



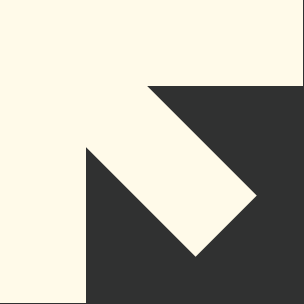
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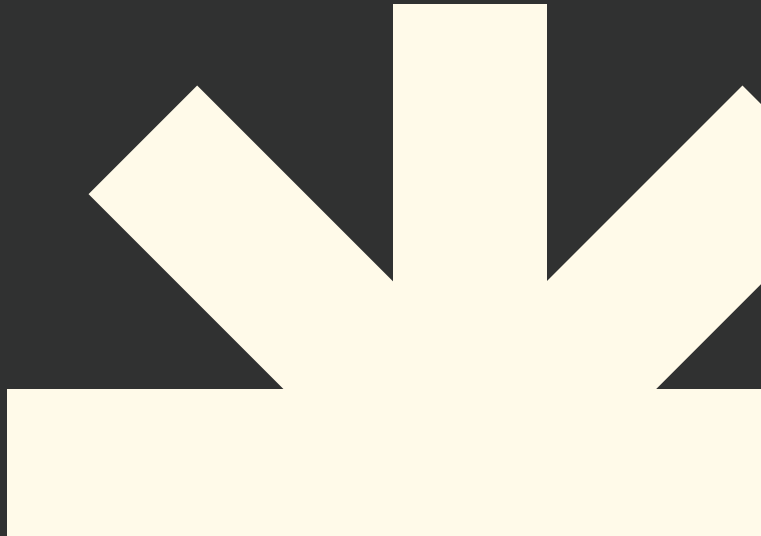
**"We hope that you
enjoy discovering
more about
University Centre
South Essex"**

Denise Brown

Group Chief Executive

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Quality Partnerships

Our courses are accredited by top-class institutions, two of which rank in the top 50 Universities in the UK, giving you the opportunity to study for a qualification that will steer you into the career of your dreams or smooth your progress to further studies.



University of East Anglia (UEA)

Top 50 Universities in the UK – Position 26*

University of East Anglia is world renowned for excellence both in learning and research, with alumni including Booker Prizewinning authors Ian McEwan, Kazuo Ishiguro and Anne Enright. The University of East Anglia (UEA) is consistently ranked in the top 30 of UK university league tables.

ual:

University of the Arts London (UAL)

Top 50 Universities in the UK – Position 33*

University of the Arts London offers an extensive range of courses in art, design, fashion, communication and performing arts. Its graduates go on to work in and shape creative industries worldwide.



Pearson

Building on their extensive body of applied research, Pearson's experts design, and our tutors deliver courses that empower learning. This year over 100,000 students in the UK and worldwide will choose an HNC or HND to help them progress in their career. A Pearson's accredited qualification is recognised by employers globally.



The Open University

The Open University has provided learning courses for over two million students. Its courses are respected and recognised by employers and educational institutions world-wide. The CertEd (Certificate in Education) and PgCE (Professional Graduate Certificate in Education) courses offer practice-focused qualifications suitable for people working, volunteering or seeking to further their career in the post compulsory education sector.



City & Guilds

Established in 1878, City & Guilds are globally recognised and respected; working with education providers, employers and governments in over 100 countries across the world to help people, businesses and economies grow by shaping skills systems and supporting skills development.

**University League Table 2026 – Complete University Guide*
www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings



Reasons to study at UCSE

Career Focused Degrees



A higher education qualification from University Centre South Essex (UCSE) will equip

you for career success with our strong employment focus and industry links.

Qualifications are all about preparing you for your future. Our close links with employers help us ensure our curriculum reflects what is expected in an industry – giving you a head start in the jobs race. Our tutors have a wealth of experience and maintain close links with companies in Britain and abroad.

Many of our programmes place an emphasis on practical learning, so not only do you get the qualifications you need to enter your chosen career but you can expect to gain plenty of work experience too.

Our team of careers advisers are also on hand to provide information, advice and guidance on the range of progression opportunities available

to you after completing your higher education programme. Our careers professionals continually find innovative ways to develop, through projects and workshops, other core skills that employers are seeking, using the UCSE “Employability Award” as a structure for students to follow. The award supports students’ careers and personal development by formally recognising the extra-curricular activities, work-related activities and career learning they complete during your time at the University Centre South Essex. It is designed to help you gain experience and develop key skills that employers want.

Ultimately, you’ll be armed with a good mix of practical and classroom experience that appeals to employers.

Whether you are progressing from further education, seeking a change in your field of employment or looking to take the next step in your career, now could be the right time to invest in your future with UCSE.

Flexibility and Convenience



Some of our students come straight from sixth form while others have taken a break or spent time in work prior to starting their degree. This means you’ll not only find people just like you, but you’ll also be part of a diverse community who will enrich your life.

Technology and Resources



Our campuses are full of industry-specific equipment, labs, studios and study areas. You will also benefit from The Forum Southend-on-Sea, the Backstage Centre at Purfleet and the East Wing at Thurrock, each of which has spectacular modern facilities.

Supportive, safe and nurturing environment



Our classes are small so you get more personal attention, support and an individual learning experience which maximises your opportunity to achieve great things.

Our aim is to support you from application through to your graduation and beyond with the highest quality information, advice and guidance. Our student support team has been assessed for, and attained, the highest quality standards.



Earning Potential



Undertaking a higher education course with us is an investment in your future. Research indicates that on average Graduates earn more than £10,000 more per year than those who don't go to university. Figures from the Department for Education show a continued rise; £40,000 was the median nominal salary for working age (16-64 years old) graduates in 2023, compared to £45,000 for postgraduates and £29,500 for non-graduates (to the nearest £500).

explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/graduate-labour-markets

Graduates are more likely to work in highly skilled posts than non-graduates. You can therefore, potentially earn more as soon as you finish your degree.

Furthermore, the chances of obtaining a more senior role increases once you complete your undergraduate degree in all the major sectors such as public administration, education and health industries.



Personal Development



Student life is not all about studying, it's also about meeting new people, forming new friendships and making the most of the opportunities that higher education can provide. Studying with us will increase your life experiences by learning new skills and developing new interests, helping you become a more confident and well-rounded adult.



Great Opportunities for Mature Students



Getting back into education when you have a few more years on the clock can be a challenge, but here at University Centre South Essex we can offer you top class, affordable study near to your home. Previous experience can often be taken into account when applying for higher education courses.

Technically, a mature student is defined as "any student aged 21 or over at the start of their studies" and UCAS has indicated that approximately half of mature undergraduate UK entrants are aged between 21 and 24 and 39% are between 25 and 39.

As a mature student, the choice to continue your education is down to you. Whereas younger students are often acting on advice from family and friends, mature students usually make independent decisions based on clear motivations. Older students have also had more time to understand their personal strengths and weaknesses; this means you can choose a degree and learning format that suits you.

At UCSE we offer flexible entry requirements and your application will be given individual consideration. You may be able to use work experience, training, professional and life experiences as part of your application.

For many mature students, studying provides a break from the norm and a chance to try something new. This fresh perspective and enthusiasm will help you complete your degree.

Every mature student will have a wealth of life experience that can be drawn on. Just through watching the news, reading books and interacting with other people you will have built on your knowledge of the world and society.



Our Campuses

All our campuses have excellent transport links. They are very close to bus and railway stations that have direct links to London.



The Bob and Tamar Manoukian Costume Centre

Located in High House Production Park in Purfleet, the Bob and Tamar Manoukian Costume Centre, built in partnership with the Royal Ballet and Opera, hosts the university centre's BA (Hons) Costume Construction degree.

This unique course gives students the opportunity to work alongside professionals from one of the most prestigious theatres in the world.

The Backstage Centre

The Backstage Centre, built in 2013 and located at the High House Production Park in Purfleet, is fully dedicated to educational excellence for the creative industries. This vibrant facility continues to inspire creativity and innovation, providing an exceptional environment for learning and development.



Centre for Digital Technologies Basildon

Basildon Centre for Digital Technologies is situated in the heart of Basildon town centre.

The Centre for Digital Technologies houses state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for students on courses with a tech focus including IT networking, app development, games design and animation. Areas of the building have been modelled on tech sector offices, giving that innovative 'Google' feel to a lot of the open plan spaces. Students will be able to experience working in this kind of modern environment, preparing them to enter the industry.

Luckyn Lane Campus (Basildon)

Luckyn Lane is located opposite Gloucester Park in Basildon. It offers Engineering, Construction, Building Services. Combining cutting-edge technology and high-end facilities.



The Forum

The Forum, opposite our Southend Campus, is a library and learning zone that houses loanable university centre books, public library books, study spaces, WiFi access, and computers.

The third floor is home to a teaching & study space specifically for our higher education students, with access to university centre network computers and a whole range of resources. A dedicated HE Academic Skills Advisor, based in the space full-time, is on hand to provide one-to-one guidance and support with all aspects of higher education written work and research, as well as conduct group workshops on a range of study skills.

University students also benefit from a dedicated library portal providing access to scholarly literature.



