

A Levels

Achieve A Levels in two years - it could lead you to university and better job prospects.

Study AS level in Year 1 and A2 level in Year 2



"I lost faith in education initially but here at Dunstable College students had a purpose and wanted to learn. Now, I am preparing for university and drama college."

Shaz (Shehzeen Kazi)
AS English Literature,
AS Psychology Student



22501 07 New 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 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, commitment and a genuine interest in the subject are more 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 Edexcel

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 Edexcel

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

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

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 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 WJEC

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.

Contents 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 commitment and genuine interest are expected.

Contents 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.

Contents 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.

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

Examination board AQA