you have met competencies in a range of engineering fields – which can be tailored to your current employment. Competencies are selected from areas such as research, manufacture, administration, quality systems, new product information and design.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Applied mathematics for engineering
- Industrial control and automation with applications
- Analogue electronics
- Sustainable engineering

You will be taught through a variety of teaching methods, which will vary by module. These will include tutorials, laboratory work and practical tasks on industry-standard software and industrial equipment.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of the course, you may choose to seek further study.

Your career progression routes include:

- Robotics software engineer
- Electronic engineer
- Automation engineer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Higher Apprenticeship awarded by Plymouth University, incorporating a Higher National Certificate qualification

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

MODES OF STUDY

2 years part-time



A person is working on a mechanical part in a factory setting. The person is wearing a striped shirt and is using a tool to work on a white cylindrical component. The background is a perforated metal wall. The person is sitting at a workstation with a blue frame.

£46,280

The average annual salary of a mechanical engineer in the South West

68%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in engineering, and requiring more trained graduates

10,956

The projected number of jobs in mechanical engineering in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP: ADVANCED MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING (MECHANICAL)

INCORPORATING THE HNC MANUFACTURING AND MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING*

OVERVIEW

This Higher Apprenticeship has been designed to provide access to development opportunities for as wide a range of individuals as possible. The course would be beneficial if you are at the start of your career and wish to become a professional engineer and achieve Incorporated Engineer status, or if you have already developed practical experience but wish to develop your theoretical understanding.

This engineering qualification will enable you to become part of the growing world of technology. It will enhance your career prospects and earning power, and has been developed in response to the requirements of employers worldwide to provide the skills that professional engineers need.

The provision at South Devon College incorporates exceptional facilities, including our Schneider-supported state-of-the-art PLC lab suite, and a passionate teaching team, which has many years of experience and various industry links.

This Higher Apprenticeship, which incorporates a Higher National Certificate (HNC), is available as a part-time

programme of study, and enables you to study specialist knowledge modules in addition to core scientific and analytical principles.

As a student, you will need to demonstrate and evidence where you have taken responsibility for people, projects, operations and/or services to deliver long-term organisational success, with the expectation that you will deliver impact, behave ethically and demonstrate your commitment to continual learning and development. These attributes will be shown through assembling personal records showing you have met competencies in a range of engineering fields – which can be tailored to your current employment. Competencies are selected from areas such as research, manufacture, administration, quality systems, new product information and design.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Applied mathematics for engineering
- Mechanical and electrical concepts
- Industrial control and automation with applications

You will be taught through a variety of teaching methods, which will vary by module. These will include tutorials, laboratory work and practical tasks on industry standard software and industrial equipment.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of the course, you may choose to seek further study.

Your career progression routes include:

- Aerospace and automotive design and manufacturing engineer
- Mechanical engineer
- CAD designer

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Higher Apprenticeship awarded by Plymouth University, incorporating a Higher National Certificate qualification

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

MODES OF STUDY

2 years part-time





10%

The projected growth in jobs in civil engineering in the South West by 2022

£34,320

The average annual salary of a civil engineer in the South West

35%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in civil engineering, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP: CONSTRUCTION SITE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

INCORPORATING THE HNC CIVIL AND COASTAL ENGINEERING

OVERVIEW

This Higher Apprenticeship is for technicians within the construction and civil engineering sectors. Typically this includes roles such as assistant site engineer, assistant engineer, civil engineering technician or construction site technician. It may also include site engineer, civil engineer or project engineer roles. These positions are associated with the dimensional control and application of engineering solutions on construction projects and are based on construction sites with occasional time in offices.

This apprenticeship has been designed to provide access to development opportunities for as wide a range of individuals as possible. The course would be beneficial if you are at the start of your career and wish to become a manager and achieve professional status, or if you have already developed practical experience but wish to develop your theoretical understanding of management and technical skills further.

This Trailblazer Apprenticeship has been developed by a group of employers, in partnership with a number of higher education institutions and the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Under this scheme, workers who successfully complete the apprenticeship will earn the HNC Civil and Coastal Engineering.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit. To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Coastal engineering
- Setting out, surveying and computer-aided design for construction engineers
- Structural analysis and design
- Geology and soil mechanics
- Sustainable and civil engineering technology and site operations

This course is delivered by a teaching team who are incredibly passionate about their respective subject areas, and who all have a wealth of professional experience spanning a diverse range of projects.

