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 www.weston.ac.uk/openevenings

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Our tagline is 'creating brighter futures', and here at Weston College we aim to do precisely that for all our students. Whatever your age, background or ability, we will help improve your skills to open up new opportunities and make yours a brighter future.

Every year, more and more students choose to study degree level courses at Weston College. We have invested millions of pounds in our University, Knightstone and South West Skills campuses, and our students have reaped the rewards, achieving outstanding exam results, better graduate job prospects and we are recognised for the quality of our degree courses across the UK. Last year, we celebrated the graduation of hundreds of students who studied Foundation Degrees and BSc/BA Honours top-up qualifications.

Outstanding results are reflected in Honours Degree graduates where an impressive 20% of students achieved a First Class Honours Degree, compared with a national average of only 8%.

Results such as these show why our university partners have such confidence in Weston College. Also, our higher education provision was recognised when it was awarded the highest judgment possible by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), the body responsible for academic quality and standards in UK Higher Education. We have been recognised as the top performing College in the South West and ranked in the top five UK-wide in terms of the good practice we display.

We have been offering high quality degree courses at Weston College since 1993. At present, nearly 700 students are studying on degree programmes. We constantly review and develop what we offer by working closely with local employers and university partners.

This prospectus is an excellent starting point to find out if our College is the right place for you, but the best way is to come and visit us. We hold a number of open evenings, so come along and talk to staff and students, see the facilities, and get a taste of life at Weston College.

Dr Paul Phillips OBE
Principal and Chief Executive



We are very proud of the stimulating education we offer. Our exciting courses, superb support facilities and innovative, forward-thinking curriculum all make sure that as a degree level student at Weston College, you have the best possible chance to be successful.

Course finder

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There are loads of great reasons to choose Weston College, here's our top 10.

Top 10 reasons for choosing Weston College

1. Top results

99% overall pass rate with 100% pass rates at Honours and 20% of those at First Class Honours, compared with a national average of only 8%.

2. Getting you a job

65% of our students were employed within six months of graduating compared with the national average of 45%.

3. Top-performing College in the South West

Weston College's higher education provision was awarded the highest judgment possible by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), the body responsible for academic quality and standards in UK higher education. We were recognised as the top-performing college in the South West and ranked in the top five UK-wide.

4. Links with universities and employers

We offer 22 Foundation Degrees, 11 top-up Honours Degrees and one Masters with two university partners – Bath Spa University and the University of the West of England. We have developed our degrees with partner universities and employers, blending academic and work-based learning to make you more employable. You are able to carry out work placements due to the links we have developed.

5. More teaching hours in smaller classes

The College typically provides a higher number of teaching hours than the higher education sector average. It also provides excellent levels of tutor access and support and class sizes that are below the sector average.

6. State-of-the-art campuses and facilities

See pages 6-9.

7. A flexible degree in a great location

Our courses are perfect if you want to get a degree in a supportive environment. We also offer some part-time programmes so you can fit studying around your work and family life. But if you do live further afield we can provide student accommodation. Please see page 18-19. We are situated in the seaside town of Weston-super-Mare with easy access to the vibrant cities of Bristol and Cardiff so you can enjoy the best of both worlds.

8. Lower fees than universities

Weston College is great value for money, we always try to make life as easy as possible for our students and also offer a range of other financial support. See pages 12-13.

9. Bus travel

For only £55 per term, you can purchase an unlimited travel pass – 24 hours a day, seven days a week during term-time – which can be used anywhere in North Somerset and Bristol and not just to get to and from College. See page 94.

10. Graduation celebration

Every year our degree students have a graduation ceremony. Last year, hundreds of family members and friends joined our students to celebrate their achievements.



Welcome to your world

Over the last 12 years, we have grown from a small College to the vibrant and expansive College that exists today. We have invested more than £30 million in developing our fantastic facilities – and there are more exciting building projects on the horizon.

As a degree student, you will study at the University Campus, Knightstone Campus or Badgworth Equestrian and Animal Centre, depending on what specialist facilities you need for your course.

Knightstone Campus

Is located on the seafront in the town centre, this high quality facility includes our University Centre, with its own specific floor, with computer suites, a social area and teaching rooms all specifically for degree students. There is also a university study room in our LibraryPlus.

You can also make use of other facilities, which are open to all our students, including The Grove restaurant, an industry-standard gym and hair and beauty salons.

University Campus

On Loxton Road, 15 minutes by bus from the town centre, and a 10-minute walk from the beach. It is home to art and design and music, with specialist studios, which are exclusively, dedicated to our degree students.

It also houses the Bath Spa University Gallery, which promotes students' work alongside the work of local and national artists.

Badgworth Equestrian and Animal Centre

This facility has indoor and outdoor arenas for horse riding and two stable blocks. It's an approved BHS riding school, and also offers dressage and show jumping lessons. It's run as a business and provides a real insight into the animal and equestrian industry.

South West Skills Campus

Our newest campus on Locking Road, two miles from the town centre. It contains our Construction and Engineering Centre of Excellence (CECE) and Business Enterprise Centre (BEC).



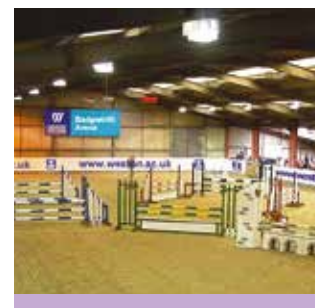
University Campus



Knightstone Campus



South West Skills Campus



Badgworth Equestrian and Animal Centre



Outstanding facilities

We're very proud of our facilities for degree students at Weston College. Here are just a few.

Computers

There is wireless Internet access across all areas of the College and the IT suites are well equipped with over 1,400 PCs and Apple Macs loaded with high-quality software and easy-access printing.

LibraryPlus

We've invested heavily in modern library facilities to help our students get the very most out of their Weston College experience, which include dedicated equipment and facilities for HE students. We have wide range of e-books, books, journals and online resources to enable you to access items remotely 24/7. We can also help you access online resources, which are available via your university partner.

Find out more at www.weston.ac.uk/college/learningresources

The arts

The Blakehay Theatre, Weston-super-Mare, is a working theatre open to members of the public and frequently used by our performing arts students.

Keeping fit

Find out about our fitness suite, gym and sporting facilities at www.weston.ac.uk/college/fitness. Degree students get free membership!

Purpose-built art, graphics and photography studios

Specialist art and design studios are bathed in natural light and provide each student with their own individual work station and display area. We also have three fantastic darkrooms, studios and digital facilities. Here, you can immerse yourself in the creative process and be inspired by the work of others.

Places to eat

We offer a choice of places to eat at all of our campuses, open from 8.30am, Monday to Friday, during term-time.

At the Knightstone Campus, we have The Grove – an outstanding training restaurant. It's stylish and excellent value, with a bar and high quality food, made and served by our own hospitality students. Find out more at www.weston.ac.uk/college/thegrove

Hair and beauty

At Weston College, our trainee hair stylists, beauty therapists and holistic therapists run commercial salons using the modern equipment you would find in any professional salon. Our salons offer a wide range of treatments and retail products at very reasonable prices with student discounts available. Find out more at www.weston.ac.uk/college/hairandbeauty



Our university partners

We work with two university partners in Bath and Bristol to give you top-notch degree courses. Working with the two universities gives our courses substance, and our students the chance to make the most of their excellent facilities, resources and more.



www.bathspa.ac.uk

Bath Spa University has worked with local students and colleges for a long time. Weston College is a key member of Bath Spa's partnership arrangements, and we offer more and more Bath Spa Foundation Degree courses each year. The Foundation Degrees are put together with help from businesses so that you will be well prepared to meet the needs of local employers.

You will have the choice of going to find a job at the end of your course, or applying to progress to an Honours Degree. You will be part of the university just like any other Bath Spa student. A member of the Student Union and university library, you will be encouraged to visit the university to take advantage of its resources.

There are about 6,500 students in Bath Spa University's close-knit community – big enough to offer a good range of courses and first rate facilities, but small enough to give students individual attention. The university places particular emphasis on creativity, culture and enterprise. In the National Student Survey, Bath Spa students consistently record a high level of satisfaction, and the university was made a national Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning in subjects leading to careers in the creative industries. No wonder it's a popular choice!



University of the
West of England

www.uwe.ac.uk

The University of the West of England (UWE), Bristol is passionate about giving the local community the chance to study in Higher Education. It works with other colleges, together called the UWE Federation, which has strong links with local business, so its courses help students train for the workplace.

At Weston College, you can study a number of courses validated by UWE, which give you an excellent chance to develop knowledge and skills for your future career. You may also be able to progress to an Honours Degree at UWE. As a UWE student you can use all the university's resources and support services, including its multi-million pound sports centre, extensive library, and access to a whole range of part-time employment through its 'Jobshop' – one of the largest of its kind in the UK.

You will become a member of the UWE Student Union and be able to participate in a huge range of clubs and societies.

UWE is one of the largest universities in the UK. It offers a wide range of courses to nearly 30,000 full-time and part-time students. Whatever you want to get out of Higher Education, UWE, together with Weston College, aims to help you achieve it.



How much will it cost?

It is important to stress that having a degree is a good investment – it will improve your chance of getting a job and increase your salary in years to come.

Weston College courses give you the opportunity to combine academic study and work-related learning in order that you can offer a qualification and valuable experience to employers on graduation. As a result we have excellent employability rates with 65% of our Honours graduates in 2011 are now in related graduate employment, compared to a national average of 45%.



What do I have to pay for?

There are two main financial considerations as a student – the cost of the course (tuition fees) and living costs (rent, travel, bills etc).

Tuition fees (graduate contribution)

In 2013, most universities are charging tuition fees between £6,000 and £9,000 per year for full-time UK and EU undergraduate students. The tuition fees for our courses are £7,500 per year, (for UK and EU students) but it is important to remember that this amount does not have to be paid up-front or while you are studying. All eligible students can take out a tuition fee loan from the Student Loans Company to cover the cost of your tuition fees; this is paid directly to your university on your behalf. This loan is not means-tested, so is not dependent on your household income. You will only start repaying this loan once you have left university, are employed and earning over £21,000 a year.

Living costs and other expenses

For many students – particularly those living away from home – the biggest expense will be accommodation costs. However, you will also need money for your day-to-day living expenses, such as food, laundry, travel, books, clothes and socialising. The amount you will need will vary with individual circumstances. There will also be costs attached to your course itself – items such as books, stationery, photocopying and printing. Certain courses involve additional costs for items such as field trips, art materials and special equipment. All of our art and design, music and performance courses are subject to an annual materials fee. Most students are eligible for a student loan to help towards these costs, but the amount you get depends on your personal circumstances.

Further details will be posted on our website www.weston.ac.uk, and on the Government website www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

What financial support can I get?

Student maintenance loan

A maintenance loan is available to help cover accommodation and other living costs for students normally residing in the UK, who are studying at university for the first time. This loan is in addition to the student tuition fee loan described above – although both are paid by the Student Loans Company and you can apply for both loans at the same time.

Some of the maintenance loan entitlement will be non-means-tested, and available to all students, but the rest is means-tested and the amount you get will be affected by your household income. If you live with your parents while you study, you will be entitled to a smaller maintenance loan. Your exact entitlement to the maintenance loan will be calculated by Student Finance England.

You will start repaying both your maintenance and tuition fee loans once you have graduated and are earning at least £21,000. You pay back 9% of any earnings above £21,000 a year – for example, a graduate earning £25,000 per year would repay their loan at a rate of £6.92 per week or £30 per month. Higher earners would pay more – so as your earnings increase, so will your repayments.

Student maintenance grant

If you're from England and doing a full-time Higher Education course in the UK, you may be able to get help with accommodation and other living costs through a maintenance grant. The maintenance grant does not have to be repaid, and you'll be automatically assessed for any entitlement when you apply for your student finance if you provide evidence of your

household income, (there is one student finance application). The grant is means-tested, so whether you qualify and the level of support you get depends on your household income. If your household income is up to £25,000 you'll be eligible for a grant up to £3,354. If it is between £25,000 and £42,600 you'll receive a partial grant.

Previous study – if you have a higher qualification

If you are a UK/EU student and already have a UK Honours Degree or other Higher Education qualification, you should note that your funding arrangements may differ. You may not be eligible for the student loan for example. We recommend that you contact Student Finance England directly to talk about your individual circumstances and they will be able to inform you of the funding that you may be entitled to.

Weston College scholarships

In addition to the support mentioned previously, Weston College also offers a number of scholarships:

Weston College progression scholarship

£300 in the first year of study is available to all students who completed a Level 3 course at Weston College within the last five years and continue at the College for their Higher Education.

Weston excellence scholarship

All students who achieve ABB in their A Levels or DDM in their BTEC National will be awarded a £500 scholarship (paid in two instalments) during their first year of study at Weston College. Students will need to provide evidence of their qualifications.



Federation of schools scholarship

One student from each college or sixth form in the local area will be awarded a £300 scholarship during their first year of study.

Students apply for these scholarships using a form available from the HE Unit. Applications close at the end of September.

All payments are made in two instalments, one in the autumn and one in the beginning of the spring term.

Weston College part-time scholarship

£750 for each year of study is available to all students studying on a part-time degree course.

Principal's scholarship

This is a one off scholarship of £500. It is awarded to a student for outstanding academic achievement in year one of their Higher Education studies who then progresses into year two of their studies at the College. This award is announced in the spring term at our annual Celebration of Success event.

A student will be selected following a proposal and supporting reference from their tutor.

International work-placement scholarship

We have 15 scholarships of £500 available to support students who would like to carry out their work placement abroad. Students will need to complete an application form and return it to us with details of their placement. In recent years we have supported students who have worked in Cyprus, Gibraltar, Poland, Germany and the Gambia.

International student scholarship

Five scholarships of £500 (paid in two instalments) awarded to selected international students during their first year of study. Priority will be given to students showing academic excellence or who come through one of our international partners.

National Scholarship Programme

If you are studying a Weston College degree and your household income is £25,000 or less, you may qualify for a National Scholarship. Weston College will award Scholarships to the value of £3,000 to five students in their first year of study from 2013 onwards. £1,000 will be in the form of a cash bursary paid in two instalments, the remaining £2,000 will either be awarded as a fee waiver or financial support towards our student accommodation. Further support is available during the second year of study. The HE Unit at Weston College will contact applicants regarding the National Scholarship Programme once we have received a UCAS application. If you would like to know more please contact the HE Unit.

Other sources of income**Interest-free overdrafts**

As a student you will find that almost all banks offer you a student account. This usually means that you will be entitled to an interest-free overdraft and free banking. Make sure you shop around for the best deals.

