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WELCOME

The University Centre Somerset is the Higher Education offer for Bridgwater & Taunton College, which is a new institution, created by the merger of two, very well-established Higher Education providers; Bridgwater College and Somerset College.

We currently have over 1,000 Higher Education students enrolled across our three main campuses in Bridgwater, Taunton and Cannington. We offer a wide variety of popular industry-led courses, so whatever your chosen path, you will be sure to join a vibrant community of students all focused on degree-level learning.

We understand that choosing the right education partner is really important. We want all our students to succeed and this is why Bridgwater & Taunton College continues to evolve! Our focus is always on your future, which is why we work closely with both local and national employers to shape the education provision you receive, equipping you with the skills needed for a successful future in industry.

Our highly qualified tutors have worked in industry and bring that experience to the classroom. Tutors also engage in research and personal development to ensure that they are always up to date with the fast pace of industry.

Working with a selection of well-established Universities in the UK to validate our programmes, University Centre Somerset has absolute confidence in the quality of our teaching and assessment. All of which means your future is in safe hands.

Coming to the University Centre Somerset at Bridgwater & Taunton College is about preparing you for the world of work, and maximising your chances of success when you get there.

So say hello to your future. We're here to help you discover it.

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COURSES

University Centre Somerset

REASONS TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITY CENTRE SOMERSET

University Centre Somerset: a unique place to study

The world of Higher Education is changing. As the cost of degree-level study escalates, undergraduates seek a better return on their investment. They want to pursue courses that yield positive outcomes for their future career, enhancing employability and giving them hands-on experience in the world of work.

That's why University Centre Somerset has been established. We're enacting a fresh new model in university education. It's a model that has you at its heart – we understand your needs and are well-placed to meet them.

Building on our enviable heritage in delivering vocational degrees, our courses are focused on preparing you for the workplace, and we pride ourselves on the quality of our teaching. Here is what you can expect should you choose to put your future in our hands.

High levels of tutor contact

We offer small class sizes and tutors with a real dedication to the student experience. As a result, you'll have loads of contact with teaching staff, and ample opportunity for discussion and deliberation with your peers. What's more, our inclusive and welcoming atmosphere gives everyone an opportunity to flourish in a supportive environment where diversity is celebrated.

A long tradition in Higher Education

University Centre Somerset has an impressive heritage. Somerset College and Bridgwater College have delivered Higher Education for more than two decades, and have a heritage that stretches back to the 19th century. So we're rooted in the past, alive to the opportunities of the present, and focused on the future.

A degree from a prestigious university partner

We work with the Open University, University of the West of England (UWE), University of Plymouth, and Oxford Brookes University to validate our programmes, including apprenticeships.

We also offer a variety of HNCs and HNDs with Pearson, as well as professional qualifications with the likes of CIPD, CIM and AAT.

Study with us, and your CV will be enriched by the presence of a big-name institution that is bound to impress.

Brilliant success rates


It is one thing to start a degree programme, but quite another to see it through to completion. Thanks to our commitment to supporting students, we enjoy completion rates of 95%. Even better, our staff give you the very best opportunity to succeed, by sharing responsibility for your learning while empowering you to find your place in the world.

Employability

What's the point of studying for a degree if it doesn't enhance your career prospects? At University Centre Somerset, we believe success is measured not only by the results our students achieve. We also want to maximise your chances of securing a job at the end of your course. That is why we provide plentiful opportunities for on-the-job learning, work experience and professional mentoring. Because to us, your future is too important to waste on education that doesn't lead anywhere.

A vibrant social life

Like any university centre, our three campuses are full of life. Whichever one you study at, you'll have ample opportunity to join a variety of clubs and societies, make new friends, and get involved in worthwhile causes. Not only does this make life interesting, it enhances your CV, ensuring you are more attractive than ever to prospective employers.



"I chose to study my degree at University Centre Somerset because of the small class sizes, which meant I was able to contact my lecturers whenever needed for advice and support. I really liked how friendly and welcoming the staff were, and willing to help me succeed."





University Centre Somerset STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY CENTRE SOMERSET

Higher Education is a significant investment, so you want to make the very best of it and pave the way to your future success.

Key to this is the high-quality student support we offer at University Centre Somerset. For us, students are at the very heart of all we do. Our focus is on your flourishing and well-being, because that's how you'll be enabled to achieve great things and realise your potential.

Flexible programmes of study

We know that life is never simple, and that there are always competing demands on your time. University Centre Somerset staff understand that the life of an undergraduate can be pressured, and have extensive experience of dealing with students of all ages. We will support you at every stage of your studies, offering advice and assistance that helps you attain your ambitions.

With a range of part-time options and varied pathways, we can help you navigate a way through your degree programme, while creating space for home life, ongoing employment or other commitments.

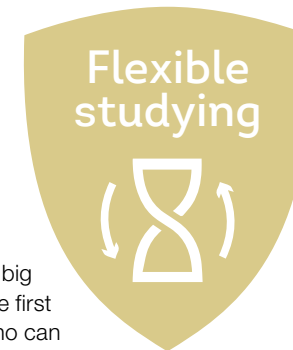
Personal tutors

Every single student at University Centre Somerset is given a personal tutor, who takes a particular interest in your progress. This is usually a member of teaching staff, who meets students on a regular basis to signpost support services and help set and monitor targets.

Study skills support

We offer support in a variety of areas including Mathematics, English, IT, research skills and time management, as well as specialist support in mental health, the Autistic Spectrum and Specific Learning Difficulties.

You really are never alone when you study at University Centre Somerset. It's that ongoing support that gives you the best possible chance of achieving your goals.



Financial guidance

Managing your money can be a big challenge if you're doing it for the first time. We have specialist staff who can help you cope financially, as well as advising on student loan applications and tuition fees.

Advice and Pastoral Care

Added to our Personal Tutor support we are also proud of the extensive welfare package on offer at University Centre Somerset. We provide pastoral care for all students through our Welfare Team, so whatever challenges come your way, you'll never face them alone.

Students' Union

As an undergraduate at a UK educational institution, you will be eligible to join the National Union of Students (NUS). Our own Students' Union is affiliated to the national body, and exists to represent everyone who studies with us.

Each year the student body elects reps, who serve in a variety of roles to enhance the educational experience we provide. In addition, the Union plays an active part in the University Centre's social life, regularly organising trips and excursions and facilitating events such as barbecues, sports competitions and balls.

Equality and Diversity

If there's one aspect of life at University Centre Somerset that we are especially proud of, it's our commitment to equality and diversity. We are an open and inclusive community, which does not tolerate any form of harassment, discrimination or bullying. We celebrate diversity, and relish the fact that our students come from more than 50 different countries, and range in age from 14 to 100.



University Centre Somerset A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE: WHAT STUDENTS DO NEXT

Study at University Centre Somerset and a whole world of possibility opens before you. Thanks to our emphasis on employability, our students have gone on to pursue successful careers in a range of fields. And at every turn, they have built upon the rich experience of their degree programme to establish themselves in a competitive jobs market.

University Centre Somerset graduates have secured positions in high-profile organisations including:

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| • Agent Provocateur | • Design at Debenhams | • Howies | • Pentagram |
| • All Saints | • Designers' Guild | • Jigsaw | • Salt Rock |
| • Arcadia Group | • Dreamworks | • Madame Tussauds | • Sassi Holford |
| • Amdac Carmichael | • EDF Energy | • Matsui Babcock | • Selfridges |
| • The BBC | • Fat Face | • Ministry of Defence | • Thales |
| • B Studio | • Holmes & Marchant | • The NHS | • Timorous Beasties |
| • Design Bridge | • Honda | • The Partners | • Vivienne Westwood |

In addition, many start their own businesses, enter the Civil Service, or pursue further study at top universities throughout the world. For example, graduates have gone on to complete qualifications at Cambridge University, University of Plymouth, the University of Exeter and the University of Edinburgh.



University Centre Somerset

OUR PARTNERS

To ensure the quality of our degree programmes, we work with some of the UK's most prestigious universities. They validate our courses, meaning that students can study in Somerset while receiving qualifications from leading institutions around the country.

Our courses are delivered by talented tutors with extensive professional experience and strong research and teaching skills. They are designed with your future career very much in mind, meaning they have a strong vocational focus in areas such as Business, Art & Design, Computing, Engineering, Health & Social Care, Construction, Management and Land-based industries.



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Quality assured

Like any higher education provider, University Centre Somerset is audited by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). This provides an objective measure of our standards, bringing peace of mind about the quality of our teaching and learning.

In its last audits of Bridgwater College and Somerset College, both in 2014, the QAA identified a number of areas of best practice. These include the support we provide students in moving into higher education and then onto the workplace, as well as the close links we have with employers and their engagement in the design of new programmes to meet professional and technical skills needs, and our emphasis on employability.

The findings of both reviews identify the distinguishing feature of University Centre Somerset: our focus on preparing you for the future. Study here, and you'll receive a top-quality education from a leading UK institution, as well as enhancing your career prospects through extensive experience of your chosen professional environment.

In 2018 University Centre Somerset was awarded a Silver TEF award, which means that our provision is high quality and consistently exceeds the rigorous national quality requirements for UK higher education.

Using university facilities

The nature of our validation arrangements with partner universities means that our students benefit from access to many of their facilities. In some cases, you can use their Virtual Learning Environments (VLEs) and access a rich variety of online resources, as well as visiting their careers services and utilising student support. Full guidance about the privileges available on your programme will be provided when you enrol.

In addition, University Centre Somerset offers extensive facilities for students at its three campuses, with the core of its administrative functions centred on Taunton. We are the university centre for the region, and many students find they have all they need within our provision.



In partnership with
**5 leading
institutions.**





The Open
University



Our university partners **THE OPEN UNIVERSITY**

If your degree programme is validated by The Open University, your primary relationship is with University Centre Somerset. That means you have access to our extensive resources, including the Higher Education library with its collections of printed and electronic resources, including books, e-books, online research databases, journals and referencing tools.

You also have round-the-clock access to our Student Portal, the VLE, containing course information and additional learning resources. When you enrol, you are automatically a member of Bridgwater & Taunton College Students' Union and if you wish, you can join the National Union of Students.

In addition to the facilities provided at University Centre Somerset, The Open University offers a range of free online resources to our students, which are listed in the students' guide to studying on a programme validated by The Open University. The guide, along with further information about The Open University, can be found at www.open.ac.uk/ouvp



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Our university partners

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

The University of Plymouth 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 University Centre Somerset student studying on a partnership course with the University of Plymouth, you are part of a wider community of 15,000 Plymouth students studying off campus at one of 30 partner institutions. 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 access to the Careers & Employability Service online careers information portal and jobs board). You are automatically 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

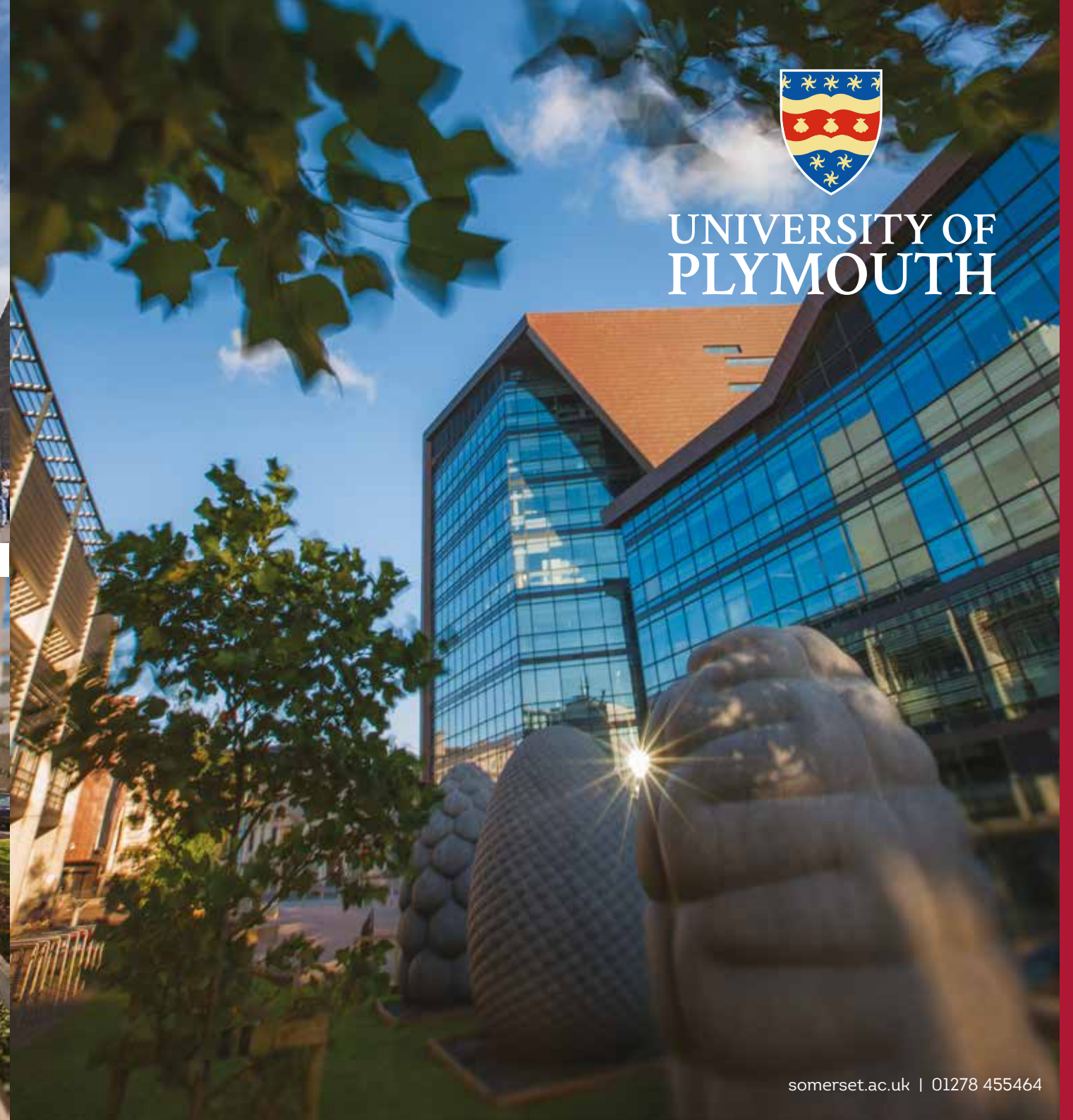


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OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Our university partners **OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY**

Oxford Brookes is the only UK university in the QS world rankings of top 50 institutions under 50 years old (QS, 2018), and enjoys an international reputation for teaching excellence and innovation.

As a leading modern University, Oxford Brookes has deep links with local business and industry ensuring that 93.2% of our graduates are in work and/or further study 6 months after graduating (HESA, 2017).

High calibre learning and teaching

Oxford Brookes degree courses are designed to help you to think creatively about your chosen subject as well as supporting you in your pathway to success.

Our teaching staff have 11 National Teaching Fellowships, an award recognising outstanding contributions to learning in higher education and 94% of our academic research is internationally recognised.

Supporting and inspiring your learning

Studying on a partnership course with Oxford Brookes University you can benefit from access to both our online resources and our campuses in the city of Oxford.

If you visit us in Oxford you can explore and study in our inspiring learning spaces including the John Henry Brookes Building, Centre for Sport and the library. You can also take advantage of the Careers Service, support and well-being services and browse our extensive online library of resources.

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Our university partners
**UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST
OF ENGLAND (UWE BRISTOL)**

Through our partnership with UWE Bristol, you can choose to do Foundation Degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics through the University but be based here at University Centre Somerset.

As a UWE Bristol student studying at the University Centre Somerset, you will benefit from the University's strong links with industry, and study a course that's designed to position you for the future you want. The University's focus on real-world learning experiences means that as a student there you'll graduate adaptable, enterprising and ready for work.

Your degree will be quality assured by UWE Bristol, showing employers you have met their high standards. On completion of a foundation degree you may also have the opportunity to progress to a full honours degree at UWE Bristol.

UWE Bristol is one of the UK's most popular universities. In fact, over 29,000 students study there and at overseas partner universities. You will be based at the University Centre Somerset, but you will also be joining the UWE Bristol student body.

You will have access to all of UWE Bristol's modern facilities. Take advantage of their extensive library service and modern learning and social spaces. And that's not all. At UWE Bristol, experience isn't limited to academic study. It goes far beyond it. Getting involved in extra-curricular groups, activities or societies helps to show potential employers that there's more to you than just a great degree. Love sports? Maybe music's more your thing? Or performing? Or debating? Or volunteering? The opportunities are endless.



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NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR NUCLEAR

The UK is entering a new stage in its nuclear history. Worldwide investment in new nuclear is set to hit a staggering £930 billion across the next 20 years, with 12 new reactors planned for the UK alone – the first at Hinkley Point in Somerset and Oldbury in South Gloucestershire. Add to this a growing decommissioning portfolio, plus the delivery of the Successor class nuclear deterrent, and the result is a huge surge of nuclear investment that will create thousands of jobs, drive regional growth and build the UK's supply chain capability.



Flagship partner **THE NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR NUCLEAR (NCfN)**

The National College for Nuclear is a partnership between education, industry, national regulators and training providers and is set to revolutionise the way that training for the nuclear sector is delivered.

Set across two hubs (one in Somerset at the University Centre Somerset Cannington Campus, and one in Cumbria), the College is developing and delivering the UK's nuclear curriculum; designing, developing and delivering industry-trusted, credible qualifications that meet the demand for highly skilled workers in the nuclear sector.

Using cutting-edge technology and virtual reality simulators to replicate the nuclear environment, students are enabled to work on 'live' projects related to nuclear disciplines. The experience they gain from becoming totally immersed in practical assignments like these gives them a far greater understanding of the subject matter than classroom-based learning alone could ever do.

By enabling students to see, do and understand, NCfN produces technical professionals who are already 'up to speed' with industry processes, behaviours and protocols, and therefore highly employable within the sector.

There is a wide range of courses available at the NCfN, from Degrees, Higher and Degree Level Apprenticeships to bespoke training courses.



The National College for Nuclear (NCfN)

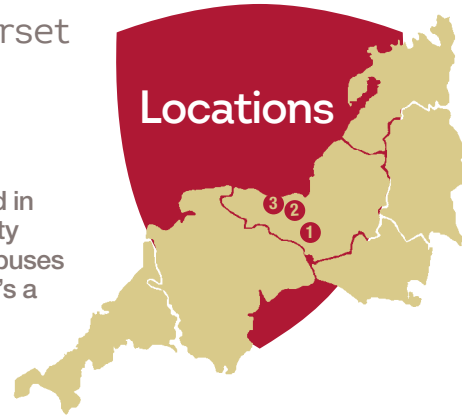
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University Centre Somerset

OUR CAMPUSES

University Centre Somerset is based in state-of-the-art facilities in the county town of Taunton. We also have campuses in Bridgwater and Cannington. Here's a guide to each of our campuses.



1 Taunton

The home of University Centre Somerset. Our Taunton campus is a beautiful place to live and study, with plenty of green spaces to inspire your imagination and help you unwind.

Our resources are second to none, with cutting-edge teaching facilities, a well-stocked library and a welcoming common room. Taunton is also the hub for our Students' Union, and provides a central hub for university education in Somerset.

2 Bridgwater

Our Bridgwater campus is renowned for its world-class facilities, where industry specialists frequently come to make use of the very latest equipment and technology.

We provide spaces where students get hands-on with the tools of their chosen trade, gaining experience that sets them up perfectly for their future career.

In addition, the Bridgwater campus offers extensive student facilities, making it an ideal location for work and play.

3 Cannington

If you want to work on the land or with animals, it makes sense to train in a real-world environment where you gain practical experience alongside your studies. That is precisely what our Cannington campus provides, with a working farm and equestrian centre, a cutting-edge animal management facility and its own gardens that are open to the public.

It is also home to our new state-of-the-art National College for Nuclear. Study here and, along with a vibrant social life, you'll gain experience in your chosen field that is hard to rival.





"It's really good to have such a broad range of amazing facilities that I can use whenever I need to help move my work forward in an effective way."

Foundation Diploma
Art & Design student

University Centre Somerset **FANTASTIC FACILITIES**

We believe in the power of education to change lives. So whatever you want to be, we'll help you get there.

At the heart of this ambition are fantastic facilities, many of which operate commercially, meaning you'll gain hands-on experience in a real-world environment. By giving you the chance to study in the finest surroundings, with access to the very latest specialist equipment for your industry, your chances of success are enhanced and you get relevant professional experience from the very start of your studies.

Rodway Farm and Equestrian Centre

Cannington plays host to our award-winning 180 hectare working farm, which is one of the region's most important dairy units. It has a state-of-the-art computerised milking parlour and an array of agricultural machinery and equipment. Likewise the Equestrian Centre, which includes a BHS riding school along with indoor and outdoor arenas, two large stable blocks and a selection of well-schooled horses. However you see your future, these facilities are the very best in the region, and ensure an educational experience like no other.

The Walled Gardens of Cannington

The Walled Gardens of Cannington are set within the grounds of a medieval priory and many of its fine buildings, including the walls of the garden, remain. They are accredited as a 'quality assured visitor attraction' by VisitEngland, and a Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) recommended garden. The gardens provide a superb facility for students to gain essential hands-on experience of working with a whole range of plant groups.

Animal Management Centre

Get hands-on with a variety of species at our £2m Animal Management Centre, situated in Cannington. This houses everything from Greater Hairy Armadillos to Gambian Pouched Rats, as well as more every-day creatures including rabbits, sheep and goats. It's a great environment to develop your craft, and offers a learning experience that is without parallel in the South West.

Leisure and tourist attractions

With a 9-hole, 18 tee golf course and its own popular walled gardens and tea room, Cannington provides no end of opportunity for professional development during your degree studies. Not only will you have an opportunity to gain real-life work experience at these facilities as part of your course, but the campuses provide a wonderful way to unwind from the pressures of study. It's a similar story with the Activity Centre, where fully-qualified instructors facilitate a range of adventurous activities, and give Outdoor Education students a chance to cut their teeth in a public-facing role.



University Centre Somerset FANTASTIC FACILITIES



The Energy Skills Centre

Now more than ever, science and engineering professionals are needed to drive growth in our economy. Thanks to more than £25m of investment in the Advanced Engineering Centre, the National College for Nuclear and the Energy Skills Centre, we have the perfect environment in which to train. Facilities include virtual reality environments, engineering and welding workshops with the very latest robotic and computer-aided design software, electronic engineering equipment, and pneumatic/hydraulic laboratory facilities. As our partnerships with EDF Energy, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and the National Skills Academy (Nuclear) demonstrate, we deliver education that is thoroughly grounded in the requirements and expectations of 21st century industry.

Cafés and shops

Visit any of our centres and you'll find plenty of places to eat and drink. We operate professional restaurants along with a variety of coffee bars and cafés. There's even a hair and beauty salon.



Health and Social Care Centre

With a suite of well-equipped labs and modern classrooms utilising the very latest teaching and learning technology, our Health and Social Care Centre is a hub of activity. Students acquire theoretical knowledge and practical skills by working under the supervision of our expert staff. Then they seek to embed their learning through professional placements in a variety of relevant workplace settings.

The Arts House

University Centre Somerset is renowned for the outstanding quality of its education in Art and Design. The Arts House in Taunton is testament to our strength in this field. A state-of-the-art centre in an iconic building, it provides the focus for all arts-based degree programmes. And naturally, it is equipped with the latest hardware and software to help you excel in your chosen medium, as well as an in-house printing unit that is available to all students.

