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South Devon
school leavers

200

courses and
apprenticeships
available

100%

A Level
pass rate



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WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to South Devon College, and thank you for taking the time to see how we can help you grow and achieve your goals.

Everything we do is centred on giving you the best possible learning experience as a student, inside and outside of the classroom, now more than ever.

The College offers progression routes at all levels. Whether you're looking to study at entry level or you're aspiring to add a degree to your name, we can help you succeed. Thousands of our students go on to positive destinations following their studies with us. Combined with our delivery of essential skills as part of your

learning to improve your job prospects, I'm confident you can reach those destinations with us too.

As a result of our values and learning culture, you can be reassured that you'll feel included and receive the support you need to progress, whether you're learning with our tutors face-to-face here at the College or studying remotely at home. We have all the facilities in place to make either way of learning a fantastic experience for you.



Laurence Frewin
Principal and CEO
South Devon College

There's so much more that makes the South Devon College experience the best around, but you'll be able to see that for yourself in the rest of this mini guide. You can also find out more on our website or at our virtual open events throughout the year.

Thank you for considering us as the people to support you in such an important time in your life. I look forward to welcoming you to South Devon College very soon.

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WHY CHOOSE SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE?

Deciding whether to leave school doesn't have to be a difficult choice. It is important for you to explore all of your options and that's where we come in.

1 WE'RE FIRST CHOICE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS IN SOUTH DEVON

We're one of the biggest campuses you can choose to study at in South Devon for a reason. You'll be part of something bigger here at South Devon College.

2 OUR VALUES AND LEARNING CULTURE

South Devon College promotes five core values through its teaching, learning and assessment. These are: inclusion, aspiration, support, innovation, and the progress of students.

3 WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

With a range of campus locations across Torbay and South Devon housing world-class facilities such as our Hi Tech & Digital Centre, we ensure that you have everything you need for a great student experience whether you're studying on campus or remotely.

4 AMAZING LEARNING AND DIGITAL RESOURCES

With state-of-the-art equipment across all our campuses, including campus-wide WiFi access, our College app SDConnect, and over 25,000 books at our Learning Resource Centre (LRC), we have everything you need for the best student experience.

5 REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

Real world experiences are at the centre of your course, especially if you choose to study an apprenticeship or one of our new T Levels. Our tutors all have relevant industry experience so you can be confident you're learning from the best.

6 STUDENT INDEPENDENCE

At South Devon College we give you the space to grow. Our students tell us they enjoy being treated more like an adult and feeling they are on the same level as their tutors, creating a more natural way of learning.

ONE-TO-ONE GUIDANCE

With so many courses available, we understand that finding the right one for you can sometimes be difficult.

That's why our Helpzone team offers dedicated careers advice and guidance, providing free one-to-one sessions that can help make your options much clearer.

Our priority is helping you achieve your goals, whatever they may be, and what you choose to study can make a significant difference to your prospects for the future.

Our friendly and professional team have an extensive knowledge of every area in the College, as well as other external training providers, so can provide the impartial advice you need to make the best decision for you.

The Helpzone team can also help identify all of the financial support you're entitled to receive, as well as helping you develop important skills such as CV writing and interview preparation.

We can assist you with:

- Exploring your career choices (even if you're unsure where to start!)
- Writing and developing your CV
- Preparation for job interviews
- Further courses of study
- Financial support

As a student at South Devon College, you'll also have a Personal Tutor. They will be your first point of contact for any issues relating to or impacting your learning and will ensure you get the most out of your studies.



"I really enjoyed studying here. You're treated as an adult at the College and the tutors get to know you on a personal level. They're really supportive and their knowledge is invaluable. I felt I grew as a person during my time there, which is so important."

CAITLYN CROFTS

Health and Social Care

BOOK YOUR FREE SESSION TODAY

Find out more by calling our team on **08000 380 123** or visiting southdevon.ac.uk/get-in-touch

STUDY LOCALLY AT OUR SPECIALIST FACILITIES

It's not just our teaching that makes studying here unique. Our £36 million campus provides the very best learning environment, giving local students access to world-class facilities.

1 Hi Tech & Digital Centre

The new, purpose-built facility is innovative in its design and use, as well as nationally significant.

The Centre provides individuals with the skills that employers need to support their growth in a range of important local hi-tech businesses such as: electronics, lasers, fibre, satellite and communications, aerospace, marine, medical, and big data analytics.





2 Sports Centre

Comprising a latest generation all weather 3G pitch, changing rooms, community room teaching space and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) pitch, the South Devon Sports Centre was designed with a strong emphasis on local community.

