



FIRST CHOICE FOR SOUTH DEVON SCHOOL LEAVERS

WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

We provide the space for our students to grow and the opportunity to be themselves in a supportive environment that encourages aspiration. We want to see every individual succeed and achieve their goals.

Our passion for learning is constant and our Sixth Form is consistently recognised as excellent. In today's world, progression- whether to higher education, higher or degree apprenticeships, or directly into employment- is more important than ever.

With routes all the way through to degrees, along with expert support and careers guidance, we ensure our students reach their preferred destination after completing their studies with us.

We're living in a digital age, but please do take the opportunity to visit us for an Open Event; our staff and class-leading facilities will speak for themselves.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Laurence Frewin

Principal and CEO
South Devon College



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OPEN EVENTS

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 find out what's coming up.



A SIXTH FORM LIKE NO OTHER

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 2022 seeing a 98% pass rate.

WHY CHOOSE SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE?

With the one of the widest range of A Levels available compared to other schools in South Devon you can tailor your choices to meet your interests and ambitions whether that be progression to university, a higher apprenticeship or employment. You will be taught by enthusiastic subject specialists in a modern, adult learning environment and will be challenged academically.

We will support you in the development of your knowledge, skills and behaviours to ensure you're best placed to take advantage of opportunities locally, or further afield in your chosen career. For those interested in a more technical route our extensive range of T Levels will take you into many exciting employment and higher apprenticeship opportunities.

PROGRESSION TO UNIVERSITY

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 Sixth Form, your path to higher education is closer than you think with University Centre South Devon (UCSD) being right next door. See **page 45** for more information about UCSD.

SIXTH FORM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Our minimum entry requirements are as follows, although individual subjects may have additional requirements:

- You must have achieved GCSEs in Maths and English at Grade 4 or above
- You must have achieved 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above


THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

With no students below Year 9, the college environment will feel a world apart from school. Our students tell us that they enjoy being treated like adults by friendly tutors, while also receiving excellent support. The student experience is tailored to you, and is focused on giving you a wide range of opportunities, both during and after your studies.

The experience doesn't stop there. You can make your time at Sixth Form what you want it to be with a wide range of extra-curricular activities. With our range of Pro:Direct Sports Academies, Students' Union, Turing Scheme, student newspaper and community events, there's something for everyone to get involved with.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

- When choosing your Sixth Form options, you can select any three of the subjects below
- No two subjects can be from the same column (A-D), as these lessons are timetabled at the same time
- Some of the more popular subjects appear more than once on the table to make more combinations available to you
- Please note that all courses run subject to minimum group sizes

	A	B	C	D	
Subjects	Biology	Physics	Geography	Chemistry	<p>Scan this QR code or visit southdevon.ac.uk/college/sixthform to view all of your Sixth Form options on our website.</p>  <p>Please note this timetable is provisional and subject to change.</p>
	Philosophy	History	Psychology	Politics	
	Law	Sociology	English Language	Photography	
	Computer Science	Business	Sociology	Maths	
	Art	Film Studies	Maths	English Literature	
	English Literature	Environmental Science	Biology	Criminology (Applied subject)	
	Psychology				

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

New and exciting courses equivalent to three A Levels.

These two-year qualifications have been developed with employers so you're prepared for the world of work.

This will give you a rich experience and nationally recognised qualifications that will make your CV or university application stand out.

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FACILITIES

Scan this QR code or visit southdevon.ac.uk/about-us/facilities to read more about what our campuses offer.



HI TECH & DIGITAL CENTRE

The Centre, built in 2019, provides our students with skills in electronics, engineering, marine and healthcare, as well as the creative industries, including gaming, digital design, film and media.



UNIVERSITY CENTRE SOUTH DEVON (UCSD)

UCSD is located on our Paignton campus, and offers foundation degrees in a wide range of subjects, as well as delivering higher education programmes in partnership with the University of Plymouth.



SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE

The Sports Centre comprises an all weather 3G pitch and Multi-Use Games Area, and acts as a central sports hub for College students and the local community. Our Paignton campus also has an onsite gym.



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC)

The LRC is right in the heart of the College, with two floors of resources, including books, journals and online materials. We have over 25,000 books which are up to date and relevant to your studies.

The facilities at South Devon College ensure you're equipped to succeed no matter what subject you're studying. We provide access to state-of-the-art equipment and learning resources, helping you to make the most of your time here and give you the very best learning experience.



CAFÉS

The College has several different eateries, all of which are great places to meet friends and unwind with coffee, a quick snack, or even a Full English breakfast.



ESSENTIALS SHOP

Our onsite shop stocks a range of newspapers, magazines, art materials, and stationery, plus sweets, snacks and gifts. We can also order specific books for your course.