University bursaries and National Scholarship Programme

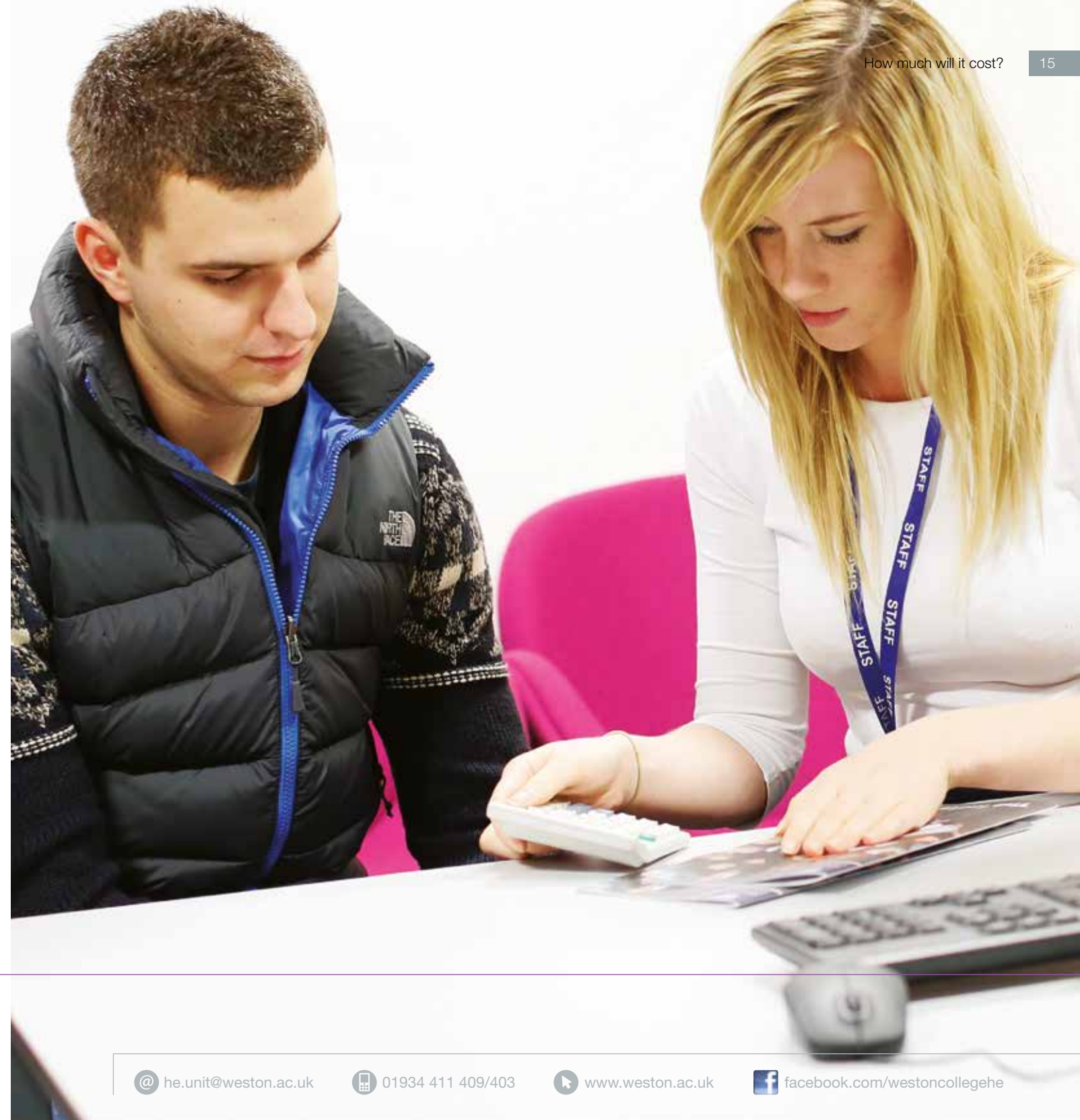
You may be eligible for additional bursaries or scholarships. These are largely assessed on household income, and application is automatic via your Student Finance England application. We recommend that you contact your partner university for more information on their specific bursary scheme and National Scholarship Programme.

Part-time students

All of our part-time courses qualify for student support. Part-time students will be eligible for a tuition fee loan, repayments terms are the same as full-time students,

In addition, all students qualify for a bursary of £750 (payable in two instalments), which is non-repayable.

Further details will be posted on our website
www.weston.ac.uk, and on the Government
website www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance



We're here to help

We put our students at the heart of everything we do, so we are keen to make sure your degree experience goes smoothly.

Preparing for your first year of life as a degree student can be daunting, but our Higher Education Unit will make this time as easy and exciting as possible for you. We can give you the support you need to not only be successful, but also to make sure that your time with us is a great experience.

We can offer help and advice with:

- Student finances – student loans, higher education access to learning funds and emergency loans
- Accommodation, personal problems, stress and other welfare-related issues
- Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)
- Careers guidance
- Counselling (a free and confidential service)
- Health, with our on-site College nurse.

We make sure all our students have a personal tutor so that you get the individual support and advice you need. Your tutor will listen to any worries you have and give you regular feedback on how you are getting on at College.

Our culture

We are an inclusive College and we aim to create a secure and welcoming environment for all members of our community. To enable everyone to enjoy learning to their full potential, Weston College expects all staff, learners and visitors to maintain a culture of respect. We ask all members of the Weston College community to respect themselves, respect other people, respect the environment and respect the opportunity to learn.

If you'd like a copy of our Equality Policy, go to www.weston.ac.uk and click on **downloads**.

Disabled people

A range of support services are available to students with physical disabilities, mental health conditions, learning difficulties and/or disabilities to enable equal access to all our provision.

If you would like to discuss your individual requirements, any reasonable adjustments or would like further information, contact our support team on **01934 411 558**.

Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)

If you are applying for a degree level course and have a learning difficulty and/or disability, you may be entitled to a Disabled Students Allowance (DSA).

DSA provides additional funding for individual related support, resources and/or equipment.

You need to apply via Student Finance England for this allowance and the form (DSA1) can be downloaded from www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

For more information and advice on this process contact the Learning Support team or the HE Unit at Weston College on **01934 411 558**.

For further information contact our Higher Education Unit on **01934 411 403/409**.

Are you an international student?

Leaving your own country to study in the UK is a big step, but you will be assured of a friendly welcome and support at Weston College. We will take care of you throughout your application to ensure you have the information you need. If English is not your first language, we do ask that you have an International English Language Test (IELTS) grade 6.0. For the specific entry requirements, please refer to our website.

For further details contact the International office at international@weston.ac.uk.



It's never too late to do a degree

You'd be surprised how many people are unsure that they've got what it takes to be a degree student.

At Weston College we do all we can to encourage everyone who is interested in taking the next step in their education. We will consider a huge range of different qualifications and experience to get on our courses, so that as many people as possible can take part.

We can tell you what you can get in terms of help with money and other types of support. We offer advice and guidance on future career choices as well as practical help with your job or study applications.

Whoever you are, whatever your background, we provide a safe and supportive place for you to enjoy studying.

Our promise

We have produced a Student Charter, which describes our commitment to all our students, and tells you what you can expect from us in terms of teaching and learning support. It also gives you an idea of what we will expect of you during your time with us.

If you would like a copy of the Student Charter, call **01934 411 411** or go to www.weston.ac.uk/studentcharter

Finding a place to call home

For many of you, coming to Weston College will mean moving away from home for the first time. Therefore, it's no surprise that sorting out accommodation is top of most student-to-be's list of things to do.

The HE Unit at Weston College is here for all students throughout the year. We offer a friendly and helpful service sorting out the degree student accommodation, and helping if you want to rent somewhere privately. We will also help you find a place to rent in your second and third years by giving you advice on what to look out for as well as putting you in touch with our preferred landlords.

Where will I live?

This is a good question to ask when you're thinking about college life because everyone wants something different. We know how important it is to choose the right accommodation, so we aim to make your choice as easy as possible with the help of our accommodation booklet. Download it at www.weston.ac.uk/higher/accommodation

We have a number of houses and flats which are only for Weston College degree level students to live in. Our HE Unit allocates the student accommodation on a first-come-first-served basis, although if you're coming from outside the area and you've chosen one of our Foundation Degrees as your first choice through UCAS, you'll get priority over other students.

We have places to live within walking distance of the Knightstone Campus and on bus routes to the University Campus. All students have their own room and generally share kitchens and bathrooms. We also have a number of en-suite rooms. Rent varies from £87-£117* a week including utility bills (water, gas, electricity) and internet access. You will have to sign a 48-week contract for your accommodation.

How do I apply?

There are plenty of different places to live in Weston-super-Mare, but some are more popular than others. If you want to get your first choice, our top tip is... apply early!

Once you accept a place on a course with us, we will send you information on how to apply for student accommodation. You will need to fill in a form and send it back to us with a payment for the deposit – this is the only way to reserve your student accommodation.

When will I find out where I'm going to live?

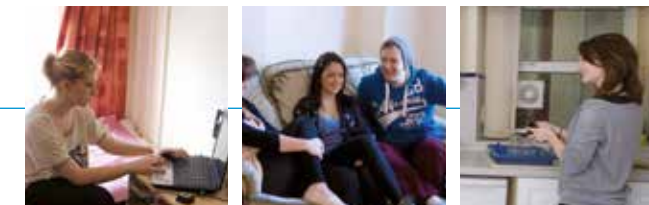
We usually start sorting out student accommodation during the summer, and aim to let you know by the end of August, as soon as we've confirmed your place on your course. We can only save your place if you send us a payment for the deposit.

What if I miss the deadline?

If you hand in your application but have missed our deadline, please don't worry. We can help you find somewhere to rent that will suit your needs. Please contact us and we will be happy to help you.

Accessible accommodation

Please contact our HE Unit to discuss accessible accommodation for disabled students on **01934 411 403**.



What's student accommodation like?

Ashcombe Road is about a 10-minute walk from the town centre and the Knightstone Campus. Students share kitchens/bathrooms and there is a communal lounge and garden.

The Alex is in the centre of town above a student friendly pub – which is great for a lively student experience! Seven students can live here, and some of the rooms have en-suite bathrooms.

Kew Road is split into flats with their own kitchen and lounge for two or three students to share. It's about a 10-minute walk from the town centre and the Knightstone Campus and has ten rooms, most of which are en-suite. There is also a regular bus to University Campus and plenty of parking.

Birnbeck Halls is our largest property with 27 bedrooms, some of which are en-suite. It has shared kitchens, lounge and games room – along with a great view of Weston.

Maderia Cove has 14 bedrooms and is on the seafront so some of the rooms have sea views. It's only a few minutes' walk from the Knightstone Campus and has some parking. There are only a few en-suite rooms, so most students share kitchens/bathrooms.

Warwick Court is our quiet halls. It's split into flats for two or three students, each with their own bathrooms and kitchens. It's on the sea front and just a few minutes' walk from the Knightstone Campus or on a bus route to University Campus. Up to 16 students live here altogether. This property is usually reserved for students who would prefer a quiet place to live where they can study without interruption. In addition, students with particular disabilities may be prioritised to live in this property. As a result there is likely to be a mix of first, second and third year students.

*Please note these are 2012 figures, refer to our website for up-to-date information.

Once your accommodation has been allocated, why not get in touch on our Facebook page – so you can start chatting to who you will be living with. [facebook.com/westoncollegehe](https://www.facebook.com/westoncollegehe)

To find out more about student accommodation download our booklet at www.weston.ac.uk/higher/accommodation



Living the student life

We want you to do well with your studies, but we also want to make sure you have a great time from the moment you start to the moment you finish being a student at Weston College.

Freshers' Week

Like any good degree course, we start with a Freshers' Week to introduce you to life in Weston-super-Mare, to your partner university and to each other. We'll make sure that you have fun, make friends and ease yourself into the academic side of life by meeting your tutors and fellow students.

There are social events and activities during the day and every evening to help you meet other degree students. In recent years these events have included karaoke, a toga party, school disco, ultimate frisbee, a pub quiz, under the sea foam party, paintballing and an awards night.

Join the Union!

One of the benefits of being a student is that you can become a member of the National Union of Students (NUS), you will become a member of Weston College's Student Union. The Student Union assists, provides services for and represents all our students.

The Student Union can offer you:

- NUS democracy and NUS Extra cards as well as student discounts
- International Student Identity Card (ISIC)
- Social events and trips
- Awareness campaigns about a range of issues.

In addition, you will become a member of the union at your university.

This means you can use all their facilities and services like sport and university teams and loads of clubs and societies. Both our partner universities have lots of exciting events during Freshers' Week, which usually ends with a Freshers' Ball. To find out more, visit your partner university's website at www.uwe.ac.uk or www.bathspa.ac.uk

Student voice

We take student views very seriously and want to make sure we listen and respond to your opinions.

There are plenty of ways to get involved. Every course elects student representatives from each year to speak for their group and attend meetings to have an input into how your course and the College are run. In addition, all students are invited to provide feedback on their courses/modules. We also elect HE reps within the Student Union who attend key meetings with corporate and senior managers of the College.

Read all about it

Peer Press is our exclusive degree student newsletter, designed and produced by students. It's one of the ways we all keep in touch with each other, make sure you are up-to-date with everything that's going on, and communicate important information to do with student loans and social events. We hope, as students, you will want to write articles to be included. If you fancy yourself as a budding journalist or editor why not get involved in the design, content or production? You can check out the latest edition at www.weston.ac.uk/peerpress

For further details about activities, contact the Student Union on **01934 411 403** or student.union@weston.ac.uk



Facebook

To find out more about life as a degree student at Weston College, become a fan on our Facebook page facebook.com/westoncollegehe and get regular updates from us.



YouTube

Watch the latest videos on our YouTube channel. You can find out what our students think and see the state-of-the-art facilities available. www.youtube.com/user/westoncollegemedia



Becky says:

“My work experience at a Secret World Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre was fantastic; I was able to hand-rear baby squirrels and tube-feed birds.”

“I was immensely proud to complete the course and show my 10-year-old son that hard work pays off. And, following the work placement, I’ve been able to secure a permanent position at Secret World.”

What’s next? “I plan to top-up to an honours degree in the future and would like to venture further in areas of animal rehabilitation and physiotherapy with hopes of one day running my own business.”



FdSc Animal Management

Full-time: 2 years (3 days a week) **Part-time:** 3 years (2 days a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus and Badgworth Equestrian and Animal Centre

Why choose this course?

This unique course integrates the development of in-depth knowledge of animal management, with specialist subject knowledge within animal science and business.

Course structure and content

It is a vocationally-focused course that will enable you to engage in work-based learning throughout. Example modules include:

Year one

- Introduction to animal behaviour
- Animal nutrition
- Systems biology
- Animal management (includes 160 hours of work experience)
- Introduction to veterinary science and principles of animal biology (subject to previous qualifications)
- Business studies
- Graduate Development Programme (GDP).

Year two

- Introduction to animal welfare
- Animal management (includes 330 hours of work experience)
- Parasitology
- Ethics and welfare
- Field course (option to study overseas on 1 week field course)
- Research process
- Independent project
- Graduate Development Programme (GDP).

Delivery method

- Formal lectures
- Group seminars
- Practical sessions
- Workshops
- Laboratory sessions
- Work-based learning
- Overseas field work (optional).

Assessment

- Assignments
- Examinations
- Practical performance
- Presentations
- Projects
- Work-based learning
- Reflective practice
- Portfolios.

Entry requirements

Offers will usually be based on UCAS tariff of 160 points from at least one of the following:

- BTEC National Diploma/Certificate/Award in a related area
- Advanced/Extended Diploma in a related area
- A Levels in a related subject, preferably one in a biological science
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Advanced Apprenticeship in a related area.

You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, recent and relevant experience may be taken into account.

Progression opportunities

There are opportunities to continue your studies for a further year to complete an Honours Degree at Hartpury College or other animal related degrees, or progress to specialist areas such as animal behaviour, nutrition or veterinary nursing. Alternatively, this course will prepare you for a variety of careers in the industry including employment by animal welfare and wildlife organisations, zoological work, teaching/training, and supervisory posts in animal retail organisations or animal product sales.

