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WELCOME

A WARM WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY CENTRE ST HELENS

As Vice Principal for Higher Education here at University Centre St Helens, I am delighted that you are considering studying with us.

As a University Centre St Helens student, you will benefit from our small but expanding provision. It allows all of our students to enjoy a real sense of community and to reap the rewards of a concentrated teaching and learning experience.

Joining us provides access to smaller class sizes, significantly lower tuition fees and unrivalled access to some of the very best lecturers, all of whom make the difference to your success and satisfaction. Our academics are active in research, whilst experienced in the world of work, with extensive industry knowledge. Those teaching you will share both their experience and theoretical knowledge, ensuring that you get the very best out of your time with us.

You will have access to a range of facilities both here at University Centre St Helens and also at your partner university institution. On campus in St Helens you can find a dedicated Student Lounge, IT Suite, quiet study spaces and Starbucks - a great place to relax before a lecture or study together as part of group work sessions, sharing ideas and collaborating with peers.

Most of our degree courses offer a Study Enhancement Gift, a degree related gift, trip or voucher that supports students to succeed in their chosen subject.

All degree courses also benefit from a range of guest lectures, from industry experts. An enhancement to the learning experience.



**Vice Principal Higher Education,
Victoria Roberts**

As tuition fees continue to rise at larger universities, there has never been a better time to stay local but go far. With degrees built on history but designed for the future, I am confident that you will agree that University Centre St Helens will provide you with a degree that ultimately leads to your dream career.

Please do take the opportunity to visit us on one of our Open Days, you will be made most welcome and I am sure you will leave suitably impressed.

REASONS TO STUDY WITH US



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Zach Megarry

“The **Study Enhancement Gift** I received as part of my enrolment on the degree has been significantly important to me and has helped me to achieve a standard of work that I would have struggled to otherwise deliver.”



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Orla Byrom

“The **smaller class sizes** allow us to have at least one tutorial session per week, which provides the opportunity to meet with lecturers on a one to one basis. University Centre St Helens has taught me that no one should underestimate their own potential. Degree level study is achievable if you work hard and are committed.”



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Natalie Mellor

“I am really glad I progressed from my level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma with St Helens College onto a degree course at University Centre St Helens. The **amount of lecturer support** you receive is absolutely fantastic!”



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Mike Lavery

“I have successfully progressed from a level 1 Art and Design qualification to a BA (Hons) Graphic Design degree. **Staying local** to pursue my degree has allowed me to keep my part-time job and develop my own business.”

OUR HERITAGE, OUR HISTORY

1884 - 1887

Beechams Factory was built for the production of Thomas Beecham's famous pills.

1893

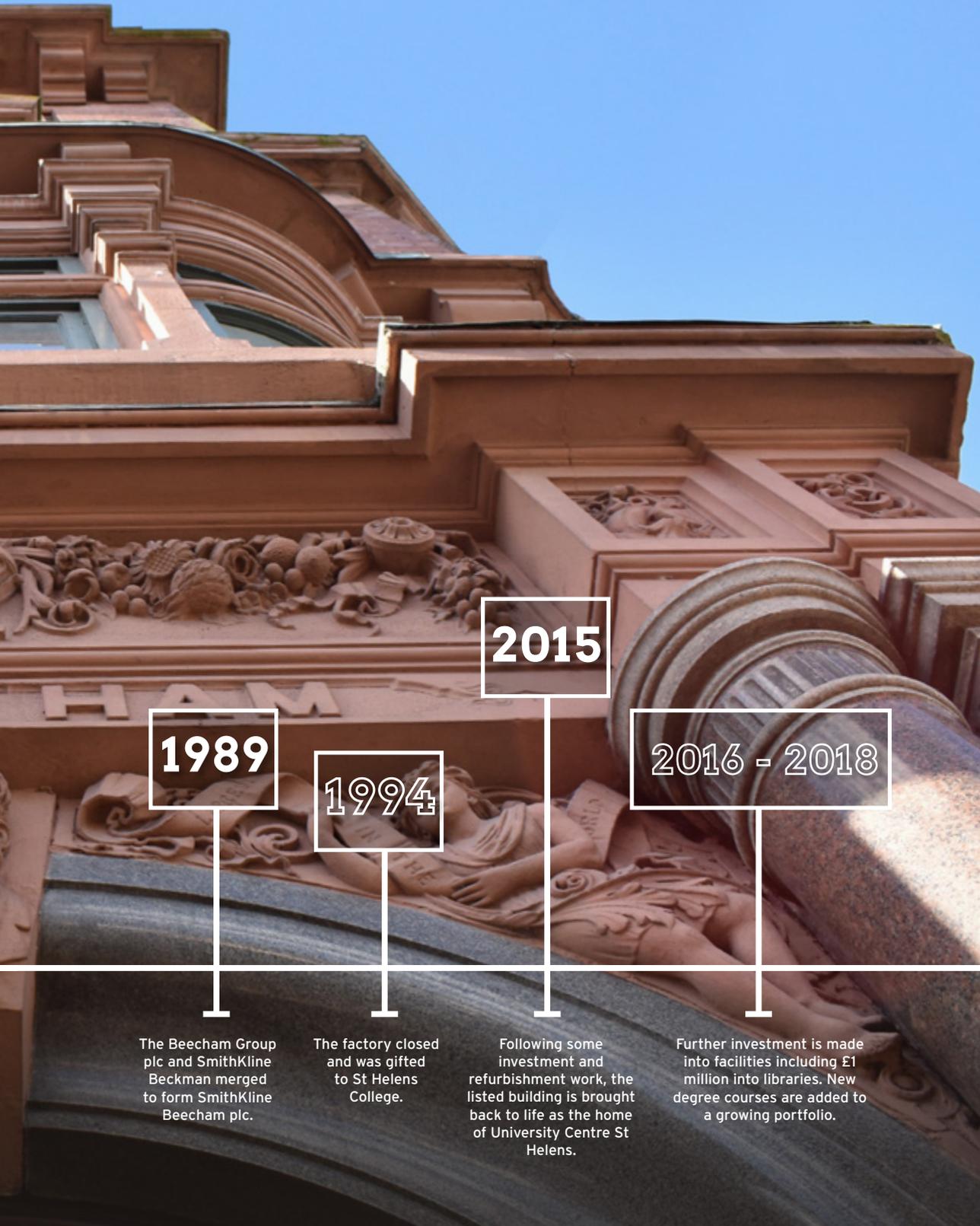
The Corporation of St Helens accepted David Gamble's offer of a plot of land at the corner of Hardshaw Street and Corporation Street and £20,000 to erect a free public library and technical school.

1897

The Gamble Institute (currently St Helens Central Library) was opened by Sir David Gamble to provide a home to education for future generations.

1950

Due to classes overflowing at The Gamble Institute, a new technical college was commissioned on Water Street.



1989

The Beecham Group plc and SmithKline Beckman merged to form SmithKline Beecham plc.

1994

The factory closed and was gifted to St Helens College.

2015

Following some investment and refurbishment work, the listed building is brought back to life as the home of University Centre St Helens.

2016 - 2018

Further investment is made into facilities including £1 million into libraries. New degree courses are added to a growing portfolio.



THE STUDY ENVIRONMENT

University Centre St Helens offers a friendly and supportive learning environment, and with smaller class sizes you will be an individual, not a number. Our highly skilled, dedicated lecturers will help you get the most out of your degree, ensuring that you have plenty of regular contact time with them. In addition to a supportive, learning environment, you will have access to an exclusive Higher Education student lounge, IT suite and dedicated Higher Education areas in our libraries.

LIBRARIES

Over the past year we have spent over £1 million investing in our libraries. They have a substantial collection of learning resources to support your studies including books, a wealth of magazines, DVDs and fiction. Our 24/7 library of online databases, journals and eBooks means that you can study at home or anywhere in the world, as well as on campus, at a time to suit you.

University Centre St Helens recognises that we all have different learning styles, that is why we offer a range of study areas, including group study areas, quiet study spaces and independent study zones in order to meet your needs. If you are studying a degree at University Centre St Helens that is affiliated with a partner university, you will also have access to the partner university's library resources, as well as those at University Centre St Helens.

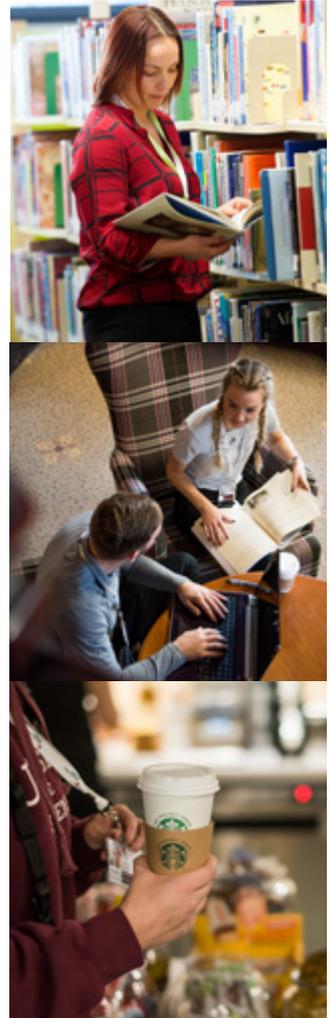
STUDENT LOUNGE

All University Centre St Helens students have exclusive access to a dedicated student lounge, computer rooms and reading rooms accessible via your University Centre St Helens student swipe card.

Located in the SmithKline Beecham Building in St Helens, it is fully equipped with soft furnishings and is the perfect place to relax, meet friends, or recharge before your next lecture. Adjoining the Student Lounge is a dedicated IT suite equipped with computers, printers and study space. All of these facilities are available for the exclusive use of students on degree courses.

STARBUCKS

We proudly serve Starbucks in our library café at the St Helens Town Centre campus. Take a break between your studies and drop in for a coffee! The relaxed atmosphere and library location means that the Starbucks setting is perfect for those wishing to work in a more informal atmosphere, or for group work sessions, where you are sharing ideas and collaborating with peers.





DEGREES THAT LEAD TO CAREERS

Enhancing student employability is a key part of the University Centre St Helens experience. We support all students to develop their employability skills, and provide access to a dedicated careers team, who are able to offer impartial advice and guidance on how to progress into your dream career.

Employability is embedded in all of our degree courses, through work-based learning modules and work placement opportunities. These professional settings provide students with a chance to apply their classroom based skills and knowledge to the real world and are developed in partnership with organisations in a range of sectors. All University Centre St Helens degrees aim to deliver valuable experiences and opportunities. These provide ample opportunity to prepare you for the world of work.

BE PREPARED TO BE INSPIRED



Danielle Lally

FdSc Exercise Health and Fitness
(graduated 2015)

Role: Lifestyle Advisor

Employer: St Helens Healthy Living Team



“To those thinking of studying a degree at University Centre St Helens, my advice would be to apply. The variety of the modules, coupled with the opportunity to study for additional qualifications, such as the level 3 Certificate in Personal Training and Sports Massage qualifications, alongside the degree, allowed me to leave University Centre St Helens as a confident, well rounded and highly employable individual.”



James Ward

BA (Hons) Graphic Design
(graduated 2017)

Role: Digital Designer

Employer: Inside Online



“I really enjoyed my time at University Centre St Helens, where I had the chance to work on a variety of different briefs. The degree taught me how to manage my time, work to deadlines and understand how to interpret a brief and turn this into artwork for a range of platforms that meets and exceeds customer expectations. These skills have proven vital in employment and upon graduating, I progressed straight into industry where I have worked on a range of client briefs, with a selection of household brand names as clients.”

BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS

As a University Centre St Helens student you will have opportunities that expand well beyond your subject of study.

Each degree provides students with the opportunity to represent their programme through the Student Representative system. Elected at the start of each year, Student Representatives are the face of their chosen programme and advocates of positive change - taking any student issues to meetings with Senior Managers on behalf of their peers, suggesting change and working with both lecturers and other students to implement positive adjustments. A great addition to any CV, the role of Student Representative develops commitment, team working skills and the ability to communicate with a wide range of peers, lecturers and Senior Managers, essential skills for success in any industry.



University Centre St Helens students, across all of our degrees, go on a wide range of trips and visits including international subject specific trips to a range of popular cities, including Amsterdam and Paris, as well as exploring a range of more local opportunities, including exhibitions, masterclasses and industry visits. Students also benefit from a range of guest speaker visits, work experience opportunities at an appropriate level in their chosen industry and lecturing from highly experienced, industry served experts.





SHOWCASING STUDENT TALENT; A FIRST LOOK AT OUR FUTURE STARS

VORTEX EXHIBITION

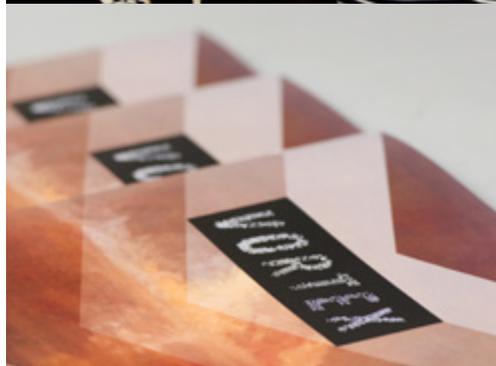
For over a month, the historic Beechams building transforms into one of St Helens' largest art galleries. Celebrating the achievements and talents of final year students from a selection of University Centre St Helens creative arts degrees, including BA (Hons) Photography, BA (Hons) Graphic Design and BA (Hons) Fine Art Painting, Vortex, the annual end of year show, provides students with the opportunity to showcase their final pieces in a gallery setting to friends, family, visitors and local influencers. Providing students with a platform to exhibit, creations use a range of mediums from traditional paintings on oil to the latest design software.

Graduates from previous year's have gone on to be photographers, artists and designers of note around the world, working in some of the world's most fashionable cities, developing relationships formed whilst studying at University Centre St Helens.

BA2 EXHIBITION

Each year, second year students on the BA (Hons) Fine Art Painting degree are provided with an opportunity to show their pieces in a live exhibition. Students acquire the skills and attitudes required for professional presentation including selection, hanging and working to key deadlines. The exhibition provides invaluable professional practice with hands-on, real life experience that prepares students for life in industry. The event, usually taking place over a week-long period in the spring, allows students to exhibit their work in a public space and see first-hand how members of the public respond to their pieces.

Requiring careful planning and advertising, the creation of an invite and catalogue, as well as key decisions on how to hang work and demonstrate professional practice, BA2 allows students to demonstrate key elements of being a professional, contemporary artist.





ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

As a student on a degree with University Centre St Helens, you are able to access a range of free workshops that will help you to develop the higher level academic writing skills needed for success at degree level.

Delivered from the main library at the St Helens Town Centre Campus, students can attend one or all of the sessions, covering key topics including the importance of correct referencing, identifying reliable resources, avoiding plagiarism and general academic integrity. In addition to this, those who attend will complete several exercises around in-text referencing and writing bibliographies, ensuring all attendees leave their chosen session(s) with a confident grasp and understanding of what is required when writing at a higher level.

Sessions available throughout the academic year include:

COLLEGE AND PARTNER UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

This session introduces students to the University Centre St Helens Library resources, the appropriate partner University Library resources and other key sources of information, required for use at undergraduate level.

IDENTIFYING RELIABLE RESOURCES/ EVALUATING SOURCES

Providing students with the skills needed to successfully evaluate different resources, academic or otherwise, this session provides a particular focus on websites and the reliability and value of information available, whilst offering skills that are transferable to other methods of research.

REFERENCING (APA OR HARVARD) AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

This session will cover the importance of correct academic referencing, plagiarism and academic integrity; vital skills for writing at undergraduate level. Students will complete several exercises around in-text referencing and writing bibliographies.

ADVANCED SEARCHING

Introducing students to advanced searching techniques, in particular Boolean Search Operators. This session will teach you how to apply these techniques to various online resources.

TIME MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION

This session will allow students to assess their own time management, identifying strategies to improve time management and encourage discussions around solutions to common organisational problems.

All sessions will support students in developing analytical and evaluative writing, revision skills, critical thinking, editing and proofreading skills.



BE PART OF A BIGGER PICTURE

OUR UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

University Centre St Helens has developed strong links with three of the Northwest's leading universities, to ensure that you graduate with a prestigious qualification. When you choose to study your degree with University Centre St Helens, you will receive the benefits of smaller class sizes and increased contact time with our experienced lecturers, whilst graduating with a nationally recognised qualification, validated by a major university. Upon successful completion of your qualification, University Centre St Helens students are invited to attend the graduation ceremony at the partner university.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE (UCLan)



University Centre St Helens is proud to be working in partnership with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) to provide individuals with a range of learning opportunities in Higher Education.

University Centre St Helens courses are also governed by the same entry requirements and course regulations as students at the university, which means that you can move on to UCLan to study for a higher qualification: for example, you can move on from a Foundation degree to an Honours Degree. An additional application to UCLan will be required.

As a student studying on a UCLan course, you are still very much part of the UCLan community and can enjoy the benefits of a range of facilities and services from the university, in addition to the facilities and services at University Centre St Helens.

UCLan LIBRARY AND RESOURCES

You can access a huge range of resources online through the MyUCLan portal including e-journals and databases, e-books, resources for study skills and a dedicated eLearn section. You also have access to Lynda.com, which offers industry-led online tutorials in software, study skills and employability.

UCLan partner students can also access a range of support resources in person at the Preston campus. WISER gives academic support to students; they will read up to 1500 words of your work and provide feedback on your writing, referencing and sentence structure. They also provide group workshops and writing clinics.

UCLan CAREERS SERVICE

Partner students can also access careers support via CareerEDGE, a careers related resource that provides a wide range of online materials, including a CV builder, mock interviews simulator, graduate vacancies and employer videos. <https://careeredge.uclan.ac.uk>

UCLan STUDENTS' UNION

Partner students are welcome to get involved with any of the Students' Union activities at UCLan. <https://www.uclansu.co.uk/partnerinstitutions>



UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER



University Centre St Helens is an approved academic partner of University of Chester. We have a very strong relationship with the university; it is also our largest university partner. Students studying on a University of Chester validated degree will have access to a wide range of resources, including:

LIBRARY AND RESOURCES

You will be able to access a whole host of resources online including Moodle, the university's virtual learning environment, standard access to the library collections at any university library in Chester, Warrington and Shrewsbury and access to ejournals and ebooks (subject to licensing terms) and Office 365.

CHESTER STUDENTS' UNION

Chester Students' Union (CSU) is an independent charitable organisation which aims to ensure that students are supported and that student views and opinions are voiced at all university meetings.

Students studying at University Centre St Helens are still a very valued member of the Union and CSU will help with any support you may need as a Chester student.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

A range of careers information resources are available through Portal, which can be accessed by both students themselves and academic and personal tutoring staff. These resources are identical to those used by Careers and Employability staff working with students at University of Chester.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

Students registered for University of Chester degrees but based at University Centre St Helens can access all the online self-help resources available on the Student Support and Development Portal web pages.



LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY



University Centre St Helens is proud to be a partner institution of Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU), delivering a strong Foundation degree programme with them.

LJMU is a contemporary university, in the heart of the thriving city of Liverpool, that supports students to maximise their potential through degree programmes that are stimulating, challenging and exciting.

As a student studying on a programme validated by LJMU, you will be entitled to use the university's library and resources at any of their three learning resource centres, as well as the Students' Union.



For more information and to apply, please visit uc.sthelens.ac.uk

HOW TO FIND US

University Centre St Helens is located in the heart of the Northwest of England, a short drive from many local towns and approximately 15 miles from Liverpool City Centre. With great transport links, whether you are travelling by car, rail or bus, the location is easily accessible and well served by a range of road networks.



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CREATIVE ARTS



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“The teaching on my degree is brilliant! It is clear, straightforward and just fantastic! Everything is really clear, you are taught from scratch how to do everything, so naturally your skills are developing all the time. The lecturers are passionate about what they do and genuinely want to help you learn.