SDCONNECT APP

With our College app, you'll be able to keep up to date with your timetable and lessons, communicate with your peer groups and tutors, report absences, and find out about events and special offers.



COMPUTER ACCESS

You'll have access to: 1TB OneDrive storage, a College email account, new industry software including Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, campus-wide WiFi, and free Microsoft software for your personal device.

A LEVELS

A Levels at South Devon College are long established. The College achieved an exceptional 98% overall pass rate in 2022 and ranks as one of the highest for A Level progress in Torbay. The existing provision includes an extensive choice of 19 subjects all taught by our expert team of specialist teachers. You will also have dedicated support options with your study.

The following pages contain everything you need to know about each A Level we offer, so you can make the most informed choice.

"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

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ART AND DESIGN

A Level

A Level Art and Design provides engaging and innovative learning experiences where art, craft and design practice is meaningfully integrated with theoretical knowledge and understanding.

The course is particularly suitable if you enjoy a wide range of art processes, as you will be introduced to practical sessions in drawing, painting, printmaking, 3D processes, textiles, photography and mixed media. There will be plenty of opportunities to experiment with new materials and processes to develop your learning of the subject.

A Level Art and Design is great if you have a passion for exploring creative methods. You will be required to develop projects through planning, experimentation, research, contextual references, written analysis and evaluation, and evidence these in appropriate formats.

This course will provide you with opportunities to develop a broad foundation of critical, practical and theoretical skills. You will develop a holistic understanding of a range of practices and contexts in the visual arts, crafts and design fields; culminating in greater specialism and achievement.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- A variety of art and design processes and methods
- How to plan, produce and develop an art and design project
- How to critically analyse the works of artists, designers and practitioners
- How to use visual language to convey a meaning or message
- How to evaluate to show the personal development of your work

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply



BIOLOGY

A Level

Your Biology A Level lessons will include lectures, practical sessions, group work, and discussion. There will also be opportunities to take the classroom outside on field excursions, including ecological sampling and surveying in nearby woodland and on the seashore.

The course will cover both animal and plant-based topics. First year topics include aspects of cell structure and function, biological molecules, transport systems in animals and plants, disease and immunity, biodiversity, classification and evolution.

Following your grounding in the key biological themes, the second year aims to extend your knowledge and application of biology. This covers topics such as nervous and hormonal communication, photosynthesis, respiration,

genetics, manipulating genomes, cloning and biotechnology, ecosystems, populations and sustainability. Not only will the course allow you to link key biological ideas, it will also develop a number of transferable skills including investigation, problem solving, researching, mathematical and analytical skills.

A Level Biology provides an excellent base for a university degree in healthcare, such as medicine, veterinary or dentistry care, as well as the biological sciences. The practical topics set by the exam board will allow you to gain a Certificate of Practical Competence, which will support your application for a degree or employment in the science sector.

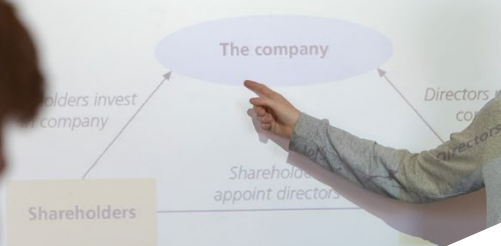
WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Cell structure and function
- Communication and cell signalling
- Cell division
- Gas exchange and transport in animals and plants

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a Grade 5 in Maths, Grade 6 in Biology, and Grade 5/6 in Combined Science

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BUSINESS STUDIES

A Level

A Level Business will develop your enthusiasm for learning about the business world, while providing you with a holistic understanding of business in a range of contexts.

The course aims to develop your critical understanding of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants. You will have the opportunity to generate enterprising and creative approaches to business opportunities, problems and issues. You will also acquire a range of business and generic skills, including decision making, problem solving, challenging assumptions and critical analysis.

You will study three components over two years:

- Business opportunities and functions, including marketing, finance, human resources and operations management
- Business analysis and strategy, including data analysis, strategy and implementation, decision making models and investment appraisal
- Business in a changing world, including change, risk management, PEST factors, international trade and globalisation

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Planning and financing a business
- Managing a business
- Strategies for success
- The business environment
- Managing change

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have Grade 5s in English and Maths



CHEMISTRY

A Level

Throughout this course you will discover the importance of research and experimentation in chemistry whilst working in our well-equipped laboratories, with fully qualified chemists who have industrial experience to support their teaching.

In Year 1 the focus is on the study of the foundations in chemistry, the periodic table, energy and core organic chemistry. In Year 2, you will develop your knowledge and understanding further in relation to physical chemistry, the transition elements, organic chemistry and analytical techniques.

Throughout the course, your practical skills will be developed to enable you to achieve the practical endorsement element of the

qualification and to enable you to tackle questions in the final exams which have a practical base (around 15%).