How to apply

Full time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part time course: apply to UWE via Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



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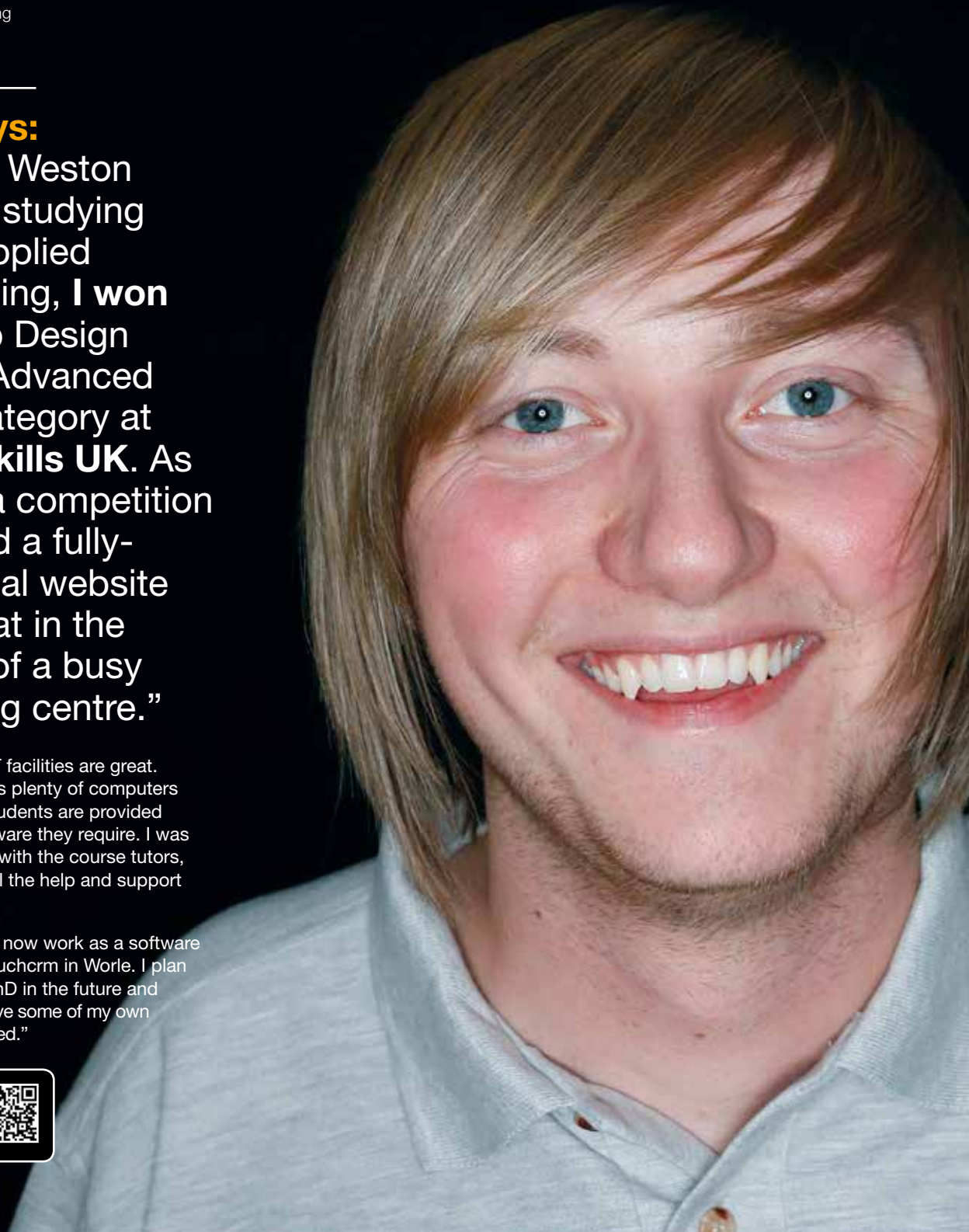
Institution: B80
Course: D302
Campus: E

Dan says:

“While at Weston College studying FdSc Applied Computing, I won the Web Design Higher Advanced Level category at **WorldSkills UK**. As part of a competition I created a fully-functional website whilst sat in the middle of a busy shopping centre.”

“The College’s IT facilities are great. There are always plenty of computers available and students are provided with all the software they require. I was very impressed with the course tutors, who provided all the help and support I needed.”

What’s next? “I now work as a software engineer at Intouchcrm in Worle. I plan to study for a PhD in the future and would like to have some of my own research published.”



FdSc Applied Computing

Top-up
available
See page
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Full-time: 2 years (2 days a week) **Part-time:** 3 years (1 day a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

Information technology affects all sectors of industry and commerce and requires professional, highly skilled individuals to undertake a variety of roles. This course will provide you with technical skills as well as exposure to the workplace and has been designed to equip you for this dynamic and varied industry. You will benefit from being taught in small groups with close tutor support throughout the course.

Course structure and content

This work-based qualification has been developed in conjunction with employers. It will help prepare you for a high profile career. It aims to develop a theoretical and practical set of up-to-date technical skills as well as knowledge and understanding of a wide range of computing disciplines.

Year one

Your first year will concentrate on developing a range of practical skills in software and hardware, as well as preparing you for study at degree level.

Year two

Your second year will take a more in-depth approach to specialist areas such as web development and e-commerce, a variety of software development, and multimedia technologies. Work placement is an integral part of the course.

Delivery method

The course is delivered primarily at the College, however it also includes a work-based research project within the IT industry. Taught sessions will take the form of:

- Formal lectures
- Practical sessions
- Educational visits
- Guest speakers for specialist subject areas
- An element of blended learning.

Assessment

- Practical projects
- Written reports
- Presentations
- Examinations
- Certain units may also incorporate a written exam.

Entry requirements

- You will need a UCAS tariff of 160 points or more gained from at least one of the following: BTEC National Diploma/Certificate, BTEC Extended Diploma, two or more A Levels, Advanced Apprenticeship, Access to Higher Education Diploma.
- If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements then other qualifications and experience may be taken into account. Applicants are assessed on an individual basis.

You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

Applications may be subject to interview.

Progression opportunities

On successful completion of this Foundation Degree, you may have the opportunity to continue for a further year to complete an Honours Degree in Applied Computing offered at Weston College (page 27). Alternatively, this course will prepare you for a variety of careers in the IT industry.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- Weston College scholarships
- Weston College Bursary/National Scholarship Programme.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



UCAS
CODE
Institution: W47
Course: I101
Campus: –

Nyasha says:

“Thanks to the College’s **immense support**, I was able to achieve a First Class Honours Degree and was subsequently named **Higher Education Student of the Year** at the College’s Celebration of Success Awards.”

“The Degree equipped me with the technical capacity required to start my own technology company, as well as the business skills and acumen to manage and administer it. These skills are also crucial in my role as a consultant at the Royal Bank of Scotland Group.”

What’s next? “I’d like to focus on developing my company, Chip’s Technology Ltd, and also aim to complete a Masters Degree in business and finance in the future.”



BSc (Hons) Applied Computing (top-up)

Full-time: 1 year (1 day and evening a week) **Part-time:** 2 years (1 day a week or two half days)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

The modern IT professional requires a sound technical ability, practical experience, project and people management skills to succeed in this competitive industry. This course will expand your technical knowledge and expertise, provide you with a comprehensive range of computing as well as business skills and offer you the opportunity to develop your own work-based research project to develop solutions for actual business related problems. These are skills and competencies highly valued by IT employers, who want staff who are able to adapt themselves to a variety of work requirements.

Course structure and content

This work-based qualification has been developed in conjunction with employers and follows on from the Foundation Degree in Applied Computing, allowing you to achieve a full Honours Degree. This course will further develop your theoretical and practical set of up-to-date technical skills as well as your managerial skills. Semester one will consist of a range of modules that will further develop skills in desktop and web programming, emerging technologies and research. There will also be some applied business units to provide an understanding of managing IT in a business context. In Semester two, skills will be extended in

software development for different platforms. Emphasis will be placed on the construction of a work-based research project. In addition, further applied business units will be studied.

Delivery method

The course is delivered primarily at the College, however it also includes a work-based research project within the IT industry. Taught sessions will take the form of:

- Formal lectures
- Practical sessions
- Educational visits
- Guest speakers for specialist subject areas
- An element of blended learning
- Work-related activities.

Assessment

- Work-based research project
- Written reports
- Presentations
- Time-constrained in class activities
- Certain units may also incorporate a written exam.

Entry requirements

Successful completion of a related Foundation Degree or (Level 5) equivalent – subject to interview. It will be the student’s responsibility to identify and agree a suitable work-based learning environment with their tutor in which they can carry out the work-based research project. This must be in place at the time of admission.

Progression opportunities

This course will prepare you for a variety of careers in the computer industry including research and management positions.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £6,000 per year (full time)
- £4,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- Weston College scholarships
- Weston College Bursary/ National Scholarship Programme.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



UCAS
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Institution: W47
Course: I100
Campus: –

Will says:
 “The small class sizes at Weston College enable you to get so much more out of the lessons.”

“The degree opens so many doors and the quality of teaching at the College is fantastic. As I have dyslexia, I was allowed extra time to complete exams and it was a massive boost to pass my first year exams.”

What’s next? “I plan to progress to the top-up year at UWE to complete the Honours Degree and I’d like to get a job in marketing/sales in the future.”

FdA Business with Management

Full-time: 2 years (2 days a week) **Part-time:** 3 years (1 day a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Top-up available
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Why choose this course?

This course allows you the opportunity to study a UWE undergraduate course at your local College. It will provide you with a broad knowledge of a variety of business disciplines, transferable skills and knowledge of the dynamic business world. Small class sizes enable you to learn in a supportive environment.

Course structure and content

This work-related degree qualification will provide you with a thorough academic and practical grounding in a range of business and management skills that will help you progress in a business career. This broad qualification looks at the theory and application of various business techniques. This course will help make you a more confident business practitioner whether you are self-employed or working in the public/private sector. Modules include:

Year one

- Business environment
- Organisational behaviour
- Introduction to financial analysis
- Experience in the workplace 1
- Introduction to management
- Business analysis
- Business communications and information management.

Year two

- Advanced management
- Business law
- Managing people
- Financial information and decision making
- Principles of marketing
- Experience in the workplace 2
- Operations management.

The course can include a period of working and studying abroad which will help develop an international business perspective.

Delivery method

Taught sessions will take the form of lectures, seminars and practical sessions. There will also be opportunities to develop solutions to real workplace problems during your study.

Assessment

- Assignments
- Examinations
- Practical performance
- Presentations
- Projects
- Work-based learning
- Reflective practice
- Portfolios.

Entry requirements

Offers will usually be based on UCAS tariff of 80-120 points from at least one of the following:

- BTEC National Diploma/ Certificate/Award in a related area
- BTEC Extended Diploma in a related area

- Advanced/Extended Diploma in a related area
- A Levels
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Advanced Apprenticeship in a related area.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, mature students with recent supervisory or managerial experience may have this taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis.

You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

Progression opportunities

- You may have the opportunity to continue your studies for a further year to complete an Honours Degree in Business
- If you choose to go into employment, the course will have prepared you for a diverse range of jobs in the business environment whilst having the added benefit of providing valuable and practical work experience.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to the University of the West of England via Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS CODE
 Institution: B80
 Course: N1NG
 Campus: E



BA (Hons) Business with Management (top-up)

(subject to final approval)

Full-time: 1 year (2 days a week) **Part-time:** 2 years (1 day a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

This course has been designed in consultation with local employers and will equip you with essential business knowledge and hone your skills in change management and leadership. You will immerse yourself in the key contemporary business issues and debate ethical and sustainable business solutions.

Course structure and content

This degree will include a major project, modules which require the integration of the knowledge gained in the earlier years of study and a number of advanced business module options which allow you to develop your specific interests. It is anticipated that you will choose a project that is relevant to the work-based learning opportunities offered to you as part of your earlier study. This real-life project will provide value to your employer and enhance your CV. The curriculum also includes a focus on managing change, both organisationally and in terms of your own career. Modules include:

- Managing sustainability
- People and leadership development
- Business strategy and ethics
- Contemporary issues and change management
- Research project.

A choice of one of the following:

- New business enterprise
- Business events management.

Delivery method

Taught sessions will take the form of lectures, seminars and case studies, and use a variety of technologically-enhanced learning and teaching tools.

Assessment

- Exam
- Assignments
- Presentations
- Poster defence
- Reports.

Entry requirements

A pass at Foundation Degree from any awarding body in the UK. An HND will be considered on an individual basis and the Accredited Learning (AL) process used to admit those students who can evidence learning against the learning outcomes of a standard Foundation Degree programme of study.

You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

Progression opportunities

This programme will equip you to secure graduate level employment.

Further study is also an option and graduates have gone on to study Masters courses in areas such as Financial Management, Marketing, Human Resource Management and Economics, as well as professional qualifications studied alongside working, such as Accountancy professional body qualifications like ACCA and CIMA.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to the University of the West of England via Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition Fees

(for 2012 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition Fee Loan
- Maintenance Loan†
- Maintenance Grant†
- University Bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College Scholarships.

Please see our website for further information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



Nick says:

“Three years ago, I’d never even sat an exam. However, thanks to the tutors at Weston College, who provide support in a personal but professional manner, I’ve progressed to studying a fantastic degree.”

“My time at Weston College has been so memorable. I achieved a triple distinction in my Level 3 course, won a nationally-recognised award and also won the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education award for the South West. Without the tutors’ support, I would never have achieved these high standards.”

What’s next? “I volunteer with a number of projects working with individuals suffering from addiction and aim to pursue a career in this area after completing the Foundation Degree.”

FdSc Care Management in the Community

Full-time: 2 years (1 day a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

This course will promote and develop standards in care and give you the opportunity to explore and develop your interest in the private and voluntary social care sector. The course will be of specific interest to individuals and organisations that provide services to adults with mental health, learning disabilities and care of older people.

With an equal balance of theory and practice, the course is designed to meet the development needs of the individual employee and the needs of the private and voluntary care sectors.



Course structure and content

The overall aim of the course is to prepare a care worker with a specified range of skills in partnership with others within national, regional and local employment arenas. The skills are based within the following categories:

- Technical and work-related skills
- Key and generic skills
- Increased understanding of the world of work.

Modules include:

Year one

- Processes of health and disease
- Community care organisation
- Aspects of interpersonal communication
- Occupational practice 1.

Year two

- Support systems for long-term conditions
- Leadership for health
- Effective intervention strategies and quality lives
- Occupational practice 2.

Delivery method

Taught sessions will take the form of:

- Formal lectures
- Group seminars
- Practical sessions
- Workshops
- Work-based learning.

Assessment

- Assignments
- Presentations
- Exams.

Entry requirements

Offers will usually be based on UCAS tariff of 100 points from at least one of the following:

- A Levels
- NVQ Level 3
- BTEC National Extended Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma, which should include credits at Level 2 Maths, English and Science
- Advanced Apprenticeship.

You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above or equivalent, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

If you are unable to meet the academic entry requirement you will be assessed on an individual basis using evidence of accreditation or experimental learning.

You must be employed (contracted or voluntary) within the health and social care sector completing at least 700 hours per annum for the duration of the programme and have an identified work-based mentor recognised and agreed as such by the course team. You will need the support of your employer/organisation to do this course. In some circumstances mentoring support can be offered from the programme team.

Applicants will be interviewed.

Progression opportunities

Opportunities exist for graduates to continue their studies up to Honours Degree at our partner university. Upon completion of the degree further opportunities may be identified with service providers to enhance the qualification within a career structure.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £6,000 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- Weston College Bursery/ National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College Scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

UCAS CODE
Institution: W47
Course: L540
Campus: –



Former school: Bristol Cathedral School

Hannah says:
 “As soon as I arrived for my interview at Weston College, I knew it was where I wanted to study.”

“The thing I enjoy most about the College is the fact I’m always in a creative environment and constantly being inspired by the creativity of those around me. Not only are the facilities excellent, but students have a lot of contact with tutors, who are extremely knowledgeable about their subjects.”

What’s next? “My next step is completing my BA Honours top-up at Weston College. I then hope to pursue a career in printing and textiles.”

FdA Contemporary Art and Professional Studies

Top-up available
 See page 37

Full-time: 2 years (3 days a week: studio space will be available for you to use for the remainder of the week)
Part-time: 3 years (2 days a week: studio space available as above)
Location: Weston College’s University Campus

Why choose this course?

This course has been designed on the basis that art making is a form of disclosure by which we use particular aesthetic devices and equipment to convey our intentions to a given audience. For an artwork to carry these intentions successfully, we need to be clear what it is that we wish to draw attention to and who it is for.

Knowing who the work addresses is important because it defines the kind of market place in which we can promote our work and it is for this reason that the course also has a commitment to work-based learning.

To this end, theory and practice are intertwined to disclose a personal rather than derivative approach to the world and to make informed decisions about the ways in which we can communicate our style in an aesthetic manner.

Course structure and content

- Modules include:
- Lectures, seminars and workshops
 - Studio practice
 - Site specific projects and live commissions
 - Work placement opportunities
 - Exhibitions.

Assessment

- Exhibitions
- Portfolio of supporting evidence (sketchbooks etc.)
- Group critiques
- Presentations
- Essays, project reports and practice journals.