I knew the environment would be more mature, as that is all part of going to university but I didn't expect to be this free. We have great structure but also great freedom as an artist, we are able to do whatever we feel and think, as long as it meets wider brief objectives. Such a great balance.”

Katherine Hickey
BA (Hons) Fine Art
Painting



BA (HONS) FINE ART PAINTING

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Access to your own, individual and generously sized studio space for the duration of your studies
- One of only a few degree courses of its type in the country, allowing you to study painting as a specialist practice from day one of your study
- Unrivalled access to accomplished lecturers who are active researchers and practising artists, exhibiting nationally and internationally

OVERVIEW

The BA (Hons) Fine Art Painting degree at University Centre St Helens is one of only a few degree courses in the country of its type, allowing you to study painting as a specialist practice from day one of your study.

Over the three years of the degree, students have the opportunity to develop an individual, deep understanding of established painting principles, to innovate, experiment and acquire confidence with a wide range of creative, technical, philosophical and aesthetic processes within fine art painting.

Upon graduation you will have a robust and critical understanding of the contemporary environment in which you will practice. This degree is designed to provide you with academic and practical expertise.

VALIDATED BY:



UCAS CODE

W120

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2022

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

3 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

80 UCAS Tariff points

We are looking for applicants who are fully committed, highly motivated and have a genuine passion for fine art painting. We seek fine art painters with individuality and an enthusiasm to challenge established fine art practices. As such, a portfolio of creative design work available for consideration at interview is required. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

Wayne Robinson

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Study Enhancement Gift available
see page 149



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

A well-balanced, progressive and sequential learning path dominates the first year. Students are actively encouraged in their pursuit of learning through traditional methods, as well as computing and digital technology. You will develop your confidence and competence in academic study, particularly through the development of oral presentation skills, which will in turn highlight the importance of presenting yourself and your work.

This systematic approach of applying general principles and basic knowledge lays the foundation for subsequent years of academic study, striving to develop the attitudes and skills needed to comprehend and evaluate your intellectual growth.

Year 1 will provide the opportunity to discover and establish a personal painting language, as well as introducing you to a variety of image capturing and life drawing processes.

Modules include:

- Introduction to Painting
- Contextual Studies
- Academic and Personal Development
- Drawing Process
- Image Capture and Collage into Painting

YEAR 2

Whilst the intuitive, creative and problem solving aspects of fine art education are being embraced, the methodologies of good painting practice are progressively developed in your second year. You will develop the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to define and research a historical context through an extended essay, while preparing a written abstract in preparation for the dissertation in your final year.

You will gain an in-depth, personal knowledge of the subject of painting and the development of a highly personal, creative identity. You will understand the need to establish a safe working environment and working practices while considering the realities of professional practice through live project work in the form of a mural project and an end of module exhibition in a public gallery, BA2. See page 15 for more information. You will establish, underpin and encourage the transition to independent learning.

Modules include:

- Painting Language and Identity
- Painting Critical Study
- Career, Studio and Gallery Practice
- Drawing
- Personal Development

YEAR 3

In the third year, you are expected to be critically self-aware, providing opportunities to empower and employ your academic, innovative, creative, practical and technical abilities. All third year modules promote the transition to independent learning. This process is further enhanced by tutorials, which support you in extending the boundaries of your knowledge and developing a rigorous, independent attitude to your work, culminating in a holistic appreciation of the global contexts for fine art painting. All of these modules require you to extend your intellectual and problem solving capabilities and draw upon skills to research, develop and experiment with propositions and solutions with a developing confidence and ability.

Modules include:

- Painting Major Study
- Critical Study in Context
- Professional Presentation

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“The lecturing team are fantastic and won't disappoint. The large, individually allocated studio space is invaluable. The painting studio has a nice, calm atmosphere and is a fantastic place to be. You go up to the studio, begin to paint and are transported elsewhere. Any troubles you may have had in the week are gone when you start painting.”

Gary Mitchell
BA (Hons) Fine Art
Painting



HOW WILL I STUDY?

Learning will be through lectures, teaching workshops, seminars, group critiques, self-directed learning, peer group learning, written work, presentations, group work, library and gallery study.

You also have open access to generously sized studio spaces for you to work and study from, throughout the three years of the degree.

The Creative Arts department is friendly and approachable and of a size that enables us to know our students personally and be able to respond to their needs.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is carried out throughout the three years, using both formative and summative assessments through essays, written reports, practical work, oral presentations, journals, sketchbooks, logbooks, live projects (mural and exhibition), coursework and computer based work. Work is also reviewed through seminars, group critiques and academic tutorials.

The annual, final year show in your third year will allow you to display your work to a wider creative audience. For more information see page 15.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

You will be taught by accomplished lecturers, who practice across a range of fine art painting contexts with extensive, professional experience in the production, marketing and exhibiting of their work in regional, national and international galleries.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Graduates will have achieved a comprehensive broad based qualification, which will enhance their career prospects within the art and design industry. Many graduates have gone on to set up their own studios, galleries or workshop centres.

Past graduates have undertaken qualifications such as Master of Arts degrees at prestigious institutes such as Chelsea School of Art, University of Newcastle and Manchester Metropolitan University. Those looking to enter the teaching profession may wish to progress onto the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with University Centre St Helens. To do so, an additional application will be required.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Fine Art Painting graduate, you may have the opportunity to progress into a range of careers, including:

Curatorial
£20,000 - £40,000

Art Restoration
£24,000 - £30,000

Secondary School Teacher
£20,000 - £42,000

Art Therapist
£26,300 - £48,000



HEART OF GLASS

The Heart of Glass works in partnership with University Centre St Helens to offer a rich, vibrant, quality experience for students.

The partnership has provided a high quality arts space, volunteering and work experience opportunities, live projects and guest lectures and tutorials from commissioned artists, producers and curators. The Heart of Glass also hosts a range of student exhibitions throughout the academic year, including the ever popular BA2.



Artist: Lily Karen
Medium: Oil on board



Artist: Faye Hall
Medium: Recycled material



Artist: Faye Hall
Medium: Recycled material



Artist: Lily Karen
Medium: Oil on linen board



Artist: Sarah Gilman
Medium: Oil on canvas

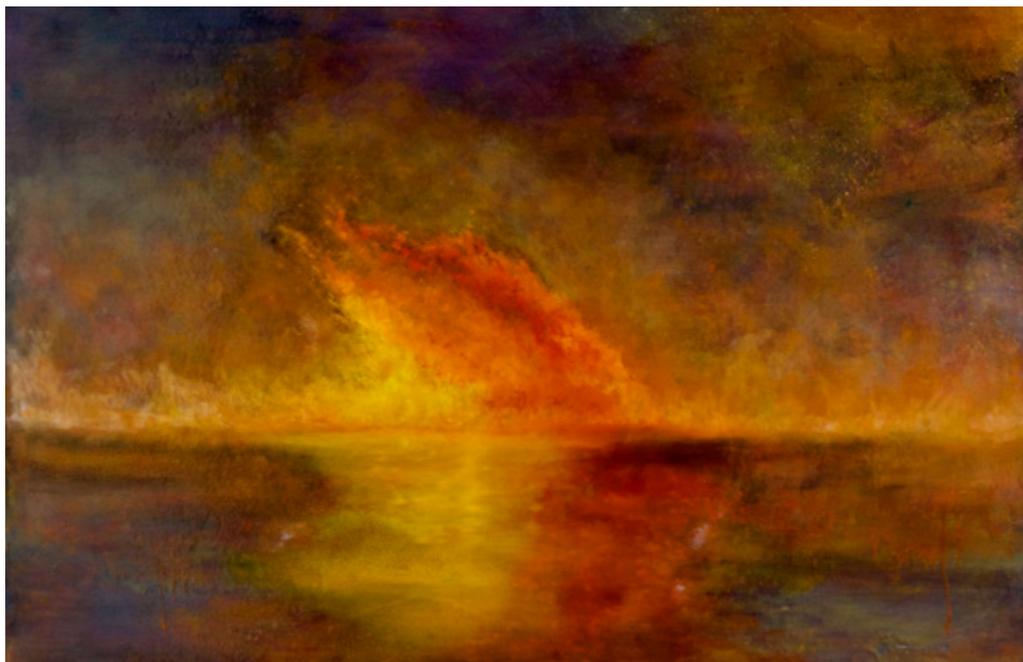


Artist: Sarah Gilman
Medium: Oil on canvas

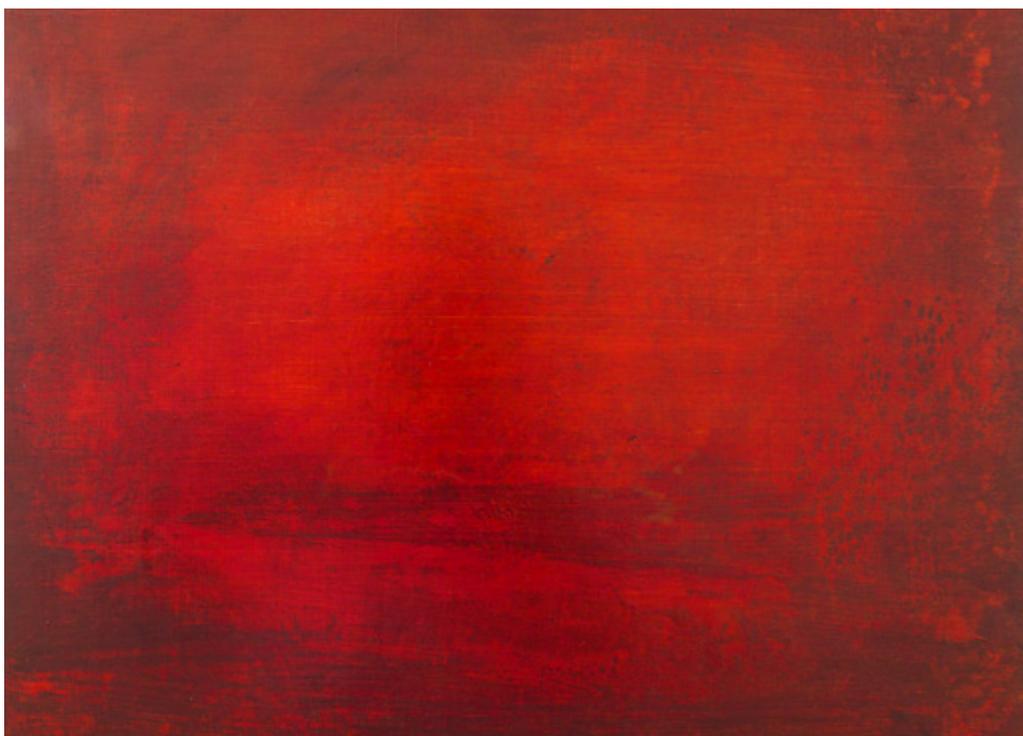


Artist: Natasha Lofthouse
Medium: Oil on canvas

For more information and to apply, please visit uc.sthelens.ac.uk



Artist: Alex Whitton
Medium: Oil on canvas



Artist: Alex Whitton
Medium: Oil on MDF

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“I am really enjoying the degree; I love everything about it! I like the individual studio space, the people, the way the lecturers talk to you and explain things, the freedom to choose what I’m doing within the structure of each module and how the lecturers really help you to be the best you can be. I would recommend this degree to anyone who has a passion for painting.”

Emma Woods
BA (Hons) Fine Art
Painting





Artist: Sarah Gilman
Medium: Oil on canvas

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"This degree offers a unique opportunity to develop an individual, deep understanding of established painting principles, to innovate, experiment and acquire confidence with a wide range of creative, technical, philosophical and aesthetic processes."

Wayne Robinson
Programme Leader



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“I am really enjoying my BA (Hons) Game Art degree. I benefit from smaller class sizes and I am learning from industry experienced lecturers, as I develop new skills. On this degree, we enjoy a mixture of taught lectures, workshops, group work and personal study. One to one help and guidance is always available if needed.”

Philippa Dobby
BA (Hons) Game Art



BA (HONS) GAME ART

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Teaching takes place in a dedicated light and spacious purpose built game art laboratory, where you will be learning to use the latest industry standard software
- Taught by game art experts with extensive industry experience on AAA game titles across the globe including Electronic Arts, Los Angeles
- As your Study Enhancement Gift you will receive your own, personal, industry standard high spec laptop, allowing you to work anywhere at anytime

OVERVIEW

The BA (Hons) Game Art degree has been developed and designed by game art experts. It will provide you with specialist training to become a professional 3D games artist, along with theoretical and core skills required for success in a modern, creative games studio. It is the ideal degree for creative individuals with a passion for gaming.

The degree is underpinned by embedding game art appropriate industry skills and knowledge to implement a sound foundation in the use of tools, technologies and processes integral for contemporary games titles.

Traditional skills, pre-production design skills and other forms of visualisation techniques will be instilled. The degree aims to replicate the working conditions of industry level games studios.

You will be trained in using 3D Studio Max, Unreal Level Editor, Z Brush, Substance Suite, Mudbox, Photoshop and other relevant software. Your academic communication skills will also be developed through research, intellectual enquiry and investigation into contemporary game theory and culture.

VALIDATED BY:



UCAS CODE
W282

START DATE/END DATE
September 2019 - May 2022

CAMPUS
St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE
£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE
3 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
80 UCAS Tariff points

You will need to present appropriate evidence in the form of a digital or physical portfolio and discuss it with the Programme Leader at interview. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT
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DBetton@sthelens.ac.uk

Study Enhancement Gift available
see page 149



Artist: Rebecca Tipler

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

The first year will provide underlying knowledge and skills that are needed in the games industry and relevant areas. You will gain a fundamental understanding of practical principles and methodologies. Industry software packages are introduced, showcasing good practice through 3D asset creation and model making, 2D texture creation and the development of game engines. You will also foster your academic skills in preparation for year 2 and year 3 study.

Modules include:

- Visual Studies
- Modelling for Game Art
- Level Creation
- Game Studies

YEAR 2

The second year will develop your artistic skills further, with more advanced model making techniques and game engine production being introduced. You will establish your own creative approach to your practice, developing concepts, skills and knowledge. In addition you will explore and participate in a major group project, developing project management and communication skills, alongside the ability to work as part of a team.

Modules include:

- Character Modelling
- Advanced Level Creation
- Game Culture
- High Polygon Modelling

YEAR 3

The third year encourages self-directed learning and provides the opportunity to create personal goals and establish the means to achieve them. You will specialise in a field within the games industry, choosing a project that is personal to you, showcasing your desired area of game art with a well-developed portfolio.

Modules include:

- Game Art Preproduction
- Game Art Production
- Game Culture in Context

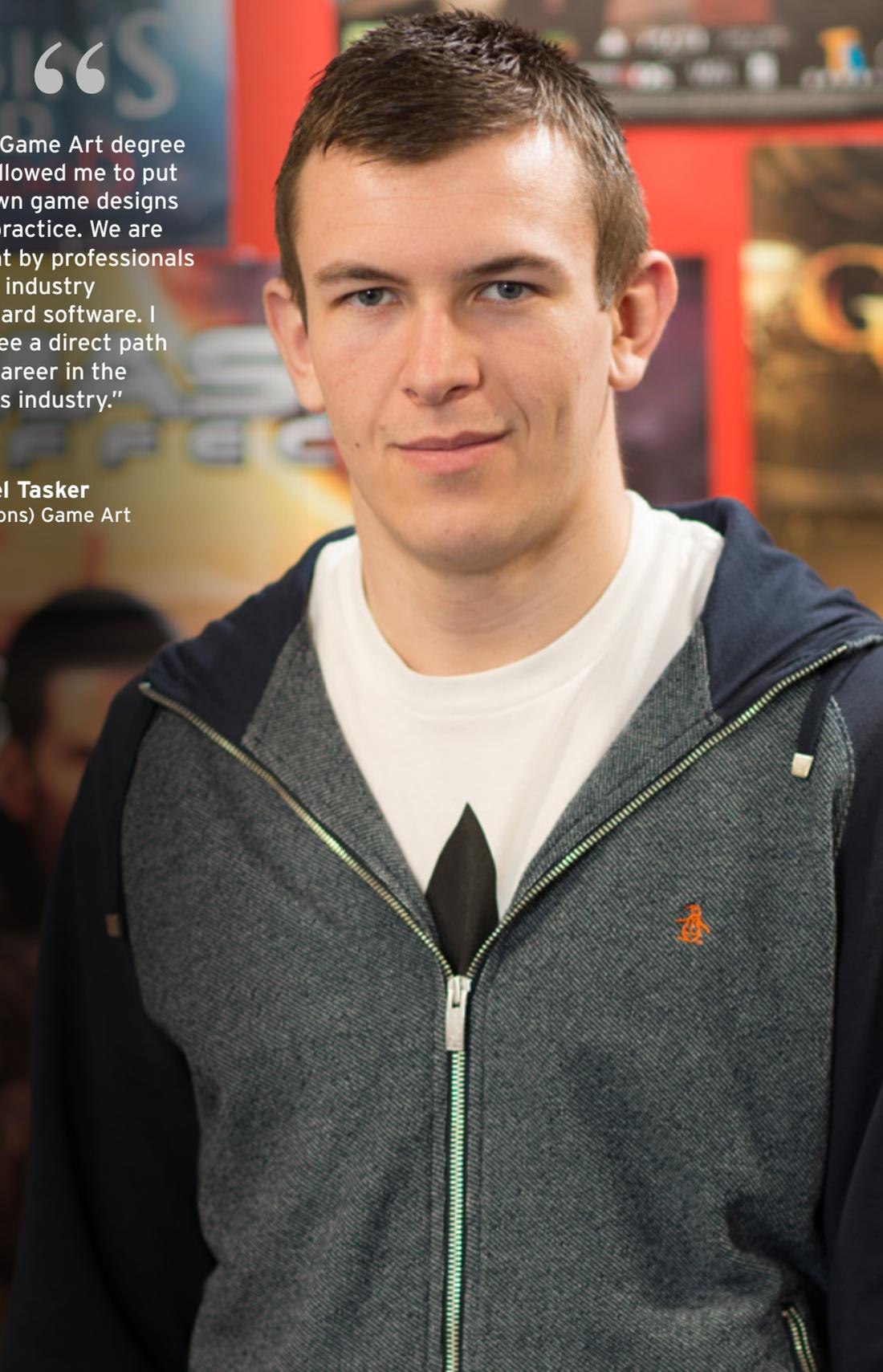


Artist: Rachael Arnold

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“The Game Art degree has allowed me to put my own game designs into practice. We are taught by professionals using industry standard software. I can see a direct path to a career in the games industry.”

Daniel Tasker
BA (Hons) Game Art



HOW WILL I STUDY?

Learning will be theoretical and practical through lectures, workshops, demonstrations, seminars, group critiques, self-directed study, written work, presentations, group work, visits and guest lectures. Industry standard software will enhance your learning experience, enabling you to master the 3D modelling and related digital computer game skills, vital for success in this exciting industry.

Teaching takes place in a dedicated light, spacious and purpose built game art laboratory, based in the historic former SmithKline Beecham building at the Town Centre campus.

The Creative Arts department is friendly and approachable and of a size that enables us to know our students personally and be able to respond to their needs.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is carried out throughout the three years of the degree through projects, assignment work, design briefs, computer based work, presentations of artwork, industry critique and essays.

The final year show, Vortex, in your third year will allow you to display your work to a wider audience, including influential industry advocates. For further information, see page 15.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

A highly experienced, passionate and enthusiastic lecturing team with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of the gaming industry will work with you. Our lecturers have a wealth of industry experience, having worked across the globe, on AAA game titles such as Wipeout, Mercenaries, Lord of the Rings and Star Wars Battlefront 1 and 2.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

You will be industry ready upon graduation. With core skills and the required self-understanding to effectively fit into a team and learn new processes and software in an entry level role in the computer games industry.