Southend City Campus (Luker Road)

Located next to Southend Central station, our Southend Campus offers a wide range of vocational and adult courses in realistic work environments with cutting-edge technology. Media students benefit from a high-definition TV studio, radio studio, photographic studio, art and design spaces, performing arts studios, and a journalism newsroom. The campus also features a sports lab, a 250-seat Performance Pod, over 2,000 PCs, and Apple Macs for graphic design and film editing. Its town centre location provides easy access to shops, restaurants, and entertainment.

Thurrock Campus (High Street - Grays)

Located just a two minute walk from the train station and centre of town, these state-of-the-art £45 million buildings offer you cutting edge services.

They include specialist workshop and studio spaces linked to courses for construction, engineering, media and creative arts, in addition to facilities for logistics, childcare, health & social care and IT courses.

Accommodation

The University of Essex allocate a proportion of their student accommodation in Queens Road, Southend to students who attend University Centre South Essex and South Essex Colleges Group.

The halls of residence offers 562 rooms in shared flats; these rooms are en-suite with eight to ten students sharing a flat with a full kitchen and dining facilities. There are also 64 studio flats with their own kitchen area. Adapted self-contained flats are available for students with a disability and can be requested on application. If you have access requirements you would like to discuss please email HESupport@southessex.ac.uk for further details.

Each room is networked with 24-hour high speed internet access provided at no extra cost. Residents can enjoy Wi-Fi, communal lounge/recreation area and laundry facilities.

Who can apply for accommodation?

All students aged over 18 on full or part-time courses.

Please note that contract lengths vary in line with course dates, however all courses in Southend are a minimum of 42 weeks.

How much does it cost?

As a guide, contracts for the academic year 2026-27 are expected to be available from £165.48 per week for a single en-suite study room and £204.12 per week for a studio room. Payments are due once a term and can be made in a variety of ways. Please see the University of Essex website for further details www.essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation/southend

Great reasons to stay:

- All-inclusive of bills, cleaning and internet
- Live with your friends; apply together as a group. Just five minutes to Southend Campus and easy transport links to other campuses
- Convenient location just off Southend High Street
- Out-of-hours residents' support team of student volunteers
- 24-hour reception and security presence

How do I apply for accommodation?

If you are a new student to University Centre South Essex please complete the accommodation application form on www.southessex.ac.uk/he/accommodation

Upon completion and submission of your application form, and provided you have met the required criteria, you will receive an online offer and one-year room allocation.

If you need any advice about applying for accommodation you can contact the Undergraduate Support Advisor at University Centre South Essex by emailing HESupport@southessex.ac.uk

Entry Requirements

Are the requirements the same for mature applicants?

We consider all applications on an individual basis, so if you are considering studying with us, we will review your experience as well as your qualifications.

UCAS provides useful tailored information, specifically for mature students about university study:

www.ucas.com/applying/applying-university/mature-undergraduate-students

Can I transfer from another University?

If you have already started a higher education course at another college or university and wish to transfer, we are happy to consider your application on the basis of qualifications obtained elsewhere. The college works within the guidelines of the structures of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Please contact HEadmissions@southessex.ac.uk in the first instance to discuss further before making an application. They will arrange for a tutor from the relevant course to contact you to discuss your individual situation before you formally apply.

Access to Higher Education Diplomas

The college offers Access to HE courses for mature students who have the potential to study for a degree but do not have the relevant entry qualifications. This one year qualification will help you develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed for degree level study even if you've been out of education for a long time. Access to HE Diplomas are recognised across the UK for those who want to progress to exciting new careers. We offer Access to HE in a variety of subjects.

Read more at www.southessex.ac.uk/he/access-to-he

For more information on Access to HE courses see [page 64](#)

What are the entry requirements for international students?

If English isn't your first language, you will need to show that you have a recognised English language qualification. Entry requirements for international students can be found on our website at www.southessex.ac.uk/he/he-entry-requirements

If you would like to discuss your eligibility before submitting a formal application, please contact our International Team on **01702 220400** or via email at International@southessex.ac.uk or HEadmissions@southessex.ac.uk

Where do I get information on visas and immigration?

Please see the UKCISA website and the British Council website. Both organisations produce useful information and guidance that will assist you in applying for a visa and help prepare you for life in the UK.

Read more at www.southessex.ac.uk/international

Exceptional Entry

In the first instance we suggest you email HEadmissions@southessex.ac.uk to discuss your application. You may need to demonstrate by interview, exceptional entry portfolio (this is likely to include evidence of paid or unpaid work experience) and/or written assessment that you are suitable for the course.

Portfolio requirements

For some courses you may be required to show a portfolio/showreel that demonstrates a high level of visual skill, creativity, commitment, and self-motivation. You may need to show that you are capable of applying original thought to any given problem and that you have a high level of independent thinking. You may also be required to demonstrate evidence of any theoretical studies and examples of written work may be asked for. Each course that requires a portfolio or showreel at interview will have specific requirements.

Please check our website for details.

DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service)

Your chosen course may require you to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. DBS identification documents are verified by trained staff in line with DBS guidelines as part of the admissions process.

There may be an administration charge for this service and you will be advised of this once you apply. Students on the CertEd and PgCE programmes are required to provide evidence of Satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) enhanced check in advance of starting the course and your placement.

Important:

Disclosure and Barring checks cannot be carried out for applicants who are not or have never been resident in the UK. Applicants who reside or previously have resided overseas will be required to provide a criminal record check or certificate of good conduct from their country or countries of residence prior to entry on to the course.

Disclosure and Barring Service:

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/agencies-public-bodies/dbs/

How to Apply

Simply go onto our website & follow the steps below!

www.southessex.ac.uk/he

Step 1: Complete Your Research

Find the course you want to apply for and visit our website for more information. If you'd like to discuss anything before applying, feel free to contact us at HEadmissions@southessex.ac.uk

Step 2: Choose How to Apply

The application process depends on the course you're applying for:

For Degree (BSc, BA, FdA and FdSc) programmes:

If you are applying only to University Centre South Essex, you can apply directly via our online application system.

If you are applying to other universities as well, you'll need to apply through UCAS.

For HTQs, HNDs, HNCs, CertEds, PGCEs, Level 4 & 5 Diplomas, and Part-Time courses:

You will need to apply directly via our online application system.

Please ensure that all sections of your application are fully completed and include as much relevant information as possible. This helps us gain a clear understanding of your interests and experience when reviewing your application. Each application is considered individually and with care.

Step 3: Submit Your Application

Depending on the course, you may be invited to attend an informal interview - either in person or online - to showcase your portfolio.

If you are applying for a PGCE, CertEd, or any education-related qualification, you will be invited in before the end of the Spring Term to complete a DBS check.

Step 4: Receive Your Offer

Based on your application, you will receive either a conditional or unconditional offer. This depends on whether you have already met the entry criteria or are awaiting results.

Step 5: Enrolment

We'll send out enrolment details in early summer for courses starting in September. You'll also receive helpful information to support your transition into university life. We can't wait for you to become part of our UCSE family!



HEadmissions@southessex.ac.uk



www.southessex.ac.uk/he

Art and Design

Our Art & Design team are committed to providing you with top quality programmes that are taught by industry-trained professionals.

Our staff will strongly encourage your individuality and creative flair, to equip you with the confidence and innovation to work independently after your course. Our aim is to help develop your knowledge to enable you to pursue your chosen career, both within and outside the creative industry.

Our strength is in our determination to provide a pro-active, creative atmosphere, which observes and responds to current working practices and encompasses new developments in the sector.

***Courses marked with an asterisk(*) are subject to validation.**

Art and Design Level 4 Foundation Diploma



Level	Level 4
Duration	1 year
Cost	£3,000 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	N/A
Awarding Body	University of the Arts London (UAL)

ual:

Level 4 course (Available to UK students*). This is a dynamic intensive and creative course that covers a wide range of specialist areas and helps you prepare a portfolio to assist with entry to a higher education course in an art and design subject.

The qualification has been designed to encourage exploration experimentation and risk taking which will extend the learners critical independence and enable them to demonstrate a full understanding of the relevant standards required to achieve progression to higher education.

**Level 3 and 4 options are available to international students. Please visit page 15 for information on how to apply.*

Entry Requirements:

- One A Level or Art and Design Level 3 Extended Diploma plus three GCSEs at Grade 4 including maths and English and an art-related subject or equivalent
- You will be asked to provide evidence of your ability in the subject which could be in the form of a portfolio
- Successful attendance at interview event

"The best thing about doing the degree was realising that I could have a new career at 46."

Ferne Worsley
Fine Art BA (Hons)

Fine Art BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	W100
Awarding Body	University of the Arts London (UAL)

ual:

The BA (Hons) in Fine Art has been designed to introduce you to a variety of creative disciplines such as, painting, drawing, video, sculpture and photography but also to address the blurring of traditional boundaries between these disciplines. This introduction serves as the basis for your development as artists makers and as creative thinkers engaged in the cultural life of contemporary society. The programme aims to offer a learning experience in which the interdependence of practical and theoretical development underpins the acquisition of knowledge and learning.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- At least two A Levels
- Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate
- National Award/Certificate/Diploma
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (minimum 15 credits at merit or above)
- International Baccalaureate
- AQA Baccalaureate
- Progression Diploma
- Advanced Diploma
- You will also need GCSE English at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as functional skills qualification

Exceptional Entry: See page 15

Graphic Design
& Illustration
BA (Hons)

Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	W210
Awarding Body	University of the Arts London (UAL)

ual:

The BA (Hons) Graphic Design & Illustration degree course treats the various subject areas within design not as discrete disciplines but as interweaving lines of enquiry. It is for this reason we operate upon a unit structure which encourages individual creativity.