Entry requirements

You should be passionate about a career in art and design which will be reflected in a creative portfolio of work. You will also need a UCAS tariff in the range of 180-220 points gained from at least one of the following:

- Foundation Studies in Art and Design BTEC National Diploma/ Extended/Certificate in Art and Design or other design based subject
- Two or more A Levels at grade C or above, with one in an art or design related subject or Advanced Diploma in Creative Media
- BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design or related area
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Previous experience can be taken into account, dependent upon portfolio.

An interview with portfolio will be required.

Progression opportunities

- The Foundation Degree will give you the employability skills and knowledge with which to find employment in a variety of careers in the creative sector.
- Progression to the BA (Hons) top-up offered at the College (page 37) will allow you the opportunity to continue your creative development, and provide you with skills that are absolutely essential, if it is your intention to become a successful freelance professional or employee within the creative industries.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to Bath Spa University via Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†

- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS CODE
 Institution: B20
 Course: WWDF
 Campus: C

Kimberley says:
“I’ve had so much fun studying at Weston College. It’s a fantastic community and everyone is so friendly.”

“I’ve a far greater understanding of how the art business works thanks to my rewarding course. Help from my tutors has enabled me to perform to really high standards.

What next? “I would like to become a curator in a gallery.”



BA (Hons) Contemporary Art and Professional Studies (top-up: work-based)

Full-time: 1 year (2 days a week) **Part-time:** 2 years (1 and a half day a week)

Location: Weston College's University Campus

Why choose this course?

This course will allow you the opportunity to continue your creative development, and provide you with skills that are absolutely essential, if it is your intention to become a successful freelance professional or employee within the creative industries.

Course structure and content

The course consists of four modules (120 credits total) at Level 6. Each module combines your own practice with the type of research and theory that will allow you to develop a portfolio of skills.

- Consolidate your creative skills and promote your own work
- Diversify these skills into areas in which you can make a living
- Find employment in the creative industries
- Become a freelance professional.

Delivery method

Taught sessions may include:

- Lectures, seminars and presentations
- Studio practice and workshops
- One-to-one tutorials.

Assessment

- Project reports/journals
- Professional portfolios/exhibition
- Research project
- Presentations

There are no formal written examinations.

Entry requirements

All applicants will have:

- Completed an FdA in Contemporary Art and Professional Studies or an Art and Design based Foundation Degree or equivalent
- Secured a work-based setting or be self employed
- Identified a suitable work-based mentor.

Applicants will be interviewed.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to Bath Spa University via Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan[†]
- Maintenance grant[†]
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme[†]
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

[†]Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
Course: WV44
Campus: C

Jake says:

“I came to Weston College as a mature student with no formal qualifications, but have **progressed** from the Access to Higher Education course to a Foundation Degree in the **career I want to pursue.**”

“I have nothing but praise for my tutor and the staff I have encountered. My disability prevents me coming into College on occasions, but the support of staff and tutors is always there and, without it, I wouldn't have got this far.”

What's next? “I plan to start my own counselling practice, working with male victims of domestic abuse and people affected by Asperger's Syndrome. I'm also considering a Masters Degree in the future and am now topping up to a BSc.”

FdSc Counselling

Full-time: 2 years (3½ days a week) **Part-time:** 3 years (1 day a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Top-up
available
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Why choose this course?

This course is based on the integration of research-based counselling practice and humanistic theory, to prepare you for counselling practice with people with diverse needs. Successful completion of the qualification enables you to register as a Counsellor with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). We have excellent placement opportunities locally and within the region and our students are highly regarded.

Course structure and content

The course responds to an increasing need for highly qualified counsellors who show a professional attitude and aptitude to work with vulnerable people in health, social care and education settings. It is a profession that requires high levels of flexibility and adjustment to government policies and strategies. You are trained to facilitate the development of personal resourcefulness to meet the demands of day-to-day life as well as dealing with mental health issues as a result of life's challenges. Modules include:

Year one

- Personal and professional development part 1
- Core theory and contemporary practice
- Life events, development and transitions.

Year two

- Personal and professional development part 2
- The reflective practitioner
- Mental well-being: theory, practice and research.

Delivery method

- Formal lectures
- Seminars
- Interactive and reflective group work
- Practical sessions
- Workshops
- Work-based learning.

Assessment

- Academic course work
- Practice assessment
- Placement and supervision reports.

Entry requirements

Offers will usually be based on successfully achieving at least one of the following:

- Advanced Counselling course
- A Levels in related subjects (e.g. Health, Social Care, Psychology)
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Advanced/Extended Diploma/NVQ3 in related areas.

In addition, you also need to have a full Level 2 Counselling Certificate. For this course, we are looking for students who are able to critically self-reflect, show openness to challenges and demonstrate maturity, which allows you to use your life experiences to enhance your learning.

Applicants will be interviewed.

Progression opportunities

- There are opportunities to continue your studies for a further year to complete the Honours Degree in Counselling at Weston College (page 41).
- Alternatively this course prepares you for a variety of careers in the counselling field where you will be able to gain recognition by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). You also have the opportunity to develop a specialist expertise in your specific area of interest.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)

Students on this course enjoy a lower tuition fee, and can apply for the following funding (based on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- Weston College scholarships
- Weston College Bursary/ National Scholarship Programme†.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS
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Institution: W47
Course: B940
Campus: –



Steve says:
“I love how passionate tutors are about their subject. As I’m a passionate person, it really ignites me.”

“It’s a fantastic course, which enhances your skills, focus and analytical thinking as a developing therapist. This is so important if you’re looking to work within organisations which demand a high level of competence and expect you to take responsibility for your own professional development.”

What’s next? “I work as a lead counsellor at the Broadway Lodge recovery centre. After completing the degree, I plan to work with my team to develop new workshops and will then look towards studying a Masters.”

BSc (Hons) Counselling (top-up)

Full-time: 1 year (1 day plus 1 evening a week)
Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

The course integrates research based humanistic counselling practice and theory, and provides an opportunity to develop an expertise in your practical area of interest. There is also a small-scale research project for you to undertake.

Course structure and content

This course responds to increasing opportunities for highly qualified counsellors who show professional attitude and aptitude to work with vulnerable people. It is a profession that requires high levels of flexibility and adjustment to government policies and strategies. You are trained to facilitate the development of personal resourcefulness to meet the demands of day-to-day life as well as dealing with mental health issues as a result of life’s challenges. The course requires your commitment to academic and work-related learning environments. Modules include:

- Planning and research methods
- Counselling practice: work-based project
- Foundations in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT): theory, principles and methods
- Contemporary debates in psychological therapy.

Delivery method

Taught sessions will take the form of:

- Formal lectures
- Seminars
- Reflective group work.

Assessment

- Academic course work
- Practice assessments
- Placement and supervision reports
- Dissertation
- Practice sessions
- Work-based learning.

Entry requirements

You will be expected to have successfully completed the Foundation Degree in Counselling or equivalent qualification, achieving a minimum of 50% average grade in year two of your Foundation Degree or equivalent qualification.

Progression opportunities

This course prepares you for a variety of careers in the counselling field where you will be able to gain recognition by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). You also have the opportunity to develop a specialist expertise in your specific area of interest.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £6,000 per year (full-time).
- Students on this course enjoy a lower tuition fee, and can apply for the following funding (based on individual circumstances):
- Tuition fee loan
 - Maintenance loan
 - Maintenance grant
 - Weston College scholarships
 - Weston College National Scholarship Programme.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



UCAS CODE

Institution: W47
Course: B941
Campus: –



FdA Early Childhood Studies

Full-time: 2 years (4 days a week)
Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

This course offers an exciting opportunity for anyone wishing to work with young children in any setting; from nursery to reception class. It is suitable for entry straight from a Level 3 qualification and provides the theory and practice needed to become an effective practitioner. With the government recognising that children thrive better when supported by high level practitioners, you would be well placed to start a career in early years.

Course structure and content

The course will provide extensive placements to ensure that you have a good knowledge of many different types of childcare. The taught content includes study skills to provide you with the competences needed for effective academic work, and the modules provide a mixture of theory and principles that underpin good practice. You would explore current issues around children and learn about how to make the best provision for children from birth to five. Modules include:

- Year one**
- Child and childhoods
 - Choices on theory and practice
 - The learning environment
 - Celebrating diversity.

Year two

- Holistic development and learning
- Protecting children
- Working with the family and carers
- Issues in early years.

Delivery method

- Lectures
- Workshops
- Group and single tutorials
- Visits
- Visiting experts
- Placements.

Assessment

- Written essays
- Presentations
- Portfolios
- Research project.

Entry requirements

You will need a UCAS tariff of 180-220 points or more gained from at least one of the following:

- BTEC National or Diploma/Certificate/Award in Childcare or a related subject
- BTEC Extended Diploma in Childcare or a related area
- Two or more A Levels
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Advanced Apprenticeship.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, other qualifications and experience may be taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis.

Applicants will be interviewed.

Progression opportunities

- On successful completion of this course you will be able to enter the early years profession in a variety of roles and work in children's centres, nurseries and schools. You may also have the opportunity to continue on to the Honours top-up at Weston College (page 47).
- You can enter the early years sector at this point, or after completing the Honours top-up continue onto a PGCE to become a teacher. If you wish to do this you will need a science GCSE at C or above as well as Maths and English.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



UCAS CODE
Institution: B20
Course: X315
Campus: C

Michelle says:
 “The Foundation Degree is great as it enables students to work while studying.”

“Being able to continue working gives you a better understanding of the children in your care, so you are able to improve your skills. You become more open-minded, which enables you to be more confident in your work. The degree has helped me develop into a better practitioner.”

What's next? “After completing the Foundation Degree, I plan to top-up to the BA Honours and continue working as an early years practitioner in a nursery.”

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FdA Early Years

Top-up available
 See page
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Full-time: 2 years (1 day a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

This sector-endorsed Foundation Degree has been developed as part of the government initiative to improve standards and status within the early years sector. The course has a proven track record with students achieving high standards in practical and theoretical work. Its relevance to practitioners is emphasised by the close liaison undertaken with local authority children's services. Our extensive experience working with practitioners in full-time employment enables us to take a flexible and supportive approach to meeting the needs of our work-based students.

Course structure and content

Within the next few years all early years settings require a graduate practitioner and this course is a significant step towards this. The course is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge you will need to develop your career. It aims to help you develop sound theoretical and practical knowledge and understanding about early years. Modules include:

- How children learn
- Making learning visible
- The learning environment and the early years curriculum
- Inclusion and inclusive practice
- Safeguarding children

- Working with families and carers
- Managing and working with professionals
- Child development from birth to five.

Delivery method

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Visits
- Expert speakers.

Assessment

- Written essays
- Presentations
- Practice in the workplace
- Action research project.

Entry requirements

You must have a Level 3 qualification in a related area and a minimum of two years' experience working in a supervisory capacity within the early years sector. It is essential that you are employed in an early years setting and that you have the support of your employer prior to enrolling on the course. This course is also open to child minders.

Interview required.

Progression opportunities

You will have the opportunity to apply to progress to the top-up year of the Honours on successful completion of this course. Alternatively, this course will prepare you for a variety of senior positions in the early years sector. If you wish to progress onto a PGCE after the Honours Top-up, you will require Maths, English and a Science at GCSE grade C or above, it is possible to study these alongside the FdA whilst at College (at a cost) for PGCE. You will also require a science GCSE grade C or above depending on your age.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
 Course: X310
 Campus: C

Michelle says:
 “Studying at Weston College means I will be able to apply for jobs with much **greater responsibility**, which will **greatly benefit** my career.”

“The degree provides you with a deep understanding of how to relate the theory to practice and allows you to take part in thought-provoking class discussions. This improves your own skills and has a positive impact on the children you work with.”

What next? Michelle plans to continue working as a child practitioner at Christchurch Pre-School in Weston-super-Mare, and would ultimately like to manage a nursery or pre-school.

BA (Hons) Early Years Education (top-up: work-based)

Full-time: 1 year (1 day a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

This degree provides an opportunity for progression following completion of the Foundation Degree. It has an emphasis on the application of theory to work-based practice. Staff will work with you through tutorials and mentoring to ensure that the content of the course and assessments are relevant to your work setting.



Course structure and content

This programme builds and extends upon the work-based learning ethos of the Early Years Foundation Degree providing you with management and problem solving skills valued by employers and vital for career success. This course is ideal if you are already employed in an appropriate early years setting and you wish to study whilst working. You will play an important role in the management of your own learning by building on reflective practice, report writing, critical evaluation, portfolio development, presentation and ICT skills. You will study innovative approaches to how young children engage in learning, observe children in their own learning environment and develop strategies to promote their literacy and numeracy skills. Modules include:

- Planning and research methods
- The foundations of numeracy and literacy
- Early childhood education: international perspectives
- Work-based project
- Leadership, teamwork and management.

Delivery method

- Formal lectures
- Group seminars
- Presentations
- Practical workshops
- Expert speakers
- Visit to a setting.

Assessment

- Extended project
- Portfolios
- Assignments
- Presentations.

Entry requirements

You will be expected to have successfully completed a Foundation Degree in Early Years or equivalent qualification, achieving a minimum 50% average grade in year two.

Progression opportunities

- Social work training
- Management role in early years settings
- Work in child protection
- PGCE / teacher training.*

*If you wish to undertake a Primary and Early Years PGCE at Bath Spa University you will need five GCSE passes at grade C or above (or recognised equivalents) including English, Maths and a Science subject.

You will also need to have passed QTS skills tests in Maths and English as a course requirement.

How to apply

Please contact the HE Unit on **01934 411 409** for the appropriate form.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
Course: X314
Campus: C

Gill says:

“I work at the College as a senior tutor and lecturer in Biological Science. I’m also the **tutoring and mentoring** co-ordinator on the College’s quality team and my Masters dissertation will be based on aspects of this new role.”

“The books on teaching methods and education in LibraryPlus are excellent and have helped me excel in my course. Staff have also been extremely supportive and I’ve had a very rewarding experience at the College.”

What’s next? “I’d like to build on the knowledge I’ve gained studying for the Masters by conducting my own research.”



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MA Education

Part-time

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

The MA at Weston College, in partnership with UWE Bristol, offers a flexible, part-time study route for practitioners in education; it is a modular programme which can be spread over five years.

- We aim to produce critically reflective practitioners with a deeper understanding of their subject who link theory to practice on the basis of evidence-based research.
- You will have access to staff with wide ranging experience and specialisms in education. The MA Education is a flexible programme – you can choose from taught modules or work-based action enquiries, independent study or portfolios of professional development.
- You can use credits for modules studied previously (e.g. M Level in the PGCE or QTS).
- It is possible to undertake single modules and build credits without committing to full MA. (PG Cert 60 credits; PG Diploma 120 credits; Full MA 180 credits).

Course structure and content

The programme requires candidates to complete 180 credits of study of which the first 60 credits are delivered at Weston College. These two modules would allow you to achieve the PG Cert and are composed of evidencing learning from experience (30 credits) and independent study (30 credits).

Delivery method

Tuition for these modules takes the form of five taught sessions in the first instance, followed by individually negotiated tutorials with a supervising tutor. Taught sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.

Assessment

Module assignments and final dissertation.

Entry requirements

Applicants normally have:

- An honours degree or pass degree, together with
- QTS or CertEd plus several years of professional practice
- A teaching qualification such as CertEdfE or PG Cert FHAE together with professional practice.

Progression opportunities

On completion of the PG Cert, candidates will be invited to continue their studies at UWE Bristol. To gain the award of MA, candidates must complete a further 120 credits, 90 of which are compulsory in the form of a substantial research dissertation of 15,000-20,000 words. Those candidates holding a PGCE QTS will gain AL for 30 credits. For those candidates who do not possess QTS, there will be a choice of modules in order to gain the additional 30 credits.

How to apply

Please contact the HE Unit on **01934 411 409** or email **he.unit@weston.ac.uk**. Please note that acceptance on to the programme is subject to places available and the University’s final approval.



Lauren says:
“My passion is horse riding. I have a five-year-old horse called Frankie, who I have owned and been bringing on since he was three. I also enjoy going to equine events.”

“I came to the College after a three-year break in education and was unsure of what my future held. Now I’m certain thanks to the guidance and excellent support I have received throughout my course.”