Learning Resource Centres (LRCs)

All our campuses have large LRCs that are invaluable during your studies. We hold some 30,000 books and more than 3,000 eBooks, as well as stocking journals, newspapers, magazines, DVDs and CDs. Added to the online resources provided by our university partners, you will have everything you need for your studies, with specialist staff on hand to guide your searches.





University Centre Somerset **FANTASTIC FACILITIES**

IT facilities

Wherever you are at University Centre Somerset, you'll find it easy to stay in touch. With free Wi-Fi across our sites, and thousands of desktop computers for student use, including Apple Macs and PCs. Classroom learning is complemented by our Virtual Learning Environment, which makes supplementary materials available online, and every student is given their own email account, accessible anywhere, any time.

Childcare Centres

We provide childcare centres on our Bridgwater and Taunton campuses, meaning you can leave your little ones in safe hands during your time at university. The centres also provide a unique training environment for our students, giving them practical experience of an Early Years setting and enhancing their skills for the future.

A social hub

By ensuring you have all that you need to make the most of your leisure time and build lifelong friendships, we make your time at university memorable, and profoundly formational. We provide vibrant common rooms and Students' Union hubs across our centres. These are equipped with Wi-Fi, TVs, computer consoles, and pool tables – giving you ample opportunity to catch up with friends and relax between teaching sessions.



The McMillan Theatre

Drive onto our Bridgwater campus and the first thing you'll notice is the eye-catching architecture of our multi-million-pound Performing Arts Centre. If you want to learn how to function as a performer or backstage specialist in a professional theatre, this is the place to do it. With seating for 350 people, the theatre is one of the largest in the local area – making it a hub of activity for all sorts of creative endeavours.

Sports facilities

No university environment is complete without its own sports facilities, and University Centre Somerset doesn't disappoint. Across our centres, we provide floodlit sports pitches, including a full-size all-weather pitch, athletics tracks, sports halls, well-equipped gyms, and tennis courts. In addition, there is ample opportunity to experience more adventurous pastimes in the nearby countryside and on local rivers.



University Centre Somerset

A PLACE TO CALL HOME



For many undergraduate students, living away from home is an essential part of the university experience. University Centre Somerset offers attractive purpose-built accommodation – providing a welcoming place to live where you can form friendships and stand on your own two feet.

Taunton

Our Canonsgrove Halls in Taunton are located in beautiful countryside. The commute to our Taunton campus is straightforward, by bus, bicycle or car. Canonsgrove is a community that reflects the diversity of our student body. Grouped with six or seven other people, you'll share kitchen facilities and benefit from an en-suite bathroom.

Canonsgrove has a laundrette for residents, as well as a bar, communal lounge, pool table, sports hall, outdoor barbecue area and café. It is overseen by a team of wardens, who ensure a safe and friendly environment.

Cannington

We have recently invested £3m in our accommodation here, and have well-equipped single rooms available.

With catered and self-catering rooms available, there is plenty of scope to choose the right option for you. Either way, you'll become part of a vibrant residential community where people share interests, and generally have a love of the beautiful countryside that is right on your doorstep.

Facilities include free Wi-Fi, communal TV lounges, on-site restaurants and cafés, free on-site parking and a laundrette.

Living out

For students who live in shared accommodation, or rent a room in a private house, we can provide a list of suitable estate agents. These are not managed by University Centre Somerset, and students are responsible for agreeing terms with landlords.

Accommodation costs

Fees vary depending on your choice of accommodation. You should budget up to £125 per week to stay in self-catering halls, based on a 34 week year. Rental fees include all bills and personal possessions insurance. Students living in halls of residence do not pay council tax.



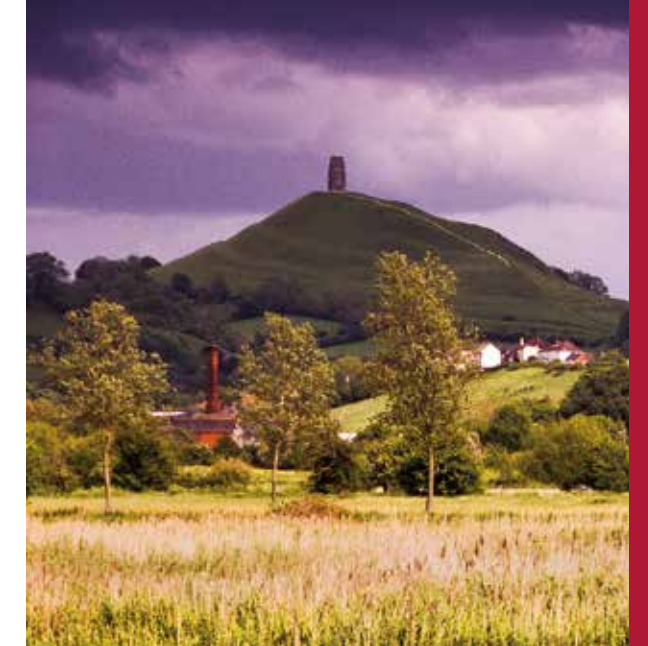


University Centre Somerset HEART OF THE SOUTH WEST

For many, the South West is a place associated with holidays and leisure time. A place of character and charm, of quaint villages and stunning scenery. A place where time passes slowly, and quality of life is enhanced.

All that is true, but the region is also an area of growth, with vibrant local industries including nuclear energy, science and engineering, media and creative industries, and the professional services.

As a result, Somerset is an exciting county to live and study in. It's a place of opportunity and ambition, which hasn't lost its sense of identity in the quest for economic well-being.



Taunton

Our county town, Taunton boasts a fantastic mix of shops, bars and restaurants, and great leisure facilities such as a cinema and bowling alley. It is an attractive town, with a vibrant local culture and great access to wonderful countryside and buzzing cities. Bristol and Exeter are within easy reach, and the famous Glastonbury Festival is just a stone's throw away. Meanwhile, the delights of Exmoor and the Devon, Dorset and Somerset coastlines can be accessed by means of a short hop in the car, or by bus or train.

Sport lovers are also well catered for, with the County Cricket Ground located in the heart of town, and the successful rugby clubs of Exeter, Bath and Bristol all within easy reach.

Bridgwater

Home to one of the UK's most admired carnivals, Bridgwater is a close-knit community with bags of character.

The town hosts a selection of shops and cafés, and provides easy access to cities like Bath, Wells, Bristol, Exeter and Cardiff. It is just a short hop to the mystical splendour of Glastonbury, while the tranquil Somerset Levels and Quantock Hills are quite literally on the doorstep.

Local sports clubs offer ample opportunity to play rugby, football, netball, hockey, tennis and even skittles. And at every turn, you'll encounter friendly locals with a genuine pride in their University Centre.

Cannington

Cannington is located in beautiful surroundings in the Quantock Hills, just a short journey from Bridgwater and Taunton. Because of its rural setting, the campus is relatively self-contained, offering plenty of activities to keep students busy.

The biggest appeal is the breathtaking scenery and sense of rural charm. Students at Cannington are usually drawn here by a love of the countryside, its traditions and lifestyle. The centre provides a perfect place in which to deepen that appreciation, and find new ways of enjoying the great outdoors.



University Centre Somerset

HIGHER EDUCATION COURSE LEVELS & UCAS TARIFF POINTS GUIDE

Prior to studying a Higher Education course you need to have completed GCSEs (Level 2 courses), and a Level 3 qualification (A Levels, BTEC or an apprenticeship). For adults you could complete an Access Course (Level 3), or in some instances significant and relevant work experience may be an alternative.

MAIN STAGE OF EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT	LEVEL	QUALIFICATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PROFESSIONAL/POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION RESEARCHEMPLOYMENT	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">POSTGRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">HIGHER EDUCATION ADVANCED LEVEL SKILLS	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BACHELOR'S DEGREEDEGREE APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">ENTRY TO PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FOUNDATION DEGREEHIGHER APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 5/HND EQUIVALENT TO SECOND YEAR OF DEGREE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">SPECIALISED EDUCATION AND TRAINING	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 4/HNCLEVEL 4 DIPLOMA EQUIVALENT TO FIRST YEAR OF DEGREE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">QUALIFIED/SKILLED WORKERENTRY TO HIGHER EDUCATIONCOMPLETION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LEVEL 3 NVQSLEVEL 3 DIPLOMAS/CERTIFICATEADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 3ACCESS COURSE EQUIVALENT TO 2/3 A LEVELS OR FOUR AS LEVELS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PROGRESSION TO SKILLED EMPLOYMENTCONTINUATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LEVEL 2 NVQSLEVEL 2 DIPLOMAAPPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 2 EQUIVALENT TO 5 GCSEs, GRADE A* TO C

See website for more details.

UCAS TARIFF POINTS

UCAS Tariff points are allocated to your qualifications, which, when added together, can go towards university entry. The table below is for indicative purposes only, students should always check individual course requirements.

GCE/VCE QUALIFICATIONS			POINTS TARIFF	BTEC NATIONALS			BTEC QCF				DIP FOUNDATION STUDIES
AS Level	A Level	A Level Double		Award	Certificate	Diploma	Ext. Diploma	Diploma	Sub Diploma	Certificate	Arts & Design
			168				D*D*D*				
			160				D*D*D				
			152				D*DD				
			144			DDD	DDD				
			128			DDM	DDM				
			120								D
		A*A*	112			DMM	DMM	D*D*			
		A*A	104					D*D			
		AA	96		DD	MMM	MMM	DD			M
			94					DD			
		AB	88								
		BB	80		DM	MMP	MMP	DM			P
		BC	72								
		CC	64		MM	MPP	MPP	MM			
	A*	CD	56						D*		
	A	DD	48	D	MP	PPP	PPP	MP	D		
	B	DE	40								
	C	EE	32	M	PP			PP	M		
			28								
	D		24							D*	
A			20							D	
B	E		16	P					P	M	
C			12								
D			10								
			8							P	
E			6								



University Centre Somerset
**HIGHER EDUCATION
APPRENTICESHIP COURSES**

BUSINESS

Higher Apprenticeship HR Consultant/Partner
Higher Apprenticeship Operations/ Departmental Manager
Higher Apprenticeship Professional Accountant
Degree Apprenticeship Chartered Manager

CONSTRUCTION

Higher Apprenticeship in Construction Management
Degree Apprenticeship Construction Management
Higher Apprenticeship in Construction & the Built Environment
Higher Apprenticeship in Construction & the Built Environment
(Civil Engineering)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Higher Apprenticeship Assessor Coach
Higher Apprenticeship Learning and Skills Teacher

ENGINEERING

Higher Apprenticeship Manufacturing Engineering (Mechanical)
Higher Apprenticeship Manufacturing Engineering (Electrical/Electronic)
Higher Apprenticeship Manufacturing Engineering (Manufacturing)
Higher Apprenticeship Manufacturing Engineering (Production)
Degree Apprenticeship Engineering with Nuclear*
Degree Apprenticeship Aerospace Engineer*
Degree Apprenticeship Manufacturing Engineer*
Postgraduate Apprenticeship Engineer*

HEALTH

Higher Apprenticeship Adult Care Leader *
Higher Apprenticeship Assistant Practitioner (Health) *
Higher Apprenticeship Leadership and Management *
Higher Apprenticeship Leadership for Adult Residential Care *
Higher Apprenticeship Nursing Associate

IT

Higher Apprenticeship Software Developer
Higher Apprenticeship Cyber Security

LAND-BASED

Higher Apprenticeship in Agriculture

*subject to approval

All apprenticeships are correct at time of going to print but are continually developing and changing due to business demand and changes to the apprenticeship structure, therefore the above list should only be considered as a guide.

University Centre Somerset
HIGHER & DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

With the introduction of the Apprenticeship Levy in April 2017, employers are offering more apprenticeships at various levels. Higher and degree level apprenticeships are becoming popular and make an excellent choice. Please see our list of courses, opposite, check our website or call for more information on the types of apprenticeships we offer and our employer partners.

What is an apprenticeship?

Higher and degree level apprenticeships, like all apprenticeships, give you practical on-the-job experience, the chance to gain applicable skills and knowledge about an industry, and a real chance to prove yourself to an employer and gain permanent, full-time employment.

Higher Apprenticeship refers to all apprenticeships that include the achievement of academic/vocational qualifications at Level 4 and 5 such as HNCs, HNDs and Foundation Degrees, while Degree Apprenticeships provide qualifications up to level 6 or 7, such as a full BA, BSc or BEng Honours Degree, or in some cases even a Masters Degree.

All levels include academic or vocational qualifications and many also include professional qualifications in subjects such as Leadership or Management, or memberships and qualifications from trade bodies or industry associations. These are decided by each employer, depending on their business requirements.

Why choose an apprenticeship?

They are a great option for anyone looking for a fast track into a career. A Higher or Degree Level Apprenticeship brings together the best of higher and vocational training and enables higher education study plus invaluable on-the-job training without having to cover the cost of tuition. Fees for apprenticeships are subsidised by employers and the government, and a salary is then paid to the individual undertaking the apprenticeship – meaning that doing a Degree Apprenticeship can leave you debt-free and provide you with many years’ work experience.

What can I study on an apprenticeship?

Today you can study anything from social media to mechanical engineering; health & social care to cyber security, and many more. We have more than 20 on offer today and are adding more all the time.

How long is an apprenticeship?

A Higher or Degree Apprenticeship will likely last as long as 3 years, but could take as long as 5-6 years. As an apprentice, you would be employed full-time, although the combination of work and study can vary from one employer to another. Generally you’ll be required to work 30 hours per week, to leave you time to study, but that could take one of several forms - options include:

Day release – studying at college one day per week

Block learning – studying for 1-2 weeks at a time

Full-time education – for some employers apprentices will study full-time for the first year of their apprenticeship, working with the employer during College holidays, and starting full-time employment after that first year.

What should I do next?

On the opposite page is a list of currently available Higher and Degree Level Apprenticeships. Keep your eyes peeled for this logo (right) – you’ll see it when a course is available as part of an apprenticeship programme.

If you feel that an apprenticeship may be an option for you, you can find more information and relevant links on our website.





£123,530
POTENTIAL SALARY
FOR A SALES DIRECTOR¹

414,000
NEW BUSINESS
START-UPS IN 2015²

5.7 MILLION
BUSINESSES IN THE UK
IN 2017²

ALMOST
1,000 GRADUATES
IN EMPLOYMENT ARE WORKING AS MARKETING
ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS³

£3,700+ BILLION
COMBINED UK BUSINESS TURNOVER
AT THE START OF 2017⁴

BUSINESS & COMPUTING

Business is a highly competitive environment and we have established an enviable reputation for delivery of our business courses, rooted in the real world, that assures our students are given the best opportunities.

All of the teaching team have first-hand experience of business combined with a range of specialist skills. Our business and management curriculum covers an extensive range of subjects relating to various business environments, from health and safety to event management and from accountancy to project management.

The use of the Internet and computer systems has become an integral and critical part of most companies and organisations. Having IT skills will make you an essential part of any work team.

At the Taunton campus you will have access to the latest IT software and the support of our experienced staff. Our extensive range of programmes covers all aspects of Computing, IT and Gaming, giving you the tools you need to improve your skills and career opportunities.

¹ EMSI data 2016

² House of Commons Library Business Statistics
Briefing Paper, December 2017

³ www.prospects.ac.uk

⁴ Department of Business, Innovation & Skills,
Statistical Release, November 2017



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

BA (Hons) Degree



Your course

Enhance your understanding of the world of business with our popular degree. This course provides you with a sound background in all areas of the world of business, providing students with an understanding of organisations, their structure, management and culture within the changing external environment in which they operate. Students will develop an understanding of business functions, their relationship to each other and how these functions contribute to the success of organisations.

The modules studied may include:

- Managing Customer Relations
- Managing Business Strategy
- Introduction to Macro-Economics
- Strategic Marketing
- Human Resource Management

Teaching & assessment

The course is assessed by means of 80% coursework and 20% tests or exams. Assessment is via a combination of presentations, reports, seminars, in-class tests, examinations, personal development plans (PDP's), projects and a dissertation. Continuous assessment processes mean that individual and group assignments count towards your final grade, as do projects and formal written exams.

Where does it lead?

On completion of the BA (Hons) programme you may wish to progress at a post-graduate level, for example, a Masters programme at the University Centre Somerset. You may also choose to continue to study for a professional qualification such as those offered by the CIPD, AAT and CIM.

Alternatively you may wish to enter employment – this course opens the door to a variety of jobs in the private or public sectors, specialising in administration, management, personnel, marketing or finance.

Duration
3 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
3KF2

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

50%	35%	15%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MMP/Diploma – DM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Foundation Degree



Your course

This programme has been designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge base required to work in your chosen specialism, to support entrepreneurial skills or other graduate opportunities. It is also a platform from which you can undertake additional vocational and academic qualifications.

The University Centre Somerset has strong industry links and we have close relationships with employers to ensure our courses prepare our students to be successful in their chosen careers and therefore work-based learning is an integral part of the programme.

The modules studied may include:

- Introduction to Financial and Management Accounting
- Managing Human Resources
- Mentoring, Training and Development in the Workplace
- Applied Marketing
- Current Issues in Management

Teaching & assessment

The course is assessed by means of 80% coursework and 20% tests or exams. Assessment is via a combination of presentations, reports, seminars, in-class tests, examinations, personal development plans (PDP's), projects and a dissertation. Continuous assessment processes mean that individual and group assignments count towards your final grade, as do projects and formal written exams.

Where does it lead?

The Foundation Degree is a perfect platform for progression onto the BA (Hons) Top-up Degree Business Management.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
N101

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

50%	35%	15%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical or similar

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MPP/Diploma – MM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



"The lecturers are very supportive and make themselves available. The class sizes are small and there are great facilities, such as a library just for degree students and a lovely restaurant run by catering students. Others should be aware that an Honours Degree is far more difficult than a Foundation Degree and expect to have to work hard. Don't let that put you off, it's very rewarding and you get a lot of individual support."

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree, Business Administration student

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

The BA (Hons) top-up offers Foundation Degree graduates the chance to top-up their qualification to Honours Degree. The course follows a modular structure, and takes your learning and skills to a further level.

The modules studied may include:

- Strategic Management and Leadership
- Management of Change
- Strategic Marketing
- Financial Management

Teaching & assessment

The course is assessed by means of 80% coursework and 20% tests or exams. Assessment is via a combination of presentations, reports, seminars, in-class tests, examinations, personal development plans (PDP's), projects and a dissertation. Continuous assessment processes mean that individual and group assignments count towards your final grade, as do projects and formal written exams.

Where does it lead?

This course opens the door to a variety of interesting jobs, in a range of industries. You could work in the private or public sectors, specialising in administration, management, personnel, marketing or finance.

You may choose to set up your own business, or join a graduate trainee scheme with a national employer.

Our graduates have gone on to do all of these things – and more.

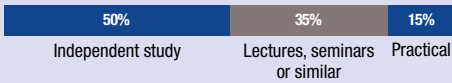
Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
N100

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Foundation Degree
- Or an HND
- Or an equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



COMPUTER GAMES TECHNOLOGY

BSc (Hons) Degree



Your course

Succeeding in the field of games technology involves a combination of technical aptitude, plus creative and commercial know-how. That's exactly what our degree programmes are intended to equip you with, meaning that you'll stand every chance of landing your dream job once you graduate from University Centre Somerset.

In the final year of the Degree you have the chance to work independently on a major games project that will showcase your theoretical and technical talents as well as creative ingenuity. What's more, the rest of the modules incorporate professional skills training at every stage, helping to enhance your chances of securing employment upon graduation.

The modules studied may include:

- Games Platforms and Technologies
- Games Design and Development
- AI in Games
- 3D Graphics Programming
- Advanced Games Programming

Teaching & assessment

You will be taught and supported by highly experienced and dedicated tutors, and gain plenty of hands-on experience in our excellent laboratories and workshops.

A feature of the course is the use of in-course assessment while other modules are assessed by the course teaching team using assignments, case studies, presentations and examinations. There is also an assessed compulsory period of work experience in the first year.

Where does it lead?

You will have a set of skills and competencies very attractive to employers in the games industry, for example as a Technical Artist or Games Programmer, as well as a wide spectrum of other areas in the creative media sector including mobile device programming, graphics and 3D visualisation.

Duration
3 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
4UC2

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

50%	30%	20%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practicals

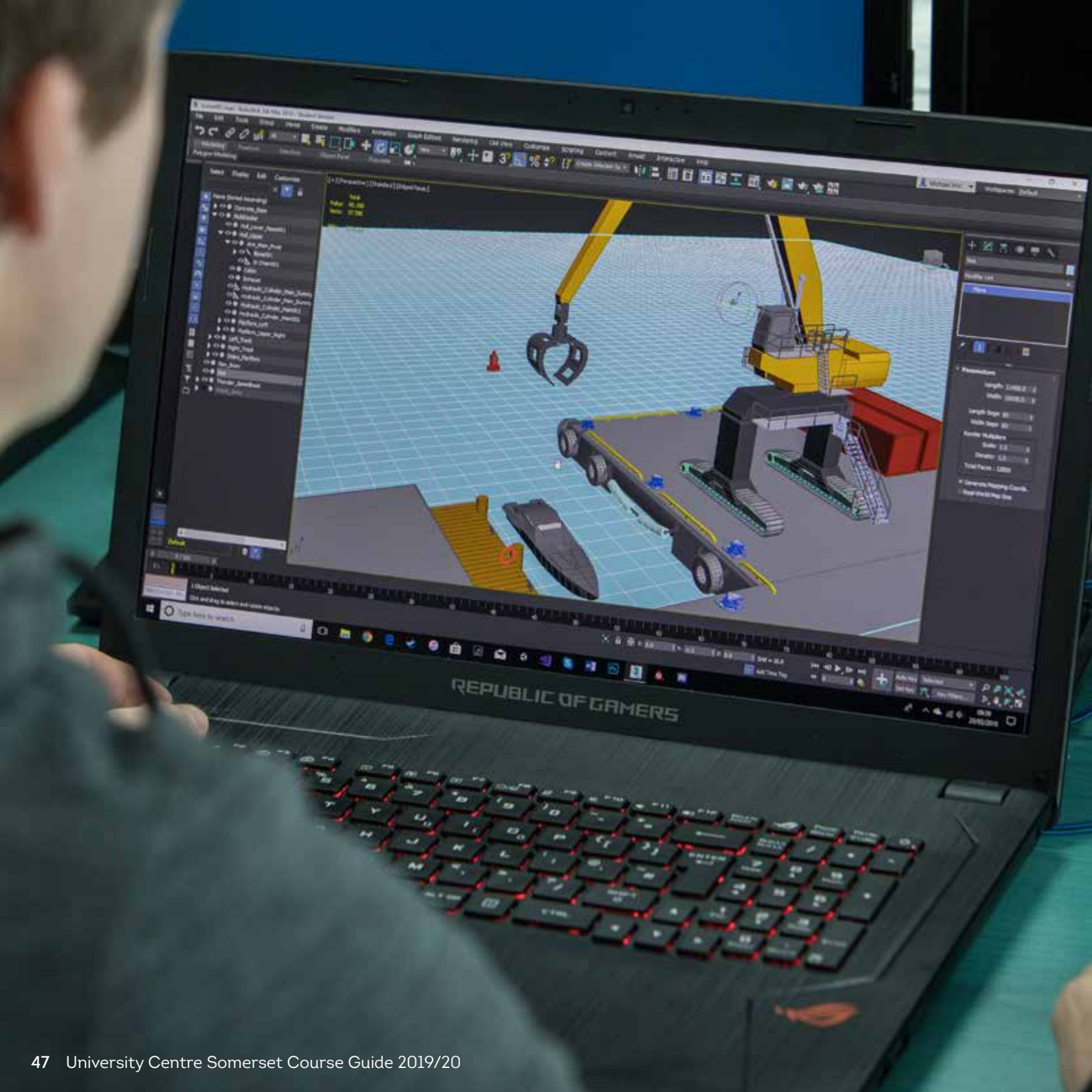
Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MMP/Diploma – DM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



COMPUTER GAMES TECHNOLOGY

Foundation Degree



Your course

The Foundation Degree in Computer Games Technology incorporates work based learning as part of the programme in order to offer applicable work experience in a professional environment during your studies. First year students may undertake work experience or a live brief set by industry-specific employers, while the second year includes a live group games technology production project which not only allows students to work in a team, a skill-set crucial in the workplace, but also offers the opportunity to produce innovative deliverables whilst gaining invaluable experience. In the past, students have worked on developing games for partners such as the NHS, Mole Valley Farmers, British Red Cross and Somerset Wildlife.