The Northwest is an important centre for the game development industry. University Centre St Helens has important links with the local industry, being located centrally in a region that has a cluster of games companies. In recent years, graduates have gained employment with Rebellion and Sony in Liverpool and TT Games in Cheshire.

The BA (Hons) Game Art degree will also provide a platform for continuing onto postgraduate study and beyond, with some former graduates choosing to continue their studies with University Centre St Helens

on the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) to pursue a career in teaching. To do this, an additional application will be needed.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Game Art graduate, you may have the opportunity to progress into a range of careers, including:

Game Developer
£30,000 - £61,000

3D Artist
£18,000 - £61,000

Studio Manager
£22,000 - £53,000

AR/VR Artist
£25,000 - £65,000



Artist: Jack Kirkham



Artist: Kieran Westwood



Artist: AJ Yumuya

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"The games industry needs original thinkers who have vision and the passion to communicate new ideas. The skills and knowledge learnt on BA (Hons) Game Art degree can be used in wide and diverse areas of the creative industries."

Dean Betton
Programme Leader

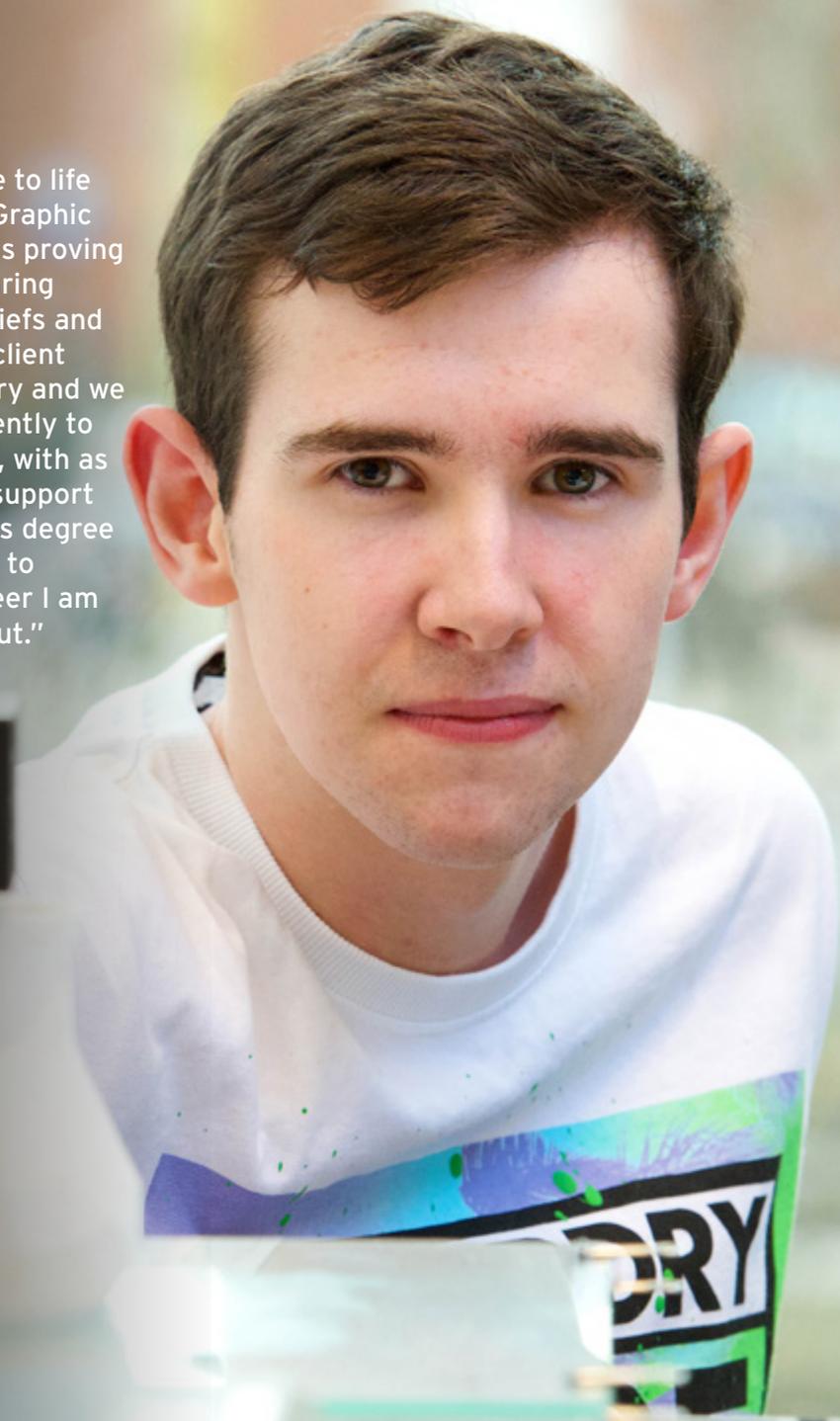


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“I love how true to life the BA (Hons) Graphic Design degree is proving to be. The lecturing team deliver briefs and deadlines as a client would in industry and we work independently to meet deadlines, with as much lecturer support as we need. This degree has allowed me to study for a career I am passionate about.”

Mike Lavery
BA (Hons)
Graphic Design



BA (HONS) GRAPHIC DESIGN

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Teaching takes place in a dedicated light, spacious and purpose built studio where you will be learning to use the latest software and technology
- The degree has built strong links with the Northwest design community, providing work-related opportunities with local and regional design studios
- There are thriving digital and creative firms across the Northwest and the resurgence of the Baltic Triangle and the Fabric District in Liverpool brings excellent career prospects

OVERVIEW

Our BA (Hons) Graphic Design degree reflects the current demands of contemporary graphic design practice. The degree offers you the opportunity to explore graphic design through a range of digital and traditional media. Teaching is highly practical and aims to reflect life in industry.

The evolution of a new, versatile designer who has a thorough understanding of traditional graphic design principles, as well as an ability to work creatively with digital technology is crucial to the future of the industry. We intend to match employer expectations by producing graduates capable of responding to and meeting modern industry demands.

The degree will introduce you to visual communication and typography and allow you to develop a technical understanding and working methodology, whilst building a greater appreciation for creative problem solving and innovative experimentation.

This degree has established links with the Northwest design community and offers work related opportunities with local design studios, as well as the chance to work on live projects in collaboration with other creative organisations.

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UCAS CODE

W211

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2022

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

3 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

80 UCAS Tariff points

You will need to present appropriate evidence in the form of a digital or physical portfolio and discuss it with the Programme Leader at interview. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

The first year introduces you to ideas and concepts through a range of major artistic, cultural and ideological issues that have influenced and informed 20th and 21st century creative practice. You will begin to develop methods of image making whilst exploring a variety of different graphic media to understand their value as forms of visual communication.

Traditional and current typographic practice will be explored and an understanding of theoretical study and practical activity developed. Through a live project you will be able to engage in a design competition, sourced from industry.

Modules include:

- Visual Communication
- Ideas and Concepts
- Typography
- Live Project

YEAR 2

The second year further develops core areas of graphic design. You will have the opportunity to explore the work of key individuals who have influenced the graphic design profession. You are introduced to a range of research skills, methodologies and techniques. You will also explore the design and production of a range of design materials including corporate identity, packaging, brochure design and layout, brand guideline manuals, information graphics and related marketing materials.

A series of lectures will introduce various forms of contemporary media, leading to discussion and analysis of successful practices. You will be given the option of which form of linear or non-linear work you produce in accordance with designated briefs and will also have the opportunity to undertake work related experience.

Modules include:

- Applied Research
- Design and Production
- Contemporary Media
- Work Related Learning
- Studio Practice

YEAR 3

The third year will build upon the creative and analytical aspects of your practice, working on national competition briefs and a self-initiated design study. Students undertake self-directed projects forging links to their identified career hopes and aspirations. The research report provides students with the opportunity to pursue a significant piece of individual, independent research. This module also allows students to enhance their organisation, meeting deadlines and delivery of final product skills. Through professional practice you will develop knowledge of the creative industries leaving you appropriately prepared for the world of work or further study.

Students also have the opportunity to work with the University Centre St Helens marketing team, on all aspects of Vortex artwork, for the annual, final year show for the Creative Arts department.

Modules include:

- Major Project
- Research Report
- Client Brief
- Professional Practice

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“I am really enjoying the degree so far, it has allowed me to learn a range of new skills and given me the opportunity to progress to the point where I am now able to work freelance, alongside my degree, making invites, posters and other marketing materials for a range of clients.”

Ella Price

BA (Hons)
Graphic Design



HOW WILL I STUDY?

Learning will be both theoretical and practical, delivered through lectures, workshops, seminars, group critiques, self-directed study, written work, presentations, group work, visits and guest lectures. You will be supported by a range of resources including library materials and IT access. During the second year, a work placement opportunity will enable you to build upon your experience and links within the industry.

Teaching takes place in dedicated, light and spacious, purpose built design studios, based in the historic SmithKline Beecham building at the Town Centre campus.

The Creative Arts department is friendly and approachable and of a size that enables us to know our students personally and be able to respond to their needs.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment allows you to display your knowledge and skills; it includes group and individual critiques, design artefact(s)/ outcomes, essays, workbooks, initial response maps (proposals), project plans, visual rationales and presentations.

You will also be assessed through the effectiveness of your initial development of design knowledge and your research skills (including

visual exploration and experimentation), thinking skills, technical skills, design skills and communication skills.

The final year show, Vortex, in the third year of your degree, will allow you to display your work to a wider audience, including influential industry advocates. For further information, see page 15.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

An experienced team of lecturers with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of graphic design practice will work with you. Our lecturers are active researchers in their fields and have extensive industry experience.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Graduates are provided with a whole host of career opportunities in creative industries and as graphic designers working across both print and digital platforms. Recent graduates have gained employment throughout the UK, Berlin, New Zealand and London. The degree continues to produce innovative and respected designers, including Entyce winners, Penguin Book award finalists and E4 sting winners.

This degree has been designed to consolidate learning, placing the emphasis upon independent investigation, research and practice, key for success in this highly exciting but demanding industry.

As a graduate, you may also choose to continue your studies with University Centre St Helens, progressing onto the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) to pursue a career in teaching. To do this, an additional application will need to be made.

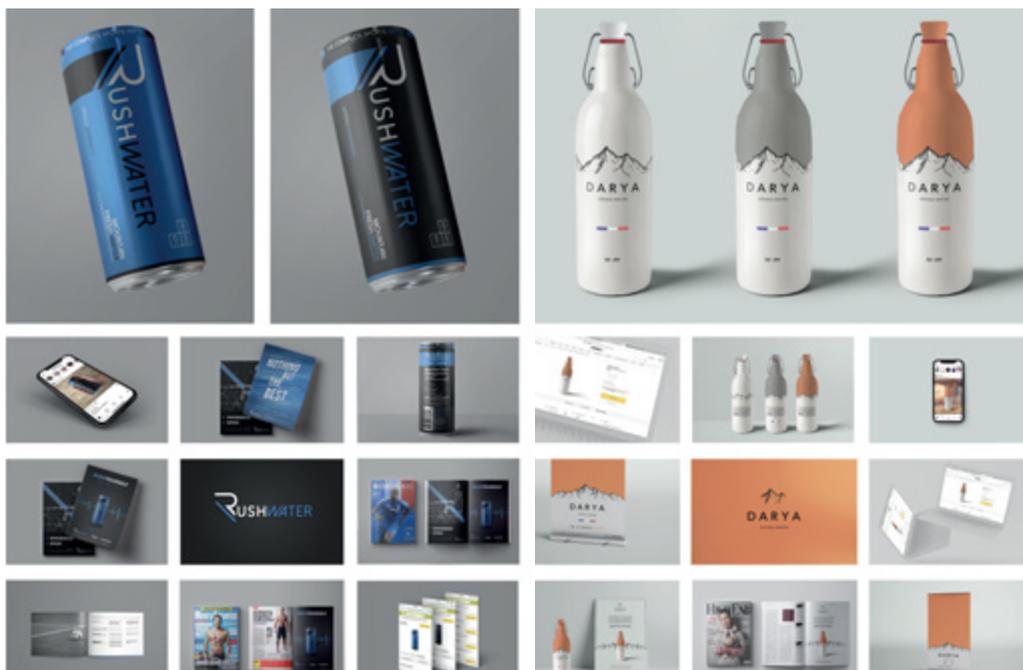
TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Graphic Design graduate, you may have the opportunity to progress into a range of careers, including:

Graphic Designer
£17,000 - £35,000

Film and Video Editor
£16,000 - £35,000

Creative Director
£26,000 - £92,000



Designer: Brad Ritson



Designer: Dani Miller



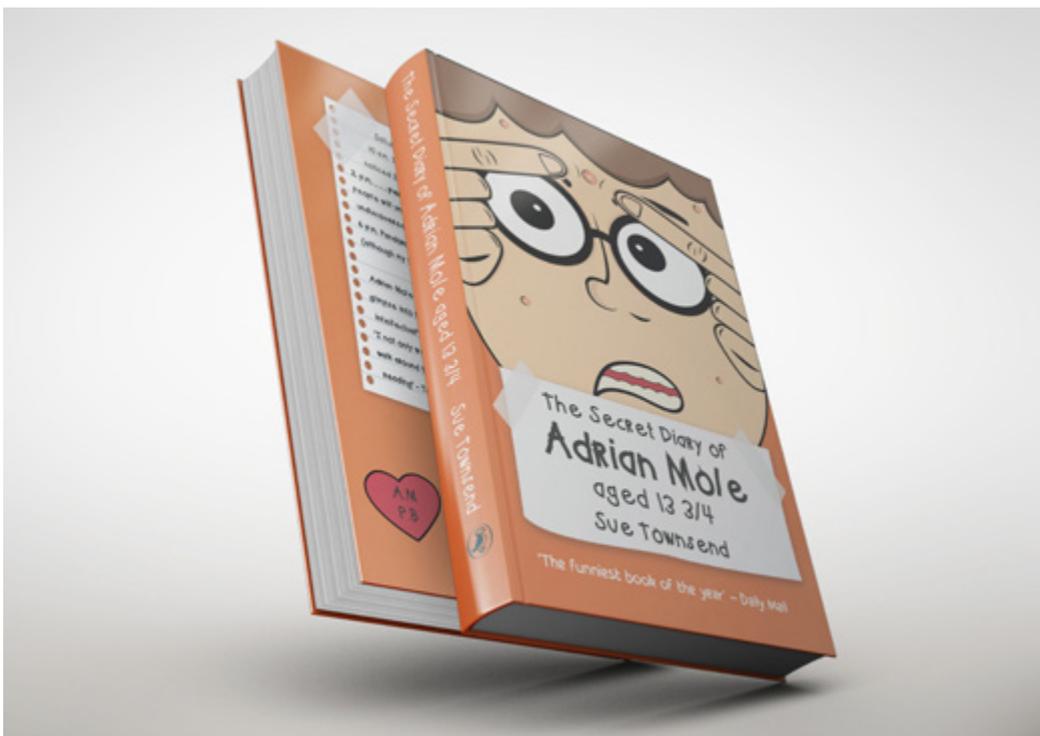
Designer: Dani Miller



Designer: Alasdair McKenna



Designer: Brad Ritson



Designer: Sophie Quarless

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“The Graphic Design degree is perfect for me, it has allowed me to develop my interest in illustration and design, building upon what I had already learnt previously.”

Flávio Ferreira

BA (Hons)
Graphic Design





Designer: Rebecca Allan

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"This degree is designed for people with an interest in the field of communication design and intends to create designers who can adapt and innovate whilst applying both traditional and emerging technologies to real-world issues and concerns."

Dan McBride
Programme Leader



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“The Photography degree allowed me to develop my skills further. It gave me a chance to be in charge of my own creativity on the projects I was given. It also helped me to pinpoint the area of photography I wanted to pursue as a career. On the degree I grew in confidence and I think this can be seen through the way my work improved.”

Ashleigh Bate

BA (Hons)
Photography



BA (HONS) PHOTOGRAPHY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Access to a range of dedicated studios, with colour and monochrome darkrooms, allowing you to develop your skills, style and techniques
- The degree is taught by industry experienced experts, passionate about photography and, in many instances, still practicing professionals in the industry
- Opportunities to both exhibit and compete are a natural part of this degree, allowing you to prepare for life in this highly competitive industry

OVERVIEW

In an era where 66% of UK adults have immediate access to a camera* and where living life through online platforms has become routine, it is easy to believe that taking a photograph is now just part of everyday life. However, understanding the workings of a camera and being able to confidently interpret images is something far more than the routine, every day.

The BA (Hons) Photography degree at University Centre St Helens will allow you to develop both the required skills and experience needed for success in a competitive industry. Providing the expected balance of theory and practice, this degree covers a range of higher level, specialist disciplines, including the study of image making, using both analogue and digital processes, contemporary media and research methods, allowing students to develop their technical photographic knowledge and critical understanding needed to work in this professional industry.

Exhibition opportunities are prevalent on this degree, including the chance to exhibit at the highly respected end of year show. Competition opportunities, include chances to compete in the D&AD awards and the Association of Photographers (AOP) Student Awards 2019.

*Ofcom.org.uk (2015)

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START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2022

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

3 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

80 UCAS Tariff points

We are seeking highly motivated applicants who have a genuine passion for photography. We are looking for visually aware students who display both enthusiasm and individuality. All suitably qualified applicants will be invited to attend an informal interview, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for you. It will also offer the lecturing team the opportunity to discuss and explore your career interests. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

The first year focuses on enabling you to better articulate ideas and concepts. This is accomplished by ensuring the craft and art of photography is integrated within teaching and learning. You will also develop a deeper understanding of the visual language of photography ensuring you can better articulate concepts and relay visual messages to your intended audience. In addition you will develop a clear understanding of your dual role as a service provider and a creative artist.

Modules include:

- Image and Exploration
- Photographic Techniques
- Contemporary Media and Application
- Personal Project One

YEAR 2

The second year provides a focus for more specialist work. You are encouraged, whenever appropriate, to work on live projects. At this stage you are also expected to manage photographic activities. This involves briefing colleagues, monitoring the way activities are carried out and making any necessary changes in organisation. This approach to your work prepares you for a world where informed judgement and the confidence to resolve new challenges are seen as the norm. In essence, you are required to answer questions around 'why' you are taking photographs.

Modules include:

- Research Methods
- Personal Project Two
- Professional Development
- Freelance Project

YEAR 3

The third year of this degree further develops your ability to work independently as you put into practice everything learnt over the previous two years of study, developing an individual theme to your work. This can then be taken into the final show. You will also be required to develop your portfolio extensively in year 3, in preparation for the world of work, as well as submitting an extended piece of written work.

Modules include:

- Personal Project Three
- Professional Practice
- Final Show





HOW WILL I STUDY?

Teaching takes place in a purpose-built environment with excellent facilities, including purpose built photography studios and colour and monochrome dark rooms, allowing you to develop your own unique style and personal visual language. Lecturing takes place via the essential mix of both theoretical and practical sessions, delivered through a range of teaching methods, including lectures, workshops, seminars, group critiques, self-directed learning, peer group learning, written work, oral presentations, library and gallery study, presentations, visits and guest lectures.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessments are varied and designed to ensure you acquire a range of skills, particularly those required by industry. You will engage in group critiques, seminar presentations, essays and one-to-one tutorial support sessions, which will offer verbal feedback on an on-going basis throughout the academic year.

The highly regarded final year show in your third year, Vortex, will allow you to display your work to a wider audience, including influential industry advocates. For further information please see page 15.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

A highly experienced, passionate and enthusiastic lecturing team with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of photographic practice will work with you. Outside of their academic commitments, teaching staff are also active in their own research. In addition, staff have a substantial amount of industry experience working for publications such as ID Magazine, FACE Magazine and SAAB Magazine, with work published both nationally and internationally.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion of the BA (Hons) Photography degree you will have achieved a comprehensive, broad based qualification that will enhance your career and employability prospects within the industry. Previous graduates have gone on to work in fields ranging from editorial and fashion to movie stills and medical photography.