What’s next? “I’m currently studying a BSc Honours top-up and would eventually like to train to become a college or university lecturer.”

FdSc Equine Management

Full-time: 2 years (2 days a week) **Part-time:** 3 years (2 days a week)
Location: Knightstone Campus and Badgworth Equestrian and Animal Centre

Why choose this course?

This unique course covers a wide range of practical and academic skills integrating the development of in depth knowledge of equine management, with specialist subject knowledge within equine science and business. Taught in partnership with Hartpury College (UWE), you will have the benefits of studying at a local college with excellent facilities associated with a commercial equine establishment.

Course structure and content

This work-related and degree qualification provides you with the opportunity to develop the necessary personal, academic and technical skills to become a valued employee in the equine industry, which is a major area in the UK land-based sector. Modules include:

- Year one**
- Systems biology
 - Business studies
 - Management of Equine Facilities
 - Equestrian management (to include 160 hours of work experience)
 - Animal nutrition
 - Equitation
 - Introduction to veterinary science
 - Principles of Animal biology
 - Graduate Development Programme (GDP) to develop your academic skills to help ensure you are successful during your course.

- Year two (combination)**
- Business principles
 - Equine management (to include 330 hours of work experience)
 - The research process
 - Introduction to equine behaviour
 - Equitation theory
 - Independent project
 - Ethics and welfare
 - GDP.

Delivery method

- Formal lectures
- Practical sessions
- Workshops
- Laboratory sessions
- Work-based learning.

Options to attend overseas residential as part of the Independent Project

Assessment

- Assignments
- Examinations
- Practical performance
- Presentations
- Projects
- Work-based learning
- Reflective practice
- Portfolios.

Entry requirements

- Offers will usually be based on UCAS tariff of 160 points from at least one of the following:
- BTEC National Diploma/Certificate/Award in a related area
 - Advanced/Extended Diploma in a related area

- A Levels in a related subject, preferably one in a biological science
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Advanced Apprenticeship in a related area.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, recent and relevant experience may be taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis.

You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

Progression opportunities

There are opportunities to continue your studies for a further year to complete an Honours Degree at Hartpury College or other equine related degrees, or progress to specialist areas such as equine behaviour, nutrition, dentistry, therapies, or veterinary nursing. Alternatively, this course will prepare you for a variety of careers in the equine industry including instructors/lecturers, event organisers, equine product sales or marketing and PR.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.
Part-time course: apply to the University of the West of England via Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS CODE
Institution: B80
Course: D428
Campus: E



FdA Film and Media Arts Production

Full-time: 2 years (3 days per week, plus self-directed study) **Part-time:** 3 years (2 days per week, plus self-directed study)

Location: Weston College's University Campus

Why choose this course?

This intensive and exciting Film and Media Arts Production course, with a strong production ethos, has been created in response to the demands of the South West creative industries.

- Gain hands-on experience of the key aspects, roles and skills involved in film production.
- Taught by practicing creative professionals.
- Opportunities for independent creative practice alongside collaborative projects involving work-based experience and live industrial briefs.
- As an active crew member of our 'in-house' production company you will participate in projects, events and festivals.
- Experimental media arts workshops will explore video installation, reactive media, VJ, expanded cinema, and new emerging formats.
- Master classes led by visiting lecturers.
- Access to industry-standard equipment and software.

It will provide you with a substantial showcase for your work and build contacts, helping you to establish a professional portfolio and profile for future employment.

Course structure and content

You will be encouraged to develop your own creative voice through challenging projects, workshops, seminars and master classes

designed to enhance your critical, technical and professional skills. Modules will include:

- Film and media production skills
- Film making – documentary production
- Experimental media arts
- Professional commercial practices
- Contextual studies/reflective practice
- Film making – short film production
- Creative work-based practice
- Independent practice.

There will be a substantial focus on high level professional production standards and work will be submitted to regional and national festivals, alongside positive engagement with regional arts organisations, cinema, and production companies.

There is further opportunity to experience professional practices through work placements and 'live' assignments and a final module will allow you to negotiate, sustain and effectively realise a personal project, showcasing your work in a public context/exhibition.

Delivery method

- Live projects
- Filming on location
- Residentials
- Workshops
- Seminars/lectures
- Master classes
- Group critiques

- Work-based learning
- Tutorials
- Independent study.

Assessment

- Portfolios
- Film projects and show reels
- Presentations
- Screenings, exhibitions, publications
- Written assignments
- Sketchbooks
- Critical and reflective journals.

Entry requirements

A UCAS tariff in the range of 180-200 points gained from at least one of the following:

- Two or more A Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/ Extended Diploma in a relevant subject area
- Advanced Diploma in Creative and Media
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.

You will be required to attend an interview and you will need to present a portfolio of evidence to support your application.

Progression opportunities

You will have the opportunity to apply to the honours top-up year either at Bath Spa University or at Weston College (subject to validation).

You may also decide to set up as a freelance professional or to enter related employment in the film and media arts industry –

hence the emphasis on building a dynamic show reel and portfolio throughout this course.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released.)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time)

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan[†]
- Maintenance grant[†]
- Weston College Bursary/ National Scholarship Programme[†]
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

[†] Applies to full-time option only.

UCAS
CODE

Institution: W47
Course: P303
Campus: U



Lucy says:
 “While studying FdA Graphic Design I **won** a course-related competition to re-brand the Weston-super-Mare Sand Sculpture Festival, I was offered a **work placement** and then a **permanent position** with a design and print company.”

“I enjoyed every minute of my time at Weston College and am so grateful for everything I have achieved. It gave me experience pitching to and working with real clients and helped me to get out into the real design world.”

What next? “I’m now aiming to progress my career as a graphic designer while working for Clevedon-based company Pace.”

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FdA Graphic Design

Full-time: 2 years (3 days a week, plus self-directed study time)

Part-time: 3 years (2 days a week, plus self-directed study time)

Location: Weston College's University Campus

Top-up
available
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Why choose this course?

- Taught by lecturers who currently practice in the industry, so skills and knowledge are up-to-date
- Maintains strong commercial links with the design industry locally
- Work in a contemporary commercial studio environment
- Work on real live projects with real clients.

Course structure and content

This work-related degree will equip you with the practical skills; technical knowledge and contextual understanding you need to create exciting and imaginative design solutions. The content is primarily skills based with strong commercial links to the creative industries and local employers, as well as focusing on the contextual aspects of design. The course aims to equip you with a relevant, thorough and up-to-date knowledge of the industry. The course focuses on three main areas:

- Professional and practical skills
- The 'Design Studio'
- Design in context.

The 'Design Studio' will be the central hub and ethos of the programme, offering you an insight into the day-to-day running of a commercial studio.

Lectures by visiting practitioners and live briefs will form an integral part of the course reflecting current industry trends and developments.

You will become an expert in the use of industry standard software. You will learn to effectively develop and realise your ideas, culminating in a portfolio of highly creative and individual work.

Delivery method

Taught sessions will take the form of:

- Formal lectures
- Practical workshops
- Project work
- Guest speakers from the design industry.



Assessment

- Group critiques
- Presentations
- Coursework
- Portfolio of creative design work
- Essays.

Entry requirements

A creative portfolio of work displaying a passionate interest in graphic design. You will also need a UCAS tariff in the range of 180-220 points gained from at least one of the following:

- Foundation course in Art and Design
- BTEC National Diploma/Certificate in Art and Design or other design-based subject
- Two or more A Levels at grade C or above, with one in an art or design-related subject
- Advanced Diploma in Creative and Media/Extended Diploma in a related area
- Access to Higher Education course.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, previous experience may be taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis.

An interview will be required for this course.

Progression opportunities

- You will have the opportunity to apply to progress to the top-up year of the Honours at Weston College (page 57) on successful completion of this course or consider further study at other institutions
- Entering employment in graphic design, advertising, web design, art direction or digital media design.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan[†]
- Maintenance grant[†]
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship programme[†]
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

[†]Applies to full-time option only.

UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
Course: W210
Campus: C

David says:

“My time with Weston College has been a **great experience** and I was delighted to leave with a **First Class Honours Degree.**”

“I enjoyed a great relationship with tutors and management and cannot think of anywhere else I would have rather have gone. The College’s design studios are excellent and staff have extensive industry experience and strong links to employers.”

What’s next? “I want to undertake a range of graphic design internships in locations around the world over the next few years to gain experience.”

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BA (Hons) Graphic Design (top-up: work-based)

Full-time: 1 year (2½ days a week: plus self-directed study time)

Part-time: 2 years (1½ days a week: plus self-directed study time)

Location: Weston College’s University Campus

Why choose this course?

The programme has been designed to enable you to further develop your creative ability, whilst acquiring essential professional skills such as management, marketing, negotiation, business and freelance skills which will increase your career opportunities within the creative sector. The programme has excellent links with the creative industry to enhance your commercial awareness and professional experience.

Course structure and content

The course will consist of 120 credits at Level 6 that will enable you to develop relevant professional and management skills alongside subject-specific work-based placements within the creative industries. These will include modules in creative theory and practice, planning and research methods, creative freelance management and practice within the creative industries.

Delivery method

Taught sessions may include:

- Formal lectures
- Practical studio/workshops
- Seminars including individual and group presentations
- A tutorial programme.

Assessment

- Project reports/journals
- Professional portfolios
- Exhibition
- Research project
- Presentations.

There is no formal written examination.

Entry requirements

A Graphic Design based Foundation Degree with an average of 50-55% in final year.

All applicants will be interviewed and will be required to bring a portfolio of work with them. It is becoming increasingly desirable for students to possess a Level 2 qualification in maths and English. It is a condition of entry to the programme that you have secured a suitable work-based learning setting* by the time of your admission. *You will need to be employed or self-employed within some aspect of the creative industries.

You can be working either as an employee for a creative company relevant to individual practice (full or part-time) or acting as a self-employed sole trader or freelancer (evidence of self-employment will need to be provided).

You will also need to identify a work-based mentor in order to undertake the work-based modules of the programme.

Progression opportunities

On successful completion of this top-up qualification you may have the opportunity to:

- Apply to progress to a PGCE course and teaching
- Apply to progress to Masters Degree study at Bath Spa University or other universities
- Enter employment in creative studios
- Set up your own business as a practising designer.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to Bath Spa University via Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

*Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
Course: W214
Campus: C

Stacey says:

“The course will enable me to gain a **promotion** with my employer, the North Somerset Community Partnership, where I currently work as a **Trainee Assistant Practitioner.**”

“I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my learning experience at Weston College, which has given me the confidence to address issues at work, highlight areas of practice I think could be improved and suggest new ideas for current practice.”

What’s next? “Once I’ve settled into my new role, I’d like to progress to a full Honours Degree and eventually take the Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector qualification, which will allow me to support students.”

FdSc Health and Social Care Practice

Full-time: 2 years (1 day a week, plus self-directed study time)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

This course will promote and develop standards in care and give you the opportunity to explore and develop your interest in the industry.

This course delivers the specialist knowledge and skills required in practice whilst being underpinned by broad-based academic learning. With an equal balance of theory and practice, the course is designed to meet the development needs of the individual employee and the needs of the service.



Course structure and content

The overall aim of the course is to prepare an assistant practitioner to work with a specified range of skills in partnership with others within national, regional and local employment arenas. The skills are based within the following categories:

- Technical and work-related skills
- Key and generic skills
- Increased understanding of the world of work.

Modules include:

- Concepts of health and wellbeing
- Socio-economic, biological, psychological perspectives of health
- Essence of care benchmarks
- Ethical and legal aspects of practice
- Personal and professional development
- Practice management
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Diversity and inclusion
- Physical, psychological and social implications of discriminatory practice
- Health and social needs of a diverse population
- Research design and methodologies
- Evidence-based practice
- Inter-professional working and integrated teams
- Decision making and problem-solving strategies
- Health promotion
- Risk management.

Assessment

- Essays
- Presentations
- Practice in the workplace
- Action research project.

Entry requirements

Offers will usually be based on UCAS tariff of 120 points from at least one of the following:

- A Levels
- NVQ Level 3
- BTEC National Diploma
- The Access to Higher Education Diploma, which should include credits at Level 2 Maths, English and science.

You will also need three GCSEs at grade C or above or equivalent, preferably to include English Language, Maths and a Science. If you are unable to meet the academic entry requirements you will be assessed on an individual basis using evidence of accreditation and/or experiential learning. You must be employed (contracted or voluntary) within the health and social care sector completing at least 700 hours per annum for the duration of the programme and have an identified work-based mentor recognised and agreed as such by the course team. You will need the support of your employer/ organisation to do this course. In some circumstances mentoring support can be offered from the programme team.

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by their employer/ organisation and a university representative and a member of the College programme team.

Progression opportunities

Opportunities exist for graduates to continue their studies up to Honours Degree at our partner university. Upon completion of the degree, further opportunities may be identified with service providers to enhance the qualification within a career structure.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £6,000 per year (full-time).

Students on this course enjoy a lower tuition fee, and can apply for the following funding (based on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- Weston College scholarships
- Weston College National Scholarship Programme.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

UCAS
CODE

Institution: W47
Course: L510
Campus: E

Helen says:

“The degree has enabled me to become more **informed** and **qualified** to pursue my ultimate career **goals** in the industry.”

“I chose Weston College as I’d heard of its reputation as one of the top performing colleges in the south west. It’s an inclusive environment in which to study, with excellent facilities as well as supportive and highly professional staff, who are always on hand to offer advice and guidance.”

What next? “I want to progress to the full Honours Degree while continuing to work in Weston College’s foundation learning division. My ultimate career goal is to specialise in working with learners who have complex needs.”

In partnership with



FdA Inclusive Practice

Full-time: 2 years (1 day a week, plus tutorials, study skills and guided learning time)

Location: Knightstone Campus



Why choose this course?

This work-related degree course will enhance the ability of professionals working with people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in the field of education and/or in the community.



Course structure and content

Taught sessions will take the form of formal lectures, group seminars and practical work. You will study modules in the following areas: Modules include:

Year one

- Supporting professional practice 1
- Contributing to the support of people with autistic spectrum conditions
- Introduction to education policy and disability equality
- Behaviour for learning (B4L)
- The voice of the learner
- Thinking and learning.

Year two

- Supporting professional practice 2
- Social cohesion and well-being
- Understanding learners with literacy difficulties
- Working in partnership: parents and professionals
- Independent study
- Supporting people with autistic spectrum conditions.

Assessment

- Essays
- Observations
- Project reports/journals
- Professional portfolios
- Research projects
- Presentations.

Entry requirements

Offers will usually be based on UCAS tariff of 80 points. You will be interviewed and you should provide evidence which demonstrates that you can benefit from studying this Foundation Degree course and are able to achieve the required standard.

You will need to have access to an educational/social context for children/young people or adults who have additional support requirements through paid or voluntary work. If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, previous experience may be taken into account. You will be assessed on an individual basis.

You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

Applicants will be interviewed.

Progression opportunities

- On successful completion of the Foundation Degree, you may have the opportunity to progress to the BA (Hons) Education in Professional Practice.
- Alternatively, this course will prepare you for a variety of careers working with people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National scholarship
- Weston College scholarships.

Please See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

UCAS
CODE

Institution: B80
Course: X161
Campus: E

Sam says:
 “The Foundation Degree has given me a **greater understanding of the subject and provided opportunities in the industry**, such as working on the live team for The Enemy’s gig on Weston Pier.”

“The College’s facilities are great – from industry-standard equipment in the studios to the superb iMacs for completing coursework. Lectures are always engaging and tutors will do anything to help.”

What’s next? “I plan to top-up to a BA (Hons) and would eventually like to teach music technology. My ultimate aim is to produce rock and metal music.”

In partnership with



FdA Music Production

Full-time: 2 years (1½ days a week plus self-directed study time)

Location: Weston College’s University Campus

Why choose this course?

This course will equip you with the necessary skills to enter the diverse and exciting field of music production. The course will allow you to develop the skills needed to work successfully within the music and media industries. The course is ideal for you if you wish to work in a music-production studio, become a live sound engineer, work in the media with sound and music, or work as a freelance producer of your own music.