The modules studied may include:

- Games Platforms and Technologies
- Games Design and Development
- AI in Games
- Advanced Games Programming

Teaching & assessment

You will be taught and supported by highly experienced and dedicated tutors, and gain plenty of hands-on experience in our excellent laboratories and workshops.

A feature of the course is the use of in-course assessment while other modules are assessed by the course teaching team using assignments, case studies, presentations and examinations. There is also an assessed compulsory period of work experience in the first year.

Where does it lead?

The Foundation Degree is a perfect platform for progression onto the BSc (Hons) Top-up Degree.

With a set of highly sought-after skills and competencies, and practical work experience in the games technology industry, your chances of securing employment after graduation are high.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
G600

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

50%	30%	20%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practicals

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

- Typically entrants will possess:
- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
 - Or an Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MPP/Diploma – MM)
 - Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



COMPUTER GAMES TECHNOLOGY

BSc (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

In the Degree Top-up course students will establish a high degree of expertise in the application, integration and critical evaluation of a range of computer technologies, principles and practices and provide appropriate experience of working on a final major creative project, developing the ability to work independently and with flair in a variety of contexts.

The modules studied may include:

- Final Major Games Project
- Digital Sound Production
- Computer Games Prototyping
- 3D Graphics Programming

Teaching & assessment

You will be taught and supported by highly experienced and dedicated tutors, and gain plenty of hands-on experience in our excellent laboratories and workshops.

A feature of the course is the use of in-course assessment while other modules are assessed by the course teaching team using assignments, case studies, presentations and examinations. There is also an assessed compulsory period of work experience in the first year.

Where does it lead?

Graduates have gone on to roles as technical artists or games programmers, as well as a wide spectrum of other jobs in the creative media sector.

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
I600

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

50%	30%	20%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practicals

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Foundation Degree
- Or an HND
- Or an equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline including similar or matching modules

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



"I recently graduated and have been working with Iconography, a Somerset-based website design and e-commerce agency, as a web developer. I'm really enjoying getting an understanding of the industry and be part of the creative process.

I found out about the job through the University Centre Somerset. I had great support from my tutors there and fantastic facilities at my disposal. It was a brilliant experience."

BSc (Hons), Computing & Internet Technologies student

COMPUTING & INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES

BSc (Hons) Degree



Your course

We are living in the most documented, recorded, analysed and inter-connected times, with many aspects of our daily lives now being assisted by increasingly complex computerised technology. From smart phones and smart TVs to corporate servers and big data systems, our economy places great importance on serious computing and programming skills to shape the future of society. Develop skills in computing and Internet technologies and you'll be employable the world over.

The modules studied may include:

- Web Design and Development
- Internet Technologies and Security
- Scripting Technologies and Web Programming
- Relational Databases
- Mobile Application Development

Teaching & assessment

Our specialist teaching staff have hands-on experience of working in computing, and offer expert tuition in labs and classrooms.

Assessment is through a mix of assignments, examinations, reports and presentations. As part of the course, you will be required to undertake projects both in groups and individually.

A prominent feature of the course is the use of in-course assessment, where modules are assessed by the course teaching team as you complete them. The focus of the Degree is the final year dissertation, showcasing your high level computer skills.

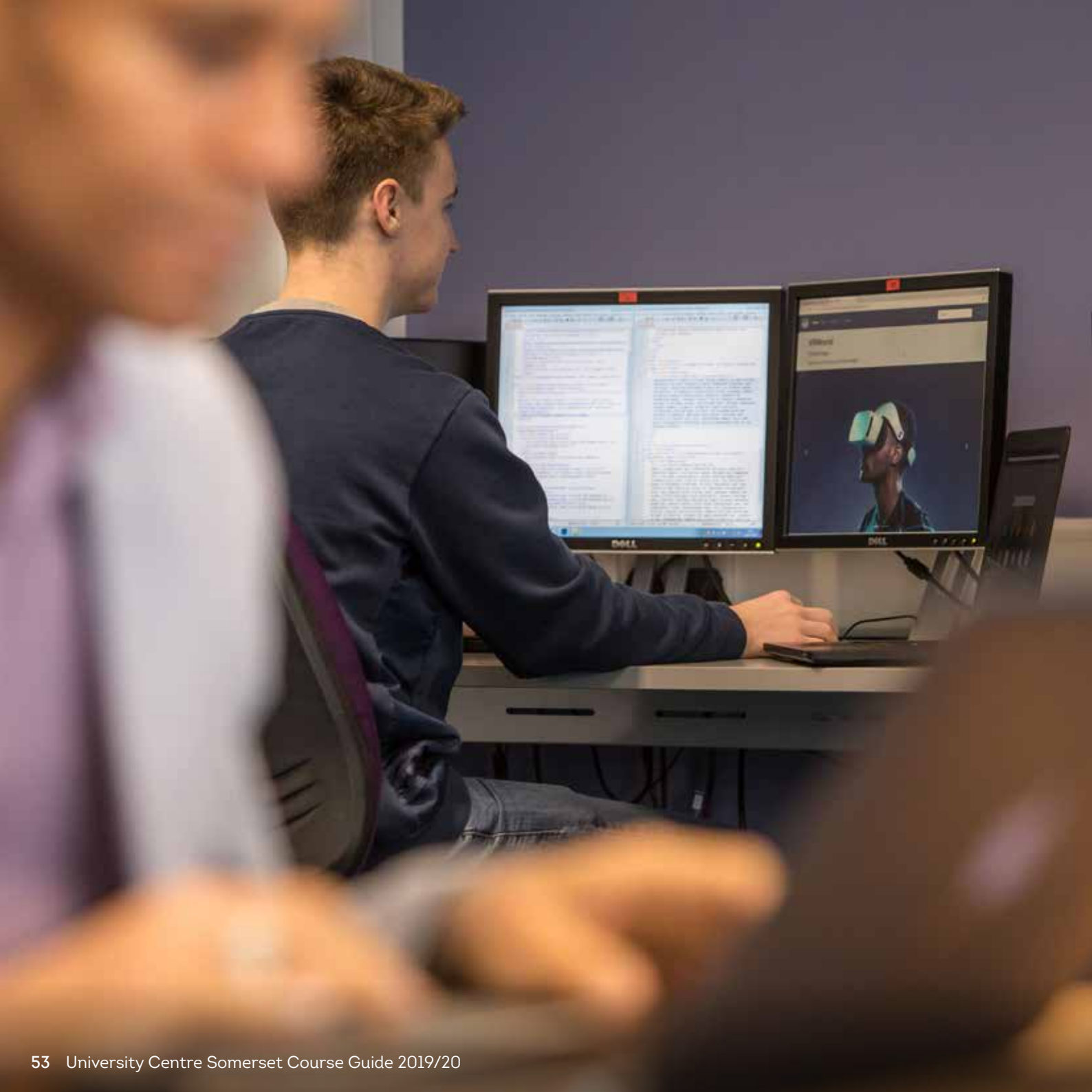
Where does it lead?

As a computing graduate, the world really is your oyster. You will be equipped with a range of computer skills that are all highly desirable to prospective employers. Moreover, you'll have experience of working in real-world environments where adaptability and the ability to handle pressure are essential.

Duration 3 years (full-time)	Location Taunton
UCAS code 3D9Y	Institution code B70

How is the course taught?		
50%	30%	20%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practicals
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements
Typically entrants will possess:
• 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
• Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MMP/Diploma – DM)
• Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma
Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



COMPUTING & INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES

Foundation Degree



Your course

This Foundation Degree will provide a rigorous study of the theory and principles underlying computing and Internet technologies; developing and challenging students by establishing a high degree of expertise in the application, integration and critical evaluation of a range of computer and Internet technologies, principles and practices.

The modules studied may include:

- E-Business
- Advanced Web Development
- Scripting Technologies and Web Programming
- Relational Databases
- Internet Technologies and Security

Teaching & assessment

Our specialist teaching staff have hands-on experience of working in computing, and offer expert tuition in labs and classrooms.

Assessment is through a mix of assignments, examinations, reports and presentations. As part of the course, you will be required to undertake projects both in groups and individually.

A prominent feature of the course is the use of in-course assessment, where modules are assessed by the course teaching team as you complete them.

Where does it lead?

The Foundation Degree is a perfect platform for progression onto the BSc (Hons) Top-up Degree. You will be equipped with a range of computer skills that are all highly desirable to prospective employers.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
G020

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

50%	30%	20%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practicals

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MPP/Diploma – MM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



COMPUTING & INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES

BSc (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

The BSc (Hons) top-up provides students with the skills and knowledge to enter a range of computing professions, which have seen increased demand for employees at graduate level, and will equip learners with the necessary skills and academic standing to enter postgraduate study.

It also enhances employability of students by providing training with industry-standard software and access to specialised resources such as the Networking Laboratory.

The modules studied may include:

- **Advanced Programming**
- **Mobile Application Development**
- **Relational Databases**
- **Final Major Computing Project**
- **Mobile Network & Security Management**
- **Collaborative Working & Entrepreneurial Skills**

Teaching & assessment

Our specialist teaching staff have hands-on experience of working in computing, and offer expert tuition in labs and classrooms.

Assessment is through a mix of assignments, reports and presentations. As part of the course, you will be required to undertake individual projects.

A prominent feature of the course is the use of in-course assessment, where modules are assessed by the course teaching team as you complete them. The focus of the Degree is the final year dissertation, showcasing your high level computer and academic skills.

Where does it lead?

As a computing graduate, the world really is your oyster. You will be equipped with a range of computer skills that are all highly desirable to prospective employers. Moreover, you'll have experience of working in real-world environments where adaptability and the ability to handle pressure are essential.

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
I190

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

50%	30%	20%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practicals

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Foundation Degree
- Or an HND
- Or an equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



£37,273
POTENTIAL SALARY FOR
A GRAPHIC DESIGNER¹

15,900
CREATIVE JOBS IN THE
WEST OF ENGLAND²

£8.8 MILLION
CONTRIBUTED AN HOUR
TO UK ECONOMY³

THE SOUTH WEST
IS EMERGING AS A HOTSPOT FOR DIGITAL DESIGN⁴

£100 MILLION
WORTH OF ORDERS TYPICALLY PLACED
DURING LONDON FASHION WEEK⁵



CREATIVE ARTS

Our Arts House in Taunton has recently had a £12 million refurbishment and is the envy of the art and design community.

The majority of our creative art degrees are based in the Arts House, located at the Taunton campus and investment has enhanced the facilities to industry standard, offering students a chance to use a blend of traditional and contemporary processes to create their work.

Creativity and making is at the heart of what we do here and our strong links with industry ensure you will be well prepared for a successful career in this booming industry.

We also utilise The McMillan Theatre, located at the Bridgwater campus, which is our state-of-the-art, multi-million pound Performing Arts Centre and Theatre, which opened in summer 2015.

The new facility, complete with a 350-seat flexible theatre space, provides Dance, Performance, Acting & Theatre Arts students with the opportunity to learn in a stunning theatre environment.

¹ EMSI data 2016

² West of England LEP

³ Department for Culture, Media & Sport

⁴ The Design Council, 2010

⁵ British Fashion Council





We run Portfolio Workshops throughout the year to help you prepare for interviews.



"I graduated with a First and travelled to Melbourne, Australia, where I worked for a small, independent footwear label. I had a broad range of responsibilities that encompass most aspects of the day-to-day running of the business. I managed each of their three retail outlets and online web store which included creative visual merchandising and window installations. I plan to launch my own label eventually."

BA (Hons), Fashion Design student

FASHION DESIGN

BA (Hons) Degree



Your course

The catwalk, the models, the shows... the world of fashion is exhilarating, rewarding and hard work. This course can help you be a part of it, by taking you through the design process to produce catwalk-ready collections that showcase your talent and demonstrate your technical ability. You'll cover everything from designing, garment construction including fashion drawing and illustration, style forecasting and marketing. From a broad skills base, the course allows focus into specialist areas into the final year including, menswear, sportswear and corsetry.

The course aims to provide our graduates with the wide-range of skills the fashion industry are looking for. It has an exciting mix of hands-on practical skills based in our spacious industry-style fashion workshop, with creative development through idea generation and innovative techniques with contemporary fabrics.

We may offer opportunities for residential trips in the UK and abroad as well as a variety of day trips. Previous cohorts have taken opportunities to embark on study visits to London, New York, Berlin and Paris among others.

Teaching & assessment

A range of study methods are used with an emphasis on using modern technology creatively to both research ideas and communicate completed products. You are encouraged to work to your strengths, and will be supported in developing these skills. The course is generally taught over 2.5 days a week with independent study expected through the remainder of the week. Communication between you and your tutor is key to our supportive ethos, with social networking and blogging being used to help you develop ideas, solve problems and submit work. Assessment is via practical projects, reports, essays and peer and professional evaluations.

Where does it lead?

We work with a panel of well-respected people from within the fashion and textiles industry to ensure that our course stays relevant in an ever-changing industry. As a result, graduates have a very good success rate in securing employment upon completion of their studies. Recent graduates have worked with employers including Courtaulds, Abercrombie & Fitch, Sassi Holford, Fat Face, Debenhams, Ashley Isham, Miss Selfridge, Next, New Look, Peacock's and Vivienne Westwood.

Duration
3 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
W230

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MMP/Diploma – DM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

You will be asked to bring your portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



FASHION DESIGN

Foundation Degree



Your course

A practical and creative course with a strong focus on industry skills combined with creative development. You'll cover everything from design to garment construction, including fashion drawing and illustration, style forecasting and marketing. What's more, we encourage you to develop your own style right from the outset, meaning you can start carving your niche from the day you arrive in our industry-style Fashion Workshop and spacious design studios.

The modules studied may include:

- Idea and Materiality
- Sustainability
- Critical Reflection
- Studio Practice
- Making Meanings
- Value & Context

Teaching & assessment

100% coursework, including practical design solutions and written content through an extended essay. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.

Where does it lead?

Students are able to top-up their qualification to Honours Degree level at University Centre Somerset. In addition, we work with a panel of well-respected people from within the fashion & textiles industry to ensure that our course keeps up-to-date with the expectations of the workplace; as a result, University Centre Somerset students have a good success rate in securing employment upon completion of their studies.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
R324

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma - MPP/Diploma - MM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

You will be asked to bring a portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



FASHION DESIGN

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

The BA (Hons) top-up follows a modular structure, and takes your learning and skills to a further level allowing your specialist skills to flourish towards the career you want. You will consider the wider cultural context to underpin your studio work and focus on your own personal design statement, culminating in your collection being shown at the End of Year Degree Show. Students can also be offered national platforms to showcase their work to industry at events such as Graduate Fashion Week or New Designers in London.

The modules studied may include:

- Context
- Inspiration and Innovation
- Resolution

Teaching & assessment

100% coursework, including practical design solutions and written content exemplified through a dissertation.

Where does it lead?

We work with a panel of well-respected people from within the fashion & textiles industry to ensure that our course keeps up-to-date with the expectations of an ever-changing industry. As a result, University Centre Somerset students have a great reputation for securing employment upon completion of their studies.

Recent graduates have gone on to jobs in design, retail management, buying and fashion promotion. They've worked with employers including Courtaulds, Abercrombie & Fitch, Sassi Holford, Fat Face, Debenhams, Ashley Isham, Miss Selfridge, Next, New Look, Peacock's and Vivienne Westwood. Others have progressed on to a postgraduate level studying an MA or PGCE.

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
5B9T

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Foundation Degree
- Or an HND
- Or an equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline

You will be asked to send a digital portfolio prior to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



FINE ART

BA (Hons) Degree



Your course

The aim of the programme is to provide a challenging and stimulating education through contemporary fine art practice. With a focus on 'making', the practical nature of this course enables you to establish an artistic identity and to situate your artistic practice within the wider creative arts industries. We aim to equip you with a range of practical making skills underpinned by a theoretical awareness of visual culture, so you can analyse, and critically reflect upon, your visual outcomes.

Projects will include collaboration with peers, outside agencies and galleries and also include self-initiated schemes of work. We recognise the importance of visiting nationally and internationally successful artists to share their practice and experiences with students. Artists such as Alexis Harding, Claire Mitten, Simon Hitchens and Day Bowman have all shared their insights with us.

The modules studied may include:

- Idea and Materiality
- Sustainability
- Studio Practice
- Making Meanings
- Value and Context
- Creativity and Collaboration

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is by 100% coursework, and we undertake continuous modular assessment. Studio and site-specific projects are a major part of the course, complemented by lectures, seminars and workshops. Students are also assessed by means of a live project or work placement, as well as on curating an exhibition.

This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.

Where does it lead?

Employment opportunities for Fine Art graduates are many and varied, including creative arts practice, arts administration, teaching, curating, and arts therapy. Many of our students establish their own studios as artists or craftspeople, while others progress to a PGCE, MA or MSc in a related discipline.

Duration
3 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
47G4

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

25%	25%	50%
Theory	Technical workshops	Practical

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MMP/Diploma – DM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

You will be asked to send a digital portfolio prior to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



FINE ART

Foundation Degree



Your course

The aim of the Foundation Degree Fine Art programme is to provide a creative and stimulating education through contemporary fine art practice. The practical nature of this education enables you to establish an artistic identity underpinned by contextual awareness to situate your artistic practice within the wider creative arts industries.

The modules studied may include:

- Idea and Materiality
- Studio Practice
- Making Meanings
- Creativity and Collaboration
- Portfolio/Professional Practice

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is by 100% coursework, and we undertake continuous modular assessment. Studio and site-specific projects are a major part of the course, complemented by lectures, seminars and workshops. Students are also assessed by means of a live project or work placement, as well as on curating an exhibition.

This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.

Where does it lead?

This course is a good basis from which to continue your studies with the BA (Hons) Fine Art top-up year or progress your own professional creative practice.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
W100

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

25%	25%	50%
Theory	Technical workshops	Practical

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma - MPP/Diploma - MM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

You will be asked to bring a portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



FINE ART

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

Our programme of study is designed to promote and develop inventiveness, improvisational skill and the questioning of established practices. Equipped with professional skills along with many transferable skills, the graduating fine art student takes with them the ability to adapt creatively, think laterally, and to problem solve in a variety of contexts.

The modules studied may include:

- Context
- Inspiration and Innovation
- Resolution

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is by 100% coursework, and we undertake continuous modular assessment. Studio and site-specific projects are a major part of the course, complemented by lectures, seminars and workshops. Students are also assessed on the final exhibition at the end of the year.

This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.

Where does it lead?

Employment opportunities for Fine Art graduates are many and varied, including creative arts practice, arts administration, teaching, curating, and art direction. Many of our students establish their own studios as artists, while others progress to a postgraduate qualification in a related discipline.

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
857T

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Foundation Degree
- Or an HND
- Or an equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline

You will be asked to bring a portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



"I went to an Open Evening event and was very impressed with the college and the facilities and I felt University Centre Somerset would be the best place for me. The environment of teaching and learning is very stimulating with a great sense of nurturing. I feel confident that there are people I can talk to and get help if I need it. I am planning on completing the BA (Hons)."

Foundation Degree Fine Art student

ART & DESIGN

Foundation Diploma

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Your course

Our Diploma in Foundation Studies gives you the chance to experience a wide range of art, design and lens-based disciplines, while helping you build a portfolio for your application to an undergraduate course. The qualification is the perfect preparation for higher study or a more responsible role in the industry, providing you with a nationally recognised qualification.

By encouraging you to adopt an experimental approach to your learning, we help you to develop your individual skills and determine your future direction as an artist or designer. This is a gradual process, over three terms, during which you will have a chance to choose specialisms that support personal progression into a range of areas such as fine art, fashion, lens-based media, illustration, media make-up, graphic design, 3D, interior or architectural design and textile design. We offer opportunities for residential trips in the UK and abroad as well as a variety of day trips.

This Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies carries UCAS points, meaning you can count it towards entry on a degree-level programme. Added to the high-quality portfolio of work you'll have developed during your time with us, you will be perfectly placed to progress to a degree course, either at the College or further afield, or try to find employment.

Teaching & assessment

The curriculum is studio based and delivered through a blend of projects and workshops, designed to help you develop the skills that most interest you, in an environment focused on achieving success. You will have your own workspace, and will be encouraged to work independently, with input and support from our specialist staff. You will also be expected to take part in a work placement.

Our specialist lecturers work closely with you throughout the year. Student progress is monitored by tutorials and group critiques. Portfolio workshops, presentations and participation in exhibitions throughout the year help you prepare for interviews.

Where does it lead?

The nationally recognised qualification, which carries UCAS points, is the perfect preparation for higher study or a more responsible role in the industry. Added to the high-quality portfolio of work you'll have developed during your time with us, you will be perfectly placed to progress to a degree course, either at University Centre Somerset or further afield, or try to find employment. Either way, we'll give you all the help you need to pursue your ambitions.

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

How is the course taught?

30%	20%	50%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- A pass in one A Level or a twelve unit AVCE, ideally in an arts subject
- Or an equivalent Level 3 BTEC National Diploma

Prior experiential learning can be demonstrated to be equivalent to formal qualifications otherwise required in certain circumstances.

You will be asked to send a digital portfolio prior to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

We run Portfolio Workshops throughout the year to help you prepare for interviews.



Our students have **won two** Pencils at the New Blood D&AD Awards over the last two years

GRAPHIC MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

BA (Hons) Degree



Your course

This D&AD New Blood multi-award winning course is ideal if you have an interest in one of the wide ranging disciplines spanned by the graphic arts including: illustration, photography, animation, moving image, graphic design, interactive, web design, packaging or advertising.

Graphic Media is an ever changing dynamic subject to study due to our rapidly changing cultural landscape coupled with developments in production techniques and communication technologies. Its different disciplines span from typography to web design, from information graphics to branding and illustration, using both traditional and contemporary practices.

Students have the opportunity to engage in study trips to creative studios and exhibitions, regionally and nationally. Previous students have visited cities such as New York and Paris as part of their studies.

The modules studied may include:

- **Idea & Materiality**
- **Making Meanings**
- **Sustainability**
- **Creativity & Collaboration**
- **Inspiration**

Teaching & assessment

Teaching takes place within the newly refurbished Arts House building, utilising a range of purpose-built media and design studios. Assessment is based on 100% coursework and we undertake continuous modular assessment. Studio-based assignments are augmented by lectures, seminars and workshops throughout the year.

This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.

Where does it lead?

Thanks to their grounding in a broad range of disciplines, our graphic media courses are the ideal foundation for progression onto a successful career as a Graphic Designer, Illustrator or Web Designer in advertising, marketing and creative agencies.

Duration
3 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
J215

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MMP/Diploma – DM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

You will be asked to send a digital portfolio prior to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



We run Portfolio Workshops throughout the year to help you prepare for interviews.