We create a proactive, creative environment with small cohorts of 20 students, ensuring personalised support and tutor availability.

The pathway choice in Year Two will allow students to further specialise their practice by choosing to follow the Graphic Design or the Illustration pathways. These pathways have Units specifically designed to focus the student while expanding upon the skills and knowledge gained in Year One which will in turn inform the student's ongoing practice.

Entry Requirements:

- You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:
- A Levels
 - T Levels
 - Extended Diploma
 - Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
 - Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
 - And English GCSE passes at grade 4 or above

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference.

Interior &
Spatial Design
BA (Hons)

Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	W250
Awarding Body	University of the Arts London (UAL)

ual:

Interior design is an extremely exciting and rewarding career and there are a huge range of career opportunities within the industry. From year one of the course you will be introduced to industry CAD software and industry processes which will include using Photoshop, sketch up, AutoCAD, InDesign, working on live projects, undertaking work experience opportunities and taking part in interesting visits to design studios exhibitions and educational workshops.

You will be able to explore these job opportunities and find your place within the industry whilst working on projects of your own choice. The course covers a range of interior design such as residential hospitality design and commercial interiors.

Entry Requirements:

- You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:
- A Levels
 - T Levels
 - Extended Diploma
 - Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
 - Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
 - And English GCSE passes at grade 4 or above

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference.

Exceptional Entry: See page 15

Photography
BA (Hons)

Level	Level 6
Duration	Full time: 3 years Part time: 6 years
Cost	Ft: £9,535 per year Pt: £4,768 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	Ft: W640 Pt: N/A
Awarding Body	University of the Arts London (UAL)

ual:

The BA (Hons) Photography course provides students with a broad knowledge and experience of photography and post-production techniques across a range of genres approaches and contexts, building knowledge and the experience required to become a confident and successful image maker within photography creative media and fine art. Photography is an exciting creative profession that is continually undergoing changes in response to significant technological developments and the resulting demands from both established and new emerging media that enable creative content to be widely distributed and consumed by a potentially vast audience.

Entry Requirements:

- You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:
- A Levels
 - T Levels
 - Extended Diploma
 - Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
 - Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
 - And English GCSE passes at grade 4 or above

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference.

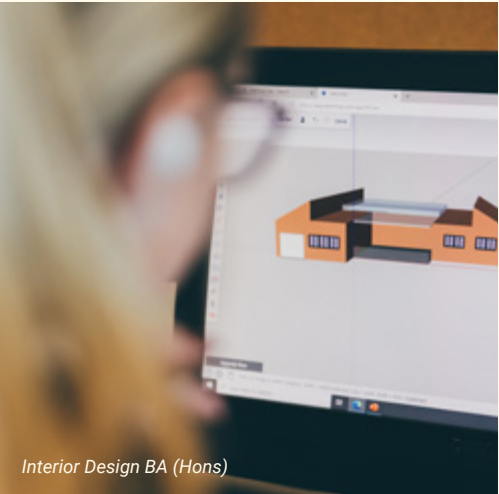
Applicants who don't meet the requirements may still be considered in exceptional cases if they demonstrate additional strengths or alternative evidence.



Graphic Design & Illustration BA (Hons)



Art and Design Level 4 Foundation Diploma



Interior Design BA (Hons)

Business Administration & Management

Shape the future of global business.

Prepare to lead in a dynamic and ever-changing global economy. Our Business and Management courses are designed to equip you with the essential skills, knowledge, and mindset to succeed in a variety of industries. Whether your ambition is to start your own business, climb the corporate ladder, or manage teams effectively, you'll benefit from practical learning opportunities, expert teaching, and strong industry connections. Explore pathways in entrepreneurship, marketing, human resources, and more, and set yourself on a path to achieve your career goals.

Courses marked with an asterisk() are subject to validation.



Leadership and Management for England

Level 4/5 HTQ



Level	Level 4/5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£8,000 per year
Location	Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)

Awarding Body
Pearson



Charting the Course for Success: Unveiling England's Cutting-Edge Leadership and Management Programme in 2024.

The Leadership and Management programme for England in 2024 aligned with the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) heralds a transformative journey for aspiring leaders. Designed to meet the dynamic demands of contemporary workplaces this qualification embraces the latest principles and practices. From strategic decision-making to fostering effective teamwork the curriculum empowers individuals with a holistic skill set.

Participants can expect to emerge not only as proficient managers but as visionary leaders ready to navigate the complexities of today's professional landscape.

This Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) ensures a rigorous and impactful learning experience setting the stage for leadership excellence in England's evolving business environment.

National average salary:
Business and financial project
management professionals

£52,900

Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk

Entry Requirements:

From one or more of the following:

- Level 3 qualification in Business
- a GCE Advanced Level profile that demonstrates strong performance in a relevant subject or adequate performance in more than one GCE subject. This profile is likely to be supported by GCSE grades 9 to 4 (or equivalent) in subjects such as maths and English
- other related Level 3 qualifications
- an Access to Higher Education Diploma from an approved further education institution
- relevant work experience or an international equivalent to the above qualifications
- statement and reference

Applicants who do not meet these course entry requirements may still be considered in exceptional cases. The course team will consider each application that demonstrates additional strengths and alternative evidence.



Accounting and Finance*

BSc (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	N400

Awarding Body
University of East Anglia (UEA)



*Course is subject to revalidation. See page 73.

The BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance Degree provides a rigorous academic curriculum, which offers students the opportunity to study the fundamental disciplines of accounting and finance and appreciate their context in the business, economic and social environments.

The course develops knowledge, skills and understanding in the key accounting disciplines of Financial Reporting, Management Accounting, Finance, Taxation, Audit and Governance within the accounting sector. It provides a conceptual foundation for professional careers in management or business, developing commercial awareness, critical and analytical thinking and the problem-solving skills required in a rapidly changing business environment. The course enables students, to enhance their employability opportunities and/or gain admission to a Master's programme or study for a professional qualification.

The core modules provide exemption from the ACCA for papers F1 to F9. The course programme also allows for potential exemptions from CIMA, ICAEW and CIPFA.

The main accountancy disciplines are supported by the embedding of the contextual framework, academic skills and practical skills within the programme. These include Economics, Numeracy, Quantitative Methods, Business Law, Company Law, Ethics, Management Theory and Human Resource Management. In addition, the progressive development of cognitive and generic skills are embedded across the whole programme.

There will be opportunities to experience the working environment during your degree which will allow you to continue to refine the skills and knowledge needed to be successful in the business, finance or accounting industry.

Entry Requirements:

A Minimum of 64 UCAS Points from one or more of the following:

- A levels
- Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate
- National Award/Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (minimum 30 credits at Merit or above)
- GCSE English Language and Mathematics at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills

For any qualification not identified above the HE Admission Team will determine equivalences through UKNARIC.

Applicants wishing to be considered for entry to the second year of study or wishing to import credits or evidence of prior learning into the course for which they are applying will be considered in accordance with the awarding bodies policy on Accreditation of Prior (Experiential) Learning.

Applicants who do not meet these course entry requirements may still be considered in exceptional cases. The course team will consider each application that demonstrates additional strengths and alternative evidence.

Exceptional Entry: See page 15

DBS check: See page 15



National average salary:
Chartered and certified
accountants

£46,850

Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk

Counselling and Healthcare

Prepare to lead in a dynamic and ever-changing global economy.

Empower others and make a positive impact in people's lives with our Counselling and Healthcare courses. These programmes are designed to provide you with the practical skills, theoretical knowledge, and ethical understanding needed to excel in these rewarding fields. Whether you aim to support mental health, deliver compassionate care, or explore the complexities of human behaviour, you'll gain hands-on experience and professional insight to prepare for a fulfilling career. With a focus on empathy, communication, and evidence-based practice, you'll graduate ready to make a meaningful difference.

Courses marked with an asterisk() are subject to validation.

AIM Person Centred Counselling



Level 4 Diploma

Level	Level 4
Duration	2 years (part time)
Cost	£3,017 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	N/A

Awarding Body
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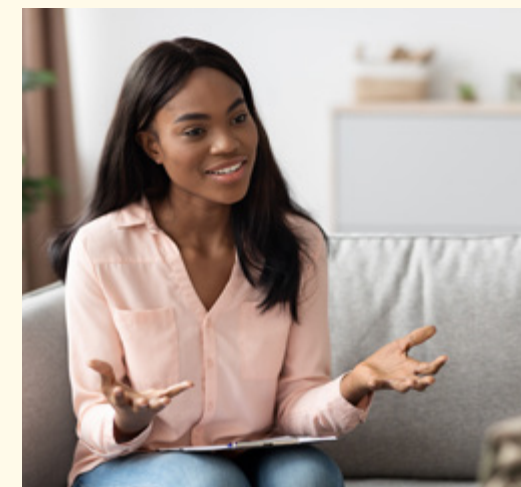


This course is the final stage to becoming a qualified counsellor. Skills are embedded throughout ensuring you are challenging your own practice and are safe and ethical at all times especially when you go into your 100 placement hours as part of this qualification.