Additionally, this degree prepares students for further level study in a similar field to photography at postgraduate level. Upon graduation, students may progress with University Centre St Helens, on to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) to pursue a career in teaching. To do this, an additional application will be required.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Photography graduate, you may have the opportunity to progress into a range of careers, including:

Event Photographer
£15,000 - £30,000

Freelance Photographer
Self-employed, may charge around £400 a session

Experienced Lecturer
Up to £70,000



Photographer: Beverly Cash

For more information and to apply, please visit uc.sthelens.ac.uk



Photographer: Alicia Xhediku



Photographer: Hannah Cox

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"Using both analogue and digital processes, the photography degree provides an excellent balance of theory to practical. The specialist disciplines that are explored through the modules introduce the students to a grounding that allows them to venture into the photography and creative industry."

John Callaghan
Programme Leader



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“I’ve learnt so much during my time on the Foundation degree, not just academically but personally. I’ve built my confidence immensely, discovering how to be a leader, rather than a follower; a huge personal achievement. I would definitely recommend this degree, there is on-going support right throughout your time here, it really is second to none.”

Beth Mountain

FdA Theatre and
Performance



FdA THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Strong industry links allow students to display their talents through collaborative work with theatres and community projects
- Lecturing staff have extensive industry experience, a real passion for performing arts and are active actors outside of their academic commitments
- Fantastic facilities including an outdoor amphitheatre, a dedicated theatre featuring professional sound and lighting equipment as well as several dance studios, props room and music production studios

OVERVIEW

The Foundation degree in Theatre and Performance is a highly practical degree that has been designed to provide you with the skills, practical experience and knowledge to seek a range of possible employment opportunities within the theatre and performance industry.

The degree incorporates elements of drama, movement, and visual theatre, with a strong emphasis on multi-disciplinary practices and the integration of new technologies into live performance. Whilst the practical assessment in the first year is largely performance based, there is opportunity to move into a more technical or directorial role during the second year.

Excellent links with the region's thriving performance industry, provides you with a number of opportunities to showcase your talent, through collaborative work with theatres and community projects. Alongside your fellow students, lecturers and other creative organisations, you can create and work on live performances for a range of audiences. You can expect to graduate with the appropriate skills to succeed in a wide range of roles within theatre and associated industries.

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UCAS CODE

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START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2021

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

2 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

96 UCAS Tariff points

All suitable candidates will be invited to attend an audition and interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer the lecturing team the opportunity to discuss your career prospects. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

The first year is initially lecturer-led, helping you to build the foundations for your second year work. It will see you assessing and developing your skills and knowledge of contemporary theatre practices, including devising, performing, directing and academic skills. Using the Study Enhancement Gift you will go on a study related trip enhancing your knowledge and allowing you to put your theory into practice as you explore the history of theatre and performance.

Modules include:

- Devising and Performing
- Performance Techniques
- Theatre Directing
- Contextual Studies
- Personal, Academic and Professional Practice

YEAR 2

In the second year you will be involved in the creation of theatre for a number of different audiences and purposes. This will include community arts projects and the organisation and implementation of a specialist project, such as a theatre in-education tour. You will have the opportunity to support St Helens College level 3 BTEC students with their productions, providing backstage support in all areas of lighting, sound and set. You will further develop your skills in contemporary theatre, with the practical and theoretical exploration of interdisciplinary practices and the use of new technologies in live performance.

The degree culminates in a student led performance event, which showcases your skills in a setting and style most appropriate to your chosen career path.

Modules include:

- Environments for Performance
- Multi-Disciplinary Performance
- Final Performance Project
- Contemporary Theatre Studies

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"The degree is designed for those with a genuine interest and commitment to contemporary theatre and performance, who are looking to develop their creative skills to secure work within the industry, or to progress on to higher level study."

Ian Greenall
Programme Leader



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“During our time on the Foundation degree, we have developed our skills massively. The course enables theatre practitioners to work independently and in a group, equipping you for the number of career paths you can go down. The modules on the degree let you work on directing others and devising performances, as well as the technical side of theatre.”

Bridge and Ford
FdA Theatre and Performance



HOW WILL I STUDY?

The modern and multifunctional theatre is located at the Town Centre campus and you will benefit from the latest learning resources, rehearsal studios and other facilities.

Learning will be through practical and performance based sessions, lectures, seminars and tutorials. You will be supported by a range of resources including library materials and IT access. An optional work placement will enable you to build upon your experience and gain links within the industry.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The majority of the work on the degree is practical and performance based, and this forms the basis of the majority of assessment. Other assessment methods employed throughout the duration of the course includes group work and lecture and seminar work.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

An experienced team with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of drama, theatre and performance will work with you. Lecturers are passionate about student learning and development. Outside of their academic commitments, teaching staff are also active in the arts sector across the Northwest.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this degree will provide you with a platform for employment in many different areas of the contemporary theatre industry. The course is intentionally varied and flexible, in order to allow students to develop their individual career aspirations. As such, successful graduates of this course have gone on to further study or professional work in community arts, acting, solo performance work, teaching, theatre production, comedy writing and touring theatre companies.

As well as providing a platform for entry into the theatre and performance industry, this degree also offers the opportunity to move on to the third year of the BA (Hons) Theatre and Performance at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) in Preston to top-up your qualification. To move on to the BA (Hons) with UCLan, a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Theatre and Performance graduate, you may have the opportunity to progress into a range of careers, including:

Producer/Director
£17,000 - £54,000

Actor/Actress
£10,000 - £120,000

Writer
£15,000 - £35,000

Choreographer
£29,000 - £57,000

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“I am really enjoying my Foundation degree in Media Production. It has provided me with a natural step up from my level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Creative Media, allowing me to develop a range of skills and take my industry knowledge to a higher level. The balance between taught and practical sessions is the most perfect of natural balances, allowing me to learn new theory and then put it into practice, as I develop my skills in the on-site TV studio and infinity cove.”

Courtney Bolger
FdSc Media Production



FdSc MEDIA PRODUCTION

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Develop professional skills in pre-production, production and post-production
- Unlimited access to an array of industry standard equipment, including a brand new TV studio, infinity cove and editing suites
- Study in the heart of a region that has recently seen significant investment in the media industry, providing access to a range of employment opportunities upon graduation

OVERVIEW

The resurgence of media opportunities with the development of MediaCityUK in Manchester, Liverpool's Baltic Triangle and the emerging Fabric District, brings excellent career prospects.

Our Foundation degree in Media Production is a highly practical programme, providing in-depth knowledge of working on multi-platform channels in the media sector.

The degree combines work-based activities with taught sessions, allowing students to develop academic skills, alongside the practical skills required for success in this highly popular industry. Offering insight into the media and broadcasting industries, students will develop skills in a broad range of areas such as camera operation, event management, radio broadcasting, sound recording and video editing.

Upon graduating, students will have acquired a broad range of skills, knowledge and technical ability, providing natural progression onto higher level study or into employment.

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UCAS CODE

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START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2021

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

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DURATION/STUDY MODE

2 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

96 UCAS Tariff points

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Dip 1:00
FTB 1:00

System Control

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Joy

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PREV TRANS

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

The first year provides an introduction to media production, as you learn key terminology and concepts associated with audio signals. You will work with new equipment, often used in industry and will be introduced to the application of graphics within media production.

You will explore a series of projects developing ideas from generation stage to completed final project. In addition, you will develop multidisciplinary skills, editing a range of media forms including digital imagery and audio. Video production, editing skills and practises are also covered alongside the processes involved in single-camera filmmaking.

Modules include:

- Interactive Digital Media Production
- Computer Graphics
- Basic Media Production
- Video Production
- Creative and Technical Development

YEAR 2

The second year extends and builds upon your technical knowledge and understanding of digital equipment and production systems. Your employability will be enhanced through the completion of work-based activities. The exploration and understanding of audio file formats and codecs underpins the development of skills in studio recording, mixing techniques and synthesising acoustic environments.

You will be introduced to post-production techniques and theories that allow for the experimentation in colour correction and synchronising audio.

You will also have the option to gain an understanding of the application of radio production making and broadcasting by exploring programme structures, genres, writing and interviewing skills for effective radio production.

Modules include:

- Professional Practice
- Video Production and Technology
- Sound Design and Production
- Video Post-Production
- Graphic Communication or Radio Production



WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"Our Media facilities have recently received a significant investment in additional industry standard equipment to complement our new TV studios. Whilst studying on the FdSc Media Production, students will gain practical experience and understanding of technical systems, processes and practices from lecturers who are experts in their fields. Throughout the degree there are continuous opportunities to be creative and to produce a body of work that will showcase the depth and breadth of newly acquired skills and knowledge."

Phil King
Programme Leader

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“I am really glad that I decided to study at University Centre St Helens. The smaller student numbers allow you to feel much more involved with your lecturers and fellow students; you don't feel like a number in a room or just one of many people, we have a real sense of community here. I am currently the happiest I have ever been in education because I am getting to do something I love, alongside passionate and driven industry experienced lecturers.”

Jack Clisham

FdSc Media Production



HOW WILL I STUDY?

Teaching takes place in exceptional media facilities, including a purpose built TV studio equipped with an infinity cove suitable for virtual filming. The variety of teaching approaches used includes lectures, seminars, group discussions, presentations, practical activities, workshops and guest speakers. Student centred learning is also strongly promoted as lecturers encourage students to become independent learners.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

A variety of practical based assessment designed to equip you for the industry will be used throughout the degree. These will include a personal and professional development portfolio, record logs, presentations and pitches to 'clients', short essays/written records, group and individual projects, and product creation and production. The formal assessments are designed to provide valid opportunities to engage with practical industry standard and related production projects, that will help to develop a wide range of knowledge, skills and understanding in preparation for work in the sector.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

You will be taught by an experienced team with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of media theory and practice. Lecturers have a wealth of experience in both education and the industry, each specialising in a particular field and many practicing in industry outside of their lecturing commitments.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Upon completion of the Foundation degree, you will have developed the skills needed for success in a range of careers, in pre-production, production and post-production within the audio and video industries. Career opportunities may include roles such as Camera Operator, Editor, Sound Assistant, Director and more. You will also have acquired the skills necessary to begin a freelance career in either filmmaking or audio production.

Many students choose to progress onto the final year of the BSc (Hons) Media Production at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) in Preston to top-up their qualification through an additional year of study. To move on to the BA (Hons) with UCLan, a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Media Production graduate, you can expect to progress into a broad range of careers, including:

Film Director
£14,000 - £65,000

UX Designer
£23,000 - £48,000

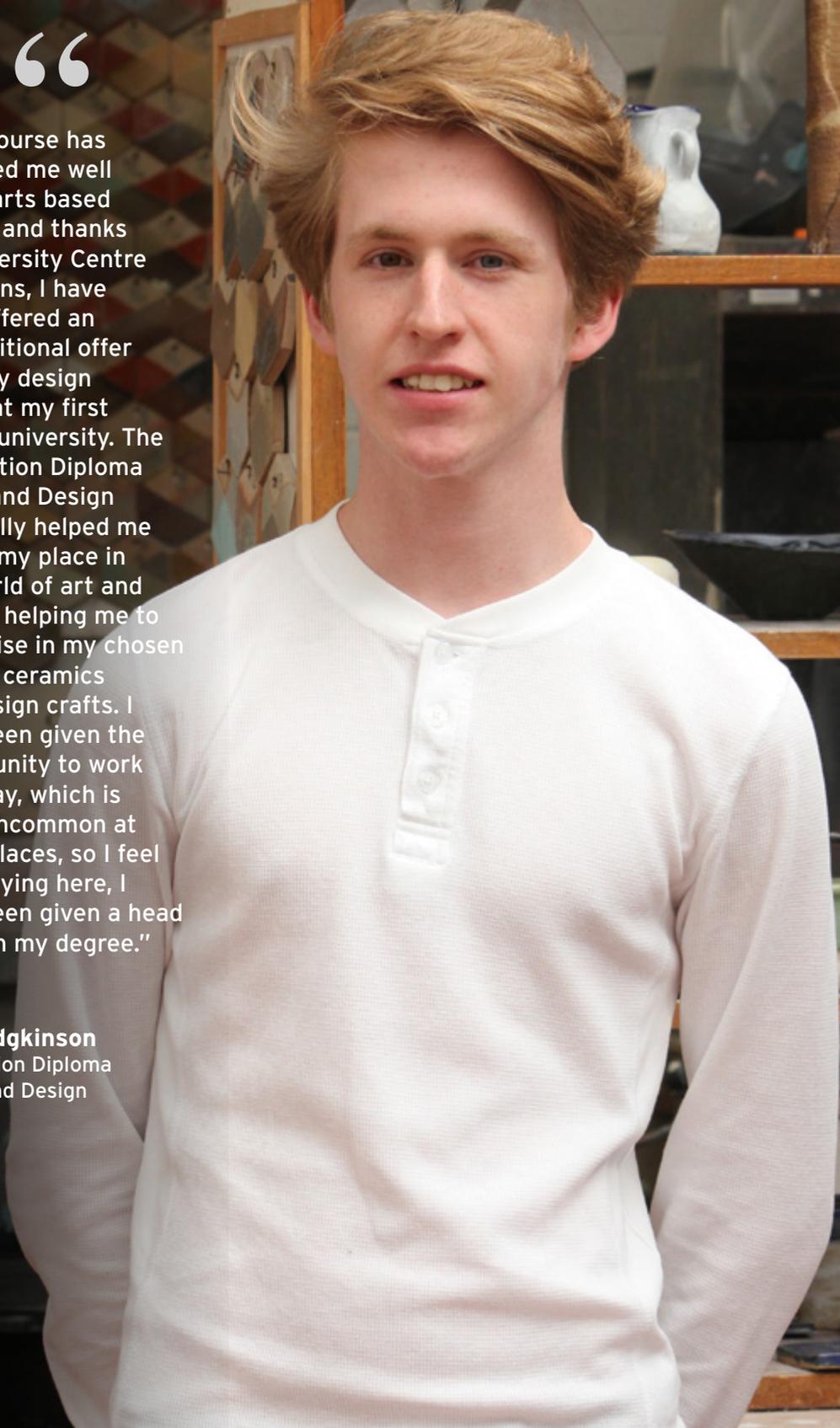
Camera Operator
£19,000 - £54,000

Radio Producer
£23,000 - £42,000

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“This course has prepared me well for an arts based degree and thanks to University Centre St Helens, I have been offered an unconditional offer to study design crafts at my first choice university. The Foundation Diploma in Art and Design has really helped me to find my place in the world of art and design, helping me to specialise in my chosen area of ceramics and design crafts. I have been given the opportunity to work with clay, which is quite uncommon at other places, so I feel by studying here, I have been given a head start on my degree.”

Ian Hodgkinson
Foundation Diploma
in Art and Design



FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Build a strong portfolio enabling you to gain entry onto art and design degree courses at universities throughout the UK
- Gain a broad experience of creative techniques, disciplines and media, to develop your abilities and skills
- Publicly exhibit your work at the end of year show, experiencing what life in industry is really like

OVERVIEW

The Foundation Diploma in Art and Design is an intensive one-year course that bridges the gap between sixth form or college and university. It will enable you to develop the necessary skills and portfolio to apply to a range of art and design degree courses. As you start this course you will be experimenting in a range of areas of art and design, including fine art, fashion and textiles, 3D design, graphic design and illustration.

The various creative projects you will undertake will allow you to explore new ideas, materials, processes and technologies. Individual diagnostic projects and tutorials will help you to distil and identify your main areas of interest and make an informed application to a degree course with the support of an experienced lecturing team.

The purpose of the course is to enable you to have a broad experience of intellectual and practical skills; progressively taking control and tailoring the course to your individual learning needs, personal ideas and specialist direction.

At the end of this course, direct progression onto University Centre St Helens Creative Arts degrees is available to those who meet the required academic standard.

VALIDATED BY:



APPLICATIONS

Please apply directly to University Centre St Helens by visiting uc.sthelens.ac.uk. This course is NOT available for application via UCAS.

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - June 2020

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£5,421 per year*

This course will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

1 year, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should have at least one A level or an equivalent level 3 qualification as well as four GCSEs at grade 4 (equivalent to grade C) or above.

All qualified applicants will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the course is suitable for your needs. It also gives the course team the opportunity to discuss and explore your career interests. You will need to bring with you examples of your latest work.

COURSE CONTACT

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course is designed to ensure that you have ample opportunities to expand your creative, theoretical and contextual skills. The foundation course is a diagnostic course, it will enable you to understand your strengths and areas for development and ultimately will help you decide which area you would like to specialise in. It introduces you to a wide range of skills and disciplines.

During this course, you will cover the following areas:

Exploratory stage

You will experience a range of assignment types, dealing with different materials, skills and basic broad techniques.

Pathway stage

You will develop the skills you have learned in the exploratory stage and will explore the skills, attitudes and techniques specific to your chosen pathway (fine art, fashion/ textiles, 3D design, or graphic design/ illustration).

Confirmatory stage

At this stage you will work in your specialist discipline. A final project is required and you are expected to exhibit work at the end of the course. In addition to the above stages, you will be supported with your applications to university and portfolio compilation for interviews.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Learning will be through lectures, teaching workshops, seminars, group critiques, self-directed learning, written work, presentations, group work, library and gallery study.

Throughout the course, visits to galleries, workshops, museums, exhibitions and places of specific interest are organised to extend awareness of the wide range of contemporary creative opportunities.

The Creative Arts department is friendly and approachable and of a size that enables us to know our students personally and be able to respond to their needs.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be continually assessed throughout the duration of the course through practical work, essays, journals and presentations. Work is also reviewed through seminars, group critiques and academic tutorials. The result of your final major project determines your overall grade for the course, which is externally assessed at level 4.

The course culminates with an end-of-year student exhibition that is open to representatives from art and design industries, schools and the public.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

You will be taught by experienced artists and academics who are passionate about student learning and development. They will provide you with a lively and highly effective learning environment, allowing you to thrive creatively.

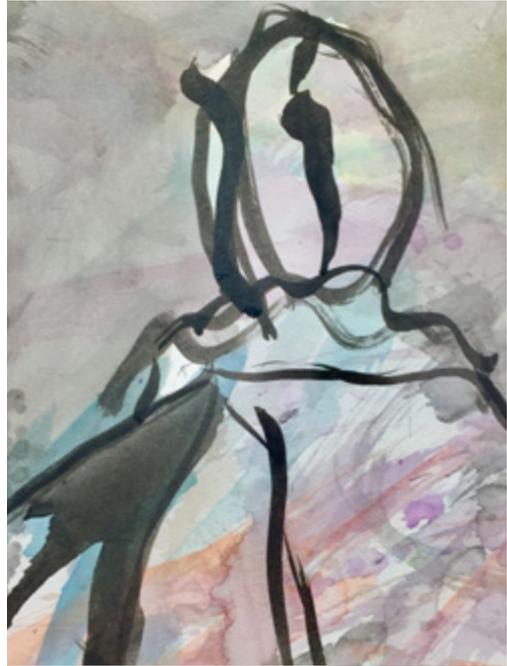
CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

The Foundation Diploma provides an excellent grounding and introduction for those students who wish to pursue a career in the creative arts industries. The vast majority of students choose to go on to study reputable degree courses throughout the UK including undergraduate study at University Centre St Helens. To progress onto a degree, a new application will need to be made.

*Course fee subject to change. If you are under the age of 19 at the start of this course you are entitled to free tuition. If you are aged 19+ you could also choose to apply for a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan to cover your course fees. More information can be found by visiting sthelens.ac.uk.



Artist: Josh Mallia
Medium: Clay



Artist: Peter Cadman
Medium: Ink and watercolours



Artist: Ian Hodgkinson
Medium: Mixed



WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"This course gives students the opportunity to explore a wide range of artistic disciplines before specialising in their chosen area. Students will build a strong portfolio enabling them to gain entry onto art and design degree courses at universities throughout the UK including here at University Centre St Helens."