"I chose to study my degree here because of the small class sizes, which meant I was able to contact my lecturers whenever needed for advice and support. I really liked how friendly and welcoming the staff were and willing to help me succeed. Our course was given the opportunity to go to the awards show D&AD New Blood in London, where my designs won me a Yellow Pencil Award!"

BA (Hons) Graphic Media & Communication student

GRAPHIC MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

Foundation Degree



Your course

The aim of the Foundation Degree is to help you develop the creative skills needed to achieve success in your future career. With this in mind, the course explores how ideas are communicated through visual language. It equips you with the understanding and skills to operate effectively within the fast-moving and stimulating design & communication sector.

The modules studied may include:

- Idea & Materiality
- Making Meanings
- Sustainability
- Creativity & Collaboration
- Value & Context

Teaching & assessment

Teaching takes place within the newly refurbished Arts House building utilising a range of purpose-built media and design studios.

Assessment is based on 100% coursework and we undertake continuous modular assessment. Studio-based assignments are augmented by lectures, seminars and workshops throughout the year.

Where does it lead?

This course is a good basis from which to pursue postgraduate study or a career as a Designer, Illustrator or Web Designer in advertising, marketing and creative agencies.



Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
W210

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

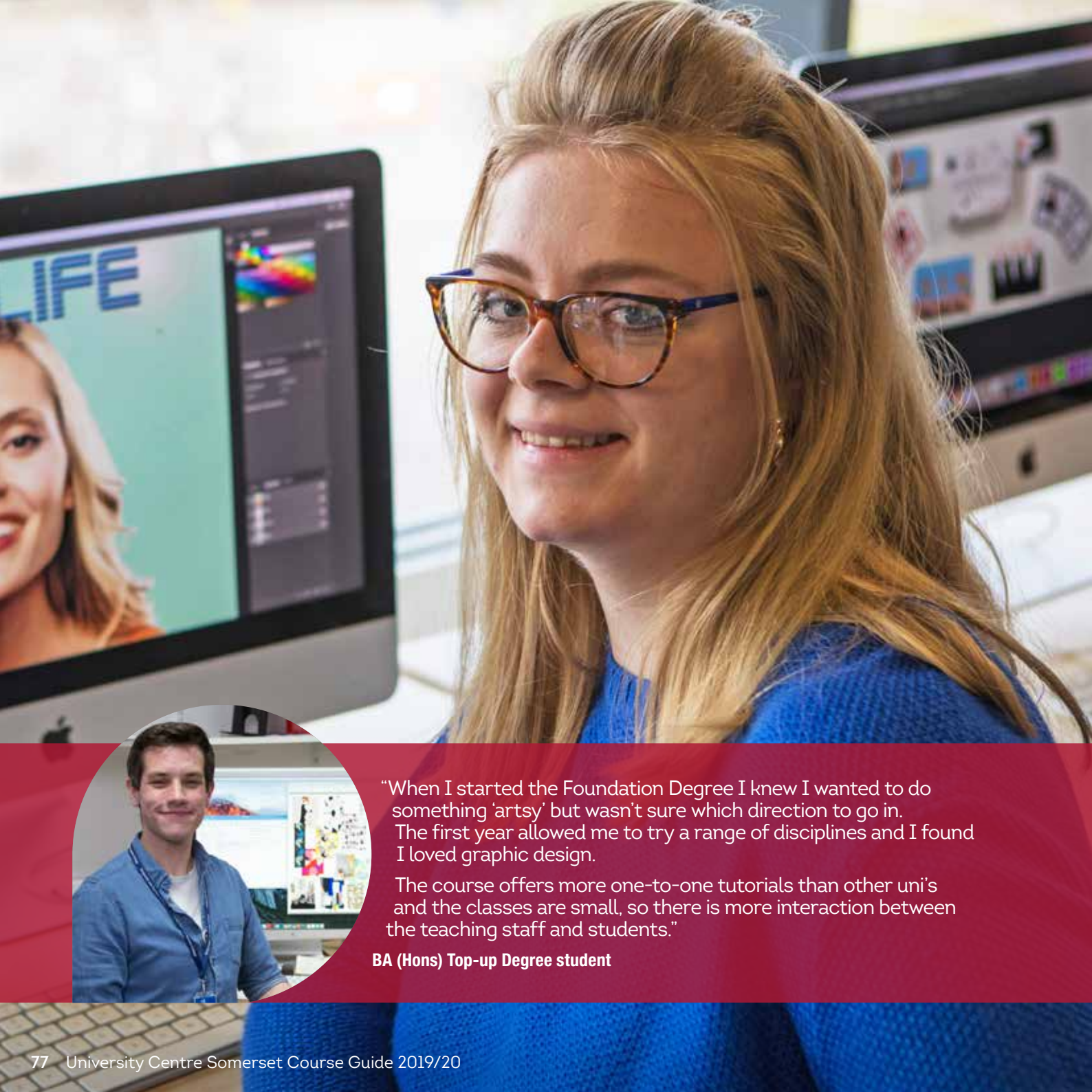
Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma - MPP/Diploma - MM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

You will be asked to bring your portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



"When I started the Foundation Degree I knew I wanted to do something 'artsy' but wasn't sure which direction to go in. The first year allowed me to try a range of disciplines and I found I loved graphic design.

The course offers more one-to-one tutorials than other uni's and the classes are small, so there is more interaction between the teaching staff and students."

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree student

GRAPHIC MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

This course pursues the intelligent development of visual communication through the building of skills in graphic design and illustration, moving image and interactive design.

Students learn the visual language of form, composition, balance, structure, rhythm and hierarchy to communicate ideas.

The modules studied may include:

- Context
- Inspiration & Innovation
- Resolution

Teaching & assessment

Teaching takes place within the newly refurbished Arts House building utilising a range of purpose-built media and design studios. Each student is provided with a dedicated studio space. Assessment is based on 100% coursework and we undertake continuous modular assessment. Contextual and studio-based assignments are augmented by lectures, seminars and workshops throughout the year.

Where does it lead?

This course is a good basis from which to pursue postgraduate study or a career as a Graphic Designer, Illustrator or Web Designer in advertising, marketing and creative agencies.

100%
of graduates
gained
employment
in the sector
within three
months.*

* 2016/17 academic year

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
4KW3

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Foundation Degree
- Or an HND
- Or an equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline

You will be asked to bring your portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.

Graduates have gone on to work on blockbuster films including Harry Potter, Star Wars and World War Z.



"The facilities were great: having a fume room to use, Mac suites and photography studio made all aspects of our work easier to carry out. I think above all, the tutors were the most helpful and always readily available whenever we needed support and advice. They also gave me the opportunity to demo my work at IMATS which was a great experience and allowed me to meet people in the industry."

BA (Hons) Media Make-up student

MEDIA MAKE-UP

Foundation Degree



Your course

Would you like to be a professional make-up artist, working on TV productions such as Game of Thrones, on blockbuster films such as Star Wars, or maybe working for companies such as Madame Tussauds or The English National Opera? That's exactly what some of our graduates have gone on to achieve, and with this course under your belt, there's every chance for you to follow suit.

This programme is highly regarded and will give you an in-depth understanding of the media make-up industry. This includes an insight into the role of make-up artists in relation to stage, TV and film, editorial and promotional shoots, as well as the skills and creative flair to use make-up to express emotions, transform faces and portray character.

We offer opportunities for residential trips in the UK and abroad as well as a variety of day trips. Previous cohorts have taken opportunities to embark on study visits to London, New York, Berlin and Paris among others.

The modules studied may include:

- Make-up Effects
- Professional Practice & Enterprise
- Culture, Media and Make-Up
- Prosthetics

Teaching & assessment

Set in our stunning new Media Make-up workshops, our specialist staff have extensive knowledge of the industry, along with the experience and expertise to guide you as you develop your skills. The programme is modular in design, and assessment is continuous, by means of coursework. You will complete written assignments, journals and design presentations, as well as undertaking regular practical projects.

Where does it lead?

Because this course equips you with high-level practical skills, our students have a great success rate in securing jobs in this exciting industry. We have very strong links with leading industry practitioners – Kristyan Mallett, Shaune Harrison and Dan Frye have all collaborated with our students and been hugely impressed with the results.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
W452

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

15%	65%	20%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MPP/Diploma – MM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

You will be asked to bring a creative portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



"I looked on the website, got a feel for the place and came for a visit. Rather than being intimidated, I was totally inspired and wanted to start immediately. The facilities are excellent and the teaching staff have great industry experience. We have a dedicated studio for prosthetics and a beauty room with mirrors and fantastic lighting – it's very professional. Whilst here, I've been lucky enough to work for the BBC on the period drama Wolf Hall. I've had an excellent grounding that I've been able to develop through work experience."

BA (Hons), Media Make-up student

MEDIA MAKE-UP

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

The BA (Hons) Top-up Degree includes five exciting modules designed to develop your skills and understanding to a professional standard.

Using advanced techniques and processes you will develop your own professional identity and dynamic portfolio underpinned by an appreciation of media make-up culture and theory. Students have the opportunity to specialise in a particular make-up discipline and develop their skills in that area. As a result, you can expect to graduate from the course with a strong portfolio in your chosen field.

The year culminates at IMATS (International Make-up Artist Trade Show), in London where students are selected to demonstrate their skills on the University Centre Somerset stand. All students then showcase their work in a professional public event locally, where industry professionals are invited to celebrate your success.

We offer opportunities for residential trips in the UK and abroad as well as a variety of day trips. Previous cohorts have taken opportunities to embark on study visits to London, New York, Berlin and Paris among others.

The modules studied may include:

- **Advanced Materials and Techniques**
- **Project by Design**
- **Contextual Research and Analysis**
- **Professional Portfolio**
- **Final Major Project**

Teaching & assessment

Set in our stunning new Media Make-up workshops our specialist staff have extensive knowledge of the industry, along with the experience and expertise to guide you as you develop your skills set. The programme is modular in design, and assessment is continuous, by means of coursework. You will undertake regular practical projects as well as written assignments. You will also attend lectures and workshops and develop your research skills throughout the course.

Where does it lead?

This course is highly-respected within the media industry and equips you with the advanced skills required for a flourishing career in a booming industry. Our graduates have gone on to work on productions such as Game of Thrones, Star Wars, or to work for companies such as Madame Tussauds or the English National Opera.

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
W45B

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

10%	75%	15%
Independent study	Practical	Lectures, seminars or similar
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements

Applicants must have a Foundation Degree, HND or equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline.

You will be asked to bring a portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

We run Portfolio Workshops throughout the year to help you prepare for interviews.



Coming soon:
BA (Hons) Top-up
Media Production
(subject to validation).

See website
for updates.

MEDIA PRODUCTION

Foundation Degree

Your course

The Foundation Degree in Media Production covers an ever expanding range of technical skills which are used to implement exciting responses to creative project briefs. Modules will help develop your own voice as a digital storyteller in a range of media – either speaking for yourself or helping others to tell their story.

The course has excellent links with industry and in the past has worked with charities to produce powerful documentaries, exhibited at an open air cinematic festival and produced travelogues while visiting New York, Los Angeles, Prague, Rome and Berlin. We work with a range of professional practitioners to ensure you leave with the skills and understanding required for a successful career in this booming industry.

The modules studied may include:

- **Studio Production - technical skills building**
- **Documentary Production - combining technical and narrative practices to document a story**
- **Critical Practice - covering audiences, narrative theory and documentary analysis**
- **Live Project - working with a client**

Teaching & assessment

A range of study methods are used with an emphasis on using modern technology creatively to both research ideas and communicate completed products. You are encouraged to work to your strengths, and will be supported in developing these skills.

Where does it lead?

On successful completion of the course, you may be able to progress to BA level study at the University Centre Somerset, University of Plymouth (BA (Hons) Media Arts) or other university institutions. Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternatively, you may wish to embark on a career in the creative and media industries including TV, film or photography.



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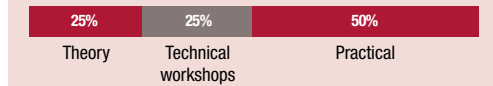
Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
P300

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 48 (previously 120) UCAS tariff points from a full Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject area
 - You will also be required to submit a show reel of your production work plus an example of your academic writing ability at interview
 - Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply
- Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



"After visiting a range of universities I discovered the facilities at University Centre Somerset were comparable to larger establishments. Whilst on the course I produced music in a studio and worked with industry practitioners. I now plan to qualify myself further with focused courses on industry standard software and develop my web and app design skills."

Foundation Degree Music Production student

MUSIC PRODUCTION

Foundation Degree



Your course

This course is designed for students who are looking for a career in the music industry and have a strong interest in music performance, music composition and production, studio recording, live sound and music software design. The course gives students a range of both practical and theoretical skills that can be utilised in music performance and music technology.

Work-based learning and experience is embedded into the course and local employers (such as Modern World Studios and M5 Audio) are frequently involved in industry based projects, contributing to the studio and live sound production projects. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their performance events production and live music production skills at the college's brand new McMillan Theatre complex to work on live client briefs or perform for local music events.

Music students have been on residential trips to New York, London and Berlin. Industrial music practitioners regularly come to our state-of-the-art music production facilities to work with students on projects and lead workshops and lectures.

The modules studied may include:

- Studio Recording Techniques
- Live Sound
- Music Industry
- Music Sequencing
- Sound and Music for Media
- Events Management and Production

Teaching & assessment

Coursework is an important element in the assessment of the course and a large variety of assignments are used, depending upon the subject. Assignment methods will include performances & practical assessments, oral presentations & viva voces, creative production tasks, practical and written technical reports.

Where does it lead?

This Music Production programme offers access to a wide range of professions within the music industry as well as opportunities to specialise further by topping up to the BA (Hons) Creative Music Production Degree, at Oxford Brookes University. Past students have gone on to work for companies including M5 Audio, Films@59 and Cygnus Music.

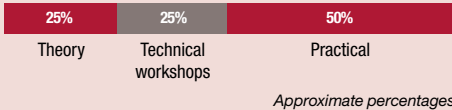
Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
WW37

Institution code
O66

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 48 UCAS tariff points from a full Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject area
- Applicants will also need to attend an interview, audition and provide a portfolio
- Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



PERFORMANCE ARTS

Level 4



Your course

The qualification is designed to enable Performance Arts students to display and evidence their performance skills and knowledge through a series of performance-based assessment tasks. The qualification encourages candidates to be multi-skilled, reflective performers showing professional potential; their performance standard will be comparable in the UK to other qualifications available at Level 4 in the Qualifications and Credit framework or the first year of Degree Level study.

The modules studied may include:

- **Advanced Acting** (devising, voice, scripted works)
- **Dance Techniques and Advanced Dance Techniques** (technique, choreography and repertory)
- **Acting Through Song and Performance Skills**

You will specialise in a chosen area (acting or dance) and continue to develop your techniques.

Teaching & assessment

The majority of modules are taught via practical workshops, lectures and seminars by highly experienced lecturers and practitioners.

Where does it lead?

On completion of this course you will have the opportunity to apply for other programmes at Performing Arts, Musical Theatre or Dance Schools and Higher Education including the Level 6 DDTAL (Diploma in Dance Teaching & Learning) course at Bridgwater & Taunton College. You will have also developed a network of contacts that could lead directly to employment.

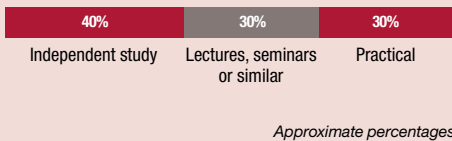
The focus of this course is to prepare you for a range of careers within the Performing Arts industry.

For an explanation of course levels, please see table on page 33.

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Bridgwater

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Equivalent of a Level 3 BTEC or A Level in Dance/Performing Arts
- Or an A Level in Dance/Performing Arts
- Individuals with relevant industry experience will also be considered
- A place on the course is also subject to a successful audition and interview

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

Foundation
Degree Acting &
Theatre Arts
**COMING
SOON!**



Previous graduates
have exhibited at the
global showcase
**New
Designers**
in London.

TEXTILES & SURFACE DESIGN

BA (Hons) Degree



Your course

This innovative, hands-on course will encourage you to push the boundaries of textiles and surface design, to change the spaces around us as well as the way we dress. The course feeds into this booming industry by engaging how we improve the quality of our designed environment and challenge preconceptions of style. You can choose to focus on the design of interior textiles, hard surfaces such as tiles and panels for home or commercial environments, or create innovative designs for use in the fashion industry.

You will be taught to question the ways in which colour, pattern, image, scale and texture create style and atmosphere. You will learn to create and present your work as a professional with an emphasis on business skills and how your designs fit into the workplace.

You will use a wide range of textile and surface design processes with state-of-the-art workshop facilities to develop a portfolio of work that is instantly identifiable as yours. Final year students can be offered national platforms to showcase their work to industry at events such as New Designers in London.

The modules studied may include:

- Identity & Materiality
- Studio Practice
- Creativity & Collaboration
- Sustainability
- Inspiration & Innovation

Teaching & assessment

Most of your time will be spent in our first-rate studios and workshops. Your practical work will be complemented by a programme of visual culture. Assessment is by 100% coursework. Your final Degree Show exhibition forms an essential part of assessment.

Where does it lead?

Graduates have established varied and exciting careers in fields such as textile design, interior design, decorative product design, automotive design, style forecasting, retail management, design management, buying, trend forecasting and gallery sales.

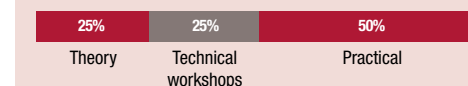
Duration
3 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
W235

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MMP/Diploma – DM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

You will be asked bring your portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



We run Portfolio Workshops throughout the year to help you prepare for interviews.

TEXTILES & SURFACE DESIGN

Foundation Degree



Your course

You will have a rich experience exploring interior textiles, fashion textiles and surface design to evaluate your place in the contemporary design industry. The course is aimed at nurturing students ready to progress onto further study or into the workplace. You will be taught to question the ways in which colour, pattern, image, scale and texture create style and atmosphere.

Year one is an exciting year full of new opportunities and challenges - it is about having a go, making new work, and learning lots of workshop skills in relation to emerging ideas.

The modules studied may include:

- **Idea and Materiality**
- **Sustainability**
- **Critical Reflection**
- **Studio Practice**
- **Making Meanings**
- **Value and Context**

Teaching & assessment

Most of your time will be spent in our first-rate studios and workshops, although your practical work will be complemented by a programme of visual culture. Assessment is by 100% coursework without exams.

Where does it lead?

The Foundation Degree is a perfect platform for progression onto the BA (Hons) Top-up degree. Our graduates have established careers in fields such as textile/interior design, style/trend forecasting and buying.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
P296

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

25%	25%	50%
Theory	Technical workshops	Practical

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level)
- Or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MPP/Diploma – MM)
- Or a Pre-degree Access Diploma

You will be asked to bring your portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



TEXTILES & SURFACE DESIGN

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

The Top-up year focuses on creating your own personal design statement which will culminate in your collections being showcased at our End of Year Degree Show, with opportunities to engage with industry at national events such as New Designers in London.

We offer opportunities for residential trips in the UK and abroad as well as a variety of day trips. Previous cohorts have taken opportunities to embark on study visits to London, New York, Berlin and Paris among others.

The modules studied may include:

- Context
- Inspiration & Innovation
- Resolution

Teaching & assessment

Most of your time will be spent in our first-rate studios and workshops, although your practical work will be complemented by a programme in visual culture during your first two years. Assessment is by 100% coursework without exams.

Where does it lead?

Our graduates have established careers in fields such as textile/interior design, style/trend forecasting and buying, with many developing their own successful freelance practice or running small businesses.

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
7Y3M

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

25%	25%	50%
Theory	Technical workshops	Practical

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Foundation Degree
- Or an HND
- Or an equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline

You will be asked to send a digital portfolio prior to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



PRODUCT DESIGN

Foundation Degree/BA (Hons) Degree (subject to validation)



Have you ever thought that you could improve the world you live in through designing something differently? Product Design has a human-centred approach and its ethos centres on the understanding of behaviours and your material responses to it. The course allows creative thinking, design development and contemporary manufacturing techniques to produce user-friendly products that enhance our experiences.

Underpinned by contextual studies focusing on design theory and culture, this practical degree takes an innovative approach to problem-solving. Through a series of increasingly complex modules you will go on to focus on specific product design skills such as Computer Aided Design, 3D and 2D sketching as well as practical workshop skills in wood, metal, plastics and composites.

You will learn about design principles, visualisation techniques, prototyping, the properties of materials, and technological principles in a range of challenging projects. You will use spacious studios and workshops in our newly refurbished Arts House building as well as state-of-the-art engineering facilities.

Links to industry are strong and our experienced staff team will prepare you for life in this exciting career choice, considering intellectual property, sustainability, ergonomics, mass production and professional presentation techniques in your work.

The course compliments a well-established set of design degrees in Fashion, Textiles & Surface Design and Graphic Media & Communication, with great scope for collaborative working.

Please visit our website for updated information on this new course



ACTING & THEATRE ARTS

Foundation Degree/BA (Hons) Degree (subject to validation)



Central to this dynamic course is our recently built, £8 million industry-standard, commercial venue – The McMillan Theatre, as well as excellent links with theatres across the region providing a professional platform on which to develop as a working actor.

A dedicated and talented team of staff will help you develop technical skills through workshops and performances designed to inspire imaginative engagement while giving you the tools required to succeed in this exciting industry. Backing this up is the vital knowledge and understanding of theatre arts production, and together these develop the highly sought-after skills that theatre production companies are looking for.

Underpinned by contextual theatre and acting studies modules, the course will focus on developing your own

professional practice through community arts, business, production assignments and work experience. From a broad starting point, you will progress towards a specific career pathway that builds on your strengths.

Using a creative perspective, the course allows the production of innovative theatre work including bespoke and commissioned pieces responding to a wide spectrum of contemporary and classic performance contexts. You will enhance skills in characterisation, improvisation, voice, physicality and stage management in a stimulating and professional environment. You will enjoy working as part of a close-knit team as well as developing your own direction within the world of acting and theatre arts.

Please visit our website for updated information on this new course



£49,793

THE AVERAGE BASIC SALARY FOR
MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION OF
CIVIL ENGINEERS (ICE)¹

2.1 MILLION PEOPLE

ARE EMPLOYED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY,
REPRESENTING 6.2% OF THE UK'S WORKFORCE²

EUROPE HAS SOME OF THE
BIGGEST INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS EVER UNDERTAKEN³



CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It's easy to take the built environment for granted.

After all, for many of us, it's just a backdrop to our lives. But for construction students, it's the only thing they want to look at.

Construction professionals quite literally build the world around us. So if you fancy playing a part in shaping the future, this is the area of study for you.

Our courses involve a mix of practical and theoretical learning, work placements and include plenty of time getting hands-on in our well-equipped workshops. You can be certain that studying at University Centre Somerset will lay the foundations for a fulfilling and successful career.

¹ www.prospects.ac.uk

² www.uk.businessinsider.com

³ ONS Nomis Database



“The staff and lecturers were brilliant, very informative as well as being very friendly. The family feel that they created helped increase my confidence as well as give me friends for life. Since I finished my course I have been employed by a large architectural practice in Yeovil.”

HNC Construction and the Built Environment student

CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (CIVIL ENGINEERING)

Higher National Certificate (HNC)

Your course

Would you like to work towards a nationally recognised qualification that builds on the skills you have already developed in the workplace, to enhance your employability? If so, our Higher National Certificate in Civil Engineering is the perfect course to choose.

These professional qualifications provide the perfect foundation for a career in Civil Engineering. They are also a great basis from which to study a degree and blend theoretical and practical aspects of the discipline.