There are a whole host of degrees and jobs that you could pursue with Chemistry as one of your A Level qualifications, such as: medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, pharmacy, pharmacology, forensic science, applied chemistry and chemical engineering.

University Centre South Devon offers foundation degrees in Biosciences and Animal Science, which would be suitable progression routes upon the completion of your studies.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Atomic structure
- Chemistry of reactions
- Electrons, bonding and structure
- The periodic table
- Basic concepts in organic chemistry

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a Grade 5 in Maths, Grade 6 in Chemistry, and Grade 5/6 in Combined Science



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COMPUTER SCIENCE

A Level

A Level Computer Science is an exciting and challenging course, ideal if you have an interest in how computers work and want to learn how to program. As a student of this course you may find it beneficial to be skilled at Maths.

Computer Science makes an excellent companion subject to A Level Mathematics or AS Level Further Mathematics. The College has excellent computing facilities and highly experienced staff to support you in this choice of subject.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Computational thinking and how to apply it to solve problems
- Advanced skills in Computer Programming, including Functional Programming
- Abstract thinking, mathematical reasoning and problem solving
- The 3 main programming paradigms: Procedural, Object-oriented and Declarative
- How computers store and process different kinds of data
- How operating systems are designed and how to write assembly language
- The fundamentals of computer organisation and architecture
- The principles behind networking and data transmission

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a Grade 6 in GCSE Maths or Computer Science

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A Level

In A Level English Language a wide range of texts are examined, from cartoon strips and food labels to political speeches and song lyrics. The course focuses on the detailed and systematic analysis of language in both its spoken and written forms.

You will develop a thorough understanding of lexis and semantics, grammar, text organisation, pragmatics (the hidden meanings of language) and the supportive use of images.

As well as analysing texts, you will look at how language works in society, especially

in terms of gender (is it true that men talk more than women?) and occupation (why is it that doctors always sound so wise?).

You will also look at how language has changed in society (did you know the word 'pretty' used to mean 'sly'?) and child language acquisition (when and how did you first learn how to speak?).

Finally, you will conduct a detailed study of English Language in its social contexts by examining how power, gender and technology shape and reshape how language is used.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Language and social groups
- Language and region
- Language and gender
- Language and ethnicity
- Child language acquisition
- Language change
- Language in the world

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language



ENGLISH LITERATURE

A Level

A Level English Literature allows you to explore the 'big questions' and issues in life through prose, poetry and drama. It's perfect if you enjoy discussion, ideas and thinking for yourself. Many of the texts you will study, traditional and modern, will cause you to reflect upon current social issues and concerns, as well as allowing you a window into the period in which they were written.

You will study texts through a mixture of independent reading and focused reading in class. In your second year, you will produce a piece of coursework on two texts which will be chosen by you, in conjunction with your teacher. This is an exciting opportunity for you to pursue your own interests further, perhaps by focusing on a particular genre or theme in literature that you are passionate about.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Critical thinking and essay writing skills, and how to formulate an argument
- How to use contextual knowledge to inform your reading
- The study of modern poetry (written post-2000) and traditional poetry
- The study of a Shakespeare play and a modern drama
- Comparison of two novels from different periods
- How to construct an extended essay through your coursework project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a GCSE Grade 5 in English Literature

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

A Level

Studying A Level Environmental Science enables you to gain a well-informed insight into our environment and the scientific processes that control and affect it. You will develop an understanding of the relationships between various components, processes and cycles on Earth and how they influence living organisms. The human impacts on all aspects of the global ecosystem will be considered, with a focus on how science and technology are being used to gain a deeper understanding of these processes and cycles and also how it can

be used to minimise the problems caused, helping to reduce the human impact on the atmosphere, hydrosphere at biosphere.

You will learn through a mixture of lectures, internet-based research and group activities, as well as on various off-site visits where you will undertake a range of compulsory fieldwork practical tasks. This course provides an excellent opportunity to understand and discuss contemporary environmental issues and the impacts we have on the world around us.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Ecological processes and life support systems
- Methods of Conservation
- Past and future energy resources
- Agricultural productivity and pollution
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Human population and sustainability
- Ecological footprints and biocapacity
- Scientific research methods

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a Grade 5 in Maths, Grade 6 in Biology, and Grade 5/6 in Combined Science



FILM STUDIES

A Level

The A Level in Film Studies is designed to deepen your understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film, the major art form of the twentieth century.

You will study films that derive from a variety of production contexts, and are viewed in a range of settings. This will include large scale productions made in Hollywood, such as the Marvel franchise, as well as films from 'world cinema', including films made in France, South Africa and Hong Kong.