Fiona Stirling
Programme Leader



For more information and to apply, please visit uc.sthelens.ac.uk





**SOCIAL
SCIENCES**



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“Lecturers and fellow students at University Centre St Helens do everything possible to ensure you stay on track with your degree. The smaller class sizes allow us to have at least one tutorial session per week, which provides the opportunity to meet with lecturers on a one to one basis. University Centre St Helens has taught me that no one should underestimate their own potential, degree level study is achievable if you work hard and are committed.”

Orla Byrom
FdA Criminal Justice



FdA CRIMINAL JUSTICE

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- A strong emphasis on employability, the degree has a high success rate of students gaining employment in areas such as policing, probation and legal services
- This degree (although not a Qualifying Law Degree) can lead to partially satisfying the next academic stage of training for those wishing to become solicitors or barristers
- Progress and continue your studies by spending an additional year at University Centre St Helens to achieve a full BA (Hons) Criminal Justice

OVERVIEW

The Foundation degree in Criminal Justice is perfect for anyone looking to pursue a range of career opportunities in the highly diverse field of Criminal Justice. Studying in depth the causes and consequences of crime, a range of highly engaging modules will be covered throughout the two-year period, including aspects of criminology, criminal law, social policy, mental health and the impact of crime on victims; ideal for anyone fascinated by why people commit crime and how society deals with it.

The FdA Criminal Justice introduces students to both legal and criminological research skills, focusing on criminal law and key policies and processes within the UK's criminal justice system.

Throughout the two-year degree, you will develop the skills, knowledge and experience needed to successfully work in a range of criminal justice roles, as you apply theory to practice, completing risk assessments, pre-sentence reports, action plans and intervention strategies.

VALIDATED BY:



UCAS CODE
M900

START DATE/END DATE
September 2019 - May 2021

CAMPUS
St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE
£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE
2 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
48 UCAS Tariff points

All applicants will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer the lecturers the opportunity to discuss your career and placement interests. Please see pages 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply. A DBS check is also required.

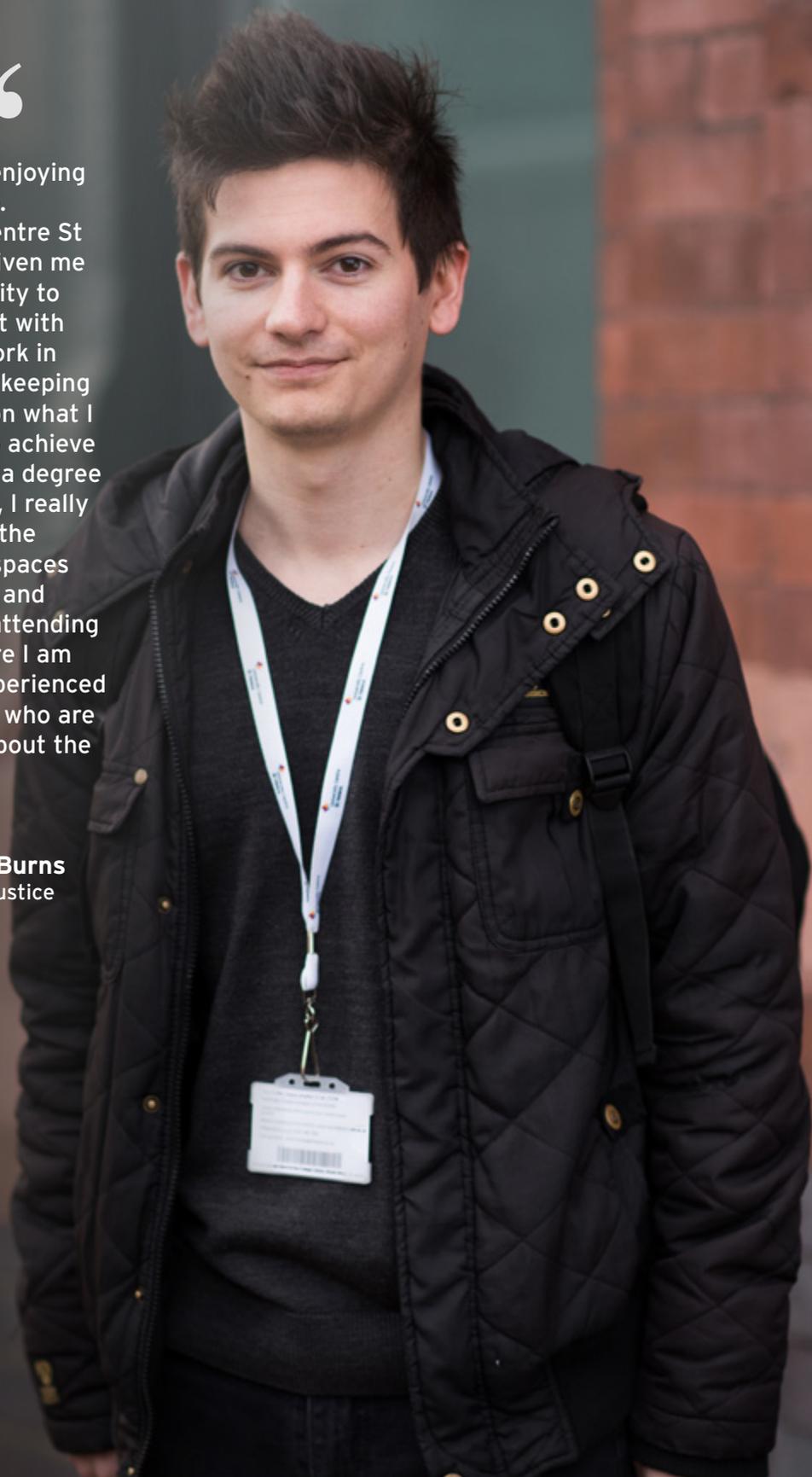
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JHough1@sthelens.ac.uk

Study Enhancement Gift available
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“I am really enjoying my time here. University Centre St Helens has given me the opportunity to get in contact with those who work in the industry, keeping me focused on what I need to do to achieve my goals. As a degree level student, I really benefit from the silent study spaces in the library and really enjoy attending classes, where I am taught by experienced practitioners who are passionate about the subject.”

Christopher Burns
FdA Criminal Justice



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

During your first year you will look at the criminal justice system from a wide variety of perspectives, gaining a basic understanding of the main criminological theories, as well as the impact of crime on victims. You will gain the ability to apply criminal law in practice, in a range of scenarios. You will also explore the political history of the UK and the role that political and social justice plays in society. Alongside this you will expand your professional and academic development, learning key research skills.

Modules include:

- Victimology
- Professional and Academic Development
- Criminal Law
- English Legal System
- Introduction to Criminology
- Political and Social Justice

YEAR 2

The second year develops your knowledge further, exploring the criminal justice system and criminal law in action from a Police and Crown Prosecution Service perspective. Research will also be undertaken on the relationship between theories and empirical evidence. You will look at psychology and its link to crime and criminal behaviour, as well as undertaking a work placement (paid or voluntary), to put the theory that you have learnt on the degree into practice.

Modules include:

- Inside the Criminal Justice System
- Criminal Law in Action
- Researching Crime and Justice
- Psychology, Mental Health and Crime
- Work-Based Learning



WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

“The Foundation degree has been designed in consultation with local and regional employers, in response to the changing needs of the industry. It provides students with the opportunity to develop academic knowledge, practical, technical, analytical and transferable work-based skills.”

Jenny Hough
Programme Leader



HOW WILL I STUDY?

Learning will be theoretical and practical through lectures, workshops, seminars, self-directed study, written work, presentations, group work, visits and guest lectures. In addition to classroom-based study, you will also have the opportunity to observe crime and justice in practice through organised or self-directed trips, as well as undertaking relevant work experience.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is employed throughout the two years of the degree through both formative and summative assessment including presentations, case studies, essay plans, question and answer sessions, debates and literature reviews. You will also be assessed through essays, exams, academic posters and reports.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

Highly qualified, experienced and enthusiastic academics with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of criminal justice practice will work with you. Lecturers are active researchers in their field and have experience of working in industry. In addition, visiting speakers assist in the delivery of the degree, often providing novel approaches to, or presenting unique aspects of, particular subjects.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this Foundation degree in Criminal Justice will have developed your knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system, as well as the work associated with it, including public service departments such as police, prison service, youth service, probation service and the courts. The role of politics, law and social policy will also play an influential element in your learning experience. Analytical abilities and critical thinking skills will be developed throughout the degree and will complement wider transferable skills of research, problem solving, teamwork, and communication.

You can use the Foundation degree in Criminal Justice as a stepping stone onto the BA (Hons) Criminal Justice (top-up) degree at University Centre St Helens where your skills, knowledge and understanding are further developed through specialist modules.

Graduates will also find the degree a useful grounding for entry into a range of criminal justice related careers. To progress onto the BA (Hons), a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Criminal Justice graduate, you can choose to enter a range of professions, potentially seeking employment as a:

Police Officer
£20,000 - £39,000

Paralegal
£13,000 - £27,000

Probation Officer
£23,000 - £26,000

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“Don't expect anything less from the degree at University Centre St Helens because it's not in the usual big university setting. It is still a degree qualification and the level of work expected is still the same. It's not an easy option, my degree has been extremely challenging but massively rewarding. The level of teaching you receive, coupled with the support, is simply outstanding.”

Laura Milnes
BA (Hons) Criminal
Justice



BA (HONS) CRIMINAL JUSTICE (TOP-UP)

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Study a range of specialist modules, such as substance misuse, allowing you to tailor your learning to your career goals
- Progress to a senior level in a range of Criminal Justice fields, including the police service, probation service, the prison service or youth justice
- Delivered by accomplished lecturers with extensive, practical experience in all areas of the criminal justice system

OVERVIEW

The BA (Hons) Criminal Justice top-up degree is a multidisciplinary degree and has been designed to cover a wide spectrum of subject related modules.

The degree aims to further develop knowledge and understanding of crime and criminal justice through the delivery of a variety of modules to develop skills, that are required for a career in the criminal justice system. This ensures that you can apply theory to practice in risk assessments, pre-sentence reports, action plans and intervention strategies. Additionally, you will be introduced to higher level legal and criminological research skills, focusing on criminal law and criminal justice processes, and produce your dissertation linked to an appropriate area of interest.

Entering this degree, having completed our Foundation degree or, perhaps with work experience in a relevant field, this degree combines rigorous academic activity to further enhance your knowledge and employability.

VALIDATED BY:



UCAS CODE

M211

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2020

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

1 year, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from the Foundation degree in Criminal Justice at University Centre St Helens or achieved at a comparable college or university that has modules which correlate with the degree. All applicants will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer the lecturers the opportunity to discuss your career interests. A DBS check is also required. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

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The Royal Courts of Justice

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will explore the historical perspective relating to the development of the justice system and creation of both the police and prison service in England and Wales. A range of subjects will be explored, including risks and consequences of misused legal and illegal substances, the theoretical approaches to criminal justice and punishment and a clear understanding of the key principles relating to contract and civil law. You will also produce a dissertation, to engage in the process of non-empirical research using an eclectic mix of materials to facilitate your investigation and to present your findings.

Modules include:

- Policing and Prisons
- Substance Misuse and Crime
- Crime and Justice Practitioner
- Law, Responsibility and Management
- Dissertation

HOW WILL I STUDY?

Learning is delivered in a variety of ways, mixing theory with practical sessions. Formats include lectures, workshops, seminars, self-directed study, written work, presentations, group work and guest lectures. In addition to classroom-based study, you will also have the opportunity to observe crime and justice in practice by visiting local courts, prisons and other relevant settings.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment will be carried out throughout the year through both formative and summative assessments. This will include presentations, case studies, essay plans, question and answer sessions, debates and literature reviews. You will also be assessed through essays, exams, reflective logs and reports.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

An experienced team with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of criminal justice and law will work with you. Lecturers are active in research, having experience of working within the wider field of criminal justice. In addition, visiting speakers assist in the delivery of the degree, often providing novel approaches to, or presenting unique aspects of, particular subjects.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

When you graduate you will have developed a comprehensive understanding of the criminal justice system and the work associated with it. Public, private and voluntary organisations including public service departments, such as the police, prison service, youth service, probation service, social work, legal practice and the courts are all viable career options. Analytical abilities and critical thinking skills will have been developed throughout your degree and will complement wider transferable skills of research, problem-solving, teamwork, and communication.

The combination of criminal justice expertise linked with wider transferable skills develop important qualities which are in high demand and are suitable for both operational and management positions.

BA (Hons) Criminal Justice (top-up) graduates could progress to undertake formal legal training, teacher training, or postgraduate study. Graduates will find the course a useful grounding for entry into a range of criminal justice and related careers.

Many graduates choose to continue their studies with University Centre St Helens, progressing on to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), so that they can progress into a teaching role. To move onto the PGCE, an additional application is required.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Criminal Justice graduate, you can take your career path in a range of directions, including:

Detective

£22,000 - £49,000

Police Officer

£20,000 - £39,000

Immigration Officer

£22,637 - £26,627

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"The BA (Hons) Criminal Justice (top-up) provides students with the opportunity to enhance their research, transferable and analytic skills, offering a route into a range of careers within the criminal justice sector. Although it is not a Qualifying Law Degree, it can also lead to partially satisfying the next academic stage of training for those intending to pursue a career as a solicitor or barrister."

Lee Curran

Programme Leader

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“I chose to study the Social Policy, Health and Housing degree to further enhance my knowledge within the housing sector and help link theory to practice. This degree has given me a greater understanding of a range of social policy issues and has helped to progress my career.”

Scott Cooke

FdA Social Policy,
Health and Housing



FdA SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND HOUSING

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- This degree is fully validated by the Chartered Institute of Housing, the professional body for the housing sector
- Ample opportunities are available throughout this degree to enhance your employability, by way of undertaking a range of local work experience placements
- Continue your studies for an additional year with University Centre St Helens by progressing onto the BA (Hons) Social Policy, Health and Housing (Top-up)

OVERVIEW

The Foundation degree in Social Policy, Health and Housing, with additional validation from the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH), will provide you with the opportunity to actively engage in the analysis of current local, national and international social issues. Discovering how and why societies change and how policies are put in place to respond to these changes, you will study a range of modules, covering politics, health and housing.

With ample opportunities to explore multi-agency and community approaches to social problems, you will examine issues surrounding social citizenship rights, equality, fairness and basic human rights. This degree course also provides the opportunity to discuss and debate critical perspectives on crime, poverty, gender and ethnic inequalities, as you assess the impact of each on individuals and society as a whole.

VALIDATED BY:



University of
Chester



UCAS CODE

L400

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2021

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

2 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

48 UCAS Tariff points

All applicants have the opportunity to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer the lecturers the opportunity to discuss your career and placement interests. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

The first year gives you a good introduction to theory and links with professional practice. You will study the historical development of the welfare state, develop your own professional and personal career plan and examine aspects of sociology and psychology. In addition, you will develop a basic knowledge of healthcare issues and how housing policy has developed over time.

Modules include:

- Perspectives on Welfare
- Personal Academic and Professional Development (PAPD)
- Introduction to Social Science and Social Exclusion
- Exploring Healthcare Issues
- Development of Housing Policy

YEAR 2

In the second year you will develop your knowledge further. The work-based learning project will allow you to link theory and practice through a work placement in an organisation that matches your career interests. You will study social policy research methods and look at factors that contribute to wellbeing, such as the roles and responsibilities of individuals and professionals in improving healthcare outcomes. You will also look at the challenges involved in delivering welfare services, including developments in the management of social housing, in the context of welfare reforms and changing government policies.

Modules include:

- Work-based Project
- Social Policy Research
- Roles and Responsibilities in Healthcare
- Understanding Welfare Delivery
- Contemporary Housing Management Issues

INDUSTRY RECOGNISED

The Foundation degree in Social Policy, Health and Housing is validated by the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH). This is in recognition that the degree supports the housing profession. All students studying for the degree are entitled to apply for free student membership of the CIH. This allows students to access a range of CIH resources and services that are of great assistance to academic study and provide an introduction to this professional body. CIH student membership allows access to up-to-date information and advice on policy issues and best practice and helps to boost professional skills.



HOW WILL I STUDY?

You will study through lectures, workshops, seminars, self-directed study, written work, presentations, group work and guest lectures. The second year work-based learning module will provide a professional setting in which you can apply the knowledge and skills you have acquired in the classroom to real life. In addition to classroom-based study, you will also have the opportunity to observe social policies in practice by visiting local authorities, housing associations, social welfare agencies and other organisations.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is continuous throughout the duration of the degree through both formative and summative assessment including written coursework assignments, essays, extended pieces of work, examinations, presentations, portfolios and reports.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

Experienced and enthusiastic lecturers with a wide range of interests reflecting areas of social science, social policy, health and housing will work with you. All of our staff are passionate about student learning and development. Lecturers are active researchers in their field with ample industry

experience. In addition, visiting speakers assist in the delivery of the degree, often providing novel approaches to, or presenting unique aspects of, particular subjects.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion, you will have developed a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of social science, social policy, health and housing provisions and the skills needed to effectively work within these areas.

You will be well equipped to go into a career in public, private and charitable sector roles. Previous students have established successful careers within local authorities, social welfare agencies, housing associations and healthcare organisations.

Students have the opportunity to progress and top-up their Foundation degree to a full honours degree with the BA (Hons) Social Policy, Health and Housing (top-up) at University Centre St Helens. To progress onto the BA (Hons), a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Social Policy, Health and Housing graduate, you may choose to take your career path in a range of directions, including:

Family Support Worker
Circa £25,000

Mental Health Support Worker
Circa £25,668

Housing and Advice Manager
£35,000 - £40,000

Neighbourhood Manager
£38,000 - £42,000

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"This Foundation degree aims to provide a fulfilling and stimulating experience that connects theory and practice and gives a real insight into social policy as a discipline. It will equip you with the knowledge, skills and confidence to progress into employment in a range of sectors."

Ilaria Brancatelli
Programme Leader

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“My advice to anyone considering a degree at University Centre St Helens is to go for it! It’s a great experience and there is plenty of opportunity here. Everyone from students to staff are all pleasant, supportive and keen to help. The degree introduces you to a range of local companies, which enables you to build your connections. The employability aspect of the course is unique and provided me with the opportunity to secure a long-term work placement.”

Deborah Mann

BA (Hons) Social Policy,
Health and Housing
(Top-up)



BA (HONS) SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND HOUSING (TOP-UP)

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- This degree is fully validated by the Chartered Institute of Housing, the professional body for the housing sector
- Develop theory to a higher level and utilise the skills required in a range of senior level employment roles
- Build local industry connections and enhance your employability skills and experience by undertaking an intensive work placement

OVERVIEW

The BA (Hons) Social Policy, Health and Housing (top-up) will provide you with the opportunity to analyse developments in contemporary social policy with a particular focus on community and housing issues.

The degree aims to develop your awareness of the work of agencies at a local, national and international level, emphasising the importance of effective and cooperative approaches to improving welfare outcomes.

This degree makes clear the connections between social welfare, health and housing issues, with a specific focus on multi-agency and community approaches to social problems.

By choosing to study the BA (Hons) Social Policy, Health and Housing (top-up), you will find yourself examining the concepts of citizenship and individual rights, equality and fairness. You will also look critically at poverty, gender, ethnic and health inequalities, the legal and criminal justice systems and issues faced by NHS users, carers, social housing providers and tenants in a rapidly changing world.

Additionally, you will have a chance to combine rigorous academic study with an extended, practical placement to further enhance your knowledge and employability.