The modules studied may include:

- Construction Practice & Management
- Construction Information (Drawing, Detailing and Specification)
- Mathematics for Construction
- Principles of Structural Design
- Surveying, Measurement & Setting Out

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is by a mix of assignments, project work and some exams. Each module is assessed by means of a series of internally set assignments that involve a combination of scenario-based tasks linked to project work, practical exercises, timed tasks, individual study and presentations.

Where does it lead?

Completion of the HNC in Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering) enables you to apply for membership of the Institute of Civil Engineers. With this behind you, the world of work presents a variety of possibilities.

Our students have gone on to pursue careers such as: Civil Engineer, Project Manager, Highway Engineer, Site Manager, Utilities Engineer, Structural Engineer.

Alternatively, graduates may apply to study the discipline at degree level.



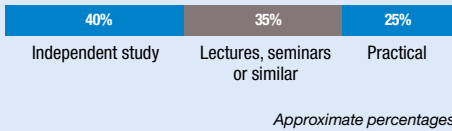
Duration

2 years (part-time)
1 day per week

Location

Taunton

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess at least one of the following:

- AS/A2 Levels
- Level 3 in Maths
- A National Certificate in Civil Engineering
- A National Diploma in Construction
- Relevant work experience
- Other appropriate qualifications may be taken into consideration

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (CIVIL ENGINEERING)

Higher National Diploma (HND)



Your course

Would you like to work towards a nationally recognised qualification that builds on the skills you have already developed in the workplace to enhance your employability? If so, our Higher National Diploma in Civil Engineering is the perfect course to choose.

These professional qualifications provide the perfect foundation for a career in the construction industry. They are also a great basis from which to pursue degree level study in Civil Engineering, and blend theoretical and practical aspects of the discipline.

The programme is equally suited to those who may wish to progress on from the HNC in Civil Engineering to study at Level 5 or achieve a professional qualification to allow the application for chartered status in the future. The HND may be used as the Technical Certificate for a Higher Apprenticeship in Construction Site Management (Civil Engineering with Sustainability).

The modules studied may include:

- **Applied Mathematics for Complex Engineering Problems**
- **Management Principles and Applications for Construction**
- **Transportation for Construction and the Built Environment**
- **Advanced Civil Engineering**
- **Hydraulic Principles and Applications**

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is by a mix of assignments, project work and some exams. Each module is assessed by means of a series of internally set assignments that involve a combination of scenario-based tasks linked to project work, practical exercises, timed tasks, individual study and presentations.

Where does it lead?

Our graduates have gone on to pursue careers such as: Civil Engineering, Project Management, Highway Engineering, Site Management, Utilities Engineering, Civil Engineering Surveying, Structural Engineering.

Duration

2 years (part-time)
1 day per week

Location

Taunton

How is the course taught?

40%	35%	25%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements

The HNC in Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering) is a prerequisite to study for the HND in Civil Engineering. However other Level 4 qualifications may be considered as recognised prior learning for entry onto the programme.

Employment in the civil engineering/ construction industry is helpful but not a prerequisite.

All applicants will be considered on individual merit and interviewed to ensure they have the potential to achieve this qualification.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



"I'd happily recommend the University Centre Somerset – it has everything I need. The lecturers are really helpful and knowledgeable, the campus is modern and the new science labs are fantastic, and really well resourced."

HNC, Construction & The Built Environment (Civil Engineering) student

CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Higher National Certificate (HNC)



Your course

These courses equip you with a nationally recognised qualification that enhances your workplace skills and helps prepare you to advance your career in the construction industry.

These are professional qualifications that provide the ideal foundation for further study, or to help you secure a job.

The Higher National Certificate (HNC) consists of eight units, covering key knowledge and practical skills for the sector.

The modules studied may include:

- Construction Practice & Management
- Legal and Statutory Responsibilities in Construction
- Construction Information (drawing, detailing and specification)
- Principles of Refurbishment

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is by a mix of assignments, project work and some exams. Each module is assessed by means of a series of internally set assignments that involve a combination of scenario-based tasks linked to project work, practical exercises, timed tasks, individual study and presentations.

Where does it lead?

There are more than 30 career choices within the construction professions, so the HNC really does open doors. In addition, you could go on to study at HND or degree level.

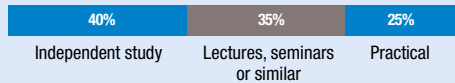
Duration

2 years (part-time)
1 day per week

Location

Taunton

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

People come to this course from a range of backgrounds, and there is no single specific entry requirement. However, applicants would be expected to have at least one of the following:

- A minimum of 48 UCAS tariff points from a full Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject
- A Level 3 National Diploma in Construction
- Other appropriate qualifications may be taken into consideration
- Relevant work experience

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Higher National Diploma (HND)



Your course

These courses equip you with a nationally recognised qualification that enhances your workplace skills and helps prepare you to advance your career in the construction industry.

These are professional qualifications that provide the ideal foundation for further study, or to help you secure a job.

This programme is suitable for those wishing to progress from the Higher National Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment to study at Level 5 or achieve a professional qualification which allows them to apply for chartered status.

The course covers some of the key knowledge and practical skills required in the construction sector. It is an eight unit qualification with the Higher National Certificate (HNC) units as a prerequisite.

The Higher National Diploma (HND) may be used as the Technical Certificate for a Higher Apprenticeship in Construction Site Management (Civil Engineering with Sustainability).

The modules studied may include:

- **Management Principles and Applications for Construction**
- **Conversion and Adaptation of Buildings**
- **Contract Procedures and Procurement for Construction**
- **Economics for Construction**

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is by a mix of assignments, project work and some exams. Each module is assessed by means of a series of internally set assignments that involve a combination of scenario-based tasks linked to project work, practical exercises, timed tasks, individual study and presentations.

The HND is a two year part-time day release course, held one day a week.

Where does it lead?

There are more than 30 career choices within the construction professions, so the HND really does open doors. In addition, you could go on to study at degree level.

Duration	Location
2 years (part-time) 1 day per week	Bridgwater

How is the course taught?		
40%	35%	25%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements

The HNC is a prerequisite to study for the HND in Construction and Built Environment. However other Level 4 qualifications may be considered as recognised prior learning for entry onto the programme.

Employment in the Construction Industry is helpful but not a prerequisite. Applicants are considered on individual merit, and interviewed to ensure they have the potential to achieve this qualification.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



£55,580
POTENTIAL SALARY FOR
A DESIGN ENGINEER¹

UP BY 40%
DEMAND FOR MANUFACTURING
& ENGINEERING RECRUITS²

13,930
STEM GRADUATES
IN 2014³

£455.6
BILLION
CONTRIBUTED TO THE UK
ECONOMY IN 2014⁴

ENGINEERING
ENTERPRISES EMPLOY
5.4 MILLION
PEOPLE IN THE UK⁴

£20
BILLION
AEROSPACE INDUSTRY
TURNOVER 2012⁴



ENGINEERING, NUCLEAR & MOTORSPORT

University Centre Somerset has a thriving Engineering Department with both the Energy Skills Centre and the brand new Advanced Engineering Centre in Bridgwater, and the National College for Nuclear Southern Hub in Cannington, providing outstanding learning environments.

With professional engineering staff and advanced modern facilities the Engineering Department offers a comprehensive range of engineering HNCs/ HNDs and degree-level programmes.

Our College Motorsport Race Team, currently national champions, consists of Higher Education students studying Motorsport and competing regularly across the country at circuits including Silverstone and Brands Hatch. Graduates go on to work for companies including McLaren and Manor F1 Racing.

¹ EMSI data 2016

² www.prospects.ac.uk

³ West of England LEP

⁴ www.engineeringuk.com



ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

Higher National Certificate (HNC)

Your course

This part-time, one day per week course is designed for those looking to develop a career in electrical and electronic engineering, with the emphasis on applying electrical, electronic and control principles to practical situations such as PLC and robot work cells. Studying in new, state of the art engineering facilities, with industry-standard equipment.

You will study with staff with strong industry experience and links to key employers, and fellow students will be from a board range of employers. To support your learning we have recently made substantial investment in robotic, PLC and process control technology, and in new, state-of-the-art engineering facilities. This course can also form the academic part of a Higher Apprenticeship.

The modules studied may include:

- Engineering Design
- Engineering Maths
- Engineering Science
- Managing a Professional Engineering Project
- Electrical and Electronic Principles
- Instrumentation and Control Systems
- Electronic Circuits and Devices
- Automotion Robotics & PLCs

Teaching & assessment

Continuous assessment of your performance will be carried out by means of assignments and may include laboratory work, investigations, projects, practical exercises and integrative assignments that link various subject areas, and formal examinations.

Where does it lead?

You could choose to progress onto an HND course or study a Degree course at a university of your choice. Alternatively, you could progress to employment. Graduates find roles within industries such as manufacturing, automotive, aerospace, energy and water.



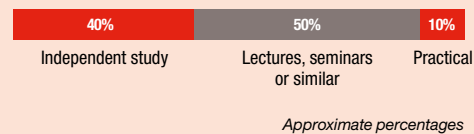
Duration

2 years (part-time)

Location

Bridgwater

How is the course taught?

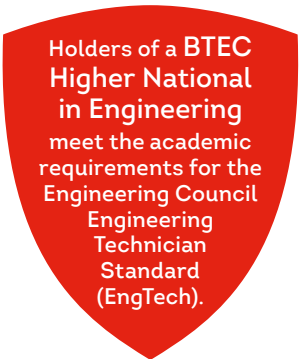


Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject
- Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.





MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

Higher National Certificate (HNC)



Your course

This part-time, one day per week course is designed for those looking to develop a career in manufacturing engineering, with the emphasis on applying engineering principles to practical situations such as CAD/CAM and production lines. Studying in new, state of the art engineering facilities, with industry-standard equipment. The units studied are less challenging in the terms of advanced mathematics than other HNCs, and offer a broad understanding of key principles in production and manufacturing.

The course is designed to provide the knowledge and understanding of how advanced and innovative engineering underpins the manufacturing industry. This course can also form the academic part of a Higher Apprenticeship.

The modules studied may include:

- Engineering Design
- Managing a Professional Engineering Project
- Production Engineering for Manufacture
- Quality and Process Improvement
- Machining and Processing of Engineering Materials
- Computer Aided Design and Manufacture
- Engineering Maths
- Engineering Science

Teaching & assessment

Continuous assessment of your performance will be carried out by means of assignments and may include laboratory work, investigations, projects, practical exercises and integrative assignments that link various subject areas, and formal examinations.

Where does it lead?

You could choose to progress onto an HND course or study a Degree course at a university of your choice. Alternatively, you could progress to employment. Graduates find roles within industries such as manufacturing, automotive, aerospace, energy and water.

Duration

2 years (part-time)

Location

Bridgwater

How is the course taught?

40%	50%	10%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject
- Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

Holders of a BTEC
Higher National
in Engineering
meet the academic
requirements for the
Engineering Council
Engineering
Technician
Standard
(EngTech).



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Higher National Certificate (HNC)



Your course

This part-time, one day per week course is designed for those looking to develop a career in mechanical engineering, with the emphasis on applying mechanical theory to practical situations. Studying in new, state of the art engineering facilities, with industry-standard equipment.

Mechanical Engineers work to research, develop and manage projects devising innovative solutions in design and manufacture. Graduates find roles within industries such as manufacturing, automotive, aerospace, energy and water. The course is designed to provide the knowledge and understanding of how advanced and innovative engineering underpins the mechanical design, advanced manufacturing and technical service areas of the industry. This course can also form the academic part of a Higher Apprenticeship.

The modules studied may include:

- Engineering Design
- Managing a Professional Engineering Project
- Mechanical Principles
- Fundamentals of Thermodynamics and Heat Engines
- Fluid mechanics
- Engineering Science
- Engineering Maths
- Materials, Properties and Testing

Teaching & assessment

Continuous assessment of your performance will be carried out by means of assignments and may include laboratory work, investigations, projects, practical exercises and integrative assignments that link various subject areas, and formal examinations.

Where does it lead?

You could choose to progress onto an HND course or study a Degree course at a university of your choice. Alternatively, you could progress to employment. Graduates find roles within industries such as manufacturing, automotive, aerospace, energy and water.

Duration

2 years (part-time)

Location

Bridgwater

How is the course taught?

40%	50%	10%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject
- Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



Holders of a BTEC
 Higher National
 in Engineering
 meet the academic
 requirements for the
 Engineering Council
 Engineering
 Technician
 Standard
 (EngTech).



ENGINEERING

Higher National Diploma (HND) Top-up



Your course

The HND Engineering top-up is a part-time, one year, one day a week course designed to meet the needs of those looking to develop a career within the industry. Students will progress onto this course having studied one of the current HNC programmes within University Centre Somerset's Engineering department, other HNCs will be considered. The HND is designed to provide the knowledge and understanding of how advanced and innovative engineering are managed and implemented within a highly efficient industry.

University Centre Somerset has recently made substantial investment in new state-of-the-art engineering facilities in both the Advanced Engineering Centre and the Energy Skills Centre. Students can take full advantage of the fully stocked and dedicated machining, welding & fabrication workshops, and laboratories equipped with the latest Robotic, CAD/CAM, CNC, Materials, Pneumatic/Hydraulics, Programmable Logic Control, Electronics and Process Control Technology which gives you unrivalled access to the latest industry standard training and education.

The modules studied may include:

- Business Management Techniques
- Quality Assurance
- Quality and Business Improvement
- Managing People
- Managing Individual and Teams
- Design for Manufacture
- Health, Safety & Risk Assessment

Teaching & assessment

You will learn through a combination of lectures, directed study, assignment work, practical exercises and the completion of a work-based project relevant to your employment. This course focuses on the management side of the engineering industry and adopts some strong working principles. All elements of the HND are delivered by staff with strong academic and industrial experience.

Where does it lead?

You can look for work in a broad range of engineering occupations in engineering systems, process control, electrical or electronics engineering or engineering maintenance, manufacturing or project leader in industry. Many of our past students have gone on to study at degree level or have secured higher positions within their companies as design engineers, managers and project team leaders.

Duration	Location
1 year (part-time)	Bridgwater

How is the course taught?

40%	50%	10%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Students will progress onto this course having studied one of the current HNC Engineering programmes within University Centre Somerset Engineering department, other HNC's will be considered.



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Foundation Degree



Your course

The Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering is designed to provide the knowledge and understanding of how advanced and innovative engineering underpins the mechanical design, advanced manufacturing and technical service areas of the industry. Mechanical engineers work to research, develop and manage projects, devising innovative solutions in design and manufacture. This course can also form part of a Higher Apprenticeship.

The modules studied may include:

- Stress and Dynamics
- Design, Materials and Manufacturing
- Fluid Dynamics
- Energy and Thermodynamics
- Heat Transfer, Power and the Environment

Teaching & assessment

You will learn through a combination of lectures, directed study, course work, practical exercises and the completion of industry related projects relevant to your employment. Your studies will be conducted in our Advanced Engineering Centre at the Bridgwater campus of University Centre Somerset.

Assessment will be via a variety of assignments and examinations which will include the analysis and resolution of engineering based scenarios, as well as a portfolio of case work and reflective assignments.

Where does it lead?

Direct progression onto the BEng (Hons) or MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering Degree at UWE Bristol is an option. This can be studied on full-time or part-time attendance patterns. Alternatively, you could progress to employment or to a higher apprenticeship programme.

Upon completion you may seek to progress your career in the engineering sector within industries such as manufacturing, automotive, aerospace, pharmaceuticals, energy and water.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Bridgwater

UCAS code
093S

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

40%	35%	25%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical

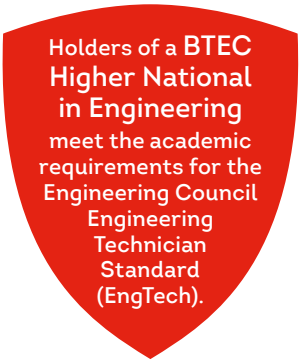
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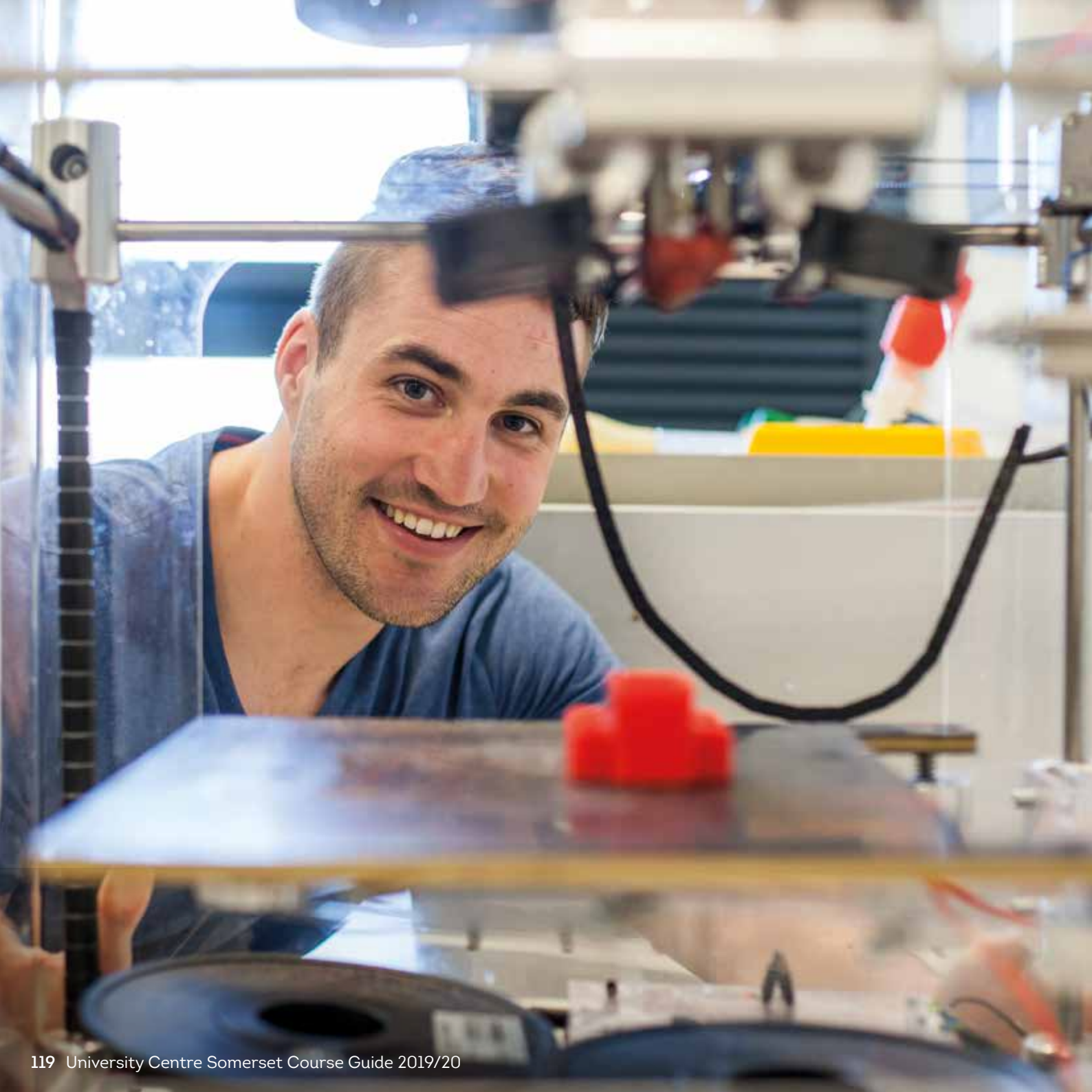
Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- A minimum of 120 UCAS tariff points from a full Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject
- BTEC Level 3 Further Mathematics is required for applicants holding a BTEC Level 3 Diploma

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.





MECHATRONICS

Foundation Degree



Your course

This course aims to provide students with a higher education foundation in mechatronics with a work-based context. It links modules in electrical/electronic engineering and mechanical engineering to create a broad basis for further career development.

The modules studied may include:

- Design, Materials and Manufacturing
- Stress and Dynamics
- Electrical Technology
- Mathematics for Signals and Control
- Design and Electromechanical Systems

Teaching & assessment

The course is completed via a combination of lectures and laboratory sessions, where students will complete project work, written reports and examinations. Your studies will be conducted in our Energy Skills Centre at the Bridgwater campus of University Centre Somerset.

Where does it lead?

Direct entry on to Year 3 of the UWE Bristol's BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering. The course represents an ideal foundation towards progression into a professional engineering role.

Mechatronics engineers are required in a wide variety of industries from defence, automotive and aerospace to manufacturing and nuclear decommissioning.

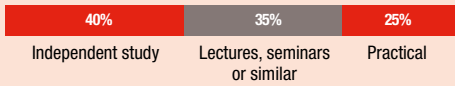
Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Bridgwater

UCAS code
834A

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- A minimum of 120 UCAS tariff points from a full Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject
- BTEC Level 3 Further Mathematics is required for applicants holding a BTEC Level 3 Diploma

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



Over
1.5 million
vehicles and
2.5 million
engines are
produced in
the UK each
year.

MOTORSPORT ENGINEERING

Foundation Degree



Your course

This course aims to develop the knowledge and skills that you will need to become a highly qualified engineer. Our excellent facilities include a rolling road, CAD suite, wind tunnel, damper dynamometer, advanced chassis set-up equipment, CNC and machine shop and cylinder head flow analysis equipment amongst a whole host of software packages.

This programme is accredited by the IET and IMechE as partially meeting the academic requirements for IEng status. To get full IEng recognition you will need to study an accredited BSc (Hons) Top-up (such as the Motorsport Technology BSc (Hons) Top-up Degree offered at University Centre Somerset). During each year we carry out a large range of industry partner visits to the likes of Xtrac, Williams, Force India and other related motorsport engineering companies. We also have a series of guest lectures throughout each year. You will also be given the opportunity to participate in the College race team.

You will be able to take advantage of brand new facilities, including a new race-team workshop and the Advanced Engineering Centre.

Teaching & assessment

You will undertake classroom lectures, coupled with practical sessions in manufacturing, composites, aerodynamics, chassis and engine technology. You will also be required to do a significant amount of self-study and research.

Assessment will include assignments, reports, portfolio, project, presentations, drawing work and practical skills assessments.

Where does it lead?

On successful completion of this course you have the opportunity to progress to the BSc (Hons) Top-up Degree in Motorsport Technology at University Centre Somerset or at a university of your choice.

Alternatively graduates can apply for a variety of roles in motorsport and other engineering disciplines. Recent graduates work with companies including McLaren GT, Bentley Motors, Jaguar Land Rover, MOD, Hyundai Motorsport (WRC), McLaren F1 and Neil Brown Engines.

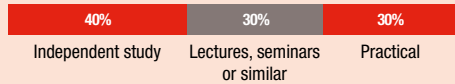
Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Bridgwater

UCAS code
H335

Institution code
O66

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- A minimum of one pass at A Level
- OR
- 6-unit Vocational A Level (in Maths, Physics or a closely related subject)
- OR
- A National Certificate or Diploma or other full equivalent Level 3 qualification, in a discipline related to Engineering, including merits in the applied units

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

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"My lecturers were very knowledgeable and helped me to search for jobs and potential careers. The best thing about my job is traveling the world and being paid to work on race cars. I was part of a team that won the privateers LMP1 trophy last year in WEC. I have also worked in the 24 hour series, and club level racing."

BSc (Hons) Motorsport Technology student

MOTORSPORT TECHNOLOGY

BSc (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

This course has been developed as preparation for a range of technical and management careers in motorsport engineering. This course aims to build upon the knowledge and skills developed from studying our Foundation Degree. This programme is accredited by the IET and by the IMechE for partial IEng status. You could reach full status with relevant work experience alongside this qualification. You will be able to take advantage of brand new facilities, including a new race-team workshop, the Advanced Engineering Centre, as well as be a part of the race team.