In addition to modern American and British films, you will study historical movements such as French New Wave, German Expressionism and Surrealist cinema. You will engage with different types of film, developing skills in observation, critical analysis and personal reflection.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Exploring film form
- British and American film
- World cinema
- Film history
- Varieties of film experience issues and debates
- Creative coursework: filmmaking or screenwriting


The course will develop your creativity and practical skills, either in audio-visual or written form.

The syllabus contains a coursework element, worth 30% of the overall grade, in which you can produce and direct your own short film or develop a screenplay for a new film idea, including a photographic storyboard. You will be taught how to use Adobe Premiere Pro editing software and Photoshop.

Overall, Film Studies is an enjoyable academic option that tends to favour an interest in other subjects such as English Literature, Photography, Sociology and Psychology. There are elements and techniques used in all of these subjects that can be found in the study of film.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a GCSE Grade 5 in English



GEOGRAPHY

A Level

This A Level course incorporates many key and current issues in physical and human geography.

You will study six modules spread over two years, as well as combining coursework and fieldwork as part of your studies. Each unit links human and physical geography together, and explores key features shaping the world we live in. The course will see you study a wide range of case studies; from the features that shaped Torbay to the deadly super-typhoon Haiyan that devastated the Philippines.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- The water and carbon cycles
- Changing places
- Hazards
- Coastal systems
- Global systems and governance
- Population and the environment

The coursework element will involve creating your own question to investigate a geographical issue of your choice, delving deeper into an area of Geography that appeals to you. Fieldwork is also a key element of the course, to show real life examples of the topics that we cover.

We have previously conducted residential visits to Dorset, where students visited the iconic Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a GCSE Grade 5 in Geography

HISTORY

A Level

A Level History is a two year course in which you will explore key issues and events in the past. You will investigate two key modules: The Tudors (1485–1603), and The American Dream (1945–1980).

You will learn through questioning and discussion, developing both your confidence and writing ability. The teaching team use a variety of methods to help you achieve your potential, and love to see students with a passion for history who engage in wider reading.

You will be assessed in the form of two exams in both modules (worth 40% each), as well as your coursework essay (20%).

The coursework will be based on an individual research project of your choosing, which will allow you to delve deeper into a historical debate. During the course you will complete different pieces of work, including typed essays, timed questions, presentations, research tasks, and creative assessments, which could include creating memes, blogs, and utilising Google classroom.

Choosing History as an A Level leaves you open to a wide range of options for university study. You could progress to study History at university and pursue a career within this field (as a researcher, curator, or within the heritage industry), or opt to pursue a career in the civil service, politics, media, or teaching.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Change and consolidation
- Historical issues
- Periods of change
- The state and the people
- Change and continuity
- Historical enquiry

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a GCSE Grade 5 in History



LAW

A Level

A Level Law is designed to encourage your interest and enjoyment in law, as well as enabling you to develop your analytical and critical thinking skills.

Studying law will enhance your problem solving skills through the application of legal rules, together with developing your understanding of legal method and reasoning. These skills will provide an excellent basis for your future applications to university or employment in a range of career paths.

The delivery of the course is supported by visits from legal professionals and universities,

in addition to visits to court and other places of interest. A Level Law is an excellent introduction to studying Law at university, a legal apprenticeship or training as a Chartered Legal Executive.

In addition to progressing to careers as solicitors or barristers, you could progress to a career in criminology, policing, business, politics or teaching. Former students have secured places at some of the UK's top universities and have subsequently pursued careers in law.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- The nature of law and the English Legal System
- Civil Law: Law of Tort and Law of Contract
- Criminal Law: offences against the person and property offences
- Identify relevant legal rules and principles
- Applying the law to a hypothetical scenario
- Formulate reasoned arguments
- Develop academic skills including evaluation and analysis

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a GCSE Grade 6 in English or a Humanities subject

MATHEMATICS

A Level

A Level Mathematics is essential for building on your GCSE understanding. This course can open doors into rewarding careers in many disciplines, and will offer insight into the power and beauty of mathematics. It is a qualification that will significantly enhance your profile with future employers and university admissions tutors.

Studying A Level maths also equips you with skills highly relevant to your other studies,

particularly physical, biological and social sciences. You will learn through a combination of classroom sessions and independent study.

Building on your prior knowledge, you will apply algebraic and graphical techniques to develop your understanding of functions, calculus, trigonometry, sequences and series, exponentials and logarithms, numerical methods, statistics and finally, mechanics.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Core mathematics
- Statistics
- Mechanics

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a minimum of Grade 6 in GCSE Maths (Grade 7 recommended)

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

AS Level

Further Mathematics must be studied alongside the standard Mathematics A Level. There is one compulsory paper and a further range of topics to select from.

One of the areas you will cover is further pure mathematics. This exciting area of maths will introduce you to imaginary numbers, parabolic and hyperbolic equations, matrices and proof by induction. It is extremely rewarding, but not for the faint hearted.