Modules are assessed by a variety of different methods, including timed tests and reports based on real-life projects. You will develop into an independent and confident practitioner capable of adapting to future challenges in your career.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of the HNC, you may be able to progress on to the FdSc Civil and Coastal Engineering course at the College. Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Higher Apprenticeship awarded by Plymouth University, incorporating a Higher National Certificate qualification

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

MODES OF STUDY

2 years part-time





121,155

The projected number of jobs in skilled construction and building trades in the South West by 2022

£37,440

The average annual salary of a quantity surveyor in the South West

£570

The average weekly wage of a chartered architectural technician in the South West

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP: CONSTRUCTION SITE SUPERVISOR

INCORPORATING THE HNC SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

OVERVIEW

This Higher Apprenticeship is for professional managers within the construction industry who take a lead role in managing people and projects. Typically this includes roles such as construction site manager, construction site supervisor, assistant site manager or assistant site supervisor. These are associated with the supervision of specialist contractors and workers on construction projects and are based on construction sites with occasional time in offices.

This apprenticeship has been designed to provide access to development opportunities for as wide a range of individuals as possible. The course would be beneficial if you are at the start of your career and wish to become a manager and achieve Chartered Manager status, or if you have already developed practical experience but wish to develop your theoretical understanding of management skills further.

This Trailblazer Apprenticeship has been developed by a group of employers, in partnership with a number of higher education institutions and the Chartered Institute of Building.

Under this scheme, workers who successfully complete the apprenticeship will earn HNC Sustainable Construction and the Built Environment, accredited by the Chartered Institute of Building.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit. To enrol on this course, you will require 48–60 UCAS points, from at least one of the following: A Levels, BTEC Nationals, Access to Higher Education Diploma, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualifications.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Sustainable construction and its environmental impact
- Design principles and application
- Building management systems
- Conversion and adaptation of buildings

During this course you will learn through a variety of methods, ensuring that you gain a diverse and broad skill set and knowledge base. The teaching team

consists of practitioners who have a wealth of industry experience, having contributed professionally to a wide range of construction projects. We have strong links with industry, providing support to your learning, as well as the chance to develop a network of professional contacts.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress on to the FdSc Sustainable Construction and the Built Environment foundation degree at the College. Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

The programme prepares you for management roles in construction disciplines, opening up numerous opportunities.

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Higher Apprenticeship awarded by Plymouth University, incorporating a Higher National Certificate qualification

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

MODES OF STUDY

2 years part-time





£480

The average weekly wage of a laboratory scientist in the South West

19%

The reported number of vacancies due to skill shortages in this sector in the South West

6,585

The projected number of laboratory technician jobs in the South West by 2020

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP: LABORATORY SCIENTIST (LIFE SCIENCES)

INCORPORATING THE FdSc BIOSCIENCE

OVERVIEW

This Higher Apprenticeship is a flexible work-based learning programme which has been designed by industry specialists to provide you with the skills and knowledge that are essential for a career as a laboratory scientist. Alongside your work-based practice, you will study for a Foundation Degree in Biosciences.

Work-based learning and Higher Apprenticeships are practical modes of study that combine university study with a profession, allowing you to link theory to your own working practice. You will spend 80% of your time in the workplace, becoming competent in a range of practical skills and processes. You and your employer, supported by a College Assessor, will keep a log and evidence of your competencies as they develop. You will also undertake a workplace project towards the end of the programme to demonstrate the skills you have gained. The remaining 20% of your time will be spent at South Devon College studying modules on our Foundation Degree in Biosciences; subjects include laboratory techniques, cell biology, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology and biotechnology.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to this course typically requires you to have completed a relevant Level 3 qualification such as BTEC Applied Science, A Levels in science subjects or an Advanced Apprenticeship for laboratory technicians. Alternatively, you may have at least 3 years' experience working practically in a laboratory. You will also need to be employed in a suitable position in the science industry to gain the necessary practical competencies.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you will study include:

- Laboratory techniques
- Cell biology
- Biochemistry toolkit
- Genes, genetic analysis and evolution
- Microbiology
- Biodiversity and speciation
- Molecular genetics and biotechnology
- Human physiology
- Immunology
- Professional practice
- Research project

Learning and assessment activities are varied – you will have lectures, seminars, guided practical and laboratory sessions and guided research.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

On successful completion of your Higher Apprenticeship, your skills, knowledge and behaviours will be assessed by an independent assessment organisation. The assessment will include a review of your competence log, a presentation of your project, a competence discussion and a scenario case study; each of these elements will be graded and inform your overall Apprenticeship Award.