Course structure and content

The course provides first-rate tuition and guidance in three key areas of the music-production business:

- Critical listening
- Professional audio software
- Sound engineering.

Modules include:

- Advanced audio software
- Studio production
- Producing sound for film
- TV and multimedia
- Live sound and events management
- Producing and marketing your music.

You will gain direct experience of music industry practices during the course and will make full use of our purpose-built suite of recording studios and top-of-the-range digital audio workstations. You will work with staff members who are committed to your success and are both experienced lecturers and practicing music producers.

Delivery method

Taught sessions can take the form of:

- Formal lectures
- Workshops
- Visiting speakers from the music industry.

Assessment

- Project reports/journals
- Professional portfolios/exhibition
- Research projects
- Presentations.

Entry requirements

- You will need a UCAS tariff in the range of 180-220 points including a grade C or 80 points in a related subject gained from at least one of the following:
- BTEC National Diploma/ Certificate in Music Technology
- Two or more A Levels or equivalent award in Music Technology or related area
- Advanced Diploma in Creative and Media /Extended Diploma in a related subject
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, previous experience may be taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis.

An interview/audition will be required.

Progression opportunities

- You will have the opportunity to apply to progress to the top-up year of the Honours Degree course at Bath Spa University on successful completion of this course or a related course at another university
- Enter employment in the field of music/sound production, events management, or sound recordist for film and TV
- Enter the live-sound industry
- Become a freelance music producer.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
 Course: J930
 Campus: C

Megan says:

“The course is great and provided so many opportunities, including going to Germany to work with a professional dance company.”

“I decided to come to Weston College after reading about the Musical Theatre Degree’s great reputation and had the time of my life studying here. I made great friends at the College and it’s well worth the travel from Bridgwater.

What’s next? “I have a job as a ‘baby ballet’ teacher in Taunton, working with two to five years olds. I was particularly interested in the dance side of my course so it’s great to be able to work in this field.”

In partnership with



FdA Musical Theatre

Full-time: 2 years (5 days a week)

Location: Wessex Academy of Performing Arts, Knightstone Campus

Top-up available
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Why choose this course?

This is a very practical, performer-based course in which you will develop musical theatre performance skills in acting, singing and dance. As well as gaining a practical and theoretical understanding of musical theatre as an art form, you will develop the necessary skills and industrial awareness to prepare you for work in a broad range of employment fields including musical theatre, performance, theatre, community arts and teaching.

- Staff have high academic qualifications and current industry knowledge
- Links to industry both UK and worldwide
- Visiting professionals deliver workshops and links with employers and venues in the UK and abroad
- A high level of academic and pastoral support and extremely high contact hours guaranteed
- Extensive learning resources available at both the College and at Bath Spa University.

Course structure and content

The course aims to develop you as an ‘intelligent performer’ who will combine technical skills, contextual understanding and business skills. As part of your training you will explore the socio-historical and cultural underpinnings of the American and European musical theatre and the performing arts industry. Modules include:

Year one

- Skills workshop 1 (acting, singing and dance)
- Performance workshop (repertoire)
- Professional studies 1
- Musical theatre in context 1.

Year two

- Skills workshop 2 (acting, singing and dance)
- Performance project (including a self-directed and a professional major musical theatre production)
- Musical theatre in context 2
- Professional studies 2 (including work experience).



Delivery method:

- Workshops
- Lectures
- Seminars
- Rehearsals.

You will develop your verbal and written skills through presentations, journals, essays, reports and communication technologies, informed by subject-specific research and your own performance practice.

Assessment

- Performance work
- Presentations
- Formal written examinations.

Entry requirements

A UCAS tariff in the range of 180-220 points (80 from dance, drama or theatre studies preferred) gained from at least one the following:

- Two or more A Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/ Certificate in Performing Arts or related subject /Extended Diploma in related subject
- Advanced Diploma in Creative and Media
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.

An audition is required.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, previous experience and potential may be taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis.

Progression opportunities

- The opportunity to apply to the top-up year of the BA Honours Degree at the College (page 67) in partnership with Bath Spa University on successful completion of this course.
- Seek direct employment in musical theatre, acting, dance, singing, directing, theatre in education, stage and production management or arts administration etc.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
Course: WW34
Campus: C

Sasha says:

“After completing the Degree I was **cast** in the **musical, RENT**, at the Greenwich Theatre in London.”

“Everything about the Degree prepares you for the musical theatre industry. By the time you complete the course, there are so many doors open to you and I feel like I’ve seen an area of each aspect of the industry – performing, teaching and stage management.”

What’s next? “I would like to continue performing in public and further my education by studying a Masters Degree.”



BA (Hons) Musical Theatre (top-up)

Full-time: 1 year (5 days a week)

Location: Wessex Academy of Performing Arts, Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

- Highly qualified staff, all professional performers/directors/musical directors/choreographers with industry knowledge
- Links to industry both in the UK and worldwide
- Working professionals are brought in to deliver workshops
- Technical support at the highest standard using state-of-the-art equipment
- The performing arts academy allows you to have an uninterrupted learning experience of the highest quality
- An open-door policy for tutors and lecturers, allowing you access to staff at any time for academic and pastoral support
- High contact hours guaranteed, providing you with a thorough training, both academically and practically
- Extensive learning resources available at both the College and Bath Spa University.

Course structure and content

- Directional staging and choreography
- Song interpretation
- Professional practice
- Performance project
- Dissertation, research methodology.

Delivery method

Considerable emphasis will be placed upon your ability to organise and plan your own independent study. Alongside this will be:

- Formal lectures
- Studio demonstrations and workshops
- Work-based learning/performances
- A tutorial programme.

Assessment

- Performance work
- Essays and journals
- Presentations
- Dissertation.

Entry requirements

You should have successfully completed a Musical Theatre based Foundation Degree, obtaining an overall grade average of 50% in the second year of the course. All applicants will be interviewed and auditioned. It is becoming increasingly desirable for students to possess a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English. This is essential if you intend to progress onto a PGCE course at a later stage.

Progression opportunities

On successful completion of this top-up qualification you may:

- Progress to Masters Degree study at Bath Spa University or other universities
- Enter employment in musical theatre, music, theatre and media industries, holiday and cruise industries and community arts.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



Jamie says:
 “Studying at Weston College has been **hugely beneficial** in terms of what I want to go on and achieve. I could not recommend the course any higher – it’s been an **unforgettable experience.**”

“The College’s performing arts facilities have undergone large-scale refurbishment and the new studios are excellent creative spaces to perform in. The recording studio is my favourite new addition.”

What’s next? “I hope to top-up to a BA (Hons) at either Bristol, London or Bath Spa and would eventually like to act in and direct large-scale professional productions on London stages or for film.”

In partnership with



FdA Performing Arts

Full-time: 2 years (5 days a week)

Location: Wessex Academy of Performing Arts, Knightstone Campus

Top-up
available
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Why choose this course?

- Staff have high academic qualifications and current industry knowledge
- Industry links in the UK and worldwide
- Workshops delivered by working professionals
- High standard technical support using state-of-the-art equipment
- The Performing Arts Academy is in an autonomous area of the College allowing you an uninterrupted learning experience
- The Academy operates an open door policy, allowing you access to staff at any time for academic and pastoral support
- High contact hours guaranteed, providing you with thorough training, both academically and practically
- Extensive learning resources are available at both the College and at Bath Spa University.

Course structure and content

This practical course will develop your vocal, physical, emotional and technical skills, allowing you to build these essentials in workshops and sessions and then channel this learning into rehearsal and production practice. The idea of exploring the concept of ‘performance’ is central to the course. The approach of this degree is one of ‘theatre-as-playing’ in an ensemble or company context. You will engage in all aspects of production, from rehearsal techniques to performance, research, stage and production management. Modules include:

- Acting workshops
- Performance skills
- Individual exploration
- Contextual studies
- Performance event
- Professional practice.

Delivery method

- Workshops
- Lectures
- Seminars
- Rehearsals
- Performance.

The course is taught in fully equipped drama studios, dance studio (with fully sprung floor), lecture room and other rehearsal spaces.

Assessment

- Coursework
- Performances
- Essays.

Entry requirements

You will need a UCAS tariff in the range of 180-220 points to include a minimum C grade/80 points in a related subject (60 from dance, drama or theatre studies preferred) gained from at least one the following:

- Two or more A Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/ Extended Diploma/Certificate in Performing Arts or related subject
- Advanced Diploma in Creative and Media
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.

You will also be required to audition.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, previous experience and potential may be taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis.

Progression opportunities

- You will have the opportunity to apply to progress to the top-up year of the Honours on successful completion of this course (see page 71).
- Seek direct employment in acting, directing, stage and production management or arts administration.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
Course: W492
Campus: C

BA (Hons) Performing Arts (top-up)

Full-time: 1 year (5 days a week)

Location: Wessex Academy of Performing Arts, Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

- Highly qualified staff, all with professional experience as actors/directors/writers/choreographers with industry knowledge
- Links to the industry, both in the UK and internationally
- Partnerships with professional venues
- Visiting lecturers from within the profession
- Technical support of the highest standard and use of state-of-the-art equipment
- The performing arts academy allows you to have an uninterrupted learning experience
- An open-door policy for tutors and lecturers, allowing you access to staff at any time for academic and pastoral support
- High contact hours guaranteed, providing you with a thorough learning experience, both academically and practically
- Extensive learning resources at both the College and Bath Spa University.

Course structure and content

Each module is centred around your own practice with the type of research and theory which will allow you to explore and develop your skills.

Working as a theatre company you will:

- Develop your professional practice
- Explore, strengthen and build on your own skills
- Consider contemporary ideas and their place in today's industry
- Develop strategies for marketing performance
- Gain an understanding and practical experience of financial structures necessary for a successful career
- Engage in current debates about performance theories and ideas
- Strengthen your understanding of how research can inform practice
- Receive regular opportunities to create and present performances in professional venues
- Consider the necessary skills for entering the profession.

Delivery method

Considerable emphasis will be placed upon your ability to organise and plan your own independent study. Alongside this will be:

- Formal lectures
- Seminars
- Peer group critiques
- Workshops
- Work-based learning/performances
- Tutorial programme.

Assessment

- Performance work
- Presentations
- Written assignment and journals
- Research project (combined practical and written).

Entry requirements

You should have successfully completed a performance-based Foundation Degree, obtaining an overall grade average of 50% in the second year of the course. All applicants will be interviewed and auditioned. It is becoming increasingly desirable for student to possess a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English. This is essential if you intend to progress onto a PGCE course at a later stage. An interview and audition will be required.

Progression opportunities

On successful completion of this top-up qualification you may:

- Progress to Masters Degree study at Bath Spa University or other universities
- Enter employment in the performing arts industries, set up your own performance company, consider entering the teaching profession
- Many of the skills explored on the course are considered significant in many areas of employment, allowing you to consider applying them accordingly.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)
■ £7,500 per year (full-time).

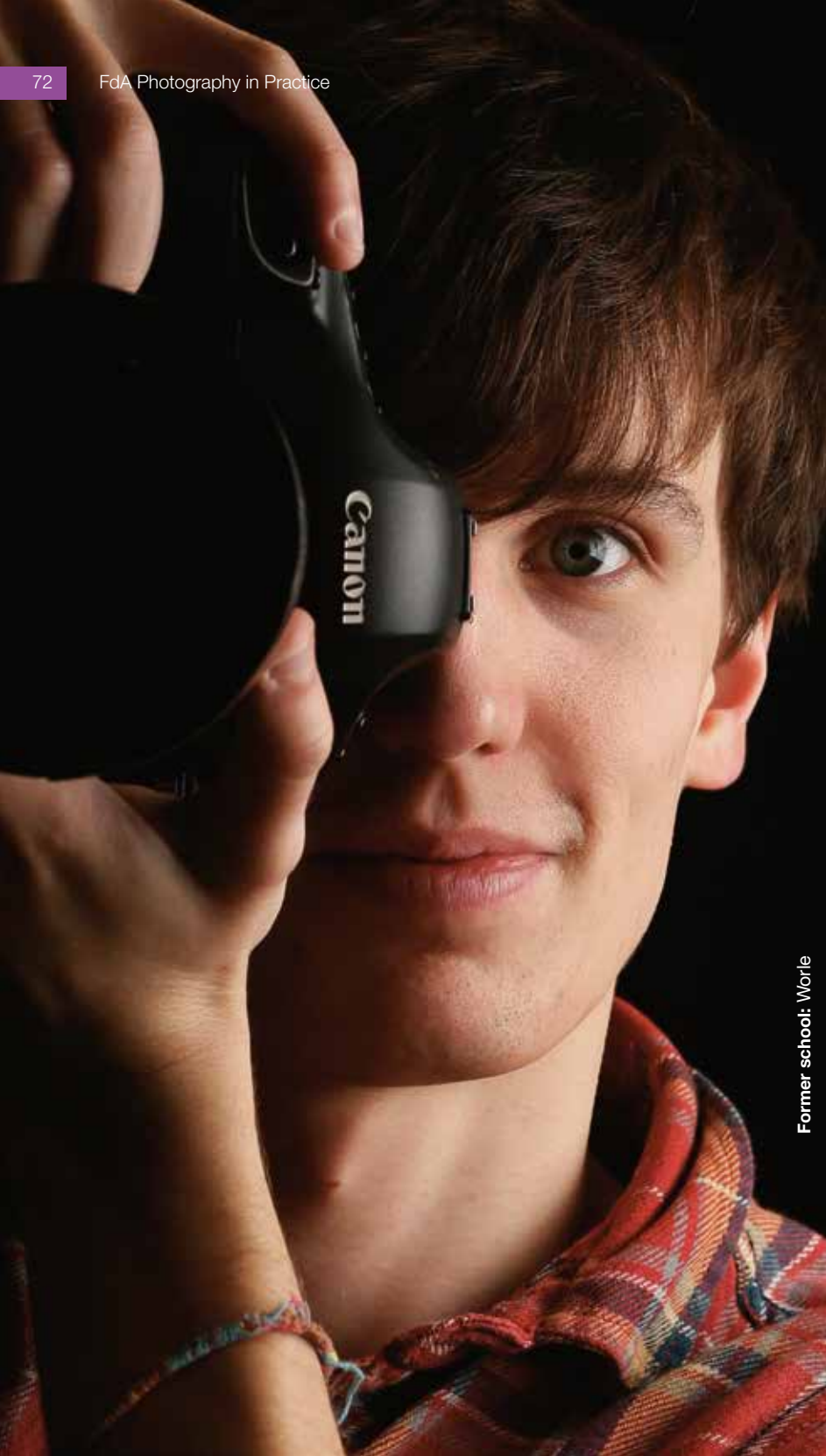
Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



Renowned actor, Steven Berkoff giving a master class in Shakespeare and mime to students.



Former school: Worle

Ben says:
 “Studying this course allows you to work on **external projects**, which provide you with the **professional skills required to work in the field.**”

“If you enjoy photography and working with cameras, then this Foundation Degree is ideal. You’re using and learning about the business everyday and it’s incredibly fun to be in an environment with other people who share your passion for photography.”

What’s next? “I aim to move into the film business after completing the degree – hopefully either setting up my own production company or photography business.”

FdA Photography in Practice

Full-time: 2 years (3 days a week plus self directed study time with studio available)

Part-time: 3 years (2 days a week plus self directed study time with studio available)

Location: Weston College’s University Campus

Why choose this course?

The programme is designed to equip ambitious and well motivated students with the practical, intellectual and commercial skills required to develop their professional photographic practice.

Course structure and content

The programme will give you the opportunity to engage with and explore a wide range of genres and disciplines within photography. Major themes will be addressed including documentary photography, the landscape, the photographic portrait, portrayal of the body, editorial photography, art, advertising and fashion. Modules include:

Year one

Year one is exploratory in nature with a strong emphasis on creative skills in digital image creation and manipulation using industry-standard software, silver-based processes, and the presentation of high quality final images. Studio activity is complemented by cultural studies exploring key histories, practices and theories.

- Engaging in contemporary photographic techniques
- Portraiture in context
- Exploring landscape as narrative
- The editorial image
- Cultural and photographic contexts.