The modules studied may include:

- Advanced Automotive Electronics
- Motorsport Engine Technology
- Project (double)
- Vehicle Dynamics
- Advanced CAD/CAM
- Management, Ethics and Energy and Sustainability (double)

Teaching & assessment

You will undertake a range of classroom lectures, coupled with lab sessions. You will also be required to do a high amount of self-study in order to further research. Assessment will be via a variety of methods including assignments, reports, dissertation, portfolio, and presentations.

Where does it lead?

Upon completion you may progress to a range of Masters level courses that should result in a further year top-up, dependent upon study mode and compatibility of modules. You will also be well equipped to seek employment in the automotive and motorsport engineering industries.

Students will be able to apply for a range of graduate and junior roles within the motorsport and engineering industry.

Alternatively graduates can apply for a variety of roles in motorsport and other engineering disciplines. Recent graduates work with companies including McLaren GT, Bentley Motors, Jaguar Land Rover, MOD, Hyundai Motorsport (WRC), McLaren F1 and Neil Brown Engines.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Bridgwater

UCAS code
H333

Institution code
O66

How is the course taught?

40%	30%	30%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

- Typically entrants will possess:
- A minimum of a Pass grade in the Foundation Degree in Motorsport Engineering (to include Motorsport Fluid Dynamics & Maths II) coupled with relevant prior qualifications including GCSEs
 - Entry may also be subject to interview
 - Applicants with a Higher National Diploma or similar Foundation Degree are also encouraged to apply
- Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

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NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

Higher & Degree Level Apprenticeships
(subject to validation)



Your course

Higher and degree apprenticeships offer an exciting new way to enter professional careers and gain valuable work experience while achieving a degree-level qualification. This gives you a clear pathway to reach your career ambition in the workplace and will result in higher earning capacity, recognition and professional status.

Nuclear Engineering remains one of the UK’s most important industries, offering a diverse range of challenging apprenticeship opportunities within the Nuclear and Energy sectors including power generation, decommissioning, nuclear new build, defence or renewable energy.

Apprenticeships delivered in the National College for Nuclear (Southern Hub) have been developed with industry partners, educational partners and government to deliver tomorrow’s nuclear workforce. The new National College for Nuclear (Southern Hub) has truly dedicated state-of-the-art facilities including reactor simulator, and virtual reality training environment and will provide tomorrow’s engineers with high-tech, specialist training to support the nuclear industry.

If you are interested in one of these apprenticeship opportunities, please contact us to discuss in more detail.

Teaching & assessment

You are assessed on your knowledge and skills on an on-going basis and will have to demonstrate that you can meet the required standards throughout your training. There will be a mixture of coursework, projects, vivas, exams and end assessment.

Where does it lead?

The Higher or Degree Apprenticeship will provide you with excellent career progression opportunity. Fully qualified engineers are always in demand, both at home and abroad. Degree Level students could progress onto suitable Masters Programmes and further industry specific professional training programmes.

Duration

Up to 5 years, dependent on level and employer

Location

Cannington

How is the course taught?

30%	30%	20%	20%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Practical	Work-based learning
Approximate percentages			

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- A National Certificate/Diploma in a numerate or engineering discipline with a merit profile, to include Maths, or equivalent qualifications
- For mature applicants we will accept a wide range of non-standard and professional qualifications and experience, but if candidates are unsure as to whether they qualify we encourage them to contact us

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.





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SOCIAL CARE IS ONE OF THE
FASTEST GROWING SECTORS
IN THE UK

58,605 EMPLOYED
IN ANCILLARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES²

THE NHS TREATS OVER
1 MILLION
PATIENTS EVERY 36 HOURS³

HEALTH, SOCIAL STUDIES & SPORT



The Health & Social Care and Early Childhood Studies courses will be delivered in our specialist, newly designed University Centre Somerset at the Taunton campus. These courses are designed to enable progression to a very broad range of health and social care-related fields, including nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work, mental health, disability, elderly care and support and more.

Our Sport and Public Services courses have long-standing relationships with elite clubs and organisations to ensure our students get real-world experience during their study.

All sports students receive discounted membership to a state-of-the-art gym as well as benefiting from other excellent facilities such as a 3G astro-turf pitch, a sports hall and an Outdoor Activity Centre.

¹ EMSI data 2016

² IBIS World | www.ibisworld.co.uk

³ NHS Confederation | www.nhsconfed.org



"The lecturers are really helpful with assignments and provide a variety of teaching styles, making lectures interesting. I feel that they care about us as individuals. The degree I'm studying for is validated by The Open University, meaning the degree is recognised but affordable. I'd like to become a teacher, so this qualification is really focussing my mind on that. Once I graduate, I plan to stay on and complete a PGCE to be ready to step into a classroom."

BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies student

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

BA (Hons) Degree



Your course

Whether experienced in the early years sector or not, if you are committed to making a difference to the lives of children, young people and families; this degree in Early Childhood Studies is the perfect foundation for your career. While studying our degree, you will develop the skills as a critically reflective practitioner and learn to be a creative and visionary leader needed for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment.

There are two pathways for this course: a Practitioner Pathway and a Non-Practitioner Pathway. Your choice will be dictated by whether you are already working within an early years setting and whether you already possess a vocationally related qualification. In Year 2 you will be assessed against the National Occupational Standards, culminating in the achievement of a Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner or Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools. For practitioners you will have the opportunity to develop your skills with CPD units from the Diploma.

The modules studied may include:

- The Reflective Practitioner
- The Child in Society
- Introduction to Leadership and Management
- Child Health and Wellbeing
- Dissertation: Primary Research or Secondary Research

Teaching & assessment

There are no exams on this programme, each module is assessed by means of assignments – reflective essay, learning and development resources, and presentations. Teaching sessions take the form of short lectures, supervised discussions, small group work and guest speakers.

Where does it lead?

You could secure employment in family support and projects working in a range of early years settings – children's centre worker, home/school liaison officer, early years practitioner or a role within a primary school. The Honours Degree could also lead to management and leadership roles within early years settings, children's centres and schools. Post-graduate qualifications such as a PGCE are also a possibility.

Duration
3 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
887B

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 level)

OR

- BTEC Qualifications (QCF) MMP (Extended), DM (Diploma), D*D (90 Credit Diploma)

OR

- Access to HE course in a relevant subject area

You will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing any work placement.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

Foundation Degree



Your course

Whether experienced in the early years sector or not, if you are committed to making a difference to the lives of children, young people and families, this Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies is the perfect underpinning for your career. Extensive research has been conducted throughout the development of this programme through the engagement of early years' employers, head teachers, parents, children, early years and primary school practitioners and recent and past graduates.

There are two pathways for this course: a Practitioner Pathway and a Non-Practitioner Pathway. Your choice will be dictated by whether you are already working within an early years setting and whether you already possess a vocationally related qualification. In Year 2 you will be assessed against the National Occupational Standards, culminating in the achievement of a Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner or Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools. For practitioners you will have the opportunity to develop your skills with CPD units from the Diploma.

The modules studied may include:

- The Reflective Practitioner
- The Child in Society
- Language & Literacy Development
- Introduction to Leadership and Management
- Child Health and Wellbeing
- Working with Children & Families

Teaching & assessment

There are no exams on this programme, each module is assessed by means of assignments – reflective essay, learning and development resources, and presentations. Teaching sessions take the form of short lectures, supervised discussions, small group work and guest speakers.

Where does it lead?

This Foundation Degree will open up a variety of career paths and can lead to employment in family support and projects working in a range of early years settings – children's centre worker, home/school liaison officer, early years practitioner or a role within a primary school.

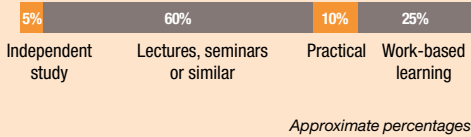
Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
86G4

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 level)

OR

- BTEC Qualifications (QCF) MPP (Extended), MM (Diploma), DM (90 Credit Diploma)

OR

- Access to HE course in a relevant subject area

You will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing any work placement.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

Whether experienced in the Early Years sector or not, if you are committed to making a difference to the lives of children, young people and families, the Top-up Degree in Early Childhood Studies is the perfect programme to enhance your career opportunities. You will develop skills as a critically reflective practitioner and learn to be a visionary leader needed for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment.

The modules studied may include:

- **Adult Concepts of Childhood**
- **Global Perspectives on Education**
- **The Creative Reflective Practitioner**
- **Contemporary Discourses in Early Years**
- **Dissertation**

Teaching & assessment

There are no exams on this programme, each module is assessed by means of assignments – reflective essay, learning and development resources, and presentations. Teaching sessions take the form of short lectures, supervised discussions, small group work and guest speakers.

Where does it lead?

You could secure employment in family support and projects working in a range of early years settings – children’s centre worker, Home/School Liaison Officer, Early Years Practitioner or a role within a primary school. The Honours Degree could also lead to management and leadership roles within early years settings, children’s centres and schools. Post-graduate qualifications such as a PGCE are also a possibility.

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
X310

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Applicants must have a Foundation Degree, HND or equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline.

You will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing any work placement.



“On completion of my degree in Early Childhood Studies my position at school was promoted to that of Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Whilst teaching on the degree programme at UCS I undertook a PGCE in Education to further develop my skills as a teacher. I continue to work as an HLTA two days a week which keeps me in touch with the sector and enables me to demonstrate the links between theory and practice to my students.”

BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies 2015 and PGCE 2017 student



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

BA (Hons) Degree



Your course

Whether experienced in the health & social care sector or not, this popular Degree will develop your skills and knowledge of social care through a blend of work-based learning and classroom teaching. This Degree provides you with a sound and critical understanding of health & social care policy, theory and practice, as well as the skills you need for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment. You will also learn how ethical, legal, social, economic and political factors influence the provision and development of services; and gain the critical and analytical skills that underpin evidence-based practice.

There are two pathways for this course: a Practitioner Pathway and a Non-Practitioner Pathway. Your choice will be dictated by whether you are already working within a health & social care setting and whether you already possess a vocationally related qualification. In Year 2 you will be assessed against the National Occupational Standards, culminating in the achievement of a Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care. If you already possess a Level 3 vocationally-related qualification you will be able to undertake alternative CPD units.

The modules studied may include:

- Interpersonal Skills and Communication Strategies
- Applied Human Development
- Values, Morals and Ethics
- Managing Care Settings
- Mental Health and Wellbeing

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is largely via coursework, tests of knowledge and understanding and written assignments – reflective essays, project reports, and presentations. Teaching sessions take the form of short lectures, supervised discussions, small group work and guest speakers.

Where does it lead?

This course opens up a variety of career paths in the health & social care sectors, and gives you the potential to work in a managerial or supervisory capacity. You could become a Registered Manager in a children's or adult setting, a Family Support Worker, Residential Care Worker – Children and Adult Services, Youth Worker, Learning Support Worker or Assistant Social Worker. Post-graduate qualifications such as a PGCE are also a possibility.

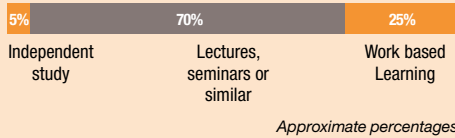
Duration
3 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
7F34

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 level)

OR

- BTEC Qualifications (QCF) MMP (Extended), DM (Diploma), D*D (90 Credit Diploma)

OR

- Access to HE course in a relevant subject area

You will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing any work placement.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Foundation Degree



Your course

Whether experienced in the health and social care sector or not, this popular Foundation Degree will develop your skills and knowledge of social care through a blend of work-based learning and classroom teaching. This course provides you with a sound and critical understanding of health and social care policy, theory and practice, as well as the skills you need for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment. You will also learn how ethical, legal, social, economic and political factors influence the provision and development of services.

There are two pathways for this course: a Practitioner Pathway and a Non-Practitioner Pathway. Your choice will be dictated by whether you are already working within a health & social care setting and whether you already possess a vocationally related qualification. In Year 2 you will be assessed against the National Occupational Standards, culminating in the achievement of a Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care. If you already possess a Level 3 vocationally-related qualification you will be able to undertake alternative CPD units.

The modules studied may include:

- Interpersonal Skills and Communication Strategies
- Applied Human Development
- Values, Morals and Ethics
- Managing Care Settings
- Mental Health and Wellbeing

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is largely via coursework, tests of knowledge and understanding and written assignments – reflective essays, project reports, and presentations. Teaching sessions take the form of short lectures, supervised discussions, small group work and guest speakers.

Where does it lead?

On completion of the Foundation Degree you may decide to top-up to the full BA (Hons) at University Centre Somerset. Alternatively, the qualification will open up a variety of career paths in the health and social care sectors and give you the potential to work in a managerial or supervisory capacity.

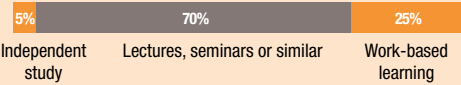
Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
8C37

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 level)

OR

- BTEC Qualifications (QCF) MPP (Extended), MM (Diploma), DM (90 Credit Diploma)

OR

- Access to HE course in a relevant subject area

You will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing any work placement.

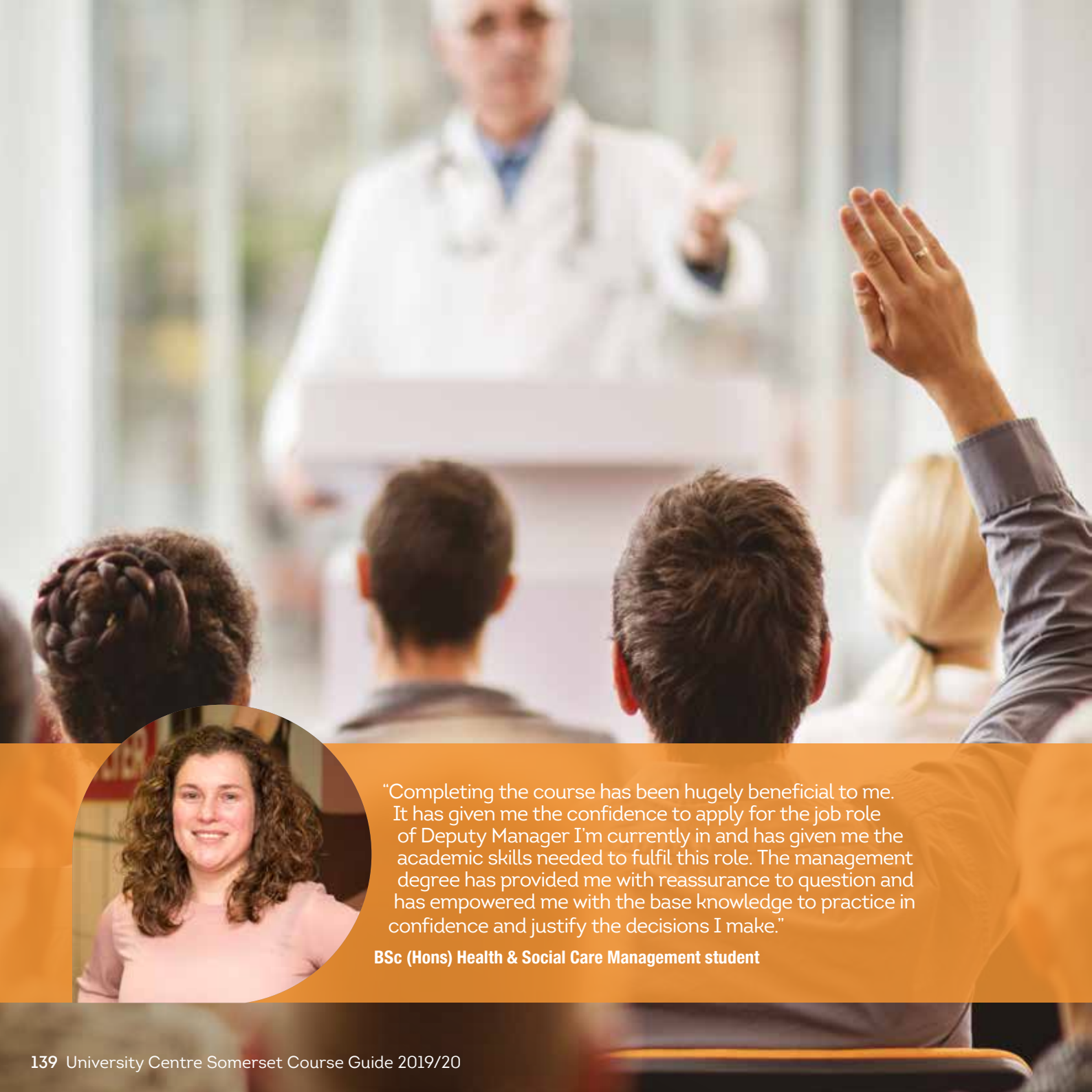
Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.

"I chose the University Centre Somerset because it has a great reputation and I was also able to skip the first year because my previous NVQs and the QCF Level 5 qualifications were accredited.

The course is terrific. There are about 12 in my group and they've made me feel very welcome. The lecturers are phenomenal too, they never belittle us, have infinite patience and invite us to raise different perspectives during discussions."

Foundation Degree Health & Social Care student



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

BA (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

This top-up degree provides you with a sound and critical understanding of health & social care policy, theory and practice, as well as the skills you need for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment. You will also learn how ethical, legal, social, economic and political factors influence the provision and development of services; and gain the critical and analytical skills that underpin evidence-based practice. In addition, you will have the opportunity to research areas of personal interest in the Health and Social Care sector.

The modules studied may include:

- Advanced Interpersonal Skills
- Critical Practice
- Dissertation
- Evidence in Practice
- Counselling Theory

Teaching & assessment

Assessment is largely via coursework, tests of knowledge and understanding and written assignments – reflective essays, project reports, and presentations. Teaching sessions take the form of short lectures, supervised discussions, small group work and guest speakers.

Where does it lead?

This course will open up a variety of career paths in the health & social care sectors, and give you the potential to work in a managerial or supervisory capacity. You could become a Registered Manager in a children's or adult setting, a Family Support Worker, Residential Care Worker – Children and Adult Services, Youth Worker, Learning Support Worker or Assistant Social Worker. Post-graduate qualifications such as a PGCE are also a possibility.

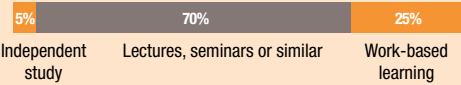
Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
J3HR

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

Applicants must have a Foundation Degree, HND or equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline.

You will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing any work placement.



"Completing the course has been hugely beneficial to me. It has given me the confidence to apply for the job role of Deputy Manager I'm currently in and has given me the academic skills needed to fulfil this role. The management degree has provided me with reassurance to question and has empowered me with the base knowledge to practice in confidence and justify the decisions I make."

BSc (Hons) Health & Social Care Management student

We use
**real sniffer
dogs**

around campus
as part of the
training on
this course.



"My favourite moment whilst studying for my Foundation Degree has to be our residential, where we paddled a stretch of the Ardeche River, mountain biked, climbed and walked in the South of France. This was a great experience to show how important team work is with the public services industry. On completion of my course I went to study the Top-up year at University of Plymouth where I left with a 2:1 BSc (Hons) Degree."

Foundation Degree, Public Services with Outdoor Education student

PUBLIC SERVICES & CRIMINOLOGY

Foundation Degree



UNIVERSITY OF
PLYMOUTH

Your course

This course is designed for students who want to work in the public services and for those who have an interest in entering the world of criminology and related public service employment.

It will allow you to understand how society functions and how criminals are conditioned to behave and the role of public services in a changing society. It will also look at how the public services can use this same information to be more effective in the fight against crime. You will finish with relevant theoretical and practical knowledge that enables you to progress to a relevant final year top-up degree.

The modules studied may include:

- **Introduction to the Criminal Justice**
- **The Mind of a Criminal**
- **Victims, Victimology & Restorative Justice**
- **Organisational Performance & Change**
- **Ethics in the Balance**

Teaching & assessment

The course is delivered by various types of learning, including lectures, seminars, presentations and practicals. Assessment will be through assignments or essays, portfolios, practical assessments and presentations.

Where does it lead?

Upon successful completion of this course you can top-up to a full Honours Degree by studying the BSc (Hons) Top-up Public Services (Policing) at the University of Plymouth, the BSc (Hons) Top-up Public Services at Exeter College, BSc (Hons) Community & Public Services Management (City College Plymouth), or BSc (Hons) Emergency Sector Management & Interoperability (Cornwall College). Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Alternative options are available with other Universities. Many of our students have taken up employment in the public services sector including the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services, HM Forces, HM Prison Service and outdoor education and activity centres.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
L437

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

60%	30%	10%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Work-based learning

Entry requirements

- You will require a minimum of 48 UCAS tariff points from a full Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject area and at least four GCSEs at grades A*-C, or Grade 4 including Maths and English or Level 2 equivalent
- Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply



The UK
sports industry
is estimated
to be worth
£23.8bn.

"My highlight while at University Centre Somerset was being Head of Delivery as part of Team BC Activators. This position required me to run the sport sessions, encourage others to take up exercise, while gaining planning, organisational and coaching skills. I was able to draw on modules from my course such as health promotion, sport and society and sports coaching."

Sports Science with Sports Coaching Foundation Degree student

SPORTS SCIENCE WITH SPORTS COACHING EDUCATION

Foundation Degree

Your course

The course is designed to provide students with a detailed understanding of the different pathways available in the world of sport. You will have the option of following either the Sports Science or Sports Coaching Education route. This course will provide you with invaluable experience in the world of sport and will also allow you to undertake additional qualifications to aid your future employability. You will also complete a number of work placements/ experiences which will help you to gain a good understanding of the real life context of your studies and to apply theory to practical situations.

The modules studied may include:

- Coaching: Theory to Practice
- Sociology in Sport
- Nutrition in Sport
- Applied Sport Physiology
- Biomechanics
- Sports Psychology

Teaching & assessment

Lectures will be both practical and theoretical, including group work and problem solving exercises. You will be expected to spend a large amount of time outside the classroom for background reading to support your coursework assessment. In addition you will be required to undertake work placements as part of the programme. Assessment will be via assignments, essays, reports, projects, presentations and oral assessment.

Where does it lead?

Upon successful completion of this course you can top-up to a full Honours Degree with the BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science, or BSc (Hons) Sport, Coaching and Physical Education at Oxford Brookes University, or apply to another university of your choice.

This course will help students progress in a variety of careers including sports development, sports coaching, PE Teaching, sports/laboratory technician, leisure and recreation management, working for national governing bodies and county sports partnerships. We are also able to offer the opportunity of a number of internships including a team in the WSL (Women's Super League), Somerset County Cricket Club and Taunton Town FC.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Taunton

UCAS code
C605

Institution code
O66

How is the course taught?

60%	10%	30%
Independent study	Practical	Lectures, seminars or similar

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- You will require a minimum of 48 UCAS tariff points from a full Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject area and at least four GCSEs at grades A* - C, or Grade 4 including Maths and English or Level 2 equivalent
- Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply



FARM MANAGERS CAN EARN MORE THAN¹

£50,000

THE AVERAGE SALARY FOR
FARM WORKERS IS **£25,578**²

THE ANIMAL CARE INDUSTRY IS WORTH

£1 BILLION

TO THE UK ECONOMY³
WITH 13,000 BUSINESSES & 78,000 EMPLOYEES

THE FOOD AND FARMING SECTOR EMPLOYS

3.5 MILLION

PEOPLE IN THE UK WHICH IS NEARLY 1 IN EVERY 7 JOBS⁴

THE UK HAS

142,000

FARM BUSINESSES⁵



LAND-BASED STUDIES



Our Cannington campus hosts our land-based courses and with the outstanding facilities available it's definitely worth a visit.