Your Higher Apprenticeship Award will confirm that you are fully competent to work as a laboratory scientist in a wide range of organisations, including biotechnology, microbiology, analytical science and biomedical science.

You will also have the opportunity to top up your Foundation Degree to a Bachelor's Degree in a related subject area such as applied science, bioscience or biomedical science.

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Higher Apprenticeship awarded by Plymouth University, incorporating a Higher National Certificate qualification

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time, 3 years part-time and modular study available





6%

The projected growth in jobs in construction and building trades in the South West by 2022

£25,500

The average annual salary in construction and building trades in the South West

26%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in construction trades, and requiring more trained graduates

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

This Higher Apprenticeship is a flexible, work-based learning programme which has been designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge that are essential for a career in construction operations management. It also includes a Foundation Degree.

Work-based learning and Higher Apprenticeships are practical modes of study that combine university study with your existing profession, and link theory to your own working practice. You can study to suit your schedule and working responsibilities, and it is a convenient way of developing your existing knowledge at an advanced level, tailored to your roles and experience in the workplace.

The course comprises a series of core modules that focus on broader topics such as construction technologies and management, personal development, and site surveying. You will then select optional modules based on your professional role, which could include sustainable construction, computer-aided design (CAD) or architecture.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to this course typically requires you to have completed an Advanced Apprenticeship with a relevant employer at Level 3, or to have 3 years' experience in the construction industry. You will also need to be currently employed in a suitable sector of the construction industry.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you could study include:

- Construction technologies
- Site surveying
- Construction management
- Environmental technologies

Learning activities are project-based, with theory sessions relating directly to working practice. During this course you will also gain skills as a reflective, independent learner, developing your own expertise within aspects of your work and building leadership skills for future management opportunities. Work-based learning courses and modules can be studied on a part-time basis, in the workplace or through distance learning.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this course you may progress to the second year of either the BSc (Hons) Building Surveying and the Environment or BSc (Hons) Construction Management and the Environment degrees at Plymouth University, BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering (subject to approval) at South Devon College or the (Higher Apprenticeship) BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Construction Operations Management degree at Middlesex University.

Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Career progression is varied because the course prepares you for construction operations management. The course provides you with the skill set to progress in junior, middle and senior management positions.

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a Higher Apprenticeship awarded by Plymouth University, incorporating a Higher National Certificate qualification

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship or 3 years' relevant experience

MODES OF STUDY

2 years full-time and
3 years part-time



83%

Say they are better managers after achieving Chartered Manager status

£391,443

The average added value of Chartered Managers to their organisation

96%

Use Chartered Manager status as proof of leading people and managing change



Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP: CHARTERED MANAGER

INCORPORATING THE BA (Hons) LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

The Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship is for professional managers who take lead responsibility for people, projects, operations and/or services to deliver long-term organisational success. It is applicable to professional managers from all sectors – the private, public or third sector – and all sizes of organisation.

This apprenticeship has been designed to provide access to development opportunities for as wide a range of individuals as possible. The course would be beneficial if you are at the start of your career and wish to become a professional manager and achieve Chartered Manager status, or if you have already developed practical experience but wish to develop your theoretical understanding of management skills further.

This Trailblazer Apprenticeship has been developed by a group of employers, in partnership with a number of higher education institutions and the Chartered Management Institute (CMI).

Under this scheme, workers who complete the apprenticeship will earn a BA (Hons) in Leadership and Management, and become a Chartered Manager.

