

22112 08 Access Diploma to Higher Education in Social Work (OCNOTC)

This course is aimed at those who wish to undertake a university degree in Social Work. This course enables you to "return to learn" in a supportive environment.

You will develop core skills in communication, numeracy and IT.

Core modules are:

- Communication
  - Reading and Writing
  - Speaking and Listening
- Application of Number
  - Interpreting and Presenting Information
  - Calculations
- Information Technology
  - Planning Research on the Internet
  - Research Skills

Optional Modules are:

- Psychology
- Values and Ethics
- Approaches to Social Work
- Social Policy
- Sociology.

Additional modules may also be available in Maths, English Language and Science for those without the necessary GCSEs.

There will be continuous assessment through assignments, reports, practical exercises and there will be examinations.

To gain the Access Diploma you must achieve a minimum of 60 credits, of which at least 45 must be at Level 3.

No formal qualifications are required but you should be able to demonstrate competency in English and Numeracy. You should be 19 or over.

Successful completion of this course will enable you to progress to year 1 of your chosen degree. Previous successful students have progressed to the University of Bedfordshire.



Teacher Education

22113 08 Access Diploma to Higher Education in Teacher Education (OCNOTC)

This course is aimed at those who wish to become school teachers. This course has the aim of enabling you to "return to learn" in a supportive environment. You will develop the skills you need to undertake a Bachelor of Education Degree.

The course contains core and optional modules.

Core modules are:

- Communication
  - Reading and Writing
  - Speaking and Listening
- Application of Number
  - Interpreting and Presenting Information
  - Calculations
- Information Technology
  - Planning Research on the Internet
  - Research Skills

Optional modules are:

- Human Biology
- English Literature
- School Placement
- History.

Additional modules may also be available in Maths, English Language and Science, for those without the necessary GCSEs.

There will be continuous assessment through assignments, reports, practical exercises, a placement journal and there will be examinations.

To gain the Access Diploma you must achieve a minimum of 60 credits, of which at least 45 must be at Level 3.

Next Step

Successful completion of this course will enable you to progress to year 1 of a BEd degree. Previous successful students have completed their initial teacher training at the Universities of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

You may apply to the university of your choice via UCAS. If you change your mind about teaching and wish to take an alternative degree, provided the Access Diploma has been obtained, other degree courses will be open to you.

100% pass rate in 2006/07



22501 08 A Level Programme

A Levels are highly regarded qualifications, which offer many opportunities from entering higher education to gaining a better job. A full A Level consists of an AS Level and an A2 Level. An AS Level is a valuable qualification in its own right, but many people complete the A2 Level also, particularly those wishing to progress to university. Usually, you will study up to four subjects at AS Level and three at A2 Level; however, alternative programmes of AS and A2 Levels are possible and may be discussed with your tutors.

Course Duration

- 1 year for AS Levels
- 2 years for full A Levels (AS + A2)

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course

In order to start an A Level programme, you will need five GCSEs at Grade C or above, one of which must be in English. Some subjects have specific entry requirements, these are detailed below.

After the course is finished

You can progress to university and a wide range of degree courses or you can begin your career in your chosen field.

Accounting

Specific entry requirements

No previous knowledge of the subject is required, but a GCSE pass at Grade C or above in Maths is required and a Grade C or above in Business Studies, Economics or Accounting would be a recommendation.

**Content** Financial accounting, accounting for management and decision-making and published accounts.

**Examination Board** AQA

Computing

Specific entry requirements

A GCSE pass at Grade C or above in Information and Communication Technology would be useful.

**Content** Computer systems, principles of hardware/software, practical systems development, practical project, advanced systems development, processing and programming.

**Examination board** AQA

Economics and Business Studies

Specific entry requirements

There is no need for a prior qualification in Economics or Business Studies, but a GCSE pass at Grade C or above in Maths and English is required. Commitment and a genuine interest in the subject are important.

**Content** The course is ideally suited to all those who want to experience the broad focus of economics in combination with the practical study of business decisions. It combines the exploration of economic theory with the discussion of current business practice.

**Examination board** Edexcel (Nuffield)

English Language

Specific entry requirements

One English GCSE at Grade B or above

**Content** Textual commentary, desk study, language of media, varieties of English, spoken or written study, editorial and language topics.

**Examination board** AQA

English Literature

Specific entry requirements

One English GCSE at Grade B or above

**Content** Drama, poetry, pre-1900 prose, Shakespeare in context, modern prose, criticism and comparison.

**Examination board** AQA

Film Studies

Specific entry requirements

One GCSE pass at least at Grade C in English Language or Literature, although interest and enthusiasm are more important.

**Content** Film-making meaning, producers and audiences, messages and values, world cinema and critical studies.

**Examination board** WJEC

Government and Politics

Specific entry requirements

No previous knowledge of the subject is required, but commitment and a genuine interest in this subject are expected.

**Content** Electoral systems and voting behaviour, parties and pressure groups, features of a representative democracy, UK/USA governments and politics and ideas in contemporary British politics.

**Examination board** AQA

History

Specific entry requirements

A GCSE pass at Grade C or above in English is required and preferably at least Grade C GCSE History. Commitment and hard work can compensate for a lack of prior historical knowledge.

**Content** Modules cover British social and economic history.

**Examination board** AQA

History of Art

Specific entry requirements

Preferably a GCSE pass at Grade C or above in an artistic area.

**Content** Ways of seeing, birth and rebirth of western art, modern art, historical studies and project.

**Examination board** AQA

Human Biology

Specific entry requirements

A GCSE pass at Grade C or above in Maths and English is required and preferably two GCSE Science passes at Grade C or above.

**Content** Molecules, cells, systems, pathogens, disease, centre assessed coursework, inheritance, evolution, ecosystems and human life-span.

**Examination board** AQA

Law

Specific entry requirements

No previous knowledge of the subject is required, but a GCSE pass at Grade C or above in English is required. Commitment and a genuine interest in this subject are expected.

**Content** The legal system of England and Wales, machinery of justice, personnel, legal concepts, sources and methodology, contract and consumer law, criminal law and justice and civil rights.

**Examination board** AQA

Mathematics

Specific entry requirements

Preferably at least Grade B GCSE Maths, plus at least three other GCSE passes at Grade C or above including English.

**Content** Core maths, pure maths, mechanics, statistics and decision maths.

**Examination board** Edexcel

Photography

Specific entry requirements

A GCSE pass at Grade C or above in a creative subject. No prior study is required, but commitment and genuine interest are expected.

Course requirements

Own slr/digital camera.

**Content** The uses of light, film types, speeds and stock, specialised films, view points, composition, depth of field, dark-room techniques, acquisition and manipulation of the image.

**Examination board** Edexcel

Psychology

Specific entry requirements

No prior knowledge is required, but a GCSE pass at Grade C or above in Maths and English is required. Commitment and genuine interest in this subject are expected.

**Content** Cognitive, developmental, physiological, social and comparative psychology, research methods, individual differences and perspectives.

**Examination board** AQA

Sociology

Specific entry requirements

No prior knowledge is required, but commitment and genuine interest are expected.

**Content** Families and households, health, mass media, education, wealth, poverty and welfare, work and leisure, sociological methods, power, politics, religion, world sociology, crime and deviance, theory and methods.

**Examination board** AQA

Spanish

Specific entry requirements

Preferably Grade C or above in Spanish at GCSE. A Grade C in another modern European language would be advantageous.

**Content** Young people today, aspects of society, people, contemporary issues, cultural and social landscape, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

**Examination board** AQA