Year two

Further develops individual creative approaches with an emphasis on work-based professional practices through a period of work experience and a series of industry-based ‘live’ assignments. Students will study a range of business practices, and produce a business development plan. A final module allows students to work independently, culminating in an exhibition of work.

- On assignment: engaging in professional practice
- Reflective personal practice
- Creative freelance practices.

Assessment

- Finished photographic work in both digital and printed portfolios
- Research and preparatory work including digital proofs, files and websites
- Written assignments
- Presentations
- Reflective journals
- Exhibition.

Entry requirements

You should be passionate about a career in photography.

You will need a UCAS tariff in the range of 160-220 points gained from:

- Foundation Studies in Art and Design
- BTEC National Diploma/ Extended/ Certificate in Art and Design or other design based subject

- Two or more A Levels at grade C or above, with one in an art or design related subject, preferably photography
- Advanced Diploma in Creative and Media
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.

You will be required to present a photographic portfolio at interview.

Progression opportunities

Graduate career opportunities include:

- Freelance photographer
- Photojournalist
- Editorial photographer
- Studio photographer
- Publishing
- Social photography
- Digital artist
- Photographic technician
- Arts and gallery work
- Arts project management
- Photographic illustrator
- Picture desk/image library
- Or progression on to further academic study on a BA (Hons) top-up degree.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to Weston College. See page 91.

Top-up available
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Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time)

Students can apply for the following funding (based on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- Weston College Bursary/ National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS CODE

Institution: W47
 Course: W641
 Campus: –



BA (Hons) Photography in Practice

(top-up: work-based) (subject to final approval)

Full-time: 1 year (3 days per week plus 2 days work place activity)

Part-time: 2 years (1½ days per week plus 1 day work place activity)

Location: Weston College's University Campus

Why choose this course?

This course has been designed to enable you to develop your photographic and creative skills whilst acquiring essential transferable skills such as marketing, self-promotion and financial management. The course has excellent links with the creative industries both locally and nationally, giving you great opportunities to move forward with your career in the photographic industry or allied businesses.

Course structure and content

The course is made up of three 40-credit modules at Level 6 designed to provide you with a sound creative and commercial basis on which to start your career.

Whilst at College, topics studied will include the development of your creative and professional photographic practice, research and planning plus methodologies and business planning.

You will also spend a period of time during the year on an extended work placement.

Delivery method

Taught sessions will include:

- Formal lectures
- Seminars
- Presentations
- Group critiques.

There is also a formal tutorial programme.

Assessment

Assessment may take the form of:

- Project reports/journals
- Portfolios
- Exhibitions
- Presentations
- Written assignments.

There are no formal examinations.

Entry requirements

- Successful completion of the FdA Photography in Practice at Weston College (or similar programmes at other establishments) – with an average of 50% in the final year.
- All applicants will be interviewed and will be required to show a portfolio of work. It is also becoming increasingly desirable for applicants to possess a Level 2 qualification in English and Maths.
- It is a condition of entry to the programme that you have secured an appropriate work-based setting and that you have identified an appropriate work-based mentor.

Progression opportunities

- On successful completion of this top-up course you may have the opportunity to:
- Apply to a PGCE course
- Apply to progress to Masters Degree study at Bath Spa University or other universities
- Enter employment or set up as a freelance practitioner.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £6,000 per year (full-time)
- £3,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- Weston College Bursary/ National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



Jayni says:

“This course offers a wide and **varied array of career choices** in the music industry, from singer, composer or session musician, to live sound engineer, music production or running your own recording studio.”

“The quality of teaching is inspiring and, at times, it’s humbling to experience the musicianship and technical expertise of tutors who are not only teaching and inspiring you with their knowledge, but out there in the wide world performing, writing and entertaining.”

What’s next? “I plan to top-up to a full Honours Degree in Music and then – while continuing to perform, write and compose music – would like teach music to inspire others as I have been inspired.”



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FdA Popular Music

Full-time: 2 years (3 days a week)

Location: Weston College's University Campus

Why choose this course?

This course will equip you with the necessary skills to enter the diverse and exciting field of popular music. The course is ideal for you if you wish to work as a session musician; become a freelance player/producer of your own music or promote your own band. You will study with experts in the field, undergoing rigorous training in a broad range of performance styles. You will have frequent opportunities to play with accomplished industry professionals and create working musical relationships with your peers.

Course structure and content

As well as individual and group lessons, visiting artists deliver specialist workshops. An emphasis upon performance is supported through detailed coverage of music theory in popular song, improvisation and the arrangement of music for strings and brass. Student concerts and recordings take place in the specifically designed Performance Space at the College on a weekly basis, as well as events and festivals in venues in and around Bristol. Plenty of studio opportunities and training in engineering, mixing and production techniques from industry professionals will give you the skills you need to make top quality recordings of your music. You will construct a promotional package based around a demo, and learn how to establish a meaningful presence within the

music industry through the study and application of marketing techniques and the analysis of commercial musical trends. The development of promotional skills will be put into practice through the staging of a series of live concerts. Modules include:

- Performing
- Studio production
- Understanding and composing popular music
- Performing, composing and arranging
- Live sound and events management
- Producing and marketing your music.

Assessment

- Coursework
- Portfolios of creative and practical work
- Written reports.

Entry requirements

A UCAS tariff in the range of 180- 220 points, with a minimum C grade/80 points in a related subject, gained from at least one of the following:

- BTEC National Diploma/ Certificate in Music Practice or a related subject
- Two or more A Levels ideally including one in Music or a related subject
- Advanced Diploma in Creative and Media/Extended Diploma in a related subject
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, previous experience may be taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis.

An audition will be required.

Progression opportunities

- You will have the opportunity to apply to progress to the top-up year of the Honours Degree at Bath Spa University or another University on successful completion of this course, or a related course at another university
- Enter employment in the field of performance, events management or teaching profession
- Enter live sound music industry
- Become a freelance performer-producer.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

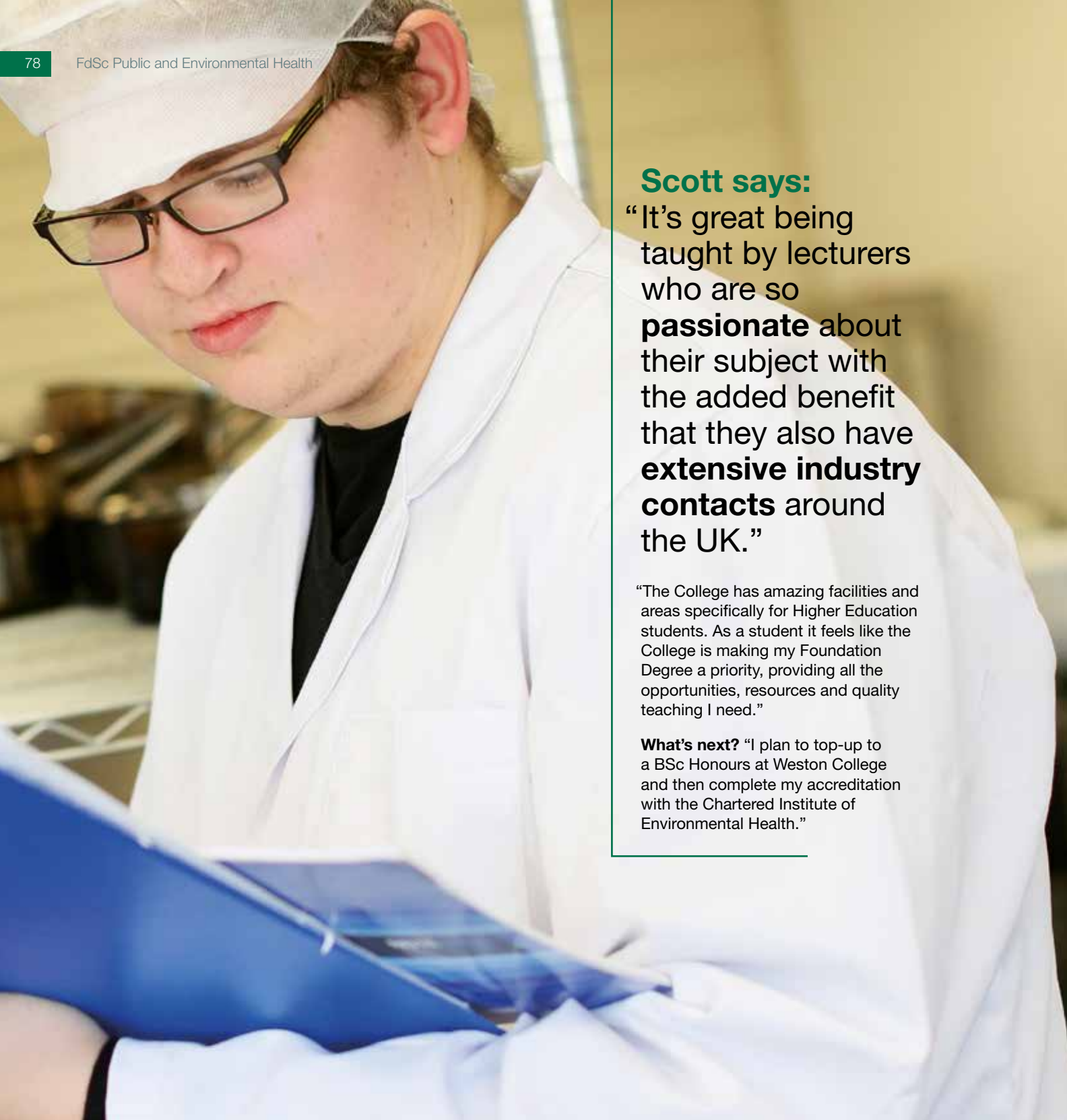
Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National scholarship
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
Course: W340
Campus: C



Scott says:
 “It’s great being taught by lecturers who are so **passionate** about their subject with the added benefit that they also have **extensive industry contacts** around the UK.”

“The College has amazing facilities and areas specifically for Higher Education students. As a student it feels like the College is making my Foundation Degree a priority, providing all the opportunities, resources and quality teaching I need.”

What’s next? “I plan to top-up to a BSc Honours at Weston College and then complete my accreditation with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.”

FdSc Public and Environmental Health

Full-time: 2 years (2 days per week) **Part-time:** 3 years (1 day per week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Top-up available
 See page – 81 –

Why choose this course?

Public and environmental health incorporates areas of study that all fall under the umbrella term; public health. Environmental health practitioners (EHP) must be able to make sense of complex situations from the natural and man-made worlds to arrive at judgments and devise intervention strategies that are rational, transparent and defensible. This programme provides students with a sound general knowledge of the natural and human-made worlds and their systems, establishing the context in which different stressors impact on humans and how this requires environmental health intervention in four technical ‘intervention fields’: food safety, housing and health, health and safety and environmental protection, with a fifth, ‘public health’, holding a special place. You will also seek to explore particular fields of professional engagement, many vital to the process of identifying hazards, elucidating risk, assessing risk and interpreting compliance against standards, guidelines and other legislative tools, often embedded within a strong work-based learning element of the programme.

Course structure and content

Modules include:

Year one

- Public health foundations
- Health science
- Field skills
- Legal systems and legislation
- Healthy housing
- Public and environmental health law
- Employability skills
- Study skills.

Year two

- Environmental protection
- Health, safety and risk
- Food control
- Work-based learning.

Throughout both years the UWE Graduate Development Programme (GDP) will be included supporting study and employability.

Delivery method

Taught sessions will take the form of:

- Formal lectures
- Group seminars
- Practical sessions
- Residential field trip
- Visits
- Work-based learning
- Technologically-enhanced learning.

Assessment

- Poster defence
- Practical portfolios
- Presentations
- Exams
- Essays.

Entry requirements

Offers will usually be based on UCAS tariff of 160 points from at least one of the following:

- BTEC National Diploma/Certificate/Award in a related area
- Advanced/Extended Diploma in a related area
- A Levels, preferably one of these would be in a science or technology subject
- Access to Higher Education Diploma, including science at Level 3.

If you do not possess the relevant science subject you may be required to achieve additional qualifications, relevant industrial experience may be taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis. You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

Progression opportunities

- Pursue a career as a technical officer in the field of environmental health
- Progress to the final year of the Honours Degree in Public and Environmental Health. Many students then move onto training with an environmental health provider for a further year.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to UWE via Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS CODE
 Institution: B80
 Course: B916
 Campus: E

Karen says:
 “The course is **extremely varied** and can lead to lots of **different jobs** within the field of environmental health.”

“As a mature student with a background in catering, I already had a good understanding of food safety issues. However, I’ve found it very rewarding to learn about other areas such as health and safety, housing and pollution.”

What’s next? “After graduating, I’d like to work in environmental health for a local authority.”

BSc (Hons) Public and Environmental Health

Full-time: 1 year (2 days per week) **Part-time:** 2 years (1 day per week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

This course provides professional progression to students who have completed a CIEH accredited Foundation Degree and enables the utilisation of knowledge and objectives of environmental health practice. Students can see themselves as the precursor to change in the behaviour of others through their capacity to inform, persuade, educate and criticise.

The format of the top-up Honours Degree recognises that public health practice skills are considered central to the role of the environmental health practitioners (EHP). With the transfer of the public health portfolio to local government, EHPs may find themselves in the strategic development of public health initiatives surrounding such things as smoking cessation, nutritional awareness and obesity control, requiring an understanding of these matters, including an appreciation of health inequalities, the benefits of partnership working, the value of leadership skills, the challenge of discovering novel approaches to difficult problems, and ultimately practicing the role of ‘health advocate’.

Course structure and content

This programme builds and extends upon the core skills developed in the Foundation Degree providing you with management and problem solving skills related to public and environmental health areas for careers in both the private and public sector.

- Public health futures
- Risk management and systems
- Professional practice
- Public health project.

Public health project gives you the opportunity to conduct research in an individual subject area of choice. Individual mentoring will be provided from an environmental health practitioner.

Delivery method

Taught sessions will take the form of:

- Formal lectures
- Group seminars
- Practical sessions
- Visits
- Technologically-enhanced learning.

Assessment

- Poster defence
- Essay
- Exam
- Interview
- Practical food inspection exam
- Portfolio.

Entry requirements

You will be expected to have successfully completed a Foundation Degree in Public and Environmental Health or equivalent qualification. You will also need maths and English GCSE at grade C or above.

Progression opportunities

Environmental health practitioners (EHPs) are employed in local authorities, commerce and industry. They need to have a sound scientific and technological knowledge as well as the ability to work collaboratively with other professionals and within communities. Work varies, combining office and field work, as a substantial part of the time is spent providing specialist and technical advice. In addition, practitioners aim to prevent future public and environmental health problems by means of health protection and promotion programmes and by their involvement in the planning process. In cases where legal action is appropriate, EHPs may instigate enforcement procedures and appear at judicial hearings thus ensuring that environmental stressors are minimised and risks to human health are controlled.

Opportunities exist for employment in:

- Local authority/unitary authority
- Food manufacturing and retailing
- Food Standards Agency
- Health Protection Agency
- Health and safety advisors within industry.

How to apply

Full-time course: apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Part-time course: apply to UWE via Weston College. See page 91.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time)
- £3,750 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS CODE
 Institution: B80
 Course: B917
 Campus: E



Georgia says:

“I really enjoyed the amount of **practical activity** within the coursework and assignments, and the **variety** of teaching across the subjects.”

“While playing for the College’s football academy, I was selected for the England Colleges team and travelled to play against Ireland, which was a great experience.”

What’s next? “I am training to become a Police Community Support Officer and aim to progress through the force. The degree has provided me with the skills to control heated situations, which will help in my role with the police.”

Former school: Churchill

FdSc Sport Studies

Full-time: 2 years (2 days a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

Expert delivery, strong employer links, dedicated tutorial support and access to specialist accommodation are just some of the many reasons to study this course. It will appeal to those who have a desire to further develop their understanding of sports theory and practice. Areas covered include strength and conditioning, sports coaching, psychology and sports development. You will develop your ability and knowledge of the sports industry through work placement. This programme will be entirely delivered at Weston College with full access to the state-of-the-art library facilities.