As a student, you will need to demonstrate and evidence where you have taken responsibility to deliver long-term organisational success.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to be in employment, ideally with senior management responsibility. You will need to hold a recognised management or leadership qualification at Level 5; however, the College considers a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and each application is assessed on its own merit.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you will study include:

- Leadership and management concepts
- Operational decision-making
- Corporate strategy in action
- Digital innovation

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree, you will be well prepared to work in management roles in a range of careers and sectors. The focus of the course means that you could potentially work in any industry that interests you, particularly in roles that require leadership skills.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Industry manager
- Project manager
- Events manager
- Operations manager



COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a BA (Hons) awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Foundation Degree or Level 5 management qualification

MODES OF STUDY

2 years part-time





24%

The percentage of employers reporting a skills shortage in building and civil engineering

£480

The average weekly wage of a skilled building and civil engineer in the South West

3%

The projected growth of jobs in civil engineering in the South West by 2022



DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP: CIVIL ENGINEERING SITE MANAGEMENT

INCORPORATING THE BSc (Hons) CIVIL ENGINEERING*

OVERVIEW

This programme is for managers within the construction and civil engineering sectors. Typically this includes roles such as site manager, sub agent, assistant site manager or section engineer. These positions are associated with the management of civil engineering and infrastructure projects and are based on sites or in offices.

This apprenticeship degree has been designed to provide access to development opportunities for as wide a range of individuals as possible. The course would be beneficial if you are at the start of your career and wish to become a professional manager and achieve Chartered status, or if you have already developed practical experience but wish to develop your theoretical understanding of management skills further.

The course will provide you with the knowledge, skills and ability to innovate and provide essential and sustainable infrastructure, including sea defences, flood protection, water treatment systems, roads, bridges and tunnels. You will benefit from the exceptional facilities at the College, whilst Torbay itself has 2 miles of coastline and is a UNESCO-recognised Global

Geopark, making it an outstanding location to study the coastal elements.

This Trailblazer Degree Apprenticeship has been developed by a group of employers, in partnership with a number of higher education institutions and the Institute of Civil Engineers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to hold a recognised engineering qualification at level 5. We consider a variety of qualifications and relevant experience, and assess every application on its own merit. This means that even if you do not meet the specified requirements, you may still be able to study with us.

You should be able to demonstrate an appropriate level of numeracy and literacy, and your overall ability to complete the course is a deciding factor. To find out more about entry requirements, contact us today.

YOUR STUDIES

This course will develop you into a confident and independent technical manager, capable of directing your own study.

You will learn through a range of teaching methods, with a focus on enquiry and problem-based learning, which will lead you to identify and resolve your own learning needs and development.

The programme will require study at Plymouth 1 day per week to study 60 credits and 1 day a week at South Devon College to study a further 60 credits.

Core Modules

- Structural design
- Individual project
- Leadership and enterprise in the civil engineering sector (subject to change)
- Work-based project management (subject to change)
- Professional development and the contemporary civil engineering sector (subject to change)

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

The programme prepares you for management roles in various industry disciplines, opening up numerous opportunities.

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a BSc (Hons) awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Foundation Degree or Level 5 engineering qualification

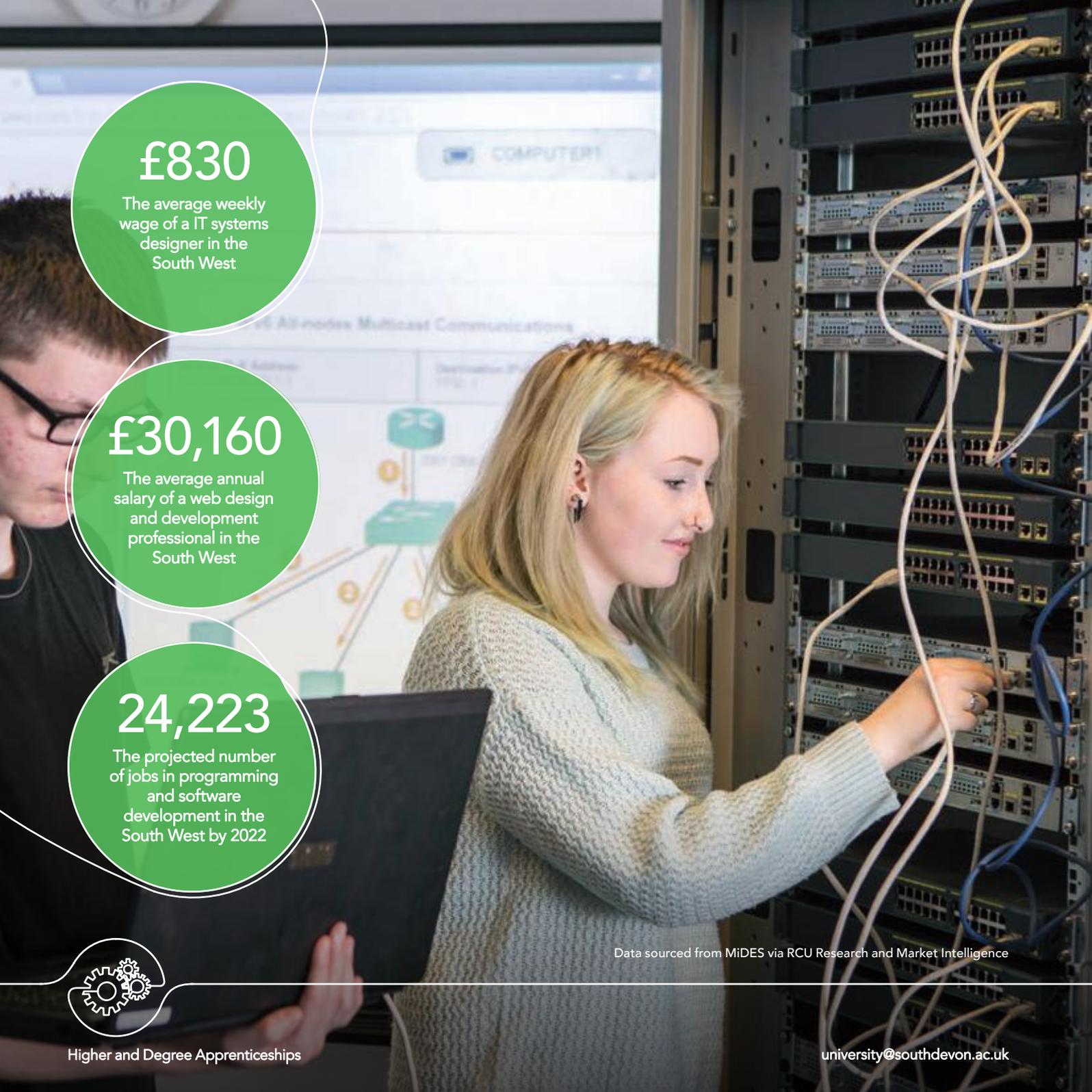
MODES OF STUDY

1 year full-time



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£830

The average weekly wage of a IT systems designer in the South West

£30,160

The average annual salary of a web design and development professional in the South West

24,223

The projected number of jobs in programming and software development in the South West by 2022

Data sourced from MiDES via RCU Research and Market Intelligence



DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP: DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

OVERVIEW

This practical, hands-on programme gives you a solid core of digital and IT expertise that is totally applicable to the needs of industry today. Apprentices obtain a full Honours degree alongside gaining valuable work experience and earning a salary – plus students do not have to pay any course fees.

Typically studying over 4 years, as a Digital and Technology Solutions apprentice you have the choice of 4 specialist routes that equip you with the precise skills needed to excel in some of the most in-demand careers in the UK.

For the first three years, your study is based at South Devon College and your final year is delivered at Plymouth University. The number of taught hours is lower in this year as you will work on your final year project.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSEs: All applicants must have GCSE Mathematics and English at grade C or above (or equivalent).
- UCAS tariff: 300 points from a minimum of 2 A levels (excluding general studies, critical thinking or citizenship), or one vocational A level.
- International Baccalaureate: 30 points
- BTEC National Diploma/QCF Extended Diploma: 18 units. Acceptable subjects include IT, engineering, software development, IT practitioners, computing, and science. For art, sports, business or humanities related subjects, please enquire for information.
- Other combinations and non-A level qualifications also considered.

Candidates are interviewed before an offer is made.

YOUR STUDIES

Modules you will study include:

- Databases: analysis, design and development
- Secure systems architectures and mechanisms
- Project management

This course is designed equally around 3 core aspects: core computing skills, specialist knowledge and work-based learning. You can choose to specialise in a number of career-specific areas: cyber security analyst, IT consultant, network engineer, or software engineer. You will gain experience of, and have access to, industry-leading tools and applications.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Upon successful completion of this degree you may choose to progress to study a Master's degree.

You may choose to progress to a career in areas such as systems analysis, programming database development, network administration, web technologies and programming for mobile and entertainment systems.

The roles you could be working as include:

- Cyber security analyst
- Network engineer
- IT consultant

COURSE INFORMATION

AWARD

This is a BSc (Hons) awarded by Plymouth University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48–60 UCAS points

MODES OF STUDY

4 years study (first 3 years at the College and the final year at Plymouth University)



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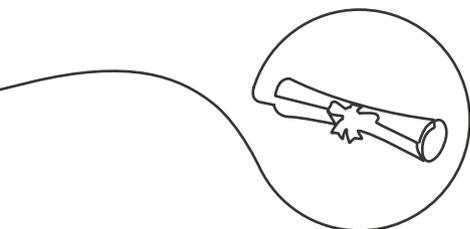
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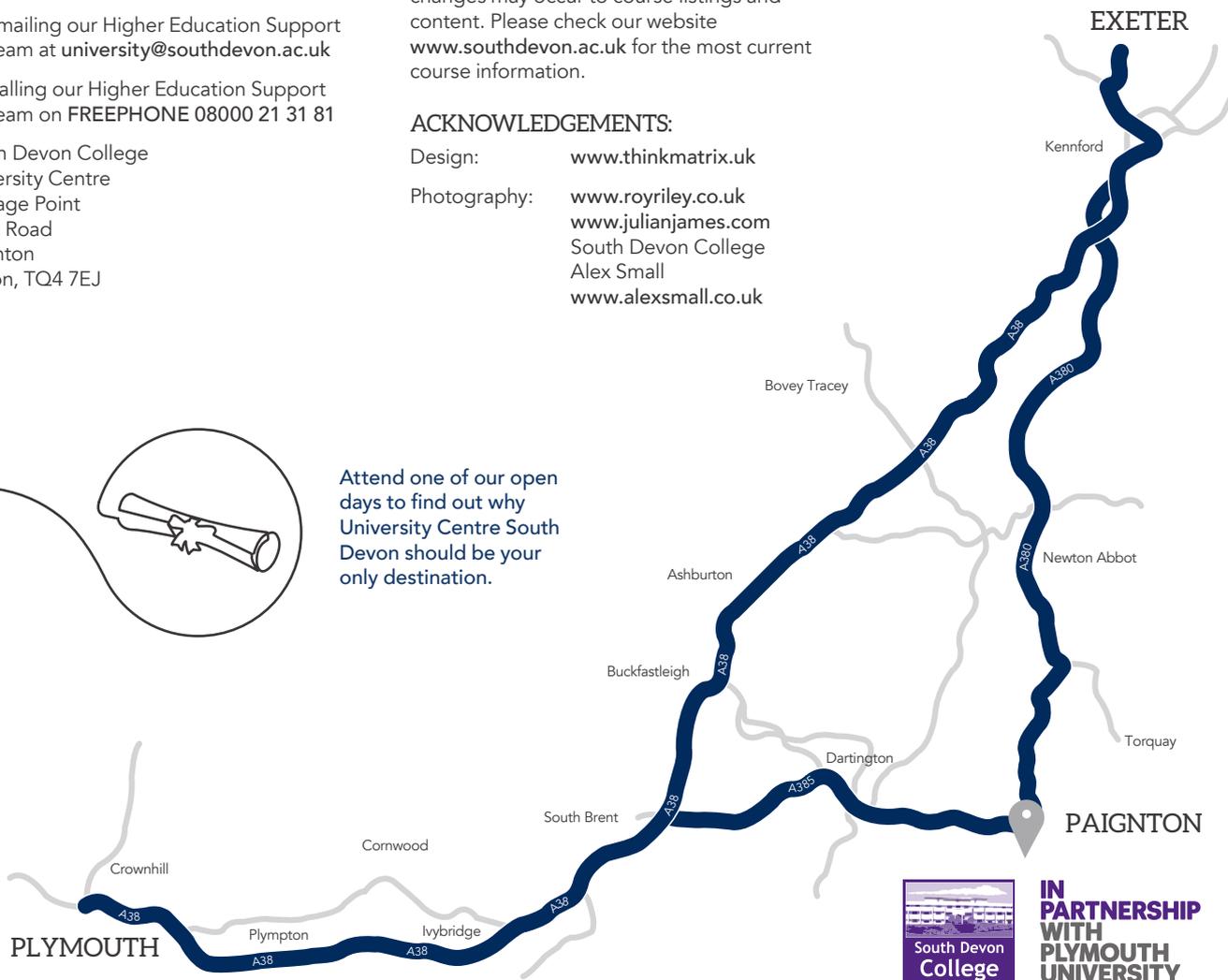
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