

Flexible career choices



Whether you already have the knowledge and experience but wish to formalise your qualifications, or feel unsure that a full degree is for you, we offer a range of exciting alternative study options to help you achieve academic results.

With our foundation and diploma courses designed by leading industry professionals, you will access key skills and qualifications that are attractive to employers.

Foundation degrees

Designed to combine studying alongside practical work placements, foundation degrees are the perfect way to enter higher education and to improve your career options.

Our foundation degree courses are innovatively designed in conjunction with employers, ensuring that course content is not only relevant, but also equips you with the right skills for a career in a health, education, youth, or social care settings, for example. With hands-on experience central to your learning, our foundation degree courses are a flexible and accessible means of arriving at your chosen career.

Here's a sample of the types of foundation degree courses on offer.

Health and Social Care FdSc

Tailored to allow study alongside part-time work, our Health and Social Care foundation degree will enable you to develop the knowledge and skills sought by health and social care employers. With 25% of the course achieved through work placements, you will have the opportunity to experience real-life practice environments as well as attending University one day per week. Taught by experienced staff from a range of professional health and social care backgrounds, you will have access to continual support at the University and on placement.

This foundation degree will help you get ahead by developing the knowledge and competences needed to deliver high quality, safe and compassionate care, and put you in a prime position to take advantage of new career opportunities as they arise.

Early Years Foundation Degree

A fully-flexible learning experience, our Early Years Education Degree is uniquely designed to provide two very different study options. By either attending one of our partner colleges as a full or part time student or enrolling for online learning through our Flexible and Distributed Learning Pathway, you will advance towards your chosen career by studying in a way which is suitable to your needs.

Mental Health FdSc

A nationally-recognised qualification, our Mental Health foundation degree develops knowledge and skills that are highly desired by employers across the spectrum of mental health services. With a strong focus on practice-based learning, this foundation degree will prepare you to support and promote mental health and well-being in both health and social care contexts.

HND/HNC courses

Vocational in nature, Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) and Higher National Certificates (HNCs) equip you with job-ready skills for careers within specific areas of industry. With real-world opportunities and experiences at the core of our HNDs and HNCs, you will not only be able to familiarise yourself with the industry, but also further your skills by progressing onto a 'top-up' degree in many cases upon successful completion of your course.

Here's a taste of what our HND courses entail:



[Business Management HND](#)

Designed to meet the needs of employers, our Business Management HND offers a broad business-based, contemporary curriculum. Ideal for those exploring a wide range of career options, this course will allow you to work alongside client organisations, develop transferable skills, and progress onto the third year of the BA (Hons) Business Management degree at the University. *[link to case study about progression of entirety of current cohort, who progressed to the degree]*

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Urban & Electronic Music Production HND

With a growing demand for electronic music-based audio professions, our Urban & Electronic Music Production HND will enable you to enhance your skills and expertise to industry level. In addition to a range of exciting workshops taught by inspiring visiting lecturers, you will have the opportunity to experience the industry first-hand on various music-related field trips in the UK and beyond, and progress onto a music-related 'top-up' degree.

Use our [course finder](#) or our [Inspire Me](#) tool to discover our full range of foundation degrees, HNDs, and HNCs, and find the path that's right for you.

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