Course structure and content

You will be expected to carry out 200 hours of work-based learning. In addition you will be working towards a variety of industry related qualifications to increase your employability skills.

Assessment

- Coursework
- Examinations
- Project work
- Presentations
- Practical.

Entry requirements

You will need a UCAS tariff of 160 points or more gained from at least one of the following:

- BTEC National Diploma/ Extended Certificate
- Two or more A Levels
- Advanced Apprenticeship
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements then other qualifications and experience may be taken into account. Applicants are assessed on an individual basis.

You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

Applications would need to undertake a CRB check.

Progression opportunities

On successful completion of this course you may have the opportunity to continue for a further year to complete an Honours Degree. Alternatively, this course will prepare you for a career in sports coaching and the leisure industry.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

for 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)
■ £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- Weston College scholarships
- Weston College Bursary/ National Scholarship Programme.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



UCAS CODE Institution: W47
Course: C640
Campus: –

Abbey says:

“I would never have progressed to a Foundation Degree from the BTEC National Diploma without the **support of my tutors**. They have provided me with **confidence** to pursue my career plans.”

“The trips we undertake as part of the Foundation Degree are fun and extremely beneficial as they allow you to see the tourism industry in practice. Our trip to The Gambia was amazing – a real once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

What next? “I plan to continue working in the customer service team at Bristol Airport while topping-up to an Honours Degree at Bath Spa University.”

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FdA Tourism Management

Full-time: 2 years (2 days a week) **Part-time:** 3 years (1 day a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Top-up
with Business
Management
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Why choose this course?

This degree course provides a total package of professional knowledge and skills giving you a passport to the fastest growing industry in the world today. It has been designed with employability in mind enabling you to engage with the issues and developments affecting the tourism industry. Its vocational focus allows you to spend a significant amount of time within the workplace in order for you to gain experience, manage a variety of small projects and develop a range of skills. A vocational approach is underpinned by academic theory and industry standards that allow you to assess situations, make comparative judgments and suggest a range of alternative approaches. This course also offers opportunities to visit The Gambia and The Sahara. Tourism is worth over £80 billion to the national economy. The industry is a dynamic and varied environment to work in, with employment opportunities for customer focused and commercially aware individuals. This course will provide you with the transferable skills and experience to work in a variety of careers in this vibrant sector.

Course structure and content

Modules include:

Year one

- Understanding tourism geographies
- Work-based research
- Investigating attractions management
- The business of tourism.

Year two

- Marketing and business planning
- Investigating people and leadership within the workplace
- Work-based learning
- Sustainable tourism.

The course can include a period of working and studying abroad which will help you put an international perspective to tourism and its related issues. The course also includes the study of how the tourism industry has adopted modern business techniques and how technological developments are continually changing the industry. The work placement is an essential feature of this course. Former students have secured work placements with a number of key companies in the tourism sector including: Bristol International Airport, The National Trust, Easyjet, North Somerset Council (Tourism Development Department) and the Roman Baths in Bath.

Delivery method

- Formal lectures
- Group seminars
- Practical workshops visiting speakers from the tourism industry.

Assessment

- Seminars
- Essays
- Case studies
- Projects
- Exams.

Entry requirements

A UCAS tariff in the range of 180-220 points gained from at least one of following:

- Two or more A Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/ Certificate Advanced/ Extended Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Advanced Apprenticeship.

Progression opportunities

- You will have the opportunity to apply to progress to the Bath Spa University top-up year of the BA (Hons) Business and Management on successful completion of this course
- Apply to complete the Business with Management Hons top-up run at Weston College
- Enter employment within the tourism industry.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).
- £5,000 per year (part-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan†
- Maintenance grant†
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme†
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.

†Applies to full-time option only.



UCAS
CODE

Institution: B20
Course: N840
Campus: C

Dipendra says:
“The **quality** of teaching is high and lecturers all have **experience** of the uniformed public services and **great contacts** within the sector.”

“This Foundation Degree provides a great understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the uniformed public services. I attended a selection weekend for the University Officer Training Corps and the course had equipped me with the tools and knowledge I needed to pass.”

What's next? “After completing the third year and topping-up to an Honours Degree, I plan to apply for the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. My ultimate goal is to join the British Army as an infantry officer.”

FdA Uniformed Services

Full-time: 2 years (2 days a week)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

A vocationally-focused degree course, integrating academic and work-based learning to reflect current and predicted needs within this sector. The programme is one of the few available that is specific to this sector. Developed in consultation with the uniformed services, it focuses on the knowledge and skills needed to gain entry into, or enhance your existing position within the field. The programme is primarily focused around Police and Army officer entry and development. In addition to the taught modules, you will undertake two work-based projects. This allows you to apply your new skills and knowledge directly to your own workplace, and helps you develop skills that will enhance your employability.

Course structure and content

The programme aims to provide you with a sound understanding of the key aspects of uniformed service skills, fitness, expedition and personnel management and, outdoor pursuits. In addition to your qualifications, it takes into account previous experience and evidence of your skills and knowledge. Modules include:

Year one

- Fitness and lifestyle management
- Acquisition of skills in outdoor activities
- Uniformed service organisation, culture and society

- Uniformed service experience, work-based learning 1.

Year two

- Incident and emergency management
- Stress management in the uniformed services
- Planning and organisation of outdoor and adventurous activities
- Uniformed service experience, work-based learning 2.

Assessment

- Coursework
- Essays
- Work-related projects
- Module tests
- Presentations.

Entry requirements

Offers will usually be based on UCAS tariff of 160 points from at least one of the following:

- A Levels
- BTEC National Diploma/ Certificate Advanced/ Extended Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma.

If you do not possess the relevant entry requirements, recent and relevant experience of working in an appropriate setting may be taken into account. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis. You will also need Maths and English GCSE C or above, if you do not have these, you will need to take the Equivalency Test available.

Progression opportunities

This course will prepare you for a variety of careers in the public and uniformed services including officer training in the armed forces and emergency services.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



UCAS CODE
Institution: B80
Course: L900
Campus: E



BA (Hons) Uniformed Services (top-up)

(subject to final approval)

Full-time: 1 year (2 days a week)
Location: Knightstone Campus

Why choose this course?

This course is designed to give you a strategic understanding of the public services. The course will appeal to a diverse spectrum of prospective students with career ambitions as an officer within the public services. The programme has a strong emphasis on all uniformed public services (UPS) rather than the limited approach of other courses. There are strong links with all uniformed public services and establish opportunities for direct career paths, such as the Army, Police, Fire and Rescue Services, NHS, Prisons and Probation Office, where links are already established with these organisations. There is a mix of academia and work-based experiences that have been recognised by the public service providers as being beneficial to employment.

Course structure and content

The programme will offer four modules to provide you with a sound understanding of the key aspects of public service skills. Modules include:

- The management and leadership module will give academic insight to the various theorists which will underpin your practice in this field, with employer recognition.
- The independent project will be an in-depth report on a subject of your choice, in relation to the public services with guidance given by your personal tutor.
- International relations will focus on geo-political issues including, crime, terrorism and criminal activity, giving students in-depth insight to strategic factors that can impact on the public sector.
- Working in the community is aimed at crime and its effect on society, placing students in positions where they can identify and help resolve issues, aiding the community and their own careers, using self-reflection as a tool for career development.

Assessment

- Assignments
- Presentations
- Work-related projects
- Case studies.

Entry requirements

- Successful completion of a Foundation Degree, or equivalent, in a related area. We prefer students to achieve an average of 50% in their Foundation Degree but we will consider all applications in their own right.
- Applicants must have English and Maths GCSE grade C or above or equivalent.

It will be the students' responsibility to identify and agree a suitable work placement – you will need to obtain recorded hours.

Students may be required to undertake an interview as part of the selection process. Advice on what to expect will be given to students in advance.

Progression opportunities

This course will establish you as an excellent candidate to apply for officer training in a variety of careers in all the public services, Armed Forces and emergency services.

How to apply

Apply through UCAS. See page 90.

Tuition fees

(For 2013 entry – please check website for 2014 when released)

- £7,500 per year (full-time).

Students will be able to apply for the following funding (depending on individual circumstances):

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Maintenance grant
- University bursary and/or National Scholarship Programme
- Weston College scholarships.

See page 12 for further details or our website for information on fees and funding.



How to apply

There are two ways to apply for a course, depending on whether you want to study full-time or part-time.



Apply for a full-time course through UCAS

1. Fill in a University and College Admissions Service (UCAS) application form online following UCAS guidelines and submit it through the website, www.ucas.com. The UCAS website gives lots of information about making your application, so you can find more details there.
2. We will receive your application through UCAS and will consider your application. This may mean you are invited to an interview or audition with a course tutor.
3. We will let UCAS know what we decide about your application as soon as possible after your interview.
4. UCAS will let you know what we decide via UCAS Track.

It is important that you log into UCAS Track regularly. This is the main way in which UCAS communicates with students. All decisions regarding offers and interviews/auditions appear on UCAS Track. It is also how you respond to any offer of places that you have received. Don't forget to decide which is your firm and insurance offer by the date given or your offers will be withdrawn. We recommend that you log into UCAS Track on a regular basis to check the status of your application.

More information about the tariff can be found at www.ucas.ac.uk/students/ucas_tariff

If you want to apply for deferred entry then apply as normal via UCAS and tick the box for deferred entry; if you have already applied and would like to defer to next year then please get in touch with us and the decision will then appear on UCAS Track.

Remember to apply for your funding at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

If you have studied a related course at university previously or have extensive related employment you may be able to get exemption from parts of your chosen course by accreditation of prior learning if you provide sufficient appropriate evidence. Please ask for a copy of the APL policy for further information.



Apply for part-time courses and progression to an honours top-up if you are currently completing a Foundation Degree at Weston College

1. Fill in a direct entry application form and return it to us. You will be applying to one of our partner universities, so please contact our Higher Education Unit on **01934 411 409** for the correct form.
2. We will tell you when we get your application and may invite you in for a course guidance interview with a tutor.
3. If successful, we will make you an offer of a place before your chosen course is due to start in September.

Remember to complete a funding form PTG1 for part-time courses (available from Student Finance England).

If you have any queries about your application, give us a call on **01934 411 409** and we will do our best to help.

Access to higher education



If you would like to go to university or study a degree and you do not have the necessary qualifications (e.g. GCSEs and A Levels) then this course is ideal for you.

Duration and location

Full-time: 1 year (3 days a week from 9.30am-4.30pm)

Location: Knightstone Campus

Course content and structure

This course has been developed to enable you to receive an individual programme of study, helping you to ensure that your individual goals and career aspirations are met. It enables you to have the opportunity to progress to your chosen degree course. There are different pathways available depending on what you plan to study at degree level:

- Combined studies
- Education
- Health and social care
- Science.

Delivery method

Taught sessions take the form of:

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Presentations
- Practical work
- Project work.

Assessment

Assessed through a variety of methods including assignments and practical work.

Entry requirements

No formal academic qualifications are required. You should be working at Level 1 Maths and Level 2 English – help can be given prior to the start of the course if you are working below these levels.

Progression opportunities

On successful completion of this course, you will have the opportunity to progress to a wide range of Foundation Degree courses at Weston College. Alternatively, you may also have the opportunity to progress to university to study for an Honours Degree.

Tuition Fees

You may not have to pay tuition fees for this course. See page 12, or our website, for information on fees and funding.

How to apply

Call our Access Team on one of the following numbers:

01934 411 787

01934 411 592

01934 411 591

Are finances preventing you from getting to university? The new 24+ Advanced Learning Loan could be the solution.

Complete a degree and the 24+ Loan is written off

If you use the 24+ Loan to cover the cost of our Access to Higher Education course and go on to complete a degree, the loan is written off.

The Access to HE Diploma is an ideal qualification if you'd like to progress to university or study for a degree but don't have the necessary qualifications, like A Levels for instance.

You will receive a personalised programme of study, providing you with the opportunity to progress to your chosen degree course.

Weston College offers various pathways depending on what you aim to study at degree level:

- Access to Higher Education Diploma in Nursing, Health and Social Care, 32 weeks, 12 hours per week
- Access to Higher Education Diploma in Nursing, Health and Social Care (Fast-track), starting January for 24 weeks, 12 hours per week
- Access to Higher Education Diploma in Education (with Humanities), 32 weeks, 12 hours per week
- Access to Higher Education Diploma in Animal and Equine Management, 32 weeks, 12 hours per week.

Delivered within school hours

Getting to College

To reduce our carbon footprint, we encourage students to travel to College by public transport or, better still, on foot or by bike.

Discounted bus travel

We offer full-time students a bus travel pass for only £55* per term (three terms a year). It can be used on any local First Bus routes – unlimited travel, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which can be used anywhere in North Somerset and Bristol and not just to get to and from College.

Bus times and other service information can be obtained from Traveline on **0870 608 2608** or at **www.traveline.info**

By rail

Weston-super-Mare is on the main line from Bristol to Exeter. This line includes the following stations: Backwell, Bath, Bridgwater, Bristol, Highbridge, Nailsea, Taunton, Yatton.

The Knightstone Campus is no more than 10-minute walk from Weston-super-Mare station, the University Campus is a 10-minute bus ride, and the South West Skills Campus is a 10-minute walk away from Weston Milton train station.

For rail timetables and costs, contact The Trainline on **0870 01 01 296** or visit **www.thetrainline.com**

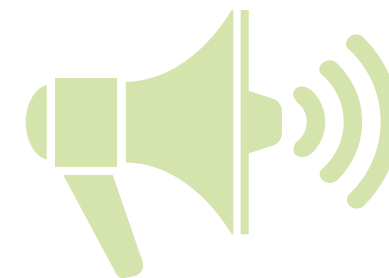
Visiting from further afield

Road – All three campuses are easy to get to by road, being just 10 minutes' drive from the M5, junction 21. The main A-roads – the A371 and A370 – go into Weston-super-Mare and connect up with the A38. This makes Weston College accessible from all sides of Weston-super-Mare and the surrounding areas.

Bus – Regular bus services operate to and from each of the campuses, serving Weston-super-Mare and the surrounding region.

Coach – Express coaches provide daily services to London, Cheltenham and Birmingham.

Air – Bristol International Airport is only 15 miles from Weston-super-Mare and offers regular bus links to the town centre.



Tell us what you think

We would like to know what you think about this prospectus. Please answer the questions below to help us make sure that we give potential students all the information they need and you could win £50 worth of iTunes vouchers!

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Do you like the style and layout of the prospectus?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Any comments?

If you knew this prospectus was available online would you still prefer to have a printed copy?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Any comments?

Was there enough information about the course you wanted?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Any comments?

Did you find the general information about the College useful?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Any comments?

Are you likely to apply for a degree at the College?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Any comments?

If yes, which course?

Any comments?

Are there any degree courses you are interested in that are not listed in this prospectus?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, which course

What other information would you like to see included in future prospectuses, if any?

Any general comments?

Return this slip, in an envelope and send to:

Marketing and Communications, Knightstone Campus, Weston College, Freepost (BS6735), Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2AL (No stamp is required).

Competition rules: No purchase necessary. Normal College competition rules apply. No cash alternative. No correspondence will be entered into.

The closing date for entries is 14th December, 2012. The first entry drawn out after the closing date will be awarded the prize.

Would you like any further information?

To get more information about Weston College please tick the information you need, and send this form back to us (UK postage pre-paid).

I would like:

☐ More information about a course (please say which course)

☐ To find out about ‘taster’ days

☐ To visit the College

☐ More information about financial support

☐ To be added to the College mailing list so I can get more information, including details of open evenings

☐ The Business Enterprise Team to contact me about training and development needs for my employees/in the workplace.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

School (if applicable):

School year (if applicable):

Date of birth:

Data Protection Act 1998 – I give my consent to Weston College recording and processing the personal information on this form, for any purposes of Weston College associated with the provision of advice and guidance to potential students on the range of courses available to them, College facilities and any other associated information. In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the information will be used only for the above mentioned purposes. If you do not wish additional information to be sent to you about Weston College please tick this box. ☐