VALIDATED BY:



UCAS CODE

L410

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2020

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

1 year, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

240 credits from the Foundation degree in Social Policy, Health and Housing at University Centre St Helens or achieved at a comparable college or university that has modules that correlate with the degree. All applicants will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer the lecturers the opportunity to discuss your career interests. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

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INDUSTRY RECOGNISED

The BA (Hons) Social Policy, Health and Housing (top-up) degree receives additional validation from the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH). This is in recognition that the degree supports the housing profession. All students studying for the degree are entitled to apply for free student membership of the CIH. This allows students to access a range of CIH resources and services that are of great assistance to academic study and provides an introduction to the industry's professional body. CIH student membership allows access to up-to-date information and advice on policy issues and best practice.

HOW WILL I STUDY?

Learning will be both theoretical and practical through lectures, workshops, seminars, self-directed study, written work, presentations, group work and guest lectures. In addition to classroom-based study, you will also have the opportunity to observe social policies in practice by visiting local authorities, housing associations, social welfare agencies and other organisations.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed through written coursework assignments, essays, extended pieces of work, examinations,

presentations, reports and a dissertation.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

Our experienced and knowledgeable staff take pride in the quality of their teaching. An experienced team with a wide range of interests reflecting areas of social science, social policy, health and housing will work with you. Lecturers are active researchers in their field and have experience of working in industry. In addition, visiting speakers assist in the delivery of the degree, often providing novel approaches to, or presenting unique aspects of, particular subjects.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Students who successfully complete the BA (Hons) Social Policy, Health and Housing (top-up) degree will have developed comprehensive knowledge and understanding of social science, social policy, health and housing. The degree provides a good avenue for entry into the workplace, career progression and a good means of exploring different career possibilities.

Previous students have progressed in careers within local authorities, social welfare agencies, housing associations and healthcare organisations.

Graduates can use the BA (Hons) Social Policy, Health and Housing (top-up) degree

as a route to postgraduate study including teacher training, with many students choosing to continue their studies with University Centre St Helens, progressing on to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). To move on to the PGCE, an additional application needs to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Social Policy, Health and Housing graduate, you can take your career path in a range of directions, including:

Homeless Housing Navigator

Circa £22,000

Public Health Manager

£47,048 - £61,976

Housing Partnership Manager

£50,000 - £55,000

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"The BA (Hons) Social Policy, Health and Housing (top-up) further develops knowledge and skills in an interesting and ever evolving subject. Graduates have gained employment in health, housing and local authority settings, through the extended project placement and the connections and opportunities such a placement has brought about."

Ilaria Brancatelli
Programme Leader





STEM
(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING, MATHS)

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“I am really glad I came to University Centre St Helens. The amount of support you receive here is absolutely fantastic and is often provided on a one to one basis. The lecturing team don't have hundreds of students to consider, so they provide invaluable and unrivalled support whenever you need it. If you show you want to do well and are committed, they will make sure you do and will go out of their way to help you get the results you deserve.”

Natalie Mellor
FdSc Applied Microbiology



FdSc APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- A practical degree focussing on applied techniques in microbiology
- Develop valuable employability skills and experience undertaking an industry based placement
- Undertake, extensive practical work in modern and well-equipped laboratories, developing skills and knowledge to enhance your employability

OVERVIEW

Applied Microbiology is a laboratory-based science which closely studies and analyses the microorganisms that impact on the health of human beings, animals and plant life.

The Foundation degree in Applied Microbiology is one of only a few degrees in the country of its type, focusing on applied techniques in microbiology. It has been designed in consultation with local and regional employers in response to the changing needs of the industry. This degree provides in-depth knowledge and understanding of the fascinating world of bacteria and viruses, paying attention to microbes of medical importance.

Providing you with the opportunity to develop the academic knowledge needed to expertly engage with the practical and technical aspects of industry, whilst allowing you to develop the relevant analytical, transferable and work-based skills, the degree is designed as a clear avenue of entry to a range of career paths with the potential to progress into a range of fields, from Biotechnology and Medical Research to Bioterrorism and Climate Change.

VALIDATED BY:



UCAS CODE

C500

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - June 2021

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

2 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

96 UCAS Tariff points

All suitably qualified applicants will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer lecturers the opportunity to discuss and view your career and placement interests. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

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Study Enhancement Gift available
see page 149

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“The small campus means classes are easy to locate and you become familiar with your surroundings very quickly. Labs are good and the smaller class sizes are advantageous in a subject where equipment and space is key, as you all have your own working area for the duration of your studies.”

Phil Bushell

FdSc Applied Microbiology



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

The first year will introduce you to microbiology as an applied science. You will explore principles within biochemistry and will be introduced to basic biochemical concepts.

Through data analysis you will gain confidence in the use of general mathematical techniques, whilst the biology of disease module will allow you to explore the fundamental concepts of aetiology, pathology and epidemiology. As the year progresses you will continue to develop basic skills required to work in a microbiology laboratory. The first year also allows you to study parasites in human diseases.

Modules include:

- Principles of Microbiology
- Basic Biochemistry
- Data Analysis
- Biology of Disease
- Microbiological Laboratory Techniques
- Parasitology

YEAR 2

In your second year, you will be introduced to industrial microbiology enabling you to identify microbiological mediated industrial problems.

You will also look at the theoretical and practical microbial physiology with particular reference to ecology, immunology and metabolism, as well as the methods, benefits and potential hazards of genetic engineering. You could also gain insight into the diversity of pathogenic microorganisms.

The work-based learning module will provide you with the opportunity to gain experience in your chosen field. You will also undertake your own study project, allowing you to develop skills in independent research under the guidance of an experienced lecturer. Upon completion, you will present your findings in the form of a written report and an oral presentation.

Modules include:

- Food and Industrial Microbiology
- Microbial Physiology
- Microbial Genetics
- Medical Microbiology
- Work-based Learning Projects

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"Microbiologists are at the cutting edge of solving the microbial problems facing mankind. Our degree includes a significant proportion of laboratory-based work and you will have the opportunity to learn a wide variety of practical techniques."

Paul Kowabnik
Programme Leader

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“This degree has launched my career as a Microbiologist. I have since progressed further in my studies onto a Master’s qualification.”

Joanne Cubbins

FdSc Applied Microbiology



HOW WILL I STUDY?

You will have access to specialist microbiology facilities located at our Town Centre campus within our purpose built science laboratories. Providing you with the best learning environment possible.

The work-based learning module will be undertaken in a professional setting allowing you to apply the knowledge and skills you have acquired from the course to a practical setting. In addition to lab-based study, you will also have the opportunity to go on industrial based visits, allowing you to observe microbiology in practice.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is employed throughout the duration of the course through both formative and summative assessment including presentations, case studies, essay plans, question and answer sessions. You will also be assessed through essays, exams, laboratory assignments and portfolios of work.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

You will be taught by practising scientists who take pride in the quality of their teaching and academic studies. The lecturing team are well informed about historic and current developments and will share

this knowledge through directly engaging students in their research. In addition, visiting speakers assist in the delivery of the degree, often providing novel approaches to, or presenting unique aspects of, particular subjects.

The Microbiology department at University Centre St Helens is friendly and approachable and of a size that enables us to know our students personally and be able to respond to their needs.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

On completion of this Foundation degree you will be equipped to work in a microbiology related role in a wide range of industries.

Previous students have gone into employment directly from this degree with global companies including Jay Chemicals, Thermo Fisher Scientific, United Utilities and Precision Northwest.

Upon successful completion of the FdSc Applied Microbiology, you have the opportunity to top-up your degree to a full BSc (Hons) degree through additional study at the University of Chester Medical School. To progress onto the BSc (Hons), a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Applied Microbiology graduate, you can choose to enter a range of professions, potentially seeking employment as a:

Biomedical Scientist
£20,000 - £41,000

Microbiologist
£14,000 - £33,000

Lab Technician
£16,000 - £21,000

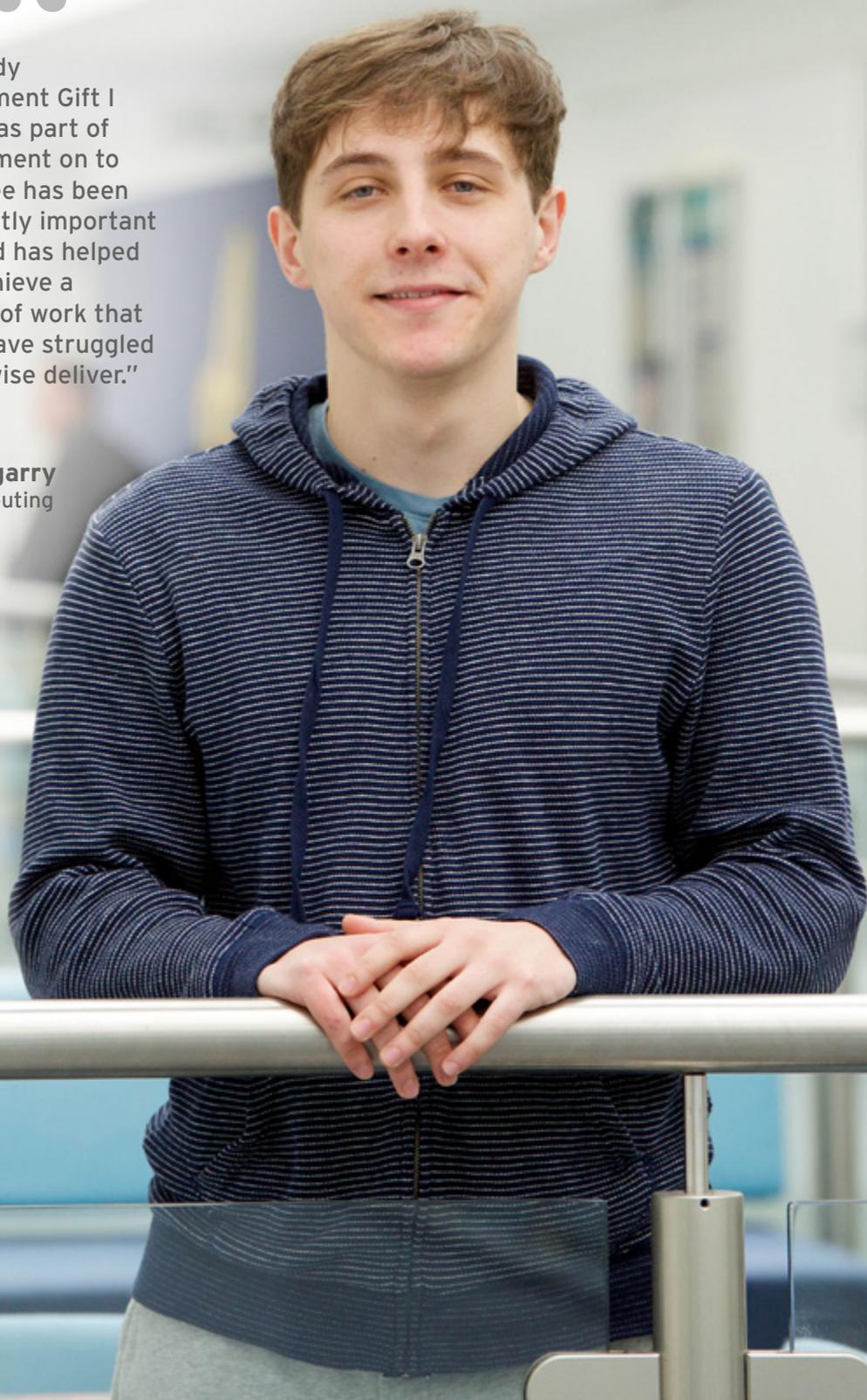
Microbiology Technologist
£14,000 - £30,000

Successful graduates may choose to undertake these and other roles in a wide range of areas, including the Food industry, Health and Pharmaceuticals industry, Cosmetic industry, Environmental and Waste industry, Fermentation and Brewing industry.

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“The Study Enhancement Gift I received as part of my enrolment on to the degree has been significantly important to me and has helped me to achieve a standard of work that I would have struggled to otherwise deliver.”

Zach Megarry
FdSc Computing



FdSc COMPUTING

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Undertake an industry specific placement, which allows you to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of professional codes of practice and business ethics in a real work environment
- Modules have exceptional relevance to the modern world, ensuring you graduate with the skills, knowledge, theory and experience needed to successfully work in a range of in-demand roles
- Small class sizes guarantee access to a range of computers, all containing the latest software and updates, as well as unrivalled access to an industry experienced lecturing team

OVERVIEW

The Foundation degree in Computing will allow you to develop highly sought-after industry-specific skills, through the investigation of modern computing environments and an examination of the hardware/software used extensively in today's rapidly changing technological world.

During the degree, you will develop skills needed by industry, including programming concepts, web design, database development and network server administration. Throughout the course your knowledge of theory will be applied in practical situations to help you develop systems to meet commercial requirements.

Through a professional work placement, you will draw substantially on the knowledge and skills developed during the course, allowing you to demonstrate your understanding of professional practice and business ethics in a live work environment.

APPROVED BY:



UCAS CODE

G100

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - June 2021

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

2 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

96 UCAS tariff points

All suitably qualified applicants will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer lecturers the opportunity to discuss and view your career and placement interests. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

In the first year, you will develop skills in programming and receive an introduction to networking. Exploring current issues surrounding computer systems and security as well as systems analysis and database design, you will complement your theory by developing professional communication and self-management skills as part of the overarching Practitioner Skills module.

Modules include:

- Programming
- Introduction to Networking
- Computer Systems and Security
- Systems Analysis and Database Design
- Interactive Applications
- Practitioner Skills

YEAR 2

The second year will develop your knowledge further in a range of different areas of computing. You will continue to develop your ability to analyse information systems requirements within the framework of an Agile Software Development method. Your confidence to research Human Computer Interaction (HCI) topics will also be enhanced. In addition, you will begin to familiarise yourself with advanced programming and complex database systems, to develop an information system to meet the needs of modern clients.

The degree allows you to demonstrate your ability to work independently to set deadlines, displaying problem solving skills and initiative.

Modules could include:

- Agile Development
- Advanced Programming
- Software Development
- Network Management
- Computer Security
- Introduction to Network Routing
- Information and Systems Management
- HCI (Human Computer Interaction)
- Database Systems
- Work Placement Project

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"This Foundation degree equips students with practical and professional abilities in specific areas, as well as providing a broad range of analysis, design and development skills."

Paul Hannaford
Programme Leader



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“I am enjoying my time at University Centre St Helens. I find the modules really enjoyable. I am studying a range of subjects, including game design fundamentals, database management, web design (including Java), systems analysis, programming in C++ and project management in teams. All of these subjects are allowing me to develop an understanding of new areas and are providing me with valuable insight into the different types of career paths available within the Computing and IT industries.”

Connor Tinsley
FdSc Computing



HOW WILL I STUDY?

Learning will be through theoretical and practical lectures, workshops, seminars, group work, practical based sessions and presentations.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment takes place through a range of methods including group work, seminar presentations, practical computer based projects and written reports. Some modules also have a formal examination as part of the assessment.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

You will be taught by staff who are passionate about student learning and development. They are experienced in a wide range of areas in IT and computing. Lecturers are active researchers in their fields and have extensive industry experience.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion of this Foundation degree you will have knowledge and skills relevant to a range of career paths, which will allow you to immediately operate at a professional level within the computing sector.

With an extensive curriculum, there will be particular emphasis placed on the application of a range of current and professional skills in order to meet and support the needs of the rapidly expanding e-business sector.

Students can expect to graduate with a range of current, in-demand skills required for success in the computing and associated industries.

As well as providing a platform for entry into the computing industry, this course also offers the opportunity to move on to the third year of the BSc (Hons) in Computing at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) in Preston to top-up your qualification.

Alternatively, if you want to specialise in a specific area of computing, you could move on to the 2nd year of the BSc (Hons) Computer Games Development/ Forensic Computing and Security/Software Engineering at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan). To move on to the BSc (Hons), a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Computing graduate, potential future employment positions include:

Cyber Security Adviser
£24,000 - £52,000

Web Developer
£16,000 - £37,000

Network Engineer
£19,000 - £48,000

Data Analyst
£18,000 - £38,000

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“I am really enjoying my time on the Exercise, Health and Fitness degree with University Centre St Helens. It has allowed me to study in depth a range of subject areas that are of particular interest to me. When I leave, not only will I hold a degree but I will also have a Sports Massage qualification too, enhancing my employability and the career pathways that I can pursue.”

Jake Griffiths
FdSc Exercise, Health
and Fitness



FdSc EXERCISE, HEALTH AND FITNESS

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Enhance your employability by completing the level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing and the level 3 Certificate in Personal Training alongside your degree
- Further develop employability skills and experience by undertaking a placement in industry
- Access to an industry standard gym and a range of fitness facilities

OVERVIEW

The prevalence of diseases that are associated with physical inactivity and poor lifestyle behaviours, such as obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes, continue to be major concerns impacting upon the health of the nation.

Our Foundation degree in Exercise, Health and Fitness covers a diverse range of topics. It examines the effect of lifestyle choices on health and the psychological determinants that influence lifestyle choices alongside the strategies that can be used to shape positive behaviour change. The degree will teach you how to effectively prescribe exercise to improve fitness and to manage and prevent disease. This will be done by experiential learning taking a very hands-on approach, providing you with the opportunity to develop your practical and employability skills set to enhance your career prospects.

As a student on this degree you will study a range of modules from nutrition to exercise physiology, alongside additional, stand alone qualifications in fitness instructing and personal training. Alongside the degree, these qualifications will enhance your career opportunities within the health and fitness industry.

VALIDATED BY:



UCAS CODE

C610

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2021

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

2 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

80 UCAS tariff points

All suitably qualified applicants will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer lecturers the opportunity to discuss and view your career and placement interests. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

During the first year you will gain an in-depth understanding of how the musculoskeletal system works, enabling you to analyse joint movement and muscle activation during exercise. You will develop consultation, practical and evaluative skills in order to effectively health screen and fitness test clients to inform subsequent exercise recommendations. You will be equipped with both the theoretical knowledge and practical skills to investigate the bodies immediate and long-term responses to a variety of exercises.

You will also be introduced to components and principles of exercise and fitness to show how regular exercise and physical activity can be used to improve health and specific fitness parameters.

A strong practical focus develops the skills required to plan and deliver exercise programmes using our purpose built gym. Additionally, your knowledge and understanding of the key determinants of health at both an individual level and in the wider societal context will be explored.

Your academic writing and research skills will also be enhanced to support and underpin the successful completion of a range of written modules in the second year.

Year 1 modules include:

- Anatomy for Exercise
- Health Related Fitness
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Introduction to Public Health Promotion
- Exercise Physiology
- Fitness Instruction and Exercise Prescription

YEAR 2

The second year aims to provide an understanding of the principles of nutrition so that you will be equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to conduct successful nutritional assessments in order to provide realistic, safe and practical nutritional recommendations for health and exercise. Your critical thinking skills will be developed enabling you to review common dietary practices and their efficiency and safety. The skills required to be a competent personal trainer will be developed with a very hands-on practical approach. You will investigate how to encourage positive behaviour changes that can influence health outcomes.

Health perspectives and physical activity will be explored looking firstly at the epidemiology of diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and obesity with a secondary focus on local health initiatives, aimed at improving community health.

You will also have the opportunity to develop a research proposal in the Further Research Methods module. A compulsory part of study in the second year is the completion of a work placement. Whilst on placement, you will gain valuable experiential learning to equip you with the relevant skills needed to secure employment in the health and fitness industry.

Year 2 modules include:

- Nutrition for Health and Exercise
- Role of the Personal Trainer
- Further Research Methods
- Health and Exercise Psychology
- Health Perspectives and Physical Activity Interventions
- Employability Skills for Exercise, Health and Fitness

HOW WILL I STUDY?

This Foundation degree takes a hands-on-approach through theoretical and practical based sessions, workshops, group work and presentations. You will also benefit from visits and guest lecturers. The second year employability skills module will provide a professional setting allowing you to apply the knowledge and skills you have acquired from the degree.