The Centre is the official home to the College's resident Pro:Direct Devon Football Academy. The ever-growing Academy hosts its own fixtures for teams all across the South West region, helping to nurture the next generation of emerging talent.



3 Animal Care Unit

The Animal Care Unit is one of the many facilities that sets South Devon College apart from anywhere else.

At the Paignton campus, opposite University Centre South Devon, is a dedicated Unit including a Blue Cross cattery, commercial dog grooming facilities and a wide range of animals that are looked after by both staff and students. Animals in the unit include meerkats, porcupines, pigs, goats, chickens, reptiles and much more.



4 Inspirations Salon and Barberworx

Our Hair and Beauty courses are all based within our industry-standard Inspirations Salon, and for Barbering courses we have the Barberworx salon.

As part of all the Hair, Barbering, and Beauty courses here, students get to work in the commercially operated salons with real paying clients in order to develop the relationship building and customer service skills that are essential in this industry.



5 Cafés

The College has many cafés, all offering something different for breakfast and lunch.

- Café International
- The Greenhouse Café
- The Danish Café
- The Italian Servery
- Java Café

TAKE A TOUR OF OUR CAMPUSES

To find out more about our campus, please visit southdevon.ac.uk/campuses

IT'S EASY TO APPLY ONLINE

Here at South Devon College, we are passionate about getting you to where you want to be in life. That's why we've made applying for your dream course through our website very easy.

If you need any assistance with your application please contact us by calling **08000 380 123** or by emailing enquiries@southdevon.ac.uk.

1 EXPLORE

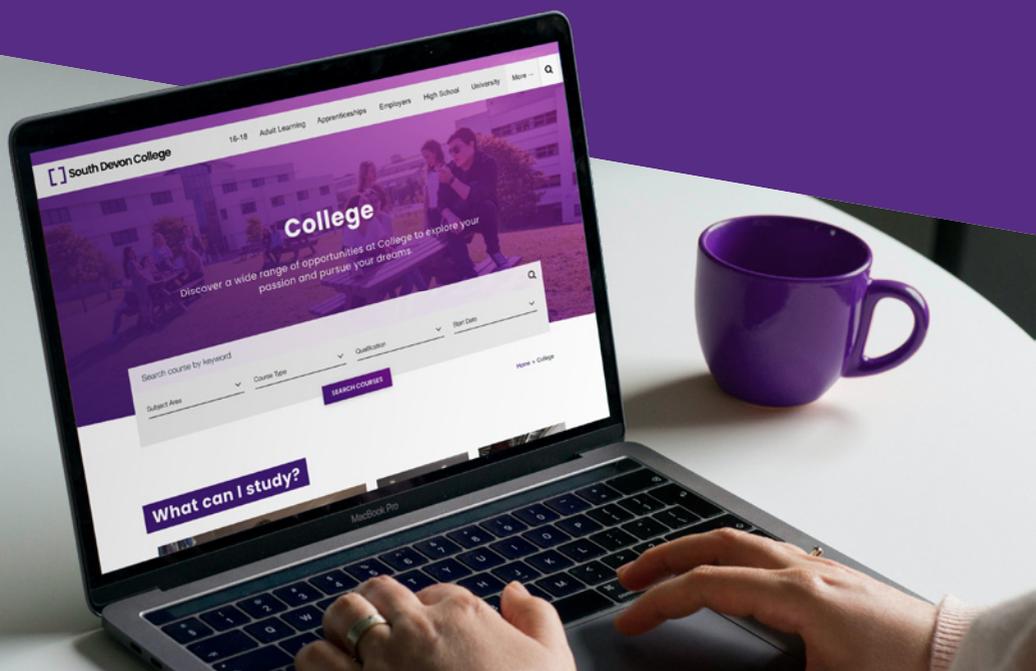
Take a look at the range of our courses and further college information online.

2 DISCOVER

All of our courses come complete with entry requirements and possible career paths to help you choose your perfect course.

3 APPLY

To start your application, simply click **apply now** on your chosen course.