You will go on to delve further into imaginary numbers, and then straight into one of the most useful areas of mathematics: first and second order differential equations.

These are used to model all sorts of processes used in physics, economics and biology. A simple example is modelling the rate at which a mug of tea cools down. This is related to the temperature difference between the tea and the room, but this will change as the tea cools down, making it more complicated to model than you think. Finally, there is an introduction to a new coordinate system: polar coordinates.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Fluency in the key mathematics topics for science and engineering
- Organising and presenting a structured and logical argument
- Confidence in mastering challenging ideas and overcoming difficulties
- Thinking in an abstract and symbolic way

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- To take two Maths A Levels you need to really enjoy solving mathematical problems and want to devote a significant amount of your time to it
- A Grade 8/9 in GCSE Maths is essential



PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

A Level

Philosophy and Ethics considers the role of religious ideas and practices, both historically and in contemporary life. The course comprises three modules: Religious Philosophy; Religious Ethics and Developments in Christian Thought.

In the Religious Philosophy module, you will be examining the historical arguments for and against the existence of God. This material ranges from considering the Ancient Greek influences on Christianity, evaluating Medieval arguments from observation and reason, and examining the role of religious experiences as evidence of God.

The Religious Ethics module examines four major ethical theories and considers how effective they are in light of modern issues.

Developments in Christian Thought considers the way in which Christianity and The Bible have been interpreted over time.

The course is conducted through open, inclusive discussions, a range of learning activities and formal essay writing. You will also take part in wide-ranging discussions about the role of religion in what appears to be a secular world.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The philosophers you will study include:

- Plato
- Aristotle
- Augustine
- Hume
- Kant
- Wittgenstein
- Freud
- Mary Daly
- Simone de Beauvoir

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a GCSE Grade 5 in English or Grade 6 in Religious Education (RE)



PHOTOGRAPHY

A Level

Photography A Level will introduce you to a variety of experiences, enabling you to explore a range of photographic media, techniques and processes.

You will be taught about both traditional and new technologies in photography, and will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to photography and a wider range of art and design subjects.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Portraiture
- Landscape photography (working from the urban, rural or coastal environment)
- Still life photography (working from objects or from the natural world, documentary photography)
- Photo journalism
- Experimental imagery

These will include pieces from the past and from more recent times, covering European and non-European examples. This should be integral to your investigating and making process.

You will show your responses to these examples through practical and critical activities which demonstrate your understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply

PHYSICS

A Level

Studying Physics will enable you to develop strong problem solving skills which are valued by employers and can lead to a wide range of rewarding careers. These include engineering, research and development, medical applications, manufacturing, and software development.

You will learn through a combination of lectures, practical activities, group work and discussions. Practical sessions are used to underpin theory and to build your skills throughout the course.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Development of practical skills
- Foundations of physics
- Forces and motion
- Electrons, waves and photons
- Newtonian world and astrophysics
- Particles and medical physics

The course starts by building on your GCSE level knowledge of simple mechanics and electricity. You will start to understand how concepts link together and develop your ability to apply mathematics to new situations. You will also be introduced to the Quantum world!

In the second year you will continue your studies of Newtonian mechanics, electromagnetics and thermal physics. You will then learn about nuclear physics and sub atomic particles, medical physics, and finally astrophysics and cosmology.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a Grade 5 in Maths, Grade 6 in Physics, and Grade 5/6 in Combined Science

POLITICS

A Level

If you enjoy discussing and learning about political issues and current affairs, then A Level Politics will provide you with the tools to analyse and understand the subject in depth.

You will start by looking at what democracy means and assessing whether it could be improved and reformed. You will learn about many new concepts as you progress, such as the meanings of direct democracy, liberal democracy, power and participation, and whether voting really counts!

You will study how the government operates in Britain and how well it performs. This involves debates about the 'presidential' approach taken by prime ministers, and an analysis of whether Parliament performs its functions adequately.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Participation through the ballot box
- The role of elections in a democracy
- The nature of representation
- The role of political parties in a democracy

You will then turn your attention to the role of the courts, discussing how well judges uphold civil liberties and the nature of the UK Constitution.

Next you will analyse political parties' ideals and policies, and study how they differ from each other in their approaches. You will also learn about the election systems used in the UK and why there are debates about reform. You will also look at alternative forms of political activity such as pressure groups and direct action, and discuss whether there is a participation crisis in Britain.

In the second year you will study the fascinating area of US politics, Trump's Presidency, and the unique character of democracy in America.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a Grade 5 in English and a Grade 5 in a Humanities subject

PSYCHOLOGY

A Level

Studying Psychology will introduce you to some of the ways in which the human mind and behaviour have been explained. Throughout the course you will develop knowledge and understanding of different approaches within psychology and how they relate to each other.