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“The degree has given me real insight into how the body works and how to improve functionality and fitness. I have learnt a lot about the mechanics and intricacies of the body allowing me to incorporate my studies into my basketball career, learning how to better my performance. I have also learnt how important nutrition is in regards to performance and health.”

Connor Murtagh
FdSc Exercise, Health
and Fitness



HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment methods include practical assessments, case studies, poster presentations, work placements, reflective writing, personal development planning, exams, written assignments and a research seminar/ conference presentation.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

A highly qualified, enthusiastic and experienced team with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of exercise, health and fitness teach on this degree. Lecturers have industry experience in both the public and private sector. In addition, visiting speakers assist in the delivery of the degree, often providing novel approaches to, or presenting unique aspects of, particular subjects.

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"This Foundation degree provides a broad range of study that equips students with a wide skills set to facilitate progression into a variety of employment areas. The diverse assessment methods and vocational qualifications students can achieve alongside their main degree ensures they develop the theoretical, practical and transferable skills required for employment."

Chris O'Keeffe
Programme Leader

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

This Foundation degree will provide a platform for entry into a number of career pathways in the health and fitness industry. Past students have progressed into diverse careers upon completion of their studies including: personal training, gym management, public health, lifestyle specialists, exercise referral specialists, sports coaches, strength and conditioning specialists, PE teaching and community health improvement.

As well as providing a platform for entry into the exercise, health and fitness industry, this degree also offers the opportunity to progress onto the third year of the BSc (Hons) Physical Activity and Health at the University of Chester. To progress onto the BSc (Hons),

a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As an Exercise, Health and Fitness graduate, you can take your career path in a range of directions, including:

Personal Trainer
£13,000 - £31,000

Health Club Manager
£17,000 - £45,000

Health and Wellbeing Advisor
£23,000 - £26,000

Nutrition Adviser
£18,454 - £39,420

Exercise Specialist
£20,000 - £30,000







BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

**BUSINESS
AND
MANAGEMENT**



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“I am really enjoying my HND Business (Management) qualification, I am learning all aspects of Business, covering everything from marketing to finance, where I have been able to develop a wide range of skills, from working as a team to developing my presentation skills. The balance between theory sessions, practical sessions and in-class discussions is perfect and the smaller class sizes have helped me to develop my confidence. On completion of my HND, I would like to progress onto the BA (Hons), allowing me to leave University Centre St Helens with a full honours degree qualification.”

Hollie Griffiths

HND Business
(Management)



HND BUSINESS (MANAGEMENT)

REASONS TO STUDY THIS HND

- Gain a broad understanding of business issues relevant to the private, public and not-for-profit sectors
- Obtain an established and nationally recognised qualification that will equip you for employment in a wide range of business settings
- Progress and continue your studies by moving on to the BA (Hons) Business Administration and Management (top-up)

OVERVIEW

The business world is characterised by its consistently changing state, brought about by advances in workforce skills, technology and communications.

Increasingly, businesses are required to diversify, adapt and grow to maintain a competitive edge. The HND Business will allow you to develop your industry knowledge through exploring the key functional areas of business, the current economic climate and the issues that could impact on an organisation's overall success.

The HND has a strong vocational focus, aiming to ensure that you develop the skills and techniques required to secure a highly successful career in business. You will focus on gaining practical, applicable skills through real-world case studies, classroom discussions, role-plays, exams and group and individual assignments. You will develop the leadership, operational and administration skills you need for a truly successful career in a range of business fields, in local, national and international landscapes.

VALIDATED BY:



UCAS CODE

21NN

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2021

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This HND will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

2 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

32 UCAS points

All suitable candidates will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the HND is suitable for your needs. It will also offer the course team the opportunity to discuss and view your career prospects. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

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available**
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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

During the first year you will develop core study skills, boosting your employability. You will study the general business environment and be introduced to the fundamentals of business, through a range of modules. The knowledge and skills developed in year one will prepare you for broader and deeper study of key management functions in the second year.

Modules include:

- Business and the Business Environment
- Marketing Essentials
- Human Resource Management
- Management Accounting
- Managing a Successful Business Project
- Management and Operations
- Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management
- Business Law

YEAR 2

In the second year you will develop analytical skills and study a range of business issues in-depth. You will further your knowledge of financial management, operations and project management and international business and culture, as well as working on a brief, typical of work in industry, making specific plans for employers.

Modules include:

- Research Project
- Organisational Behaviour
- Operations and Project Management
- Understanding and Leading Change
- Global Business Environment
- Business Strategy

HOW WILL I STUDY?

Learning will be through a range of methods, including analysing real-world case studies, classroom discussions, lectures, seminars tutorials and workshops.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

A range of assessment methods will be drawn upon, including reports, presentations, projects and examinations.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

Staff who teach on this HND are passionate about student learning and development. They are a highly qualified and experienced team with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of business. Staff are also industry experienced professionals, with many years between them in a range of key business areas.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this course will provide you with the knowledge and practical skills required for success in a range of business related roles.

Many students choose to continue their studies with us, progressing onto the BA (Hons) Business Administration and Management (top-up) at University Centre St Helens. To progress onto the BA (Hons), a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a HND Business (Management) graduate, you can take your career path in a range of directions, including:

Sales Executive
£15,000 - £43,000

Office Manager
Circa £30,000

Business Analyst
£24,000 - £57,000

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"This HND introduces students to key concepts and elements within business and provides limitless opportunities by way of practical preparation for a career in management or a range of other business functions, in small, medium and large organisations."

Kirsty O'Shaughnessy
Programme Leader

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“Studying Business at University Centre St Helens has allowed me to develop knowledge and skills in key functional areas of business and is helping me to achieve my ambitions. I hope to use my qualifications to one day be able to open my own holistic retreat in the UK and abroad. I’ve already started my business plan to help me to achieve my goal.”

**Megan Vincetta
Robinson**

BA (Hons) Business
Administration and
Management (top-up)



BA (HONS) BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (TOP-UP)

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Gain higher level understanding of business and management issues relevant to the private, public and not-for-profit sectors
- Acquire the leadership, operational and administration skills you need for a truly successful management career in business
- Develop and extend your critical thinking focusing on an aspect of business you are interested in

OVERVIEW

The administration of a business includes the performance or management of business operations and decision-making, as well as the efficient organisation of people and other resources, to direct activities toward meeting strategic plans, organisational visions and departmental objectives.

The BA (Hons) Business Administration and Management (top-up) degree has been developed in close association with employers and professional bodies. It is designed for those who wish to continue their education and build upon the knowledge and understanding gained from HND or Foundation degree study.

Aiming to provide students with knowledge, understanding and transferable skills essential for leading and managing in their future work environment, the degree affords students full honours qualification, enhancing employability and career prospects.

During the degree, students will acquire the leadership, operational and administration skills needed for a truly successful career.

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UCAS CODE

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START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - May 2020

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

1 year, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must have a minimum of 240 credits that have been achieved from a relevant Foundation degree or the HND in Business at University Centre St Helens or achieved at a comparable college or university that has modules that correlate with the degree. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This degree provides the chance to develop your knowledge and understanding alongside key transferable skills, essential for success at a higher level. Your understanding and critical awareness of general management and administration and the role of managers, leaders and administrators in all types of organisations will be developed and explored, through a range of modules.

Modules include:

- Managerial Decision Making and Change
- Managing Quality and Performance
- Strategic Management
- Leadership
- Extended Research Project

HOW WILL I STUDY?

As well as preparing for and attending lectures, seminars, tutorials and workshops, you will be taught through theoretical concepts and discussions, supported by practical application to the business environment.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

This degree uses different forms of assessment to test intellectual development, vocational capabilities and critical thinking.

Assessment will take place through essays, case studies, reports, problem solving exercises and presentations.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

Lecturers who teach on this degree are passionate about student learning and development. They are a highly qualified and experienced team with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of business. Staff also have experience of working in industry.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this degree will enable you to seek employment in a range of business and management positions. Previous graduates have gained employment in a range of business disciplines including Marketing, Finance and Human Resource Management. Graduates have secured career progression and promotion in management roles at supervisory and assistant management levels and have also secured places on a range of national graduate schemes.

Graduates can use the BA (Hons) Business Administration and Management (top-up) degree to progress onto postgraduate study in related areas, including teacher training, with many students continuing to progress their studies with University Centre St Helens, onto the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). To progress onto the PGCE, a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Business Administration and Management graduate, you can take your career path in a range of directions, including:

Human Resources Officer
£24,000 - £50,000

Project Manager
£24,000 - £58,000

Business Development Manager
£22,000 - £55,000

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"The BA (Hons) Business and Management (top-up) further develops a student's knowledge of the business environment and provides them with additional leadership, management, operational and administration skills needed in today's highly competitive market. These higher level skills can prove crucial at interview stage, for a range of business positions."

Alan Miller
Programme Leader

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“The lecturers have always been held in high regard for their dedication and devoted approach to all of their students. The deciding factor for me when joining University Centre St Helens was the enjoyment I had on my level 3 course at St Helens College. Having such a good experience and receiving high levels of encouragement and support, I was keen to continue my journey at a higher level with them.”

Amber Stubbs
FdA Spa Therapies
and Management



FdA SPA THERAPIES AND MANAGEMENT

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- Enhance your employability by completing the level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy or Reflexology with VTCT alongside your degree
- Access on site, industry standard, commercially operational training salons and spa facilities including beauty therapy salons, sauna, steam rooms, Jacuzzi and floatation beds
- Relate theory to practice as you apply classroom based knowledge to your newly acquired practical experiences

OVERVIEW

To create a successful spa you must create an inviting and relaxing atmosphere, manage a variety of specialist therapies and run an efficient and profitable business. Most hotel resorts, both in the UK and abroad as well as all major cruise ships, now have their own spas, meaning the demand for highly trained and knowledgeable professionals is at a high.

Our Foundation degree in Spa Therapies and Management will equip you with the leadership skills and practical experience you need to be able to confidently manage a spa or start your own spa business.

In addition to your degree studies you will be given the opportunity to study a level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy or Reflexology with VTCT, providing you with industry based skills that are attractive to prospective employers, and allowing you to graduate as a fully rounded, knowledgeable and highly employable individual.

APPROVED BY:



UCAS CODE

BN38

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - June 2021

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£7,750 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

2 years, full-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

32 UCAS tariff points

Applicants must either be working or be available to work within the spa environment for a minimum of 1 day per week in addition to their study time. All suitably qualified applicants will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer the course team the opportunity to discuss and view your career interests. Please see page 154 for full details of our admissions requirements and how to apply.

COURSE CONTACT

Julie Heap

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**Study Enhancement Gift
available**
see page 149



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

In the first year business concepts within spa organisations are explored, looking at how profitability can be both achieved and maximised. The ageing process is studied, allowing you to develop an understanding of the basic anatomy and physiology of the body, and how these influence and shape the ageing process. The history of the spa is explored and how it has evolved into the major international industry that it is today.

You will look at diverse massage treatments within the spa industry. Your work is practical, and includes the study of health and safety and first aid training. As the year progresses you will begin to identify your own individual learning styles with the opportunity to develop your IT skills, essay writing, note taking and presentation skills.

Modules include:

- Health and Safety Management
- Personal and Professional Skills
- Business and Management
- Physiology of Ageing
- Concept of Spa Therapies
- Therapeutic Techniques

YEAR 2

The second year aims to further develop your knowledge and skills. By undertaking a work placement, your skills and confidence will develop and you will achieve professional accreditation recognised within the spa industry. You will look at the global spa industry through research and evaluate the latest innovations within the industry.

This year provides additional opportunities to develop your knowledge of health, safety, hygiene and environmental factors to a higher level within the spa industry.

Social enterprise is a large part of the spa therapies industry, as such you are encouraged to establish a business to support the community. It also offers the opportunity to examine the use of current spa equipment and facilities and analyse them in regards to suitability and purpose.

Modules include:

- Professional Accreditation
- Innovation and Themes in the Global Spa Industry
- Health Sciences in the Spa Industry
- Work Based Learning
- Entrepreneurship
- Spa Operations and Signature Treatments

HOW WILL I STUDY?

You will study in The Lounge, our fully operational, commercial training salons and spa. Open to the public, it provides education and training for those wanting a career in the spa industry, providing you with the opportunity to develop your skills through hands-on work experience. The Lounge offers state of the art facilities including beauty therapy salons, a nail bar and a spray tanning room. The spa includes a sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, floatation bed, monsoon shower, an ice fountain and individual therapy rooms.

You will study via a combination of workshops, lectures, seminars and work placements. In addition to the taught sessions, you will be expected to develop your practical skills using departmental facilities in your own time.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

A range of assessment methods will be utilised including essays, reports, practical assessment and presentations.



WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

You will be taught by staff who are passionate about student learning and development. The lecturing team are experienced with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of spa therapy. Staff also have experience of working in industry. In addition, visiting speakers assist in the delivery of the degree, often providing novel approaches to, or presenting unique aspects of, particular subjects.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Upon graduation you will possess the essential skills required to enter a career in spa management with a broad choice of career paths that could lead to a career in

a hotel, in the UK or abroad, or onboard a luxury cruise ship. Additionally you will have developed knowledge and skills to become self-employed.

You also have the option to apply to progress onto the third year of the BA (Hons) Management in Hospitality at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) in Preston to top-up your qualification. To move on to the BA (Hons), a new application will need to be made.

progress into a range of roles within this thriving industry. Possible future employment opportunities may include:

Spa Therapist
£13,000 - £20,000

Spa Manager
£17,056 - £34,622

Business Owner
Variable income

TYPICAL CAREERS

As a Spa Therapies graduate, you will be able to progress professionally in numerous ways. You may choose to open your own business, or

WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"This degree has been designed to link both theory and practice together, allowing students to develop detailed in-depth knowledge of the spa therapies industry. It affords successful graduates with the leadership skills and practical experience needed to be able to manage a spa or start their own spa business."

Julie Heap
Programme Leader







EARLY YEARS
PRACTICE



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“I decided to undertake the Early Years Practice Foundation degree at University Centre St Helens, as the evening study mode fitted around my working hours. I wanted to progress within my employment and gain further knowledge, to help me progress with my career. I have found the lecturing team to be supportive and helpful, offering advice and guidance to help you achieve the best results possible. The degree is a professional programme that has helped me to develop my confidence and the range of modules prepare you not only for career development but for further study, too.”

Zowie Railton
FdA Early Years Practice



FdA EARLY YEARS PRACTICE

REASONS TO STUDY THIS DEGREE

- The Foundation degree is studied on an evening basis, allowing those who already work in an early years setting to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding, around career commitments
- Taught and delivered by industry experienced practitioners, in small classes, offering unrivalled levels of support
- Opportunity to progress and top up this degree to a full BA (Hons) degree by undertaking an additional year of study

OVERVIEW

The Foundation degree in Early Years Practice is ideal for practitioners working in early years settings, whether that be in paid employment or for those undertaking voluntary experience.

As a student on the degree course, you will gain a strong academic grounding in a range of early years theories, policies and procedures, improving your current knowledge and understanding of early years issues, allowing you to be a more effective and efficient practitioner. The degree includes holistic development within early years, early years curriculum, partnership working, safeguarding and leadership and management practice. The degree will also enhance your personal, professional and academic skills, providing additional opportunities for professional development.

Providing the opportunity for students to apply academic theory to practice, the Foundation degree affords students the opportunity to ensure that their knowledge of current legislation and issues within the sector are up to date, providing safe practice and a wide range of career prospects.

VALIDATED BY:



APPLICATIONS

Please apply directly to University Centre St Helens by visiting uc.sthelens.ac.uk. This degree is NOT available for application via UCAS.

START DATE/END DATE

September 2019 - June 2021

CAMPUS

St Helens Town Centre

2019 TUITION FEE

£5,000 per year

This degree will incur additional costs. See website for further details.

DURATION/STUDY MODE

2 years, part-time (evening study)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See page 147

COURSE CONTACT

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

YEAR 1

The first year will focus on various professional and academic issues common to the early years sector. Modules at this level, support a greater understanding of holistic child development, allowing you to develop your knowledge and understanding of a range of early years principals. You will be supported throughout your first year with study skills, allowing you to develop the academic skills required to succeed with essay writing, presentation delivery, report writing and portfolio development at degree level.

Modules include:

- Personal Progression and Development (PPD)
- The Developing Child
- Technology in the Early Years
- The History of Childhood
- Working in Partnership
- Early Years Education

YEAR 2

Second year modules provide an insight into good practice and contemporary issues. Skills such as team work, independence, communication, leadership and reflection are developed, with continuous themes around the importance of a good understanding of current issues within the early years sector running throughout all modules. Discussion and debate with

peers, through a range of seminar activities, is actively encouraged and expected throughout the second year of study.

Modules include:

- Reflection in the Early Years
- Inclusion
- Leading and Managing in the Early Years
- Research Enquiry
- Safeguarding Practice within the Early Years
- Health and Wellbeing in the Early Years

HOW WILL I STUDY?

Learning will be theoretical through lectures, workshops, seminars, self-direct study, written work, group work, presentations and guest lectures. The practical side of the degree, whether that be your paid employment or voluntary placement, will allow you to put the theory you are learning in each session into practice.

You will attend University Centre St Helens two evenings per week for two years.

You will be supported by a range of resources including a Uni Hub, a dedicated learning environment for degree students.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is continuous throughout the duration of the degree through both

formative and summative assessments including written coursework assignments, essays, extended pieces of work, examinations, presentations, portfolios, case studies and reports.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

Experienced lecturers with a wide range of interests reflecting all areas of early years practice will work with you. Our lecturers are active researchers in their field with industry experience.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

The Foundation degree will provide you with a qualification that will allow you to enhance your personal development and academic knowledge of early years, in turn keeping your knowledge of current legislation and issues within the sector up-to-date as well as providing additional employment prospects within the wider sector.

Upon successful completion of the FdA Early Years Practice, you will have a range of opportunities open to you. You may progress into a higher position within an early years setting, or you may choose to progress onto the BA (Hons) Early Years Practice with University Centre St Helens (subject to validation). Alternatively, students



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should hold a level 3 qualification in childcare such as NVQ3, DCE, NND, NNEB, EYE or equivalent. Post 2014 students must hold the early years educator qualification. All suitably qualified applicants will be invited to attend an interview. This is designed to be an informal meeting, providing you with the opportunity to see if the degree is suitable for your needs. It will also offer the lecturing team the opportunity to discuss and view your career and placement interests.

Applicants must hold a satisfactory reference from their employer or voluntary organisation. This should indicate support for the student in undertaking the Foundation degree and agreement in providing a mentor to support the student with the work-based learning. University Centre St Helens will support those who are currently unemployed in finding a placement but cannot guarantee a placement will be available.

As this degree requires work with children, all prospective students must be aware that they are required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to assess their suitability for access to a range of early years careers. In the event of a disclosure this must be discussed with the Programme Leader prior to entry who will then provide advice relating to placement and future employment criteria within the early years sector.

To apply, please visit www.uc.sthelens.ac.uk

have the opportunity to progress and top-up their Foundation degree to a full honours degree at Liverpool John Moores University, by moving onto the third year of the BA (Hons) Learning Support and Development. To progress onto either of the BA (Hons) degrees, a new application will need to be made.

TYPICAL CAREERS

As an Early Years Practice graduate, you can choose to enter a range of professions, potentially seeking employment as a:

Family Support Worker
£22,500 - £24,000

Nursery Manager
£23,000 - £45,000

Nursery Teacher
£17,000 - £34,000



WHAT THE LECTURERS SAY...

"The Foundation degree is designed to support level 3 Early Years practitioners wanting to enhance their existing knowledge and qualifications. It provides students with the opportunity to develop their academic knowledge, whilst working within the Early Years Sector to gain vital transferable work based skills."