We also study a range of different modalities supporting you to challenge your self-awareness and develop your skills dependent on your clients needs. We will ensure you have a great core modality of Humanistic counselling meeting the BACP ethical framework.

Entry Requirements:

- You must have completed a level 3 which was interactive with your peers and tutors for at least 75 guided learning hours



Counselling BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus & Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	B940

Awarding Body
University of East Anglia (UEA)



The BA (Hons) Counselling offers you a strong theoretical and practical base from which to begin your professional counselling practice whilst working towards individual accreditation with the BACP. The theoretical orientation is humanistic though other approaches such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Transactional Analysis are also examined. You will be encouraged to respect the frame and ethos of their core training approach whilst also developing your own individual style and philosophy of counselling. The programme is hence intended for those seeking a career in counselling either in an environment which utilises counselling or one which encompasses the emotional and psychological well-being of others.

Entry Requirements:

A Minimum of 64 UCAS Points from one or more of the following:

- At least two A Levels
- Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate
- National Award/Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (minimum 15 credits at Merit or above)
- GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills
- For any qualification not identified above the HE Admission Team will determine equivalences through UK ENIC

Exceptional Entry: See page 15

DBS check: See page 15

Healthcare Professions Support for England

Level 5 (HTQ)

Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£8,000 per year
Location	Southend Campus Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)

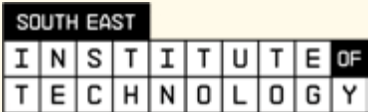
Awarding Body
Pearson



The Level 5 Higher Technical Qualification in Healthcare Professions is a two-year course that will give you the skills and knowledge you need to work in a variety of healthcare settings. You'll learn about anatomy physiology pharmacology and other essential healthcare topics. You'll also gain practical experience through placements in hospitals clinics and other healthcare facilities.

The Pearson BTEC Higher Technical Qualification for the healthcare sector recognises that there are employability-related knowledge and skills that underpin effective practice across students learning that are sector-specific. Over two years learners will study a variety of topics that have been updated to include the eight domains from the draft Allied health professions support worker competency education and career development framework.

There is a mandatory requirement of having at least 450 hours of work experience/placement in health care settings and a PLAD portfolio to be completed over the qualification.



Entry Requirements:

- A Level 3 qualification in Health and Social Care (or related subject)
- A GCE Advanced Level profile that demonstrates strong performance in a relevant subject or adequate performance in more than one GCE subject. This profile is likely to be supported by GCSE grades 9 to 4 (or equivalent) in subjects such as maths and English.
- Other related Level 3 qualifications
- An Access to Higher Education Diploma awarded by an approved further education institution
- Related work experience
- An international equivalent of the above



National average salary:
Nurse practitioners

£41,520

Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk

Mental Health and Well-Being*

FdSc

Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	B760

Awarding Body
University of East Anglia (UEA)



*Course is subject to revalidation. See page 73.

The FdSc Mental Health and Well-Being programme will provide you with the opportunity to develop the theoretical knowledge, application and skills required to work effectively with individuals with a variety of complex mental health conditions and disorders. The qualification will enable you to work in the NHS, private, voluntary or independent sectors, as well as within roles that promote well-being and positive behaviour change.

The programme will be delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, practical skills workshops, group activities and independent research activities, enriched by a programme of guest speakers from different areas of mental health and well-being who will support students to recognise industry standards, and to apply theory to practice.

Entry Requirements:

You will need 64 UCAS Tariff Points or above from one or more of the following:

- A levels
- Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate
- National Award/Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (minimum 15 credits at Merit or above)
- GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills



This list is not exhaustive, other qualifications may be considered.

Exceptional Entry: See page 15
DBS check: See page 15

National average salary:
Mental health nurses

£44,240

Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk



Engineering and Construction

Design and build the future.

Forge a career in industries that shape the world around us with our Engineering and Construction courses. From innovative design to sustainable building practices, you'll gain the technical expertise and hands-on experience needed to thrive in these vital fields. Whether you're interested in mechanical systems, civil engineering, or construction management, our programmes combine cutting-edge knowledge with practical skills to prepare you for success. Build a solid foundation for your future and become a key contributor to transformative projects that leave a lasting impact.

Courses marked with an asterisk() are subject to validation.

Automation and Control for England

Level 4 HTQ



Level	Level 4
Duration	2 years (part time)
Cost	£4,000 per year
Location	Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)
Awarding Body	Pearson

Revolutionise Your Career: Pearson Launches BTEC Level 4 Higher Technical Qualification in Automation and Control for England Empowering Future Leaders in Cutting-Edge Technology.

The Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in Automation and Control for England is a dynamic and industry-focused qualification designed to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge essential for a successful career in the rapidly evolving field of automation and control systems.

This Higher Technical Qualification offers a comprehensive curriculum that combines theoretical understanding with practical applications ensuring graduates are well-prepared to meet the demands of today's technologically advanced industries.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- Level 3 Engineering
- T Level Engineering and Manufacturing
- AVCE/GNVQ in a related vocational area (Level 3)
- A Levels in maths and science subjects
- A related Access to Higher Education Certificate or other related Level 3 qualifications
- Related work experience supported by GCSEs at grades 9-5 or equivalent
- You will also need GCSE English and GCSE Maths at grade 5 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as functional skills

Construction Management for England

Level 4/5 HTQ



Level	Level 4/5
Duration	Full time: 1 year Part time: 2 years
Cost	Ft: £8,000 per year Pt: £4,000 per year
Location	Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)
Awarding Body	Pearson

Unlocking Excellence: Introducing the Construction Management Higher Technical Qualification for England.

The Construction Management Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) for England is a comprehensive programme designed to equip aspiring professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the dynamic field of construction management. Developed in alignment with industry standards and emerging trends this HTQ offers a blend of theoretical insights and practical applications ensuring graduates are well-prepared to tackle the complexities of modern construction projects.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 3 qualification in Construction
- GCE Advanced Level profile that demonstrates strong performance in a relevant subject or adequate performance in more than one GCE subject. You will also need GCSE English and GCSE Maths at grade 5 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as functional skills other related Level 3 qualifications such as T Levels
- Access to Higher Education Diploma from an approved further education institution
- relevant work experience or
- an international equivalent to the above qualifications

Mechatronics for England

Level 4 HTQ



Level	Level 4
Duration	2 years (part time)
Cost	£4,000 per year
Location	Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)
Awarding Body	 Pearson

The Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in Mechatronics for England offers a comprehensive pathway into the dynamic field of mechatronics blending mechanical engineering electronics computer science and control engineering. This advanced programme equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the evolving landscape of modern technology. From robotics to automation embark on a journey that prepares you for cutting-edge careers in the intersection of mechanics and electronics.

Enrolling in the Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher Technical Qualification in Mechatronics for England opens doors to a multitude of compelling reasons: Industry Relevance - acquire skills directly applicable to today's rapidly advancing technology-driven industries ensuring you stay at the forefront of mechatronics developments.

Entry Requirements:

- You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:
- Level 3 Engineering
 - T Level Engineering and Manufacturing
 - AVCE/GNVQ in a related vocational area (Level 3)
 - A Levels in maths and science subjects
 - A related Access to Higher Education Certificate or other related Level 3 qualifications
 - Related work experience supported by GCSEs at grades 9-5 or equivalent
 - You will also need GCSE English and GCSE Maths at grade 5 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as functional skills



“I would recommend University Centre South Essex as a mature student as it helped me in many scenarios and was very flexible and supportive. Learning is ageless and I’ve really enjoyed being a student again and pushing myself to reach my potential.”

Mark Ganyu
General Engineering (HNC)

Automation and Control for England Level 4 HTQ

Information Technology

Drive innovation in a digital world.

Step into the ever-evolving field of Information Technology with courses designed to prepare you for a tech-driven future. Whether your passion lies in software development, cybersecurity, data analysis, or networking, our programmes offer the skills and knowledge needed to excel in a rapidly advancing industry. Gain hands-on experience with the latest technologies, learn from industry experts, and develop solutions to real-world challenges. Start your journey toward a dynamic and rewarding IT career that shapes the way the world connects and operates.

Courses marked with an asterisk() are subject to validation.

Computing for England (Network Engineering)

Level 5 HTQ

Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£8,000 per year
Location	Centre for Digital Technologies Basildon
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)
Awarding Body	Pearson

Empower Your Tech Journey: Unveiling Pearson's BTEC Level 5 Higher Technical Qualification in Computing for England Specialising in Network Engineering Excellence.

The Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Technical Qualification in Computing for England (Network Engineering) (HTQ) stands out as a comprehensive and advanced programme catering to individuals aspiring to excel in the field of network engineering. This specialised qualification is characterised by a cutting-edge curriculum that incorporates the latest advancements in network engineering ensuring students are equipped with the most relevant and up-to-date knowledge.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 3 qualification in Computing
- a GCE Advanced Level profile that demonstrates strong performance in a relevant subject or adequate performance in more than one GCE subject. This profile is likely to be supported by GCSE grades 9 to 4 in subjects such as maths and English
- other related Level 3 qualifications
- an Access to Higher Education Diploma from an approved further education institution
- relevant work experience or
- an international equivalent to the above qualifications

Digital Technologies (Cybersecurity)

Level 5 HTQ

Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£8,000 per year
Location	Centre for Digital Technologies Basildon
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)
Awarding Body	Pearson

Unlock the World of Cybersecurity Excellence with Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in Digital Technologies Your Gateway to Securing the Future.

The Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher Technical Qualification in Digital Technologies with a focus on Cybersecurity is a dynamic and comprehensive programme designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in the rapidly evolving field of cybersecurity.

This cutting-edge qualification offers a blend of theoretical understanding and practical application preparing individuals for rewarding careers in the realm of digital security.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 3 qualification in Computing
- GCE Advanced Level profile that demonstrates strong performance in a relevant subject or adequate performance in more than one GCE subject. This profile is likely to be supported by GCSE grades 9 to 4 in subjects such as maths and English
- other related Level 3 qualifications such as T Levels
- Access to Higher Education Diploma from an approved further education institution
- relevant work experience or
- an international equivalent to the above qualifications

Digital Technologies

(Data Analytics)

Level 5 (HTQ)



Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£8,000 per year
Location	Centre for Digital Technologies Basildon
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)
Awarding Body	 Pearson

Unleash the Power of Data! The Pearson Higher Technical Qualification Level 5 in Digital Technologies with a specialisation in Data Analytics is a vocational qualification designed to provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to pursue a career in the field of data analytics.

The programme focuses on developing a solid foundation in digital technologies and specialised skills in data analytics. Students will gain an understanding of various aspects of data analytics including data mining data visualisation statistical analysis predictive modelling and data management.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 3 qualification in Computing Business or Creative Digital Media Production
- GCE Advanced Level profile that demonstrates strong performance in a relevant subject or adequate performance in more than one GCE subject. This profile is likely to be supported by GCSE grades 9 to 4 (or equivalent) in subjects such as maths and English
- other related Level 3 qualifications
- Access to Higher Education Diploma from an approved further education institution
- relevant work experience or
- an international equivalent to the above qualifications



National average salary:
Programmers and software
development professionals

£49,430

Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk

Media, Costume and Hair and Makeup



Bring creativity to life on stage and screen.

Unleash your artistic potential with our Media, Costume, and Hair and Makeup courses, designed for those passionate about storytelling, design, and transformation. From creating stunning costumes to mastering the art of hair and makeup for film, TV, and theatre, you'll gain the skills to make your mark in creative industries. Work on exciting, hands-on projects, collaborate with industry professionals, and build a portfolio that showcases your unique talents. Whether behind the scenes or in the spotlight, these courses are your gateway to a vibrant and imaginative career.

Courses marked with an asterisk() are subject to validation.

Animation

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Centre for Digital Technologies Basildon (STC*)
UCAS Course Code	W615
Awarding Body	University of the Arts London (UAL)

ual:

This course is an innovative inventive and enthusing programme designed to prepare students for a career in animation and the creative industries with a strong focus on character design and animation production. In the rapidly changing media environment new technologies are constantly revolutionising how animation is created understood and experienced.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Extended Diploma
- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
- Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
- And English GCSE passes at grade 4 or above

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference.

*Delivery location of this course is subject to change

Costume Construction

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	High House Production Park and Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	B5L2
Awarding Body	University of the Arts London (UAL)

ual:

Study our outstanding Costume Construction degree in collaboration with the Royal Ballet & Opera (formerly the Royal Opera House) awarded by University of the Arts London.

The BA (Hons) Costume Construction programme places an emphasis on the knowledge and use of both historical and contemporary pattern cutting, construction, textiles, and finishing techniques. Areas of study may include opera, dance, theatre, musical theatre, performance, art, film and television.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Extended Diploma
- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
- Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
- And English GCSE passes at grade 4 or above

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference.



Creative Media & Promotion

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	W213

Awarding Body

University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

The programme embraces changing technologies in the creative media and promotion sectors with an emphasis on digital applications and the integration of digital media within branding and promotional strategies.

Students will develop a personal signature within creative direction whilst generating concepts suitable for a broad range of clients across an array of brands and product sectors. The course has a strong commitment to work-based learning opportunities in the form of work experience, live projects, competitions, vocational projects and placements within the specialist area of Creative Media and Promotion through close links and ongoing relationships with a range of industry contacts.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- A Levels preferably in a creative or media subject
- BTEC National Diploma with a minimum of pass profile
- Access to Higher Education Diploma Level 3 (minimum 15 credits at merit or above)
- Higher National Diploma (for possible direct entry on to year two)
- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design Level 4

Other qualifications will be considered on an individual basis. You will also need GCSE English at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as functional skills qualification.

Film & Television Production

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	P320

Awarding Body

University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

There has never been a more exciting time to be getting involved with Film and TV in the UK. There are areas of huge expansion in production particularly across the South East and with this expansion comes a huge amount of opportunity especially at the Backstage Centre in Purfleet with which we are directly associated.

This course is a combination of theory and practical work across all areas of film and TV production focusing on practical units in a modern television studio location filming sound & vision scriptwriting and film production management. The course offers more individual attention than comparable courses along with appearances by guest speakers and workshops from professional practitioners. A longer film project will be available in year three which is an exciting opportunity to collaborate with other students.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Extended Diploma
- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
- Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
- And English GCSE passes at grade 4 or above

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference.

Games Design

BSc (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Centre for Digital Technologies Basildon (STC*)
UCAS Course Code	WG24

Awarding Body

University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

The programme will prepare you for the exciting world of the games industry. The course is structured on the game design and development pipeline and will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to realise your goals. State-of-the-art games design and graphics software will enable you to become a highly competent designer or developer focusing on either games design systems concept art digital sculpting 3D modelling animation motion capture programming artificial intelligence augmented and virtual reality etc.

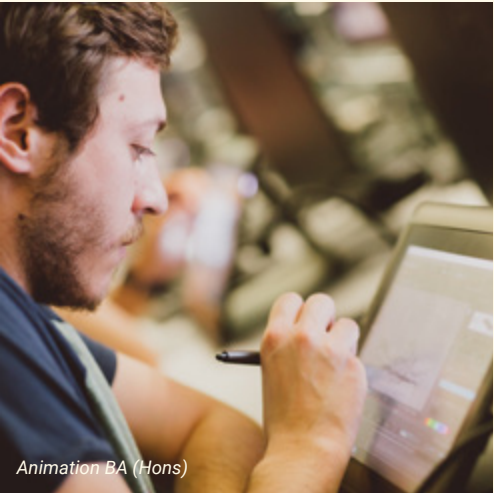
Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Extended Diploma
- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
- Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
- And English and maths GCSE passes at grade 4 or above

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference.

**Delivery location of this course is subject to change*



Animation BA (Hons)



Costume Construction BA (Hons)



Games Design BSc (Hons)

Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Production*

FdA

Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£9,535 per year

Location	High House Production Park
UCAS Course Code	W450

Awarding Body
University of the Arts London (UAL)

ual:

*Course is subject to revalidation. See page 73.

This study programme is designed to advance and develop skills and techniques in the design and application for production. This programme aims to prepare students to become multi-skilled makeup artists who will be able to deliver industry standard work in a commercial or production setting for TV, film and stage.

In partnership with The Backstage Centre students will be able to study within a real working environment and experience first-hand collaborative projects and industry partnerships. The programme will cover multiple hair and makeup techniques from traditional to contemporary. Delve in to the historical accuracies of makeup and hair and develop their knowledge in diverse skin tones & hair textures. Aiming to prepare students for progressing in to TV Film & theatre employment.

Please Note: On successful completion of this Foundation degree (FdA) you will be able to progress on to the final 'Top-up' year of study to gain your full BA (Hons) Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Performance.



Entry Requirements:

A minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- A Levels
- T Levels
- Extended Diploma
- Related Foundation Diploma (Level 3 or 4)
- Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
- And English GCSE passes at grade 4 or above
- You will also be required to attend an interview and portfolio review

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference.

Applicants who do not meet these course entry requirements may still be considered in exceptional cases. The course team will consider each application that demonstrates additional strengths and alternative evidence.

"The university centre feels more like a family environment; you get the opportunity to collaborate with other students from other courses as well as work with people who are a part of the industry. In the future I would like to travel and to try to find my way in the industry to secure a career as a hair and makeup artist; particularly for film, TV and music".

Amy Slade

Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Production FdA

Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Production*

BA (Hons) Top Up

Level	Level 6
Duration	1 year
Cost	£9,535 per year

Location	High House Production Park
UCAS Course Code	W451

Awarding Body
University of the Arts London (UAL)

ual:

*Course is subject to revalidation. See page 73.