You will also become familiar with a range of scientific methods through a mixture of theory and practical work. This course is ideal if you enjoy debates and discussions, and have a genuine interest in understanding how the mind works.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Historical and current psychological approaches, including Biological, Psychodynamic, Behaviourist, Cognitive and Positive Psychology
- Classic and contemporary psychological research covering a variety of perspectives and topics
- Principles of investigating human and animal behaviour
- Application of psychological information to everyday situations
- Contemporary issues raised in psychological research

You will be supported to develop your critical thinking, and you will gain confidence in practical, mathematical, and problem solving skills. Lessons will involve a mixture of discussions, individual and group tasks, with regular homework in the form of essays, practice exam questions, and research tasks.

A degree in Psychology can lead to careers in clinical, educational, health, counselling and occupational psychology, or would be useful if you are planning on a career which is very people-focused, for example working as a police officer or social worker.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply
- Additionally, you must have a GCSE Grade 5 in any two of the following: English, Maths and Science

A group of five students are in a classroom. A boy in a dark hoodie is sitting at a desk, looking at a laptop. A girl with long blonde hair is sitting next to him, looking at the laptop. A boy in a grey hoodie is standing behind them, looking at the laptop. A boy with red hair is sitting to the right, looking down. A girl with blonde hair is sitting in the background, looking at a book. The background shows a whiteboard and a window with greenery outside.

SOCIOLOGY

A Level

A Level Sociology is the perfect choice if you have a keen interest in the way social structures such as class, gender and ethnicity impact upon our behaviour, life chances, and identity.

The course involves studying four subject modules (listed below). In addition, you will be using key sociological theories and research-based evidence to analyse these topics.

Lessons are delivered using a variety of teaching methods including discussion, debate, and a group research task.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Families and households
- Education with research methods
- Beliefs in society
- Crime and deviance

You will be required to carry out further reading and written homework tasks on a regular basis to broaden your subject knowledge.

Sociology is a great option if you enjoy writing essays and analysing different points of view. It is a particularly useful subject if you wish to pursue a career working with people, for example; teaching, the police force, human resources, or nursing. Opportunities in social policy and social research would also be possible career pathways. After completing this course, many students have successfully gone on to study Sociology or related Social Science subjects at degree level.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

A Level

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an A Level standard standalone qualification designed to extend and develop your abilities beyond the A Level syllabus, and prepare for university and your future career.

The EPQ gives you the opportunity to develop your own unique research project on a topic that isn't covered by your other qualifications. You will take inspiration from something touched on in class or your own personal interests. You will then use this research to produce a written report and, in the case of practical projects, an artefact or a production.

By taking responsibility for the choice, design and decision making of an individual project you will:

- Become a more critical, reflective and independent learner
- Develop and apply decision making and problem solving skills
- Increase planning, research, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills
- Learn to apply technologies confidently
- Demonstrate creativity, initiative and enterprise

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply

PLUS MORE OPTIONS...

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New T Levels available at
South Devon College.

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T LEVELS

T Levels are new and exciting courses that are a progression from GCSEs and are equivalent to three A Levels. Each T Level takes two years to complete, with the support from employers that have been key in developing these qualifications. T Levels are designed to prepare you for the world of work, further training or study.

If you are hoping to complete university level study in the future, T Levels are sure to support you on your journey. UCAS points will be attached to T Levels, providing you achieve a pass in your chosen option.

When you have completed your T Level, you will be awarded with an overall grade of pass, merit, distinction or distinction*. You will also receive a nationally recognised certificate which will show your grade and a breakdown of what you have achieved.





T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

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BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING FOR CONSTRUCTION

T Level

This course is ideal if you are not yet employed but are looking to enter the Plumbing and Heating industry after completing your education. Including a work placement, the course runs over five days a week and has been designed to give you a high level of knowledge, as well as the occupational skills required to enter the industry through employment or as an apprentice.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Electrotechnical Engineering
- Plumbing and Heating Engineering

Completing this qualification also gives you a good opportunity to develop to full occupational competence with the correct support and training.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Health and safety in construction
- Construction science and design principles
- Plumbing engineering - tools and equipment, pipework materials and installations, plumbing science, and plumbing systems
- Heating engineering - tools and equipment, pipework technology, heating systems, and heating science
- Installation, commissioning, maintenance and decommissioning of plumbing and heating systems
- Regulations, legislation and industry guidance

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

- Engineering Construction Craftworker
- Engineering Construction Technician
- Engineering Maintenance Technician
- Security Systems Installer
- Heating and Ventilation Engineer
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Installer
- Building Services Engineer
- Smart Meter Installer
- Domestic Appliance Service Engineer
- Electrical Engineering Technician
- Gas Service Technician
- Electrician
- Plumber
- Pipe Fitter

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have Grade 4s in English and Maths, and ideally Science
- You must have completed an appropriate vocational qualification at Level 2

CRAFT AND DESIGN

T Level

This T Level will provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training in the craft and design sector. Your knowledge and understanding will be assessed through an examination, and your core skills will be tested with a practical project set by employers.

In addition to this, maths, English and general digital skills will be integrated within the qualification in occupationally relevant contexts.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Ceramics Maker
- Furniture Maker
- Jewellery Maker
- Textiles and Fashion Maker

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- The creative economy
- The individual in the creative industries
- Cultural context and vocabulary
- Audience and consumer needs
- Legal and regulatory requirements
- Professional standards and conduct in the workplace

- Equality, diversity and inclusion requirements
- Research skills
- Project methodology and administration
- Continued professional development

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

- Jewellery Designer-Maker
- Furniture Maker
- Furniture Designer
- Furniture Restorer
- Dressmaker
- Tailor
- Wardrobe Assistant
- Fashion Design Assistant

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply

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DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING

T Level

This T Level will provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training in the engineering and manufacturing sector. Your knowledge and understanding will be assessed through an examination, and your core skills will be tested with a practical project set by employers.

In addition to this, maths, English and general digital skills will be integrated within the qualification in occupationally relevant contexts.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Working within the Engineering and Manufacturing Sectors – an understanding of how materials, conditions and context influence design processes and products
- Essential mathematics for engineering and manufacturing – a knowledge and understanding of mathematics including standard matrices and determinants and standard trigonometry

- Materials and their properties – understanding material processing techniques and their effects on materials and material quality, the condition of materials, how these are managed, and materials testing methods and techniques
- Business, commercial and financial awareness – basic commercial principles including commercial priorities and markets, customers/clients/partners and resource allocation

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

- CAD Technician
- 3D Printing Technician

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply

DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

T Level

This T Level will provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training in the digital design sector. Your knowledge and understanding will be assessed through an examination, and your core skills will be tested with a practical project set by employers.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Design and Development

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- How digital technologies impact business
- The ethical and moral implications of digital technology
- Using data in software design
- Using digital technologies to analyse and solve problems
- Digital environments, including physical, virtual and cloud environments
- Emerging technical trends, such as Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR), Blockchain, 3D printing
- Legal and regulatory obligations relating to digital technologies

- The privacy and confidentiality of personal data
- The technical, physical and human aspects of internet security
- Planning digital projects
- Testing software, hardware and data
- Digital tools for project management and collaboration

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

- Web Developer
- Web Designer
- Software Developer
- Computer Games Tester
- Computer Games Developer
- E-Learning Developer
- User Experience (UX) Designer

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply



DIGITAL SUPPORT SERVICES

T Level

The Digital Support Services T Level will provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training in the digital sector.

Your knowledge and understanding will be assessed through an examination, and your core skills will be tested by a practical project set by employers. In addition to this, maths, English and general digital skills will be integrated within the qualification in occupationally relevant contexts.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Digital Support

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- How digital technologies impact business and market environment
- The ethical and moral implications of digital technology
- Using data in software design
- Using digital technologies to analyse and solve problems
- Digital environments, including physical, virtual and cloud environments

- Legal and regulatory obligations relating to digital technologies
- The privacy and confidentiality of personal data
- The technical, physical and human aspects of internet security
- Planning digital projects
- Testing software, hardware and data
- Digital tools for project management and collaboration
- Roles within the digital support services sector
- Communication in digital support services
- Fault analysis and problem resolution

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

- IT Security Co-ordinator
- IT Support Technician

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply

EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

T Level

This T Level enables a practical route onto a wide range of degrees and courses related to working with children, including teaching, social work, or psychology.

As part of this course, you'll have a placement in a local school that will give you the opportunity to gain real industry experience and skills you'll only get from being in the classroom environment.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Assisting Teaching

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Understanding the education and childcare sector from ages 0 to 19
- Child development
- How to support children and young people's education
- Safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing
- Understanding and managing behaviour
- Observing and assessing children and young people
- Equality and diversity

- Special educational needs and disability
- English as an additional language
- Working with parents, carers and wider families
- Working with agencies and services that support children, families and carers
- Reflective practice and other forms of professional development

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

- Nursery Worker
- Teaching Assistant
- Learning Mentor
- Special Educational Needs Teaching Assistant
- Playworker
- Portage Home Visitor

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply



HEALTH

T Level

This T Level is a really exciting opportunity to gain knowledge and skills for a career in the health and care sector. You will be taught through class-based learning, with practical placements supported by industry specialists. Your curriculum will be split into core technical, integrating health and science, and occupational specialist components.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Supporting the Adult Nursing Team