COURSE LISTING

A Levels¹

Art
 Biology
 Business Studies
 Chemistry
 Computer Science
 English Language
 English Literature
 Film Studies
 Geography
 History
 Law
 Mathematics
 Philosophy
 Photography
 Physics
 Politics
 Psychology
 Sociology

AS Levels

Mathematical Studies
 Further Maths

T Levels

Digital Production Design and Development
 Digital Support Services
 Education and Childcare: Assisting Teaching
 Electrical Installation
 Health and Science: Health Pathway
 Onsite Construction: Carpentry and Joinery
 Plumbing
 Science

Arts, Media, and Games

Art, Design, Fashion, and Photography
 Creative Digital Media

Automotive, Vehicle Refinishing, and Motorcycle

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Business, Law, and Professional

Business
 Law

Catering, Hospitality, and Tourism

Catering
 Tourism and Hospitality

Construction

Brickwork
 Carpentry
 Electrical Installation
 Painting and Decorating
 Plumbing

Hair and Beauty

Beauty Therapies, Make-Up, and Nail Technologies
 Hairdressing and Barbering

Hi Tech Engineering and Computing

Computing and Digital Technologies
 Hi Tech Engineering in Electronics and Manufacturing

Marine Technologies

Marine

Music and Performing Arts

Music
 Performing Arts

Protective and Public Services

Protective Services
 Uniformed Public Services

Science

Animal and Land-Based Studies
 Applied Science

Society, Care, Education, and Development

Children, Young People, and Education
 Health and Care
 Social Sciences

Sports and Fitness

Adventure Sports
 Sports Science, Coaching, and Fitness

Supported Learning Opportunities

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¹ A Levels can be combined (subject to timetabling restrictions) with some of our vocational Level 3 courses and studied within our Sixth Form. To view the full study package, visit southdevon.ac.uk/college/sixth-form

SIXTH FORM

South Devon College offers a wide range of opportunities for school leavers, including academic study within a dedicated Sixth Form. This provides exceptional results for those studying their A Levels, with 2020 seeing a 100% pass rate.

What makes us different is that you can study vocational Level 3 subjects alongside your A Levels. This year, we are excited to offer the new T Levels within our Sixth Form. This will give you a rich experience of both vocational and academic study and nationally recognised qualifications that will make your CV or university application stand out.

With no students below Year 9, the College environment here will feel a world apart from school. Our students tell us that they enjoy being treated like an adult by friendly tutors, whilst also having excellent support to hand, whether that's for support with studying or personal circumstances.

The student experience is tailored to you, and we are focused on providing you with a wide range of opportunities both during and after your studies.

Year on year, we consistently see around 75% of students continue their studies at university, 40% of those securing places in Russell Group Universities around the UK. But at South Devon College's Sixth Form, your path to higher education is closer than you might think with University Centre South Devon (UCSD) being next door.



"I chose South Devon College because of its good reputation and facilities. The tutors at the College are amazing and so helpful and now I'm at the University of Nottingham studying Mathematical Physics."

MATTHEW SCOTT

Maths, Physics, and Computer Science

APPLY NOW

To apply and find out more about Sixth Form, please visit southdevon.ac.uk/college/sixth-form



APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships combine paid employment, valuable work skills, and practical training. There are higher levels too, so now you can go even further with an apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships are available in almost every industry, and they usually last two years. You'll be based in the workplace for four days each week, with the remaining day spent at the College. You'll also have a dedicated workplace coordinator, who will ensure you gain the relevant skills, knowledge, and behaviours required to complete your apprenticeship.

Not only will you be paid a wage during your training, but you'll also develop real working experience, which is highly valued by employers. Apprenticeships help you get your foot in the door and often lead to a full-time job once completed. You'll also gain transferable skills that are relevant across various industries, so your progression opportunities are endless.

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL

South Devon College is well known and nationally recognised for its vocational and technical courses. They allow young people to pursue specialist careers from an early stage in their education.

You'll be getting the best hands-on experience learning from our tutors, many of whom are

still working in their industries, and also taking advantage of our extensive range of facilities that allow you to learn things you simply can't elsewhere.



APPLY NOW

To apply and find out more about apprenticeships, please visit southdevon.ac.uk/apprenticeships

PROGRESSION TO UCSD

You may be thinking about what's beyond the decision you make now. One option is right next door at University Centre South Devon (UCSD).

Delivering everything from foundation degrees and bachelor's top-up degrees to higher and degree apprenticeships, your perfect course is here at UCSD.

With many College tutors also being lecturers at UCSD, you'll build strong relationships with your tutors ahead of university and prepare for what it's like to study in higher education; all whilst achieving great things as part of your studies at the College.

Progressing from South Devon College to UCSD will mean you'll also be eligible for the £1000 South Devon College bursary.

To be eligible for this package, you must have studied at South Devon College within the last 3 academic years. This can be any course, whether it's Access to Higher Education, A Levels or a diploma qualification.