Cath Barker
Programme Leader



STUDY ENHANCEMENT GIFT

All new, first year, full-time undergraduates joining University Centre St Helens in September 2019 will receive a non-repayable Study Enhancement Gift, up to the value of £400. This could be a specific gift, such as a laptop, or subject specific equipment, extra qualifications or trips and visits.

Previous Study Enhancement Gifts have included Alienware laptops, trips to Paris, London and Barcelona and Apple vouchers.

The final Study Enhancement Gift for each degree will be determined by the Programme Leader.



For more information and to apply, please visit uc.sthelens.ac.uk

QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN

This intensive one year course bridges the gap between sixth form or college and university. The course provides an opportunity to experiment in a wide range of disciplines allowing you to find your specialism and develop your portfolio.

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE/ HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA (HNC/HND)

HNCs and HNDs are highly-regarded by employers and are also accepted as accelerated entry onto many university degrees, often allowing entry directly into the second or third year of your chosen degree. Both qualifications comprise of Higher National units, providing a pathway into a particular career, helping to improve job prospects, and providing a natural stepping stone onto a higher level qualification.

FOUNDATION DEGREES

Foundation degrees (FdA and FdSc) are delivered in partnership with universities, and are designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed for a particular area of work. These degree courses are ideal for people who are looking to develop their careers. Equivalent to the first two years of a university degree course, on completion, students often spend an extra year 'topping up' to a full honours degree.

HONOURS DEGREES

Bachelors or Honours degrees, with titles such as Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons), Bachelor of Science (BSc Hons) and Bachelor of Engineering (BEng Hons), are standard higher education qualifications recognised across the world.

Usually you will enrol on an Honours degree typically studying for 3 or 4 years full-time. You can also 'top up' a HNC, HND or Foundation degree to a full Honours degree through a period of additional study.



LEVEL OF QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

The table below shows how different qualifications compare and what qualifications they can lead on to. Qualifications at the same level offer a similar level of difficulty, but the size and content can vary. More guidance will be provided upon application.

Level	Qualifications at this level include:
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A levels • International Baccalaureate • BTEC Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at level 3 • BTEC Nationals • OCR Nationals • NVQs at level 3 • Access to Higher Education Diploma
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Higher Education • BTEC Professional Diploma, Certificate and Award at level 4 • HNC • NVQs at level 4
Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HND • BTEC Advanced Professional Diploma, Certificate and Award at level 5 • Foundation degree
Level 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTEC Advanced Professional Diploma, Certificate and Award at level 6 • BA (Hons) & BSc (Hons) degree
Level 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTEC Advanced Professional Diploma, Certificate and Award at level 7 • Postgraduate Certificate • Masters Degree • Postgraduate Diploma



For more information and to apply, please visit uc.sthelens.ac.uk

STUDENT FINANCE

FEES AND LOANS

You shouldn't worry about the cost of university as it's one of the biggest investments you can make for your future. You do not need cash to pay for university tuition fees, your fees are paid directly to University Centre St Helens by the Student Loans Company, if your application for a loan is successful.

A degree can contribute to brighter employment prospects and the potential of higher earnings, as well as providing you with an unparalleled experience, where you will gain confidence and transferable skills.

Should you require more information on fees and funding, University Centre St Helens has a dedicated Finance Officer who can help you to understand your entitlements and assist with loan applications. Please contact us for more information or to make an appointment.

UNIVERSITY CENTRE ST HELENS TUITION FEES

The tuition fees for 2019 entry vary depending on your chosen qualification. These are clearly listed on each individual qualification throughout this prospectus.

All eligible full-time, undergraduate students from the UK are able to apply for a tuition fee loan. No eligible student will have to pay for tuition fees up front. This will be paid directly to us by the Student Loans Company on your behalf.

A tuition fee loan is available to all eligible students. The tuition fee loan isn't based on household income, there is no credit check and there is no upper age limit to apply. You can apply for the exact amount of loan to cover your tuition fees and this will be paid directly to us by the Student Loans Company on your behalf.

To apply for student finance, you don't need a confirmed place with us. You should apply using your preferred choice of degree and this can be changed at a later date if needed.



EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

Many employers have an allocated budget to invest in the development of their employees. We accept payment directly from employers so it's worth taking a look at your employer's policy on support for further/professional qualifications (this is usually available from your HR department). There may be criteria for accessing financial support or time off.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Some students may be entitled to additional financial support, such as Adult Dependants Grant, Disabled Students' Allowances, Childcare Grant and Parents Learning Allowance. Eligibility and entitlement for all is to be determined by Student Finance England or the appropriate awarding body.

REPAYING YOUR STUDENT LOAN

You will have to repay your tuition fee loan and maintenance loans, along with any interest. You won't have to repay other student finance such as grants and bursaries if you are eligible for them. Your loan repayments are linked to your income. You won't have to start repaying the loan until the April after you have finished your studies and are earning over the threshold. If your income drops below this amount for any reason, you will stop repaying.

You will need to make your finance arrangements as soon as you've applied for a place. For more information on loans, grants or additional support, visit: www.gov.uk/student-finance.

STUDY ENHANCEMENT

All new, first year, full-time undergraduates joining University Centre St Helens in September 2019 will receive a non-repayable Study Enhancement Gift, up to the value of £400. This could be a specific gift, such as a laptop, or subject specific equipment, extra qualifications or trips and visits.

The final Study Enhancement Gift for your degree will be determined by the Programme Leader.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

All of our students are entitled to a free breakfast from 8.15am-8.50am every weekday. Choose from toast, cereal or porridge and a hot or cold drink. Students are entitled to complimentary access to Microsoft Office 365 with five licences, that can be used across several devices. Students are also able to purchase a discounted Arriva bus pass.



HOW TO APPLY

UCAS (the Universities and College Admissions Service) is the central application service for all full-time undergraduate courses in the UK. All applications must be made online at ucas.com. Applications to join us in September 2019 can be submitted from 5th September 2018 onwards.

The institution code for University Centre St Helens is: **STHEL S51**

STUDENTS AT COLLEGE OR SIXTH FORM REGISTERED WITH UCAS	
1. Complete your UCAS application form online	
2. Send the application form to your referee	
3. Your referee will check your details and add their reference	
4. Once complete, you will need to pay for your application online, using a credit or debit card	
5. Your sixth form or college will submit your UCAS application on your behalf	
6. You will be able to track your applications online using UCAS track	

If you apply after the UCAS deadline (15th January 2019), we will still accept your application but cannot guarantee that places will still be available.

INDEPENDENT APPLICANTS IN THE UK

UK applicants who are not at college or sixth form should apply online independently. This is common if you are a mature applicant who will not be able to seek advice from a teacher. You will be responsible for paying the application fee and you should contact your referee, to ensure that they are willing to complete a reference online for you. Online, you will be required to supply their contact details, so that UCAS can contact them to request the reference.

Should you need assistance with an application, University Centre St Helens has a dedicated Careers Adviser, who is able to offer support and assistance with applications to University Centre St Helens. If you wish to make an appointment, please call 0800 99 66 99.

ALL APPLICANTS

If you are a non-EU/EEA/Swiss national, you may need to apply for a Tier 4 visa in order to enter and study in the UK. However, please note that University Centre St Helens does not hold a Tier 4 Sponsor Licence to support student visa applications.

Full instructions and further guidance on how to apply are available at ucas.com/how-it-all-works/undergraduate

APPLICANTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

We have a friendly and experienced team who will work with you and your lecturers to help you to reach your full potential and achieve your career aspirations. The staff within the Learner Support Service act as a contact for current and prospective disabled students. The role of Learner Support Service staff is to provide information, advice and support to students about the reasonable adjustments that are available to them, within University Centre St Helens.

Learner Support staff have links with academic colleagues and other central services such as the libraries, to raise awareness of disability issues and to ensure that appropriate support is available. The staff are also available to support students with applications for the Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs).

For students who already have a Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) report, this is shared with our Disability Officer, to ensure that the recommendations for reasonable adjustments can be made as required.

For further information please contact Anne Ignatius, Disability Officer (HE) on email: agnatius@sthelens.ac.uk

ADMISSIONS

University Centre St Helens welcomes applicants with a wide range of qualifications and/or experience, with each application assessed on its own merit. For full details, please see the Student Admissions Policy available at www.uc.sthelens.ac.uk

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We accept a range of qualifications for entry onto the degrees outlined in this prospectus. Typically, these include A levels, BTEC, International/European/Welsh Baccalaureate, Scottish Highers, Irish Leaving Certificate, Access to Higher Education Diploma,

NVQ Level 3 (alongside other recognised qualifications), Advanced Diploma and Open University credits.

Entry requirements are typically expressed in the form of UCAS tariff points, further information is available on page 157 and via UCAS at UCAS.com

ACCREDITED PRIOR LEARNING

We also welcome applications from those who wish to return to study after a period out of education and recognise that applicants come from a variety of ages, backgrounds and experience. Offers of a place, on most of our degree courses, will not be based solely upon academic qualifications alone and related skills gained in the workplace will also be considered. The final decision, in terms of acceptance onto a degree, will lie with the Programme Leader.

DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks (formally CRB) assist organisations in assessing a candidate's suitability for a role where the candidate will come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults. As a result, some of the degrees advertised in this prospectus will require applicants to undertake a DBS check. In the event of a disclosure, the disclosure must be discussed with the Programme Leader prior to entry onto the degree. The Programme Leader will then provide advice relating to placement and future employment criteria within that particular subject area.

CLOSING DATE

For most of our degree courses the initial closing date for receipt of applications to UCAS is 15th January 2019.

University Centre St Helens will, however, consider applications made after this closing date but cannot guarantee that places will still be available.



RETURNING TO LEARNING?

NOT GOT THE GRADES?

If you are looking to return to education but don't have the qualifications or experience needed for entry onto your chosen degree course, we offer a range of Access to Higher Education Diplomas through St Helens College. Intense qualifications, usually studied over a one year period, Access to HE Diplomas are designed to help adults prepare and qualify for entry into Higher Education. Aimed at those who do not currently meet the stipulated entry criteria, Access to HE Diplomas are available in a broad range of subject specific areas, including:

- Art and Design
- Biological Sciences
- Humanities and Teaching
- Humanities and Social Science
- Logistics with Business Management
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Social Science

As with other level three qualifications, Access to HE Diplomas are graded and therefore successful completion at a certain level is required for entry onto a higher level programme. If you would like more information, please call St Helens College enquiries team on 0800 99 66 99.

TRANSLATING UCAS POINTS

UCAS introduced a new tariff table in 2017. All of the UCAS tariff points listed as entry requirements in this prospectus are expressed using this UCAS system. If you studied prior to 2017, or wish to learn more about these changes, please visit: www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator

Extended Project Qualification	A Level	New UCAS tariff points	Pearson BTEC Extended Diploma	Pearson BTEC Diploma	Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	Pearson BTEC Certificate
		168	D*D*D*			
		160	D*D*D			
		152	D*DD			
		144	DDD			
		128	DDM			
		112	DMM	D*D*		
		104		D*D		
		96	MMM	DD		
		80	MMP	DM		
		64	MPP	MM		
	A*	56			D*	
	A	48	PPP	MP	D	
	B	40				
	C	32		PP	M	
A*		28				D*
A	D	24				D
B		20				
C	E	16			P	M
D		12				
E		8				P

PAY US A VISIT

STAY LOCAL, GO ANYWHERE MAKE ST HELENS YOUR NEXT DESTINATION.

Come and discover University Centre St Helens at one of our Open Days. Held throughout the year at our St Helens Town Centre campus, Open Days provide the perfect opportunity to find out more about studying with us.

OPEN DAYS

21ST NOVEMBER 2018 5.00pm - 7.00pm

12TH DECEMBER 2018 5.00pm - 7.00pm

19TH JUNE 2019 5.00pm - 7.00pm

St Helens Town Centre Campus, WA10 1PP

At one of our Open Days you will be able to:

- Take a guided tour of the campus and view our facilities
- Visit subject areas that interest you
- Receive advice on tuition fees, living costs and how to access financial support
- Obtain free, impartial careers advice
- Meet our fantastic lecturers and see what study support is available to you
- Meet current students to find out about life and study at University Centre St Helens

If you would like to arrange a personal visit outside of these dates, then please call us on 0800 99 66 99 or email ucshadmissions@sthelens.ac.uk

CAN'T MAKE AN OPEN DAY?

If you can't make an Open Day don't worry, there are still plenty of opportunities for you to come and have a look around University Centre St Helens and speak to lecturers, programme leaders and current students. Please contact us to arrange a bespoke tour of our facilities at a time and date most convenient to you.

For those working in colleges or sixth forms, our University Centre St Helens Liaison Team are available to assist your students in making informed Higher Education decisions and are available to come in to your college or sixth form to deliver a range of activities and workshops, including presentations and taster sessions. We can also work with you to arrange campus tours and Discovery Days for individuals or groups of students. This allows us to bring the university learning experience directly into your classroom and provides the perfect opportunity for young people to become excited about learning at a higher level, offering a platform for Q&A to both Liaison Team staff and current University Centre St Helens students.

Please see below the full range of services available from the University Centre St Helens Liaison Team. If you would like to speak to a member of the team or wish to book a session, please call 01744 623225.

SERVICES AVAILABLE FROM THE UNIVERSITY CENTRE ST HELENS LIAISON TEAM	
Presentations	We are able to deliver presentations to groups of students interested in University, on a range of topics including student life, funding your degree and personal statement writing, alongside a comprehensive overview of the University Centre St Helens offer.
Tours	University Centre St Helens is founded on educational heritage, experience and tradition tracing back over 125 years. Our campus may be small but our facilities are exceptional.
Year 12 & 13 Experience Days	Our Year 12 and 13 Discovery Day experiences provide a fantastic opportunity for your students to become inspired and passionate about studying at a higher level. As part of their taster, students will attend a range of discovery sessions in subjects of interest, as well as sessions on academic writing and personal statement development.
Workshops	Our workshops, delivered by University Centre St Helens academics, are designed to raise and enhance students' knowledge of a particular subject. Workshops can be tailored to link in with your current curriculum and we can deliver workshops either at University Centre St Helens or in your college or sixth form.
Student Finance	Should you require help or more information on student finance we have a dedicated Finance Officer who can help you and your students understand financial entitlements and assist with loan applications. Again, he can deliver workshops in your college or sixth form or offer 1-2-1/small group sessions at University Centre St Helens.

If you would like further information on any of the above, or wish to book a place for yourself or your students, please contact the University Centre St Helens School Liaison Team on 01744 623225.

For more information and to apply, please visit uc.sthelens.ac.uk



DEGREES COMING SOON

SUBJECT TO VALIDATION

At University Centre St Helens, we are always striving to ensure that our offer to prospective students is both current and appealing, allowing students to become highly sought after, employable graduates with the knowledge, skills and confidence to progress into their chosen industry.

We work closely with our partner universities to continuously update our offer. Subject to validation, we will be running the following courses from September 2019:

BA (HONS) THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE (Top-up year)



FdA HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



Teaching Intensive, Research Informed

FdSc BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



Teaching Intensive, Research Informed

FdA HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (ASSISTANT PRACTITIONER)



Teaching Intensive, Research Informed

FdSc LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT



Teaching Intensive, Research Informed

BA (HONS) EARLY YEARS PRACTICE (Third year)



Until these degree courses are validated by the relevant partner institution, University Centre St Helens can only accept expressions of interest. To express your interest in enrolling onto one of the above degree courses for 2019 entry, please email: ucshadmissions@sthelens.ac.uk or call: 0800 99 66 99.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS & PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Terms, conditions and disclaimers

University Centre St Helens is a brand name of St Helens College. University Centre St Helens endeavours to deliver degrees of study in accordance with the description set out in this prospectus. This prospectus is produced at the earliest possible date (May 2018) in order to provide maximum assistance to individuals considering applying for a degree offered at University Centre St Helens. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in the prospectus is accurate but it is possible that some changes may occur between the date of printing and the start of the academic year to which it relates. University Centre St Helens reserves the right to amend, remove and add courses in the future. Please note that the University Centre St Helens website www.uc.sthelens.ac.uk is the most up-to-date source of information regarding courses and facilities and we strongly recommend that you always visit the website before making any commitments.

Although reasonable steps are taken to provide the programmes and services described, University Centre St Helens cannot guarantee the provision of any course or facility and may make variations to the contents or methods of delivery of degrees, discontinue, merge or combine degrees and introduce new degrees if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary.

If University Centre St Helens discontinues any degrees, it will use all reasonable endeavours to

provide a suitable alternative or support students with finding alternative provision elsewhere. In addition, degrees may change during the course of study and in such circumstances, University Centre St Helens will normally undertake a consultation process prior to any such changes and seek to ensure that no student is unreasonably prejudiced as a consequence of any such change.

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University Centre St Helens does not accept responsibility (other than through the negligence of University Centre St Helens, its staff or agents), for the consequences of any modification or cancellation of any degree, or part of a degree offered. University Centre St Helens will take into consideration the effects on individual students and seek to minimise the impact of such effects where reasonably practicable.

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For students to be eligible for funding from Student Finance England, they must be studying on an eligible course at a provider registered with the Office for Students (OfS). The OfS is the new independent regulator for higher education in England and all higher education providers need to register with the OfS for their students to be eligible for student support in the 2019-20 academic year. The OfS will start publishing providers on its Register from July 2018. We have made an application to register and expect a decision by September 2018. No provider will be able to confirm whether student support is available until it has a decision from the OfS. Tuition fees will only be approved by OfS at this time. Visit www.officeforstudents.org.uk for more information.

Total fees

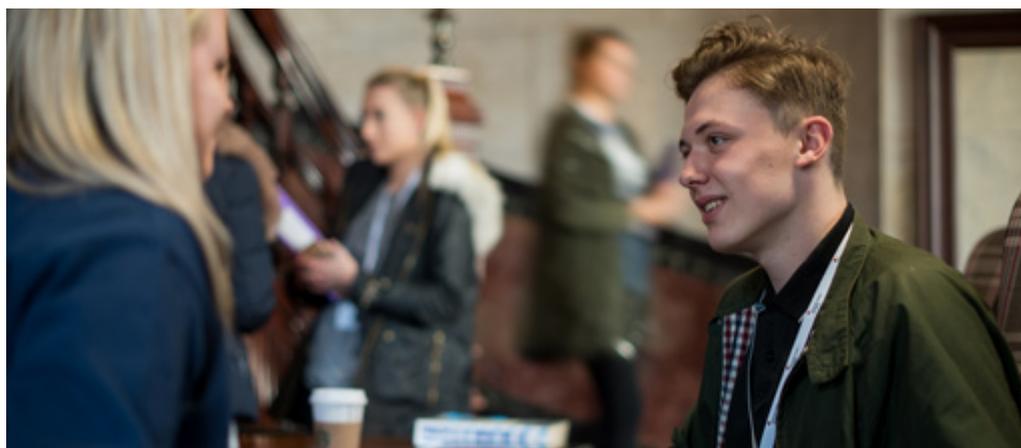
Please note that the total amount of the tuition fees payable for the duration of your degree is set out in the offer pack. Each degree may have different, additional costs. Full details of these can be found on the relevant degree page of the University Centre St Helens website (www.uc.sthelens.ac.uk). You may be required to pay additional costs, to

allow you to fully participate in and complete your chosen degree. Typically, additional costs are a combination of mandatory or optional expenses you may need to pay during your course of studies. These often comprise of materials, equipment, field trips, work placement costs (this list is not exhaustive) and are not included in your tuition fee payment. It is important to note that tuition fees do not cover the costs of purchasing materials that are required for completion of the degree, including books, stationery, printing, dissertation binding or photocopying costs (non-exhaustive list).

Complaints

At University Centre St Helens we are committed to providing high standards of service for applicants. If something should go wrong, or you feel that you have cause for complaint, please tell us so that we can endeavour to put matters right.

Our complaints and appeals policy can be found on the public information section of the website at www.sthelens.ac.uk/unipolicies.





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