The countryside location of the Cannington campus makes it an ideal choice for students interested in a land-based education.

In recent years over £10 million has been invested in improving the facilities and residential accommodation and the resources for land-based training are now considered to be among the best in the country, providing students with state-of-the-art surroundings for learning and practising their skills. These facilities include a 180 hectare working farm with our new Agriculture Innovation Centre, the Animal Management Centre, Equestrian Centre with indoor and outdoor arenas, the historical Walled Gardens of Cannington, and a nine hole 18 tee golf course.



¹ nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

² www.fwi.co.uk

³ www.lantra.co.uk/careers/animal-care

⁴ www.brightcrop.org.uk

⁵ NFU Online



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AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT

Foundation Degree

Your course

The importance of agriculture and food to the nation has been clearly demonstrated over the last few years. Where the country gets its food and how it has been produced is becoming ever more complex and with it comes industry demand for qualified recruits. Agriculture and Food are big businesses in the UK and abroad and once studied can be your passport into employment or further enrichment overseas.

The two day full-time study structure will allow you to travel longer distances to travel with just one overnight stay and will enable you to continue in employment alongside study. Part-time (one day) is also available. Both modes of study will enable you to continue in employment alongside study.

Industry links form a critical part of our course with regular visits, guest speakers and workshops from sector leaders.

The modules studied may include:

- **Agricultural Finance & Technology**
- **Animal Health & Food Safety**
- **Crop Management & Sustainable Processes**
- **Livestock Management**
- **The Environment & the Law**

Teaching & assessment

The modules are either assessed through a combination of coursework and formal examination. Coursework could include written/practical reports; in-class tests; case studies; essays; oral presentations; posters or a project which allows independent research in a topic of interest, developed with staff on the course.

Where does it lead?

Successful completion of the Foundation Degree will provide you with the opportunity to progress and top-up your qualification to a BSc (Hons). University Centre Somerset offers a University of Plymouth qualification: BSc (Hons) Agricultural Management Top-up. Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

This course will prepare you well for employment in the industry in positions such as farm manager, rural surveyor, unit manager, farm contractor or senior herdsman.



Duration 2 years (full-time)	Location Cannington
UCAS code D400	Institution code B70

How is the course taught?

10%	75%	15%
Practical	Guided independent study	Lectures

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- A minimum of 48 UCAS tariff points from a Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject area

PLUS

- At least four GCSEs at grades A*-C

OR

- Grade 4 including Maths and English or Level 2 equivalent

Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry.



AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT

BSc (Hons) Top-up Degree



Your course

The BSc (Hons) in Agricultural Management Top-up aims to provide you with a learning environment which builds on the platform of University Centre Somerset's Foundation Degree. Alternatively you could have studied a similar Foundation Degree elsewhere.

Whether you are focused on farm management or an associated industry; this course aims to supply graduates with the opportunity to develop systematic understanding and detailed knowledge of the key concepts, contexts and technologies shaping the developments in the agrifood sector.

The two day full-time study structure will allow you to travel longer distances to travel with just one overnight stay and will enable you to continue in employment alongside study.

Industry links form a critical part of our course with regular visits, guest speakers and workshops from sector leaders.

The modules studied may include:

- **Agricultural Business Opportunities & Marketing**
- **Agricultural Business Management**
- **Strategic & Human Resource Management**
- **Food Chain Management**
- **Research Project**

Teaching & assessment

The modules are assessed through a combination of coursework and formal examination. Coursework could include written/practical reports; in-class tests; case studies; essays; oral presentations; posters and a dissertation which allows independent research in a topic of interest, developed with staff on the programme.

Where does it lead?

Successful completion of the Degree will provide you with the opportunity to progress to employment or further study in an agriculture/food related subject.

This course will prepare you well for employment in the industry in positions such as a farm manager, rural surveyor, unit manager, farm contractor, senior herdsman or working within the management team of associated food industries.

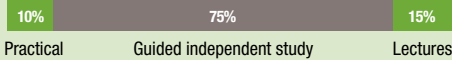
Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Cannington

UCAS code
D401

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- A Foundation Degree in Agricultural Management at University Centre Somerset or achieving this level in a relevant qualification elsewhere



"I have learnt so much during my time here. I had an unusual route into education, I was home schooled right up to my entry into College. The College environment was poles apart to what I had been used to.

My dyslexia wasn't formally diagnosed until I came to the University Centre Somerset, then I was supplied with an LSA who I met with to discuss my written work, as I find it easier to talk it through rather than write straight away."

BSc (Hons) Top-up Applied Animal Management student

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Foundation Degree (subject to validation)



Your course

This is a broad-based programme for anyone interested in developing multidisciplinary skills within the animal management and wildlife conservation areas. It is also for people already working in the industry who wish to enhance their career prospects. Experienced staff support your studies with the use of the extensive animal management collection at the Cannington campus alongside visits to external environments such Steart Marshes (WWT). In addition, links with industry are maintained through work-based learning placements and projects. Importantly you will be able to develop a wide range of practical skills such as behavioural monitoring, environmental/species surveying and captive enclosure management in order that you may be able to contribute to a range of management and conservation situations.

The modules studied may include:

- **Management and Conservation of Mammals**
- **Ecological Principles & Habitat Management**
- **Visitor Management & Eco Tourism**
- **Applied Animal Welfare and Ethics**

Teaching & assessment

The modules are either assessed via 100% coursework or a combination of coursework and formal examination. Coursework could include written/practical reports; in-class tests; case studies; essays; oral presentations; posters or a project which allows independent research in a topic of interest, developed with staff on the programme.

Where does it lead?

On successful completion of this course learners have the opportunity to progress onto the BSc (Hons) Animal Management and Wildlife Conservation Top-up which can be studied at University Centre Somerset by The Open University or undertake further study at a university of choice.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Cannington

UCAS code
D303

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

50%	30%	20%
Independent study	Lectures	Practical

Entry requirements

- Typically entrants will possess:
- Minimum 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 level (minimum 32 points at A2 or equivalent)
- PLUS
- 5 GCSE's including English Language, Mathematics and Science at 9 to 4 grades or minimum of Grade C
- OR
- A minimum 64 UCAS points in a vocational diploma qualification, e.g. BTEC (QCF) MMP (Extended), DM (90 Credit Diploma), C&G Advanced Technical: M (1080), D (720), D* (540)
- OR
- Access to HE Diploma in a relevant subject area



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ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

BSc (Hons) Degree (subject to validation)



Your course

This is a broad-based programme for anyone interested in developing multidisciplinary skills within the animal management and wildlife conservation areas. It is also for people already working in the industry who wish to enhance their career prospects. The programme is delivered by experienced teaching staff with a wide range of industry experience at University Centre Somerset's Cannington campus. It aims to develop management skills and knowledge, alongside research methods, practical techniques and evaluative thinking. In addition there are a range of facilities available to support academic studies such as an extensive animal collection, and local environmental habitats such as Steart Marshes (WWT), which is one of the UK's largest wetland habitats. As part of your course you will be required to undertake a minimum of 450 hours' work experience (over two years) in an industry-related business. Students are encouraged to look for positions at managerial or higher level to develop existing skill sets.

The modules studied may include:

- **Animal Health Forensics**
- **Wildlife Conservation & Environmental Surveying**
- **British Wildlife and Rehabilitation of animals**
- **Dissertation**
- **Field and Behavioural Monitoring Techniques**
- **Animal Health Diagnostics**
- **Psychology of Animals Captive, Companion and Wild**

Teaching & assessment

The modules are either assessed via 100% coursework or a combination of coursework and formal examination. Coursework could include written/practical reports; in-class tests; case studies; essays; oral presentations; posters or a project (Level 5) and dissertation (Level 6) both of which allows independent research in a topic of interest, developed with staff on the programme.

Where does it lead?

The course could help learners gain employment within an animal establishment, zoological collection, wildlife organisation or conservation body. In addition, upon completion of the BSc (Hons) a Masters Degree or PhD could be an option. Graduates could progress to an MSc in Animal Behaviour or Primate/Wildlife/Zoo Conservation or Countryside Management.

Duration
3 years (full-time)

Location
Cannington

UCAS code
D303

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

50%	30%	20%
Independent study	Lectures	Practical

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Minimum 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 level (minimum 32 points at A2 or equivalent)

PLUS

- 5 GCSE's including English Language, Mathematics and Science at 9 to 4 grades or minimum of Grade C

OR

- Minimum 80 UCAS points in a vocational diploma qualification, e.g. BTEC (QCF) MMP (Extended), DM (90 Credit Diploma), or C&G Advanced Technical: M (1080), D (720), D* (540)

OR

- Access to HE Diploma in a relevant subject area



HORTICULTURE

Higher National Certificate (HNC)



Your course

This course is for people already involved in the horticulture industry who are looking to develop existing, or learn new skills which will lead to opportunities in more advanced areas of horticulture. It is an excellent route for moving into project management or other more senior posts.

You will have access to excellent resources and facilities both on-site (horticulture centre, Walled Gardens of Cannington and glasshouses), and in the surrounding areas.

The qualification has been designed in collaboration with industry ensuring that you will develop the necessary skills and knowledge for employment. Guest speakers from various industry-based organisations are used to give a workplace perspective.

As part of your course you will be required to undertake a minimum of 250 hours' work experience in an industry-related business. Students are encouraged to look for positions at managerial or higher level to develop existing skill sets.

The modules studied may include:

- Plant and Soil Science
- Plant Identification, Selection & Establishment
- Project Management

Teaching & assessment

Modules are taught with a mixture of in class lectures and practicals (65%), tutorials (15%), industry master classes and visits (20%). You will attend college for one full day a week and approximately half of that time will be in class and the rest engaged in practical skill activities. In addition to your time at College you will be expected to undertake self-study at home or in the work place.

Where does it lead?

The HNC is a stand-alone qualification but many students continue for a second year to complete the full HND (Level 5).

Duration
1 year (full-time)

Location
Cannington

UCAS code
W36H

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

40%	35%	25%
Independent study	Lectures	Practicals

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Minimum of 48 UCAS tariff points from a full Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject area
- 4 GCSE's including English Language, Mathematics and Science at 9 to 4 grades or minimum of Grade C

Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply.



HORTICULTURE

Higher National Diploma (HND)



Your course

This course is for people already involved in the horticulture industry who are looking to continue to develop existing skills and specialist horticulture areas. It is an excellent route for moving into higher management or technical employment in the industry.

You will have access to excellent resources and facilities both onsite (horticulture centre, Walled Gardens of Cannington and glasshouses), and in the surrounding areas.

The qualification has been designed in collaboration with industry ensuring that you will develop the necessary skills and knowledge for employment. Guest speakers from various industry-based organisations are used to give a workplace perspective.

The award of an annual scholarship for international travel or research is available (up to £2,000). ‘Grow Your Own Future’ bursaries (worth £500) to support HND students to undertake work placements in ‘partner’ gardens in Somerset are available. Further details on request.

As part of your course you will be required to undertake a minimum of 450 hours’ work experience (over two years) in an industry-related business. Students are encouraged to look for positions at managerial or higher level to develop existing skill sets.

The modules studied may include:

- **Managing historic parks and gardens**
- **Horticultural technology**
- **Nursery Stock Production**
- **Environmental Management**
- **A research project on a relevant area of horticulture**

Teaching & assessment

Modules are taught with a mixture of in class lectures, tutorials, industry master classes. You will attend college for one full day a week and approximately half of that time will be in class and the rest engaged in practical skill activities. In addition to your time at College you will be expected to undertake self-study at home or in the work place.

Where does it lead?

Further study could lead to an Honours Degree in Horticulture, and employment opportunities exist through a range of horticulture industries. Previous students have gained employment in both public and private sectors and in addition self-employment.

Duration
2 years (full-time)

Location
Cannington

UCAS code
W36H

Institution code
B70

How is the course taught?

40%	35%	25%
Independent study	Lectures	Practicals

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Minimum of 48 UCAS tariff points from a full Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject area
- 4 GCSE's including English Language, Mathematics and Science at 9 to 4 grades or minimum of Grade C

Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply.



£40,000
THE AVERAGE EARNINGS
OF A PSYCHOLOGIST¹

THERE ARE OVER
900,000
TEACHERS OR TEACHING ASSISTANTS ACROSS THE UK²

£45,000
AVERAGE EARNINGS
OF AN HR MANAGER¹

A CHARTERED CONSTRUCTION
MANAGER CAN EARN IN EXCESS OF
£70,000³



PROFESSIONAL COURSES



Enhance your career options with one of our professional courses. Spanning Accounting, Teaching, Counselling and Management our industry-experienced teaching staff and facilities ensure you have the opportunity to progress.

Outside of the classroom you will have access to the fantastic facilities across the Centre, including cafés, hair and beauty salons, gym membership and so much more.

¹EMSI data 2016

²www.gov.uk

³www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk



“I previously completed other accounting qualifications but on this occasion worked full-time alongside my studies. Although returning to education as an adult learner has been challenging, it has also been a positive experience as I’ve received exam results I am extremely proud of. On completion of my course I now hope to further progress my career within accountancy.”

AAT Level 4 Diploma, Accounting student

ACCOUNTING

Level 4 Professional Diploma

Your course

This course is recognised by the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), the professional body for accounting technicians, with over 100,000 members worldwide.

It is the final level in the suite of AAT courses, and is valued by leading employers. Upon completion of this level and with the required level of work experience, you can apply for Membership of the Association of Accounting Technicians, giving you the letters MAAT after your name.

The modules studied may include:

- Financial statements of Limited Companies
- Management Accounting: Budgeting / Decision and Controls
- Personal / Business taxation
- A synoptic assessment to test understanding and the ability to make connections between the different topics

Teaching & assessment

You will be required to attend one five hour session every week over one academic year (36 weeks) and will be expected to spend between eight and twelve hours per week on additional work/home study. To obtain further tutorial help and study advice you will also be expected to visit the AAT website.

Where does it lead?

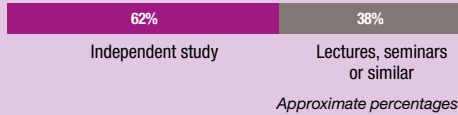
The special relationships AAT holds with the main sponsoring bodies will provide you with the opportunity to progress to one of their courses and study to become a Chartered, Certified, Management or Public Finance Accountant. Exemption is also available from modules of the Association of Taxation Technicians (AAT) qualification. Exemption is also available from modules of the Association of Taxation Technicians (AAT) qualification.

Completion of the Level 4 Professional Diploma, together with the required relevant experience, will allow you to practise as an Accounting Technician in an accounting practice, industry and commerce or the public sector as well as in your own right. Previous students have followed a professional career path and are now fully qualified Chartered or Certified Accountants.



Duration	Location
1 year	Bridgwater

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- The AAT Level 3 Diploma or an equivalent industry qualification to gain entry onto this course

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



450 million people
worldwide are affected by mental health issues.

COUNSELLING PRACTICE

Level 4 Diploma



Your course

The part-time Level 4 AIM Award Diploma in Counselling Practice is for those wishing to achieve professional status in counselling. This qualification enables learners to embark on counselling practice working within an ethical framework. The 100 hour supervised clinical placement requirement in this qualification is essential to the personal and professional development of the practitioner. You will be supported in looking for a placement but selected by the agency or counselling provider on your own merits.

All teaching staff are registered members or accredited registered members of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

The modules studied may include:

- Professional ethics and boundaries
- The complexities of the therapeutic relationship
- Self-critical and self-evaluative skills
- Developing supervision skills
- Understanding the effectiveness of supervision

Teaching & assessment

This qualification is assessed through a combination of externally assessed exams, externally assessed study of supervised practice, internal assessments of essays and journals, and participation in personal and professional development.

Where does it lead?

On successful completion of the level 4 Diploma you will be eligible to apply for the Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic counselling. Alternatively you could use your Diploma to launch a career in counselling.

Duration
1 year (part-time)

Location
Taunton

How is the course taught?

40%	35%	25%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Work-based learning

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

- You will need to have completed at least a level 3 programme in Counselling Skills and theory
 - You will invited to participate in an individual interview with the course tutors
 - You will need to demonstrate experience of using your counselling skills with people in a 1:1 capacity
 - You will need to demonstrate an ability to reflect on personal development as well as acknowledge areas for development
- Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



“I have been working in a rehabilitation centre for drug and alcohol problems since 2010. In 2012 I began a teaching role at the College, as part of the Counselling programme and also teach mental health awareness. In 2013 I started my own private counselling practice. I feel really privileged to have the opportunity to support people at a pivotal time in their lives and it fills me with a great sense of pride to know that I have helped people to turn their lives around.”

Level 5 Diploma, Counselling Practice student

PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING

Level 5 Diploma



Your course

This course is for those people who have already completed at least 425 hours of counselling/counselling skills training at level 4 and who wish to study at a higher theoretical, academic and practical level. The part-time, one year course would be appropriate for people specialising in counselling, whether in the voluntary, statutory or private sectors.

Candidates will be practicing counsellors, and will be expected to be committed to client work within BACP ethical framework or equivalent.

The Diploma challenges candidates to achieve high standards in conceptual knowledge and understanding in aspects of therapeutic counselling. Candidates are required to engage in a wide range of therapeutic relationships with different clients.

At level 5, learners should be practitioners who have sufficient experience to evaluate how useful theoretical concepts are proving to be in their own client work.

The course provides opportunities for critical self-reflection and enables learners to work towards the production of a research proposal. The proposal will cover the field of counselling research and the methodological approaches to enquiry to assess and evaluate the practice of counselling and/or a topic relevant to the field.

Learners will be expected to demonstrate a critical appreciation of theoretical concepts, legal and ethical issues in all their written work.

Teaching & assessment

This qualification is assessed through a combination of externally assessed exams, research project and supervised practice report, as well as internally assessed essays and reports.

Where does it lead?

On successful completion of the level 5 Diploma you may be eligible to study the Level 6 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic counselling. Alternatively you could use your Diploma to launch a career in counselling.

Duration
1 year (part-time)

Location
Taunton

How is the course taught?

40%	35%	25%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Work-based learning

Approximate percentages

Entry requirements

- You will need to have completed training at Level 4
- Learners who have achieved the AIM Awards Level 4 Diploma in Counselling Practice (QCF) will be able use the 100 hours of practice gained as part of this qualification to meet the requirements of the AIM Awards Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Counselling (QCF)
- On receipt of your application you will invited to participate in an individual interview

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



"I started working at the College as Sport Hall Manager and realised I wanted to expand my coaching role to include teaching. The Certificate in Education improved my lesson planning and classroom management, as well as the administrative processes behind the 'chalk-and-talk'. There's a thrill in channelling and teasing out a student's ability to develop and achieve their goals, watch them grow and bring out the best in them."

Certificate in Education student

CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION

Level 5
(incorporating the Diploma in Education & Training)

Your course

This nationally-recognised course dramatically enhances your employability as a teacher. It leads to the award of Certificate in Education at NQF Level 5 by University of Plymouth. This course also has the Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training (DET) embedded into its structure.

On successful completion it provides the opportunity to achieve QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills) status in the Further Education and Skills Sector.

As part of the entry requirements you will need to provide evidence of appropriate professional practice - minimum of 100 hours direct teaching practice, plus 30 hours additional professional practice over the duration of the course. This should be in a role that carries the full range of teaching responsibilities, whether on a full-time, part-time, fractional, fixed term, temporary or voluntary basis in the Further Education and Skills Sector.

The modules studied may include:

- Learning, Teaching & Assessment
- Theories of Learning & Managing Behaviour
- Curriculum & Society
- Wider Practice & Professional Development

Teaching & assessment

A variety of interactive teaching and learning methods are used to engage all learners and provide a stimulating HE learning environment. For example – classroom-based sessions, small and large group work, class discussions, seminars and individual tutorials. Learning technologies are also used where appropriate to offer innovation and creativity.

Each module is assessed by a written assignment as well as the submission of a professional teaching portfolio evidencing your personal development and observations of your teaching practice.

Where does it lead?

Full-time or part-time employment in the Further Education and skills sector. Recent graduates have gone on to work in a variety of Further and Higher Education institutions regionally and nationally, including Bridgwater & Taunton College, Petroc (FE and HE college), Weston College and staff training roles within the National Health Service (Musgrove Park).

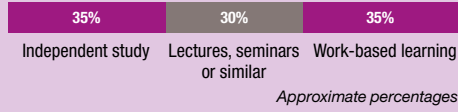


UNIVERSITY OF
PLYMOUTH

Duration
2 years

Location
Taunton

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

- Typically entrants will have:
- Access to appropriate professional practice in the education or training sector for a minimum of 100 hours over the academic year (for example 3.5 hours a week of teaching or training for 30 weeks)
 - Access to regular mentor support in your specialist area is desirable
 - A minimum of a Level 3 qualification in your specialist area – relevant professional, industrial or commercial experience will be considered if formal qualifications are not available or relevant
- Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

37%
of teachers were
inspired
into teaching
by former
teachers.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

BTEC Level 4 Certificate



Your course

During this one year, part-time course you will study a number of units that underpin your role and responsibilities in becoming an outstanding practitioner of education and training. We will help you recognise the key challenges of the sector, lead the planning of your own improvement as a reflective practitioner, and develop a professional approach to your role in ways that will engage and inspire your learners or trainees.

As part of the entry requirements you will need to provide evidence of appropriate professional practice in the education or training sector for a minimum of 30hrs over the academic year (e.g. 1 hour a week of teaching or training for 30 weeks). This should be in a role that carries the full range of teaching responsibilities, whether on a full-time, part-time, fractional, fixed term, temporary or voluntary basis.

The modules studied may include:

- **Understanding Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships in Education and Training**
- **Planning to meet the needs of learners in Education and Training**
- **Teaching in a Specialist Area**
- **Delivering Education and Training**
- **Assessing Learners in Education and Training**
- **Using Resources for Education and Training**

Teaching & assessment

A variety of interactive teaching and learning methods are used to engage all learners and provide a stimulating HE learning environment. For example – small and large group discussions, student-led seminars, peer assessed micro-teaches, research tasks and 1:1 tutorials. Learning technologies are also used to offer innovation and creativity.

Modules will be assessed via teaching and learning observations; written reports; reflective journal entries; peer assessed seminars and presentations; development of specialist subject resources and a professional teaching portfolio.

Where does it lead?

Students who complete the Level 4 Certificate may be eligible to progress onto the L5 Diploma in Education and Training (DET). Career progression in a teaching or training role within your current organisation, or teaching, lecturing or training positions in the Further Education and Skills sector.

Duration
1 year

Location
Bridgwater &
Cannington

How is the course taught?

35%	30%	35%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Work-based learning
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements

- Access to appropriate professional practice in the education or training sector for a minimum of 30hrs over the academic year (e.g. 1 hour a week of teaching or training for 30 weeks)
 - Access to regular mentor support in your specialist area is desirable
 - A minimum of a level 3 qualification in your specialist area – relevant professional, industrial or commercial experience will be considered if formal qualifications are not available or relevant
- Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



“As a Learning Support Co-ordinator, I possess a good level of technical skills and support lecturers when they are teaching. I have decided that I would like to teach and therefore need to develop and understand teaching methods. The staff provide continual constructive feedback, helping me achieve higher grades. In particular I have found one-on-one sessions and mentoring very useful. The advice I have received is invaluable in preparation for my next steps.”

Level 5 Diploma, Education and Training student

EDUCATION & TRAINING

BTEC Level 5 Diploma



Your course

During this one year part-time course you will study a number of units that underpin your role and responsibilities in becoming an outstanding practitioner of education and training. We will help you recognise the key challenges of the sector, lead the planning of your own improvement as a reflective practitioner, and develop a professional approach to your role in ways that will engage and inspire your learners or trainees.