To find out more, visit ucsd.ac.uk. Or if you have any questions, call **08000 21 31 81** or email university@southdevon.ac.uk.



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SOUTH DEVON**



"I progressed from Level 3 Adventure Sports at the College through to the Adventure Leadership foundation degree at UCSD. I felt like it was a great opportunity to study something I'm passionate about, I've made many friends, and the employment opportunities that I have been able to access has allowed me to put all my training into practice."

OLIVIA HARRISON

FdSc Adventure Leadership

DISCOVER LOCAL DEGREES

To find out more and explore our range of degrees, please visit ucsd.ac.uk

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once we've received your application, we will normally process this within 24 hours. You'll then receive an email to book onto your Welcome Session.

The Virtual Welcome Sessions will involve:

- Watching a prepared video for your chosen course subject area, containing all curriculum information about the courses available including grade requirements
- Take part in a one-to-one discussion with a tutor for your chosen area. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have, and make sure the course is right for you
- Receive a conditional offer at South Devon College
- You can also discuss any specific learning requirements and arrangements we can make for you
- Speak to Helpzone about the travel and bursary support we offer and ask any other questions you have

Following your Welcome Session, you'll be invited to accept your offer. After you receive your grades in the Summer, you'll be invited to enrol with us and start in September.

Remember, you can track the progress of your application on the student portal at any time.

FAQS

Is there a deadline for applying?

We encourage all applicants to apply as soon as possible to give you the chance to make the most informed decision about your future. Once you have applied, we can keep you up to date with all important information ready for you to start in September.

What if I am unable to sit my GCSE exams?

We will continue to keep up to date with the latest Government guidance and will inform you as we have more information.

Are you still taking applications for September 2021?

Yes, we are taking applications for September 2021 and will continue to do so through our online application form accessed via our website. We are picking up all applications and continuing to provide advice on next steps to ensure you are informed throughout.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For more details on how to apply please visit southdevon.ac.uk/college/how-to-apply-for-a-course

WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

At South Devon College, our priority is to help you achieve your goals and begin a successful career in your chosen sector. We have a dedicated team of professional, qualified staff, who attend to your individual needs and provide you with the best possible experience.

CAREERS SUPPORT

At South Devon College, our priority is to help you achieve your goals and begin a successful career in your chosen sector, no matter what your age. We have a dedicated team of professional, qualified staff, who attend to your individual needs and provide you with the best possible experience.

We can assist you with:

- Exploring your career choices (even if you're unsure where to start!)
- Writing and developing your C.V.
- Preparation for job interviews
- Further courses of study
- Financial support
- Jobs at South Devon College

FEES AND FINANCE

You may be eligible for bursary support if you live with an earned household income of under £25,000 before tax.

To discover the wide range of options we have to financially support your studies, such as our 16-18 Vulnerable Bursary or Meal Credits, visit southdevon.ac.uk/help-advice/financial-support. Or if you have any questions,

please call **08000 380 123** or email enquiries@southdevon.ac.uk.

Please Note: There is a limited amount of funding available and applications are assessed on a first-come first-served basis. Your application will be means tested and proof of household income must be provided at the application stage.

YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS

Get the help you're looking for at southdevon.ac.uk/about-us/support-for-you

YOUR WELLBEING

We make sure that you have the best possible experience during your time here, in an inclusive and supportive environment.

Positive Intervention (PI) is a dedicated team of people within the College that offers emotional and pastoral support to help you achieve your

potential, stay on course and develop personal and social skills in preparation for employment or further education.

We work hard to support personal welfare and wellbeing, and can put you in contact with other supporting agencies if needed.

DISABILITY SUPPORT

At South Devon College, we take our responsibility to support your learning very seriously and we accommodate a wide range of learning requirements.

We can help with tailored learning plans if you have a learning difficulty or sensory impairment that has been identified in the past such as, dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, Asperger Syndrome or dyscalculia, have a Statement (SEN)/ EHCP, have been in special education, or you are worried that you are not finding some learning as easy as you expected.

Find out more by visiting southdevon.ac.uk/college/learning-support or if you have any questions, please call **08000 380 123** or email enquiries@southdevon.ac.uk.



"The staff at the College have been very supportive. Their industry experience and depth of knowledge has been invaluable to my journey. I had an interview at the University of Bristol and was offered a place at the School of Veterinary Sciences – one of only 6 in the UK. The College provided me with a stepping stone to my desired career."

REBECCA WILLIAMS

Chemistry, Biology, and Applied Science



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