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Working within the health and science sector
- Health, safety and environmental regulations
- Managing information and data
- Principles of good scientific and clinical practice
- Core science concepts including the structure of cells, tissues and large molecules, genetics, microbiology and immunology
- Understanding the healthcare sector

- Providing person-centred care
- Supporting health and wellbeing
- Further knowledge of both human anatomy and physiology and of diseases and disorders
- Infection prevention and control

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

- Ambulance Care Assistant
- Emergency Care Assistant
- Healthcare Assistant
- Care Worker
- Palliative Care Assistant
- Dental Nurse

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- You will need to have achieved 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 including English Language, Maths and Science

HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

T Level

This T Level will provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training in the health sector. Your knowledge and understanding will be assessed through an examination, and your core skills will be tested with a practical project set by employers.

In addition to this, maths, English and general digital skills will be integrated within the qualification in occupationally relevant contexts.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Assisting with Healthcare Science

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Working within the health and science sector
- Health, safety and environmental regulations
- Managing information and data
- Principles of good scientific and clinical practice
- Core science concepts including the structure of cells, tissues and large molecules, genetics, microbiology and immunology

- Understanding the healthcare science sector
- Further knowledge of human anatomy and physiology, diseases and disorders, genomics and medical physics
- Providing person-centred care
- Infection prevention and control
- Good scientific practice

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

- Healthcare Science Assistant
- Radiography Assistant
- Sterile Services Technician

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- You will need to have achieved 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 including English Language, Maths and Science

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

T Level

This T Level will enable you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to progress into employment, or higher level study in the Management and Administration sector.

Your knowledge and understanding will be assessed through examinations, and your core skills will be tested by a practical project set by employers.

In addition to this, maths, English and general digital skills will be integrated within the qualification in occupationally relevant contexts.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Business support

As part of this course, you will undertake a placement in a local business which will give you the opportunity to gain real industry experience, and learn skills you will only get from being in a working environment.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Business context – an overview of organisational cultures and values, different types of internal and external stakeholder, different forms of governance and the impact of organisations on society and the environment
- Project and change management – an understanding of the common change management theories and models and how to support and improve projects

- Business behaviours – the importance of good communication and adapting social communication styles to professional standards and according to purpose, medium and audience
- Quality and compliance – the importance of maintaining and improving quality in all aspects of public and private sector organisations

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

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| ■ Supervisor | ■ Sales Administrator |
| ■ Manufacturing Supervisor | ■ Medical Secretary |
| ■ Barrister's Clerk | ■ School Secretary |
| ■ Court Administrative Assistant | ■ Personal Assistant |
| ■ Civil Service Admin Officer | ■ Bilingual Secretary |
| ■ Health Records Clerk | ■ Farm Secretary |
| ■ Administration Assistant | ■ Secretary |
| ■ Office Manager | ■ Information Scientist |
| | ■ Indexer |

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- You will need to have achieved a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 or above, including English Language and Maths



MEDIA, BROADCAST AND PRODUCTION

T Level

This T Level will provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training in the media, broadcast and production sector. Your knowledge and understanding will be assessed through an examination, and your core skills will be tested with a practical project set by employers.

In addition to this, maths, English and general digital skills will be integrated within the qualification in occupationally relevant contexts.

The occupational specialisms we offer are:

- Content Creation and Production
- Events and Venues Technician

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Working within the health and science
- The creative economy
- The individual in the creative industries
- Cultural context and vocabulary
- Audience and consumer needs
- Legal and regulatory requirements
- Professional standards and conduct in the workplace
- Equality, diversity and inclusion requirements

- Research skills
- Project methodology and administration
- Continued professional development

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS T LEVEL?

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| ■ Studio Sound Engineer | ■ TV or Film Assistant Director |
| ■ Audio Visual Technician | ■ TV or Film Director |
| ■ Live Sound Engineer | ■ TV or Film Producer |
| ■ TV or Film Sound Technician | ■ Media Researcher |
| ■ Stagehand | ■ Video Editor |
| ■ Lighting Technician | ■ Broadcast Engineer |
| ■ TV or Film Production Assistant | ■ TV or Film Camera Operator |
| ■ Radio Broadcast Assistant | |

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Standard Sixth Form entry requirements apply

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2 DISCOVER

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

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- Help developing your employability skills

YOUR WELLBEING

Positive Intervention (PI) is a dedicated team within the College who can offer emotional and pastoral support. They can 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 mental health, personal welfare and wellbeing, and can put you in contact with other supporting agencies if you need them.

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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.

We deliver many of our courses in partnership with the University of Plymouth, with whom we share an incredibly strong relationship. We also gained Foundation Degree Awarding Powers (FDAP) in 2019, which allows us to write and award our own foundation degrees by working with employers to ensure the degree programmes are relevant and tailored to local business needs.





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