As part of the entry requirements you will need to provide evidence of appropriate professional practice in the education or training sector for a minimum of 100 hours over the academic year (e.g. 3-4 hours a week of teaching or training for 32 weeks). This should be in a role that carries the full range of teaching responsibilities, whether on a full-time, part-time, fractional, fixed term, temporary or voluntary basis.

The modules studied may include:

- Developing Teaching, Learning and Assessment in Education and Training
- Theories, Principles and Models in Education and Training
- Developing, Using and Organising Resources in a Specialist Area
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment in Education and Training
- Wider Professional Practice and Development in Education and Training
- Action Research

Teaching & assessment

A variety of interactive teaching and learning methods are used to engage all learners and provide a stimulating HE learning environment. For example – small and large group discussions, student-led seminars, peer assessed micro-teaches, research tasks and 1:1 tutorials. Learning technologies are also used to offer innovation and creativity.

Modules will be assessed via teaching and learning observations; written reports; reflective journal entries; peer assessed seminars and presentations; development of specialist subject resources and a professional teaching portfolio.

Where does it lead?

On completion it provides the opportunity to achieve QTLS in the FE & skills sector. Career progression in a teaching or training role within your current organisation or teaching, lecturing or training positions in the Further Education and Skills sector.

Duration

1 year

Location

Bridgwater & Cannington

How is the course taught?

35%	30%	35%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Work-based learning
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will have:

- Access to appropriate professional practice in the education or training sector for a minimum of 100hrs over the academic year (e.g. 3.5 hours a week of teaching or training for 30 weeks)
- Access to regular mentor support in your specialist area is desirable
- A minimum of a level 3 qualification in your specialist area – relevant professional, industrial or commercial experience will be considered if formal qualifications are not available or relevant

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Level 5 Intermediate Certificate



Your course

This qualification will help you develop your ability to evaluate the effectiveness of different HR models and practices, while increasing your understanding of the external factors that impact upon HR activities and organisations.

You will build on your expertise and develop your planning, analytical and problem-solving skills, studying subjects such as:

- Developing Professional Practice
- Using Information in Human Resources
- Employment Law
- Employee Relations
- Managing and Coordinating the HR Function

Teaching & assessment

The Intermediate Certificate is assessed through a combination of practical and written assignments.

The majority of modules are taught via lectures; other teaching methods include seminars, tutorials, workshops and guided learning/ independent activities.

Where does it lead?

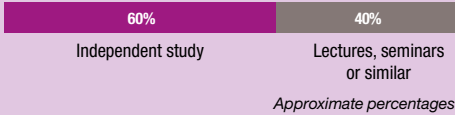
This qualification gives you a professionally recognised Human Resources qualification and the knowledge element required towards CIPD Associate membership. It also serves as an entry qualification for the CIPD Level 7 Advanced Diploma in Human Resources Management at an institution of your choice, subject to meeting the institution's entry criteria.

On completion of this course we have found a high proportion of our students secure employment in the industry or progress within their current career.

Duration
1 year

Location
Taunton

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- A Degree level qualification
- Or the Level 3 Certificate in Human Resource Practice (or CPP)
- Mature students without the stated entry requirements but with relevant experience are encouraged to apply

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Level 7 Certificate



Your course

CIPD Advanced Level qualifications are designed for people involved in implementing strategy and developing policies. CIPD Advanced Level 7 qualifications are the most widely recognised professional qualifications in the field of HR or Learning & Development and are ideal for those aspiring to become a Chartered Member (MCIPD) or a Chartered Fellow (FCIPD) of the CIPD.

- Human Resource Management in Context
- Leading, Managing and Developing People
- Developing Skills for Business
- Investigating a Business Issue from a Human Resources Perspective
- Reward Management
- Learning & Talent Development
- Managing Employee Relations
- Resourcing and Talent Management

Teaching & assessment

All sessions are delivered by RBHR Consultants, discussing real life issues, reflecting on case law outcomes all helping to more easily draw the links between your academic studies and the practitioner skills needed in the workplace.

Assessment is made across a variety of types including written exams, written coursework and a dissertation.

Where does it lead?

As a CIPD member with this qualification and required relevant experience you will be able to apply for Chartered Member (MCIPD) or Chartered Fellow (FCIPD) of the CIPD.

Completion of the Level 7 Advanced Diploma in HR Management has seen previous students take roles such as HR Director and HR Business Partner.

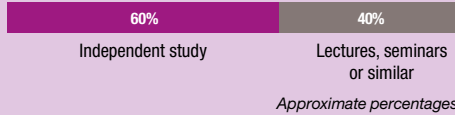
Duration

2 years (part-time)

Location

Taunton

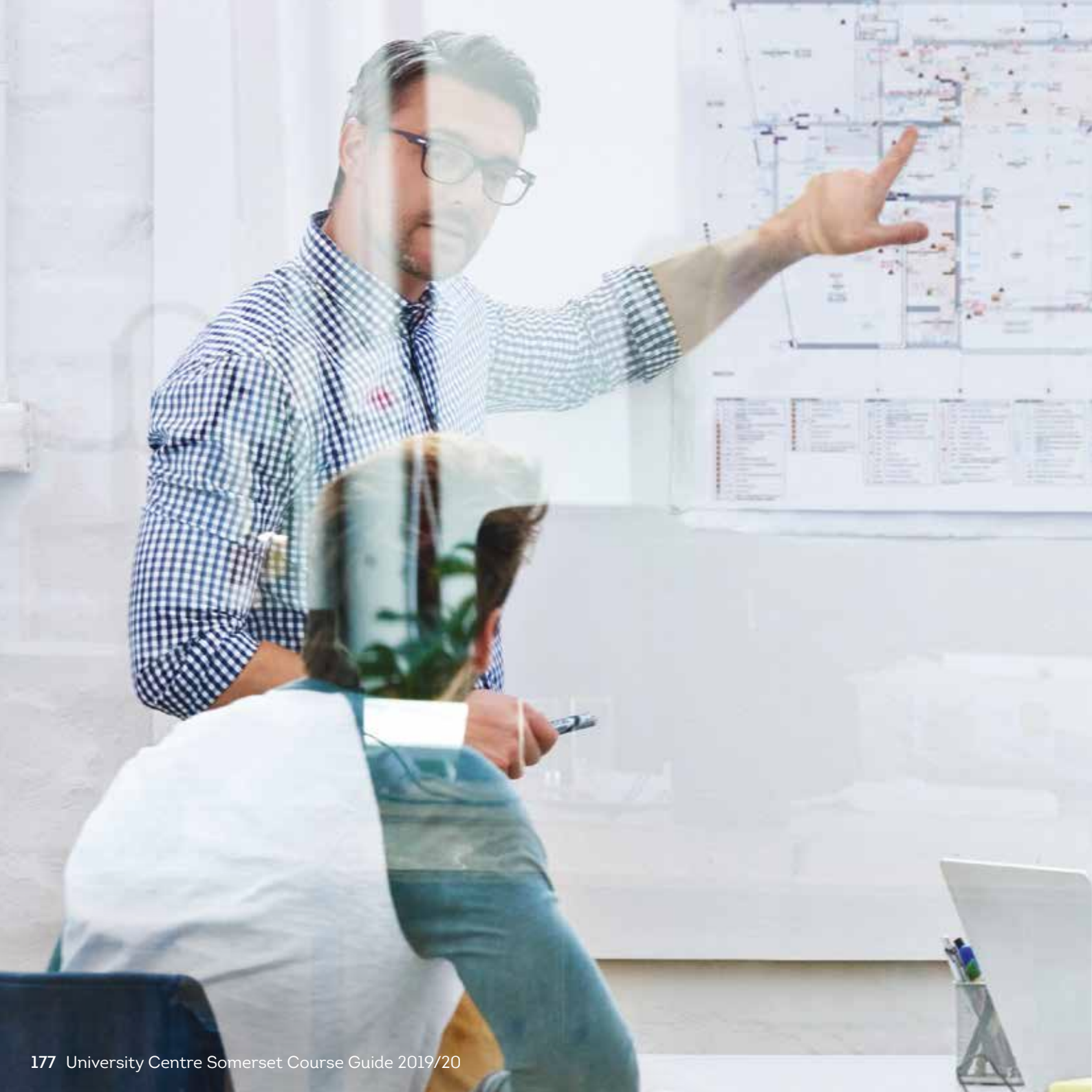
How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Industry experience
 - Level 5 Certificate or equivalent in HR Management
 - Mature students are welcome to apply
 - Applicants will be invited to interview
- Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



CHARTERED MANAGER

Degree Apprenticeship



Your course

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. It will typically take 4 years to complete, although the exact duration will be dependent on the previous experience of the individual.

This apprenticeship has been designed to provide access to development opportunities for as wide a range of individuals as possible.

The modules will cover the breadth and depth of the standard using suggested on-programme assessment methods that integrate the knowledge, skills and behaviour components. This ensures that the apprentice is sufficiently prepared to undertake the synoptic project, which will be assessed by University Centre Somerset, the employer and an independent assessor. There is also the option to apply for professional recognition on achievement of the apprenticeship once the apprentice has passed their endpoint assessment.

Teaching & assessment

Assessment will be agreed between the employer and University Centre Somerset and will be likely to include a mix of assignments, reports, practical exercises, projects, and feedback on behaviours via 360-degree feedback or equivalent mechanisms. In addition the apprentice will create a portfolio of evidence, which will demonstrate how learning has been applied, their achievements and capabilities.

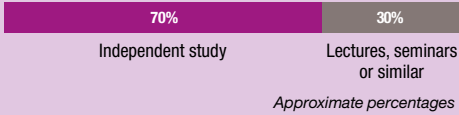
Where does it lead?

Completion of the Apprenticeship can lead to Chartered Manager status with the CMI.

Duration
4 years

Location
Taunton

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

Individual employers will set the selection criteria for their Apprenticeships with University Centre Somerset. Most candidates will have A Levels (or equivalent) or existing relevant Level 3 qualifications, and English, Maths and ICT at Level 2. Other relevant or prior experience may also be considered as an alternative.



“Investigating how communication is most effective in an organisation has helped me with training new members of staff and identifying how an individual’s strengths and weaknesses are best used within a team. I have found this course extremely rewarding and learnt a great deal about how I would conduct myself when/if I undertake a management role.”

Level 5 Award, Management and Leadership student

OPERATIONS/DEPARTMENTAL MANAGER

Apprenticeship with CMI Level 5 Diploma



Your course

As an operations/departmental manager you will be someone who manages teams and/or projects, and achieves operational or departmental goals and objectives, as part of the delivery of your organisation’s strategy. You are accountable to a more senior manager or business owner. Your specific responsibilities and job title may vary, but the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed will be the same. Your key responsibilities may include creating and delivering operational plans, managing projects, leading and managing teams, managing change, financial and resource management, talent management, coaching and mentoring.

As part of this apprenticeship standard you will study a CMI Level 5 Diploma in Management & Leadership which will cover the majority of the knowledge and skills elements required. This may include the following units:

- Using reflective practice to inform personal and professional development
- Principles of management and leadership in an organisational context
- Developing, managing and leading individuals and teams to success
- Creating and delivering operation plans
- Managing stakeholder relationships
- Managing projects to achieve results
- Managing change
- Managing finance

Teaching & assessment

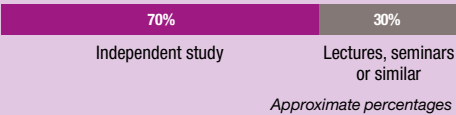
On-programme assessment will include: Regular assessment (involving your employer and University Centre Somerset), development of a portfolio demonstrating learning and development activities within the workplace, evidence of 360-degree feedback within the ongoing development portfolio.

At the point of ‘gateway readiness’ you will be prepared for End Point Assessment which will include: a test of knowledge using scenarios, competency-based interview, assessment of portfolio evidence, a presentation of work-based project approach and findings with Q&A.

Duration
2.5 years (part-time)

Location
Taunton

How is the course taught?



Entry requirements

- Typically entrants will:
- Be employed in a junior/middle management position (one year minimum)
 - Or have a CMI Certificate in First Line Management or an NVQ Level 4 in Management
 - Mature students without the stated entry requirements but with appropriate experience, are encouraged to apply
- Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

Where does it lead?

On completion, apprentices can register as full members with the Chartered Management Institute and/or the Institute of Leadership & Management, and those with three years’ management experience can apply for Chartered Manager status through the CMI.



In 2014, there were
1.3 million
teaching & educational
professionals in
England, earning an
average salary of
£42,251
per year.



"After graduating my degree in Fashion & Textiles, I became a Technical Demonstrator at Bridgwater & Taunton College and that role has developed to include ten hours teaching a week. I really enjoy that aspect of my role and as a result, wanted to improve my knowledge and skills, so I enrolled on the PGCE. They're so flexible and understanding regarding the demands on my timetable and meeting my teaching hour obligations."

Former PGCE student

PGCE

Level 6/7

(incorporating the Diploma in Education and Training)

Your course

This nationally-recognised course dramatically enhances your employability as a teacher. It leads to the award of a Postgraduate Certificate in Education, at NQF Level 7 or Professional Graduate Certificate in Education at NQF Level 6 by University of Plymouth. This course also has the Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training (DET) embedded into its structure.

On successful completion it provides the opportunity to achieve QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills) status in the Further Education and Skills Sector.

As part of the entry requirements you will need to provide evidence of appropriate professional practice (minimum of 100 hours direct teaching practice, plus 30 hours additional professional practice over the duration of the course). This should be in a role that carries the full range of teaching responsibilities, whether on a full-time, part-time, fractional, fixed term, temporary or voluntary basis in the Further Education and Skills sector.

The modules studied may include:

- **Learning, Teaching & Assessment**
- **Theories of Learning & Managing Behaviour**
- **Curriculum & Society**
- **Wider Practice & Professional Development**

Teaching & assessment

A variety of interactive teaching and learning methods are used to engage all learners and provide a stimulating HE learning environment. For example – classroom-based sessions, small and large group work, class discussions, seminars and individual tutorials. Learning technologies are also used where appropriate to offer innovation and creativity.

Each module is assessed by a written assignment as well as the submission of a professional teaching portfolio evidencing your personal development and observations of your teaching practice.

Where does it lead?

Full-time or part-time employment in the Further Education and skills sector. Recent graduates have gone on to work in a variety of Further and Higher Education institutions regionally and nationally, including Bridgwater & Taunton College, Petroc (FE and HE college, Weston College and staff training roles within the National Health Service (Musgrove Park).



UNIVERSITY OF
PLYMOUTH

Duration
2 years

Location
Taunton

How is the course taught?

35%	30%	35%
Independent study	Lectures, seminars or similar	Work-based learning
Approximate percentages		

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- Appropriate professional practice (a minimum of 100 hours of direct teaching practice plus 30 hours additional professional practice over the duration of the course)
- A subject-specific ordinary honours degree

Please visit the website for further details on the entry requirements for this course.

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.



ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA



Your course

An Access to Higher Education qualification can be the route to a wide range of career and Higher Education opportunities. You may progress directly to university or college, specialising in your chosen subject.

We offer eight different routes for the Access to Higher Education qualification enabling you to progress onto a number of Higher Education courses. Your chosen career route will dictate which course you undertake; all courses have particular progression routes linked to them.

Courses include:

- Business with Computing
- Education
- Forensic Science
- Health and Social Care
- Humanities
- Science
- Science and Engineering
- Social Science
- Art & Design – only available in Taunton (awarding body CAVA)

In addition, Access students may study core subjects of:

- Study Skills
- Information Technology
- English
- Maths
- Tutorial

These subjects will also support your learning.

Teaching & assessment

The majority of modules are taught via lectures; other teaching methods include seminars, tutorials, workshops and guided learning/independent activities. There is an end of year examination in some subjects, and you will also produce a portfolio of work over the year, from which you will accumulate credits towards the Diploma.

Where does it lead?

Successful completion of this course will provide you with a qualification that will allow you to apply to study a university level course here at University Centre Somerset or at a university of your choice. In recent years students have gone on to study a wide range of subjects including Environmental Biology at the University of the West of England, Nursing at University of Plymouth and Animal Behaviour at Liverpool University.

Duration

4 days a week
for 30 weeks

Location

Bridgwater/
Taunton

Entry requirements

Typically entrants will have:

- Self-motivation and a willingness to learn!
- There are no formal qualifications required for entry but you will undergo an initial assessment to ensure you are on the right course for your skill level
- You are required to be aged 19 or over and will be eligible for a loan to cover your course fees

Please see page 188 for wider entry criteria.

Sport Academy
**BRITISH UNIVERSITY &
COLLEGE SPORTS (BUCS)**

In the 2019/20 academic year, University Centre Somerset will be represented in both rugby and football in the British University & College Sports (BUCS) League.

Visit the website for more details and how to participate





University Centre Somerset HOW TO APPLY

We very much hope that you will apply to study for your vocational degree at University Centre Somerset. We provide the education you need to succeed in life and secure the career of your dreams. Here's how to proceed with your application.



Full-time study

If you intend to study full time for your degree, you must apply for your place at University Centre Somerset through UCAS, using the website www.ucas.com

If you are at school or college, your tutors will be able to support you through this process. If you are not at school or college, you can register online, and we will be pleased to advise you at any stage of your application.

For entry in September 2019, you need to apply by January 2019. We advise that you get your application in early, so as to avoid last-minute panics. You can submit your application any time from September 2018.

If you are applying to multiple Higher Education Institutions UCAS will charge a full fee (£24 for 2019 entry). If you are only applying to a single Higher Education institution there is a reduced fee (£18 for 2019 entry).

To find relevant course and institution codes for our programmes, please refer to www.somerset.ac.uk or www.ucas.com

Part-time study

If you would like to study on a part-time basis, please apply directly to University Centre Somerset, via our website, www.somerset.ac.uk. For help with this process, please contact us on **01278 455464** or email info@btc.ac.uk

Portfolios, evidence and DBS clearance

Please note that entry to some of our programmes is subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

For Art and Design courses, we assess students by means of a portfolio, which should be submitted at interview.

Other programmes conduct interviews to confirm a candidate's suitability, and some require evidence of relevant prior learning.

Whether or not you need to come to interview, we strongly encourage you to visit University Centre Somerset. This will give you a flavour of life at our centres, and help you picture yourself here as an undergraduate.

Entry Requirements:

For our full BA (Hons) and BSc (Hons) courses the following entry criteria will generally apply, however, please check the course information page for any additional or different criteria. For our Foundation Degrees, the entry criteria may be slightly lower.

Applicants require a qualification in a relevant subject with a minimum of 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 level).

OR relevant BTEC Qualifications (QCF) MMP (Extended), DM (Diploma), D*D (90 Credit Diploma)

OR an Access to HE course in a relevant subject area

OR an equivalent qualification – this will be determined by college staff at time of application

Our students are also required to have **five GCSEs, which include English Language and Mathematics to a minimum of Grade 4 (or Grade C)** (except some art courses – please contact us for more information).

Applicants with English as their second language must have a minimum IELTS Level 6 or equivalent.

Applicants will be invited to interview, where they will need to display the relevant skills for the course they are applying for. For art-based subjects, they are expected to bring a portfolio displaying at least ten pieces of original work along with evidence of drawing ability and creativity. Please check individual course pages for information about additional interview requirements.

Mature students who do not meet these formal entry requirements are welcome to apply if they can evidence their interest, relevant experience and knowledge in the field of study. A formal interview will be required.

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FEES & FINANCE

University Centre Somerset prides itself in offering top-quality Higher Education at a lower cost than other universities, without diminishing quality.

Because your qualification is awarded from one of our top-rated validation partners – The Open University, University of Plymouth, Oxford Brookes University or UWE Bristol – we offer the chance to earn a prestigious degree while enjoying the many benefits of studying at our campuses. These include our industry-standard facilities, lower living costs than larger towns and cities, and the opportunity to learn in smaller groups, with employability built into every phase of your programme.

Funding your future

While it can seem a big step to take on a student loan, the system is set up to the advantage of students. That explains why the number of undergraduates enrolling at UK universities has risen since the introduction of the current fee structure: it is now easier than ever to study for a degree, without taking on any up-front costs.

Repayment

The most important thing to say is that you won't have to repay your student loan until you earn at least £25,000 per year. If your earnings subsequently drop below that level, your loan repayments stop. If you have not cleared the balance after 30 years, it is written off. Even when you do start repaying it, it is only at a rate of 9% of your income over and above £25,000. For example, if you earn £30,000 per year, you'll pay 9% of £5,000 each year, equating to just £37 per month. All repayments are deducted at source from your pay.

If you have any queries about student finances and fees, please contact our help desk on **01278 455464** or by emailing **info@btc.ac.uk**

Student loans

are available to every student to cover tuition fees and living costs.



VISIT AN OPEN EVENT

HE Open Day (Taunton campus)

Saturday **15 September 2018**, 10am - 2pm

Open Evenings (Taunton campus)

Thursday **18 October 2018**, 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday **16 January 2019**, 6pm - 8pm

Thursday **7 March 2019** – Apprenticeship Focus, 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday **12 June 2019**, 6pm - 8pm

Open Evenings (Bridgwater campus)

Wednesday **17 October 2018**, 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday **15 January 2019**, 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday **6 March 2019** – Apprenticeship Focus, 6pm - 8pm

Tuesday **11 June 2019**, 6pm - 8pm

Open Days/Evening (Cannington campus)

Saturday **17 November 2018**, 10am - 1pm

Saturday **26 January 2019**, 10am - 1pm

Wednesday **19 June 2019**, 6pm - 8pm

University Centre Somerset WHERE TO FIND US

One of the benefits of University Centre Somerset is our accessibility. So however you're travelling, you will find us easy to locate.

Rail

Our Bridgwater and Taunton Campuses are easily accessible by rail. Both towns are on the main line from Bristol to Exeter, and our campuses are within an easy walk or taxi ride of the station.

Bus

We have bus stops on each of our campuses, with a regular connection running between Bridgwater and Cannington. Detailed timetables are available on someset.ac.uk

Car

All three campuses offer limited parking, including designated areas for disabled parking, mopeds and bicycles. You will be charged **£1 per day to park at our Taunton campus**, while parking is free at Bridgwater and Cannington.

Taunton also operates two efficient park and ride services, both of which drop off outside our main entrance. Fares are approximately 90p return.

Taunton campus

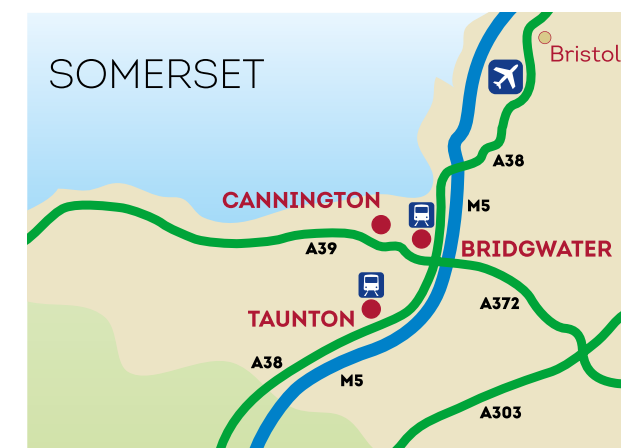
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Taunton
Somerset
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Bridgwater campus

Bath Road
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Cannington campus

Rodway
Cannington
Somerset
TA5 2LS



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Also see page 191 for further open events.

Come and visit to see what makes
University Centre Somerset the perfect
place to start your journey.

Book your place now at
somerset.ac.uk/opensday



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