With the ever-evolving production industry makeup and hair stylists have to be highly skilled and ready to exceed modern needs within this creative industry. It is with this in mind that we have created the top up degree year where students can advance their techniques and skills to fit industry needs. Influenced by modern methods and enhanced techniques this top up year will take your fundamental artistry to a new level. Delving in to contemporary practices within visual effects and prosthetics developing personal individualism and conducting professional.

Entry Requirements:

- 240 credits (120 at Level 4 and 120 at Level 5) achieved through a Performing Arts qualification
- IELTS (Academic) 6
- IELTS 6.0 minimum 5.5 across all components (Academic) 6 This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered
- Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at an audition set by the course team personal statement and reference

This course is a top up year for the following programme:

- Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Production FdA



Film & Television Production BA (Hons)



Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Production BA (Hons) Top Up



Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Production FdA

Performing Arts

Take centre stage and shine.

Discover your potential and unleash your creativity with our Performing Arts courses. Whether your passion is acting, dancing, singing, or behind-the-scenes production, you'll gain the skills and confidence to thrive in the spotlight or the industry's creative core. Learn from experienced professionals, participate in exciting performances, and develop your craft in state-of-the-art facilities. With a focus on collaboration and innovation, our programmes prepare you for a rewarding career on stage, screen, or beyond.

Courses marked with an asterisk() are subject to validation.

Performing Arts (Acting Pathway) (HND)



Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£8,500* per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	H882

Awarding Body
Pearson



Gain the skills you need to become a versatile and creative performance practitioner.

This award is validated by Pearson Edexcel. Students will have access to Thurrock Campus and High House Production Park Purfleet.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- A Levels
- T Levels
- Extended Diploma
- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
- Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
- And English GCSE passes at grade 4 or above

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application personal statement and reference.

Audition requirements Acting pathway:

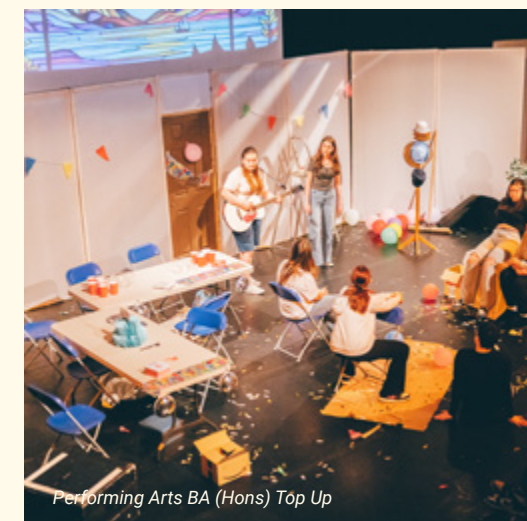
- There will be no face to face interview
- Prospective students need to prepare a two minute monologue. This can be a published play but not from a film or a stand-alone monologue sourced from the internet
- Present a concept pitch for a directing project of their choice
- You will be required to record yourself whilst performing and presenting and must state your name at the beginning to clearly identify yourself

Exceptional Entry: See page 15

*Please note that a supplementary fee of **£500** will be added to cover trips as part of the programme



Performing Arts BA (Hons) Top Up



Performing Arts BA (Hons) Top Up

Performing Arts
(Dance Pathway)
(HND)



Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£8,500* per year
Location	Southend Campus & Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	4B22
Awarding Body	 Pearson

Gain the skills you need to become a versatile and creative performance practitioner.

Students will have access to Thurrock Campus and High House Production Park Purfleet.

This course is designed to be vocationally driven with a focus on strong industry links delivered through a programme of exciting 'live' projects working with current external professional choreographers.

You will work as a member of the in-house dance company developing your skills base through levelled classes in all genres. You will also have the chance to nurture your own creative voice through choreographic projects aimed at preparing you for the varied employment opportunities within the industry. Our holistic approach and company ethos will ensure that you enter the industry having developed a broad skills base through practical training in various disciplines.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:

- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- A Levels
- T Levels
- Extended Diploma
- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
- Or equivalent EU/International qualifications such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
- And English GCSE passes at grade 4 or above

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at your portfolio/showreel of work, personal statement and reference.

Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application personal statement and reference.

Audition requirements Dance pathway:

- No face to face interview
- Prospective students must prepare and perform a 2 minute solo in a style and genre of their choice
- You will also be required to record yourself performing and must state your name clearly at the beginning to clearly identify yourself

Exceptional Entry: See page 15

*Please note that a supplementary fee of **£500** will be added to cover trips as part of the programme

94% of students say teaching staff have supported their learning well.

Data for Performing Arts (Acting Pathway) (Full time)

South Essex Colleges Group, over two years

Information sourced from Discover Uni www.discoveruni.gov.uk

Performing Arts*
BA (Hons) Top Up



Level	Level 6
Duration	1 year
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus & Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	W470
Awarding Body	 ual: University of the Arts London (UAL)

**Course is subject to revalidation. See page 73.*

Our one year programme is designed to allow students to curate their own bespoke learning experience, crossing performance specialisms to extend the diversity of their skill set and inform their career development. With units designed specifically to facilitate students growth as emerging practitioners, students are encouraged to explore current industry expectations, trends and employment routes preparing them to navigate their own unique career path.

Theoretical scrutiny of underpinning theories approaches and contextual factors which have influenced the art form is used to support personal lines of enquiry and the critical evaluation of their own adaptability and entrepreneurial attitude for sustainable employment.

Entry Requirements:

- 240 credits (120 at Level 4 and 120 at Level 5) achieved through a Performing Arts qualification
- IELTS (Academic) 6
- IELTS 6.0 minimum 5.5 across all components (Academic) 6

This list is not exhaustive and other qualifications may be considered. Entry to this course will also be determined by the quality of your application looking primarily at an audition set by the course team personal statement and reference.

This course is a top up year for the following programme:

- Performing Arts (Dance Pathway) (HND)
- Performing Arts (Acting Pathway) (HND)



Performing Arts (Dance Pathway) (HND)



Performing Arts (Dance Pathway) (HND)



Performing Arts (Acting Pathway) (HND)

Public Services

Serve communities and shape the future.

Make a difference with our Public Services courses, designed for those aspiring to careers in the armed forces, emergency services, or other vital public roles. Gain the practical skills, leadership qualities, and discipline needed to excel in these rewarding fields. Through hands-on training and real-world scenarios, you'll develop the resilience and expertise to meet the challenges of serving and protecting society. Whether you're looking to lead, inspire, or safeguard, these courses will help you build a career with purpose and impact.

***Courses marked with an asterisk(*) are subject to validation.**

Public Services (Policing)

HNC



Level	Level 4
Duration	1 year
Cost	£8,500* per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)
Awarding Body	Pearson

Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Public Services (Policing) is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the principles and practices within the policing sector. This qualification is ideal for those aspiring to work in policing or related fields, offering foundational knowledge and skills essential for a successful career in law enforcement.

This course prepares you with a strong foundation in police procedures, and legal and ethical standards, and includes training as a special constable, positioning you to make a positive impact in your community.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 3 Diploma (Preferably Public Service related e.g. Public Services, Policing, Criminology)
- Ability to work to a GCSE/Level 2 standard in maths and English

*Please note that a supplementary fee of **£500** will be added to cover trips as part of the programme



National average salary:
Senior police officers

£59,050

Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk

Science and Criminology

Explore the mysteries of the world and uncover the truth.

Delve into the fascinating worlds of Science and Criminology with courses that combine analytical thinking, research, and practical application. Whether you're passionate about forensic investigation, criminal behaviour, or the scientific principles that shape our universe, our programmes equip you with the skills and knowledge to excel. Gain hands-on experience in labs and real-world scenarios, work with industry experts, and prepare for a career that makes a difference—whether in the lab, the field, or the justice system.

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Criminology & Forensic Investigation

BSc (Hons)



For any qualification not identified above the HE Admission Team will determine equivalences through UK ENIC.

DBS check: See page 15

Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	LF64
Awarding Body	University of East Anglia (UEA)



Aimed at those looking to progress to a career in criminology, forensic investigation or investigative policing, BSc (Hons) Criminology & Forensic Investigation will enable you to understand the core causes of criminal behaviour and the principles of crime scene investigation.

This course is underpinned by the four key distinct disciplinary strands of Forensic Investigation, Criminology, Criminal Justice and Work Related Skills/Experience. These four strands enable you to analyse contemporary issues from a range of multidisciplinary perspectives providing essential transferable skills for employment.

In addition the course provides you with a well-rounded knowledge base application and experience of work-related skills for progression onto higher level educational courses or to relevant industry employment.

Entry Requirements:

You will need 64 UCAS Tariff Points or above from one or more of the following:

- At least two A Levels
- Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate [QCF]
- National Award/Certificate/Diploma [NQF] International Baccalaureate
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma 15 credits at Merit/Distinction
- You will also need GCSE English and Maths at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills



Criminology & Forensic Investigation BSc (Hons)

"My favourite memory of doing my degree was being in lectures with my peers as it was always a welcoming and fun atmosphere.

Not only was my degree interesting but my lecturers were extremely supportive and constructive in their criticisms".

Taylor Skevington

Criminology & Forensic Investigation BSc (Hons)

Psychology &
Criminology

BSc (Hons)

Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	PC01
Awarding Body	
University of East Anglia (UEA)	

The fundamental aim of the BSc (Hons) Psychology and Criminology programme is to provide students with the ability to apply theory, concepts, and ideas across multiple domains of psychological and criminological study. In doing so, this programme will also allow students the opportunity to hone these skills and develop a strong understanding of the mind and human behaviour across multiple domains alongside a holistic view of the underlying causes of criminality.

The programme focuses on the four key disciplinary strands of psychology, criminology, research methods, and employability. The combined focus on these core strands will ensure a well-rounded understanding of core concepts and theories both within and across multiple disciplines, fostering a level of critical thinking and personal development which will provide essential transferable skills for a multitude of employability scenarios.

Entry Requirements:

You will need 64 UCAS Tariff Points or above from one or more of the following:

- A Levels
- Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate
- National Award/Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (minimum 15 credits at Merit or above)
- GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills.

For any qualification not identified above the HE Admission Team will determine equivalences through UK ENIC.

Applicants wishing to be considered for entry to the second year of study or wishing to import credits or evidence of prior learning into the course for which they are applying will be considered in accordance with the awarding bodies policy on Accreditation of Prior (Experiential) Learning.

Applications from mature students who do not possess the entry requirements as listed above but who possess related professional experience or professional qualifications are welcome to apply. You will need to demonstrate by interview exceptional entry portfolio (this is likely to include evidence of paid or unpaid work experience) and/or written assessment that you are suitable for the course. In the first instance we suggest you contact HEAdmissions@southessex.ac.uk to discuss your application.

DBS check: See page 15



Psychology & Criminology* BSc (Hons)

National average salary:
Clinical psychologists

£36,320

Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk

Psychology &
Sociology

BSc (Hons)

Level	Level 6
Duration	3 Years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	L340
Awarding Body	
University of East Anglia (UEA)	

The underpinning philosophy of the BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology programme is to provide you with the ability to apply theory, concepts and ideas across psychological and sociological disciplines. The programme will enrich your knowledge and research skills to enhance your understanding of human behaviour and society.

At its core the BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology programme adopts a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach. The programme is structured across four distinct strands; Psychology, Sociology, Research Methods and Employability. The four strands enable you to analyse contemporary issues from a range of perspectives providing essential transferable skills for employment.

Entry Requirements:

You will need 64 UCAS Tariff Points or above from one or more of the following:

- A levels
- Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate
- National Award/Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (minimum 15 credits at Merit or above)
- GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills

For any qualification not identified above the HE Admission Team will determine equivalences through UK ENIC.

Applicants wishing to be considered for entry to the second year of study or wishing to import credits or evidence of prior learning into the course for which

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Psychology & Sociology BSc (Hons)

Sport and Fitness

Achieve greatness and inspire others.

Pursue your passion for health, performance, and well-being with our Sport and Fitness courses. Whether you aim to coach athletes, work in sports therapy, or promote active lifestyles, our programmes provide the knowledge and practical experience to succeed. Learn from industry experts, access cutting-edge facilities, and develop the skills to lead in this dynamic field. From understanding human physiology to mastering training techniques, you'll be ready to make a positive impact in the world of sport and fitness.

Courses marked with an asterisk() are subject to validation.

Applied Sport and Exercise Science

BSc (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	C602

Awarding Body
University of East
Anglia (UEA)



In BSc (Hons) Applied Sport and Exercise Science (ASES), you'll explore the role that sport and exercise scientists play in physiology, biomechanics, sports medicine, and psychology, and how they enhance human performance and support human health.

During the course, you will develop the required skills to become multi-disciplinary in the sport science professions, using theoretical and practical applications in numerous strands of sport and exercise science – for example, public health and chronic health conditions, nutrition for sports performance, exercise rehabilitation, performance analysis, applied biomechanics, psychology, exercise physiology and sport and exercise pedagogy; for progression onto higher level educational courses or to relevant industry employment.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of 64 UCAS Tariff Points or above from one or more of the following:

- A Levels
- Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate
- National Award/Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (minimum 15 credits at Merit or above)
- GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills

For any qualification not identified above the HE Admission Team will determine equivalences through UK ENIC.

Applicants wishing to be considered for entry to the second year of study or wishing to import credits or evidence of prior learning into the course for which they are applying will be considered in accordance with the awarding bodies policy on Accreditation of Prior (Experiential) Learning.

Applications from mature students who do not possess the entry requirements as listed above but who possess related professional experience or professional qualifications are welcome. You will need to demonstrate by interview exceptional entry portfolio (this is likely to include evidence of paid or unpaid work experience) and/or written assessment that you are suitable for the course. In the first instance we suggest you contact HEAdmissions@southessex.ac.uk to discuss your application.

DBS check: See page 15



National average salary:
Secondary education teaching
professionals (PE)

£42,820

Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk

Community Coaching for England

Level 4 HTQ



Level	Level 4
Duration	1 year
Cost	£8,000 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)

Awarding Body
Pearson



Unlock Your Potential! Become a Certified Community Coach with Pearson's BTEC Level 4 Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ).

This esteemed programme designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the field of community coaching. This comprehensive certificate offers a solid foundation in coaching principles, techniques and best practices specifically tailored for the unique context of England.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 3 Qualification in Sport or Sport & Exercise Science
- GCE Advanced Level profile that demonstrates strong performance in a relevant subject or adequate performance in more than one GCE subject. This profile is likely to be supported by GCSE grades at 9 to 4 in subjects such as maths and English
- other related Level 3 qualifications
- Access to Higher Education Diploma from an approved further education institution
- relevant work experience
- or an international equivalent to the above qualifications

DBS check: See page 15



National average salary:
Sports coaches, instructors
and officials

£23,210

Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk

Teaching & Training

Inspire the next generation.

Start your journey toward a rewarding career in education with our Teacher Training courses. Designed to equip you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to excel in the classroom, these programmes prepare you to make a lasting impact on learners of all ages. With a blend of practical teaching experience and academic study, you'll develop effective strategies for engaging students and fostering their growth. Whether you're starting your teaching career or looking to enhance your expertise, our courses provide the foundation for a future of inspiring others.

***Courses marked with an asterisk(*) are subject to validation.**

Certificate in Education (CertEd)



Level	Level 5
Duration	Full time: 1 year Part time: 2 years
Cost	Ft: £7,990 per year Pt: £3,995 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	N/A
Awarding Body	The Open University

The Certificate in Education (Further Education and Skills Sector) is a Level 5 teaching qualification which has a teaching/training practice requirement.

This course is ideal if you work or want to work as a teacher or trainer in the further education and skills sector; if you are in or want to start a career in a teaching or training role; if you are a teacher or trainer who is seeking career progression in your area of work. This programme is a recognised Full Teacher Training qualification eligible for QTLS application on completion.

Entry Requirements:

- Hold a Level 3 qualification in their chosen subject specialism
- Hold GCSE Maths and English at grade 4 or above or hold an equivalent numeracy or literacy qualification at Level 2 such as Functional Skills & evidence of this will be required during the application cycle
- Where a GCSE or equivalent is not held an applicant may still be suitable for entry; this would be determined at interview
- We will consider applicants holding overseas qualifications that are equivalent to those described above. For an assessment of overseas qualifications contact National Academic Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom (ENIC). If ENIC deem your English language qualification not to be equivalent to a GCSE grade C or above you must hold an IELTS qualification with a minimum score of 7 in each element. *NB: Applicants must hold these qualifications before applying for the course*

- Completion of satisfactory initial assessment in literacy and maths
- A 500-word written piece prescribed following application and returned to the ITE team prior to or at interview (for details please contact ITETeam@southessex.ac.uk)
- A completed Teaching and Mentor Hours form from your workplace to confirm your mentor and organisation
- You are required to provide evidence of Satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) enhanced check in advance of starting the course and your placement. These are a requirement by law in order to complete any work placements within an educational or community environment. Evidence of this will be required during the application process

Additional Entry requirements: Part Time

- You must be working in a paid educational position.

Additional Entry requirements: Full time

- You must secure a suitable teaching placement. Whilst the ITE team will give advice on how to apply for positions we do not provide you with teaching placement. It is the responsibility of the prospective trainee to arrange their own placement.
- Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Bursary

DBS check: See page 15



Early Years Care
and Education
BA (Hons)

Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,535 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	X310

Awarding Body
University of East
Anglia (UEA)



The fundamental aim of the BA (Hons) Early Years Care and Education programme is to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to apply theory, concepts, and ideas across multiple domains of the Early Years Care and Education sector. In doing so, this programme will provide students the opportunity to hone skills and develop a strong understanding of the current educational landscape where inclusive practice is a key component.

This degree brings together Early Years Care and Education practice across multiple domains, acknowledging the holistic view of human development and social justice. The programme focuses on the four key disciplinary strands of Early Years Care and Education, research methods, and employability.

Entry Requirements:

- A minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
 - A Levels
 - T Levels
 - Extended Diploma
 - Or equivalent EU/International qualifications, such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
 - GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade 4 OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills

This list is not exhaustive, other qualifications may be considered.

Exceptional Entry: See page 15
DBS check: See page 15



“I would recommend UCSE because the opportunities you have to take you on the right path are brilliant”.

Olivia Heath
Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) Level 3 Technical Diploma



National average salary:
Primary education teaching professionals

£40,060
Information sourced from Pathways
www.career-pathways.co.uk

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education

Level 6



Level	Level 6
Duration	Full time: 1 year Part time: 2 years
Cost	Ft: £8,250 per year Pt: £4,125 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	N/A

Awarding Body
The Open University



The Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (Further Education and Skills Sector) is a Level 6 teaching qualification which has a teaching/training practice requirement.

This course is ideal if you work, or want to work as a teacher or trainer in the further education and skills sector; if you are in or want to start a career in a teaching or training role; if you are a teacher or trainer who is seeking career progression in your area of work. This programme is a recognised Full Teacher Training qualification, eligible for QTLS application on completion.

Entry Requirements:

- Hold an honours degree or equivalent. We use the UK ENIC (National Academic Recognition Information Centre) guidelines to make international comparisons
- Hold GCSE Maths and English at grade 4 or above, or hold an equivalent numeracy or literacy qualification at Level 2, such as Functional Skills – evidence of this will be required during the application cycle. Where a GCSE or equivalent is not held, an applicant may still be suitable for entry; this would be determined at interview
- We will consider applicants holding overseas qualifications that are equivalent to those described above. For an assessment of overseas qualifications contact National Information Centre for the United Kingdom (ENIC). If ENIC deem your English language qualification not to

be equivalent to a GCSE grade C or above, you must hold an IELTS qualification with a minimum score of 7 in each element. *NB: Applicants must hold these qualifications before applying for the course*

- A 500-word written piece, prescribed following application and returned to the ITE team prior to or at interview (for details please contact ITETeam@southessex.ac.uk)
- A completed Teaching and Mentor Hours form from your workplace to confirm your mentor and organisation
- You are required to provide evidence of Satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)* enhanced check in advance of starting the course and your placement. These are a requirement by law, in order to complete any work placements within an educational or community environment. Evidence of this will be required during the application process

Additional Entry requirements – Part Time

You must be working in a paid educational position.

Additional Entry requirements – Full time

You must secure a suitable teaching placement. Whilst the ITE team will give advice on how to apply for positions we do not provide you with teaching placement. It is the responsibility of the prospective trainee to arrange their own placement.

DBS check: See page 15



Special Educational Needs and Disability Studies BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	Full Time: 3 years Part Time: 6 years
Cost	Ft: £9,535 per year Pt: £4,768 per year
Location	Southend Campus (Ft & Pt) Thurrock Campus (Ft)
UCAS Course Code	Ft: X161 Pt: Direct Application

Awarding Body
University of East Anglia (UEA)



The BA (Hons) Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Studies degree provides you with the theoretical and legislative skills that allow you to work in a variety of educational and care settings supporting those with specific needs (including learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health issues). The programme includes a work placement which will enable you to apply what is learnt in the classroom to the workplace environment and vice versa.

Entry Requirements:

- A minimum of 64 UCAS points from one or more of the following:
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
 - A Levels
 - T Levels
 - Extended Diploma
 - Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3 or 4)
 - Or equivalent EU/International qualifications, such as International Baccalaureate Diploma
 - GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade 4 or above OR a Level 2 equivalent such as Functional Skills

This list is not exhaustive, other qualifications may be considered.

DBS check: See page 15

“I would recommend people to look at University Centre South Essex, especially if you have a disability as there is good access and amazing support”.

Billy Gibbons
Special Educational Needs and Disability Studies BA (Hons)



Access to HE courses

We offer a range of Access to Higher Education (HE) courses that are designed to prepare adults for study at university level.

These courses are ideal if you have been out of education for some time, especially if you left school with too few qualifications to be able to go straight to university. They provide a good foundation in the knowledge and skills required for studying at university level, so that you will be confident and well prepared to go on to higher education. Most students are eligible for an Advance Learner Loan to fund an Access course.

On-Campus Courses:

Access to Higher Education (Art and Design)

Level 3 Diploma

Campus: Southend

Why should I do this course?

This course is for those who would like to progress to a higher education course in a wide variety of art and design degree courses such as the Fine Art BA (Hons) but need to gain the required entry qualifications and skills.

Access to Higher Education (Nursing and Midwifery)*

Level 3 Diploma

Campus: Southend or Thurrock

Why should I do this course?

This course is for those who would like to progress to a higher education course in nursing, midwifery or other health-related subject, but need to gain the required entry qualifications and skills.

*Upon completion of the Access to HE Nursing and Midwifery course you may be eligible for a bursary of £5000 should you progress into a nursing degree programme.

You can find more information on the NHSBSA Student Services website:
www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund-lsf

Access to Higher Education (Psychosocial Studies)

Level 3 Diploma

Campus: Southend

Why should I do this course?

This course covers both psychology and sociology and is intended for people who would like to study on a Higher Education programme in the social sciences but need to gain the required entry qualifications and skills.

Access to Higher Education (Science)

Level 3 Diploma

Campus: Southend or Thurrock

Why should I do this course?

This course is for those who would like to progress to a higher education course in science such as Biomedical Science (Hons) degree course, but need to gain the required entry qualifications and skills.

Online Courses:

Access to Higher Education (Health Science Professions)

Level 3 Diploma

Online Learning

Why should I do this course?

Health science professions encompass a wide range of careers, from medical and clinical roles to research and public health positions. Completing the Access to Health Science Professions course opens up numerous opportunities for further study and careers in these areas.

Access to HE Diploma (Midwifery)

Level 3 Diploma

Online Learning

Why should I do this course?

Completing the Access to Midwifery course opens up numerous career opportunities within the NHS and private healthcare sector. As a qualified midwife, you could work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, birthing centres, and community healthcare.

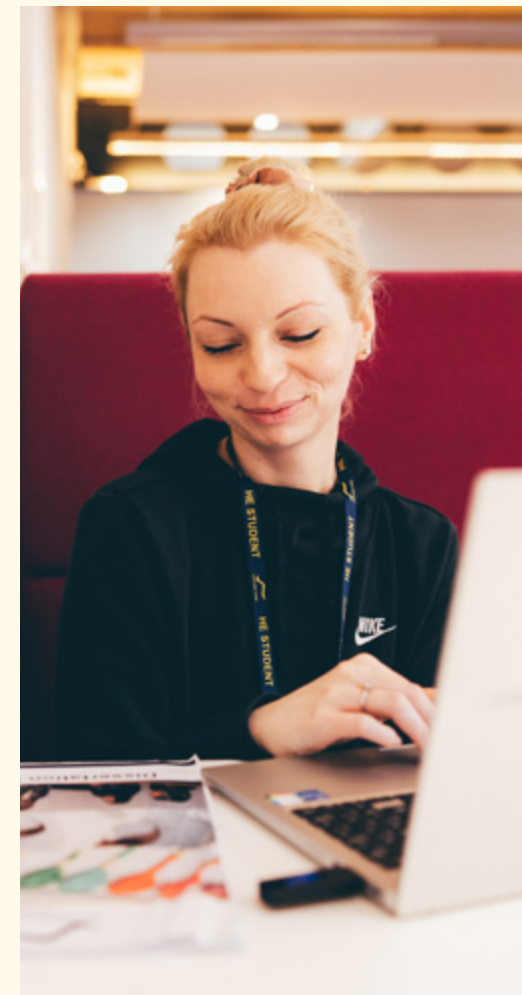
Access to HE Diploma (Nursing)

Level 3 Diploma

Online Learning

Why should I do this course?

Completing the Access to Nursing programme opens up a myriad of career opportunities within the NHS and private healthcare sector. From hospital wards and community healthcare settings to specialised fields like midwifery, mental health nursing, and paediatric care, the skills and qualifications you gain will be in high demand across the UK.



www.southessex.ac.uk/he/access-to-he



FAQs – Admissions

How does UCSE feel about vocational courses?

Most of our courses have a strong vocational element and applications from students taking certain vocational qualifications are welcomed. Students who have a mixed portfolio of qualifications (BTEC National Award/Certificate and A Levels) are also welcomed.

Does UCSE use unit grades in the admission process?

We do not use unit grades as standard procedure; however unit grade information may be used on receipt of examination results for individual applicants who do not meet the conditions of their offer.

Will UCSE accept A level General Studies and A level Critical Thinking?

Yes. All of our departments accept either A Level General Studies or A Level Critical Thinking, as these awards require you to demonstrate a range of skills and knowledge.

Are maths/English qualifications required for a degree?

English is essential for all courses. All UEA Validated courses require students to have both English and Maths at Grade 4/C in addition to Games Design.

What qualifications do I need if English is not my first language?

The following standards are required:

- IELTS (Academic Version)
- 6.0 (for first year entry onto undergraduate courses)
- 6.5 (for direct entry onto the second year of undergraduate courses)
- Please see individual entry profiles as this may differ between courses
- TOEFL (paper-based test)
- 540, 76 on IBT for first year entry to all courses

The university centre can accept other tests including:

- Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) - overall Cambridge English scale score of B2 with 52+ (prior to January 2015)
- Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) - overall Cambridge English scale score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill (from January 2015)
- Test in English for Educational Purposes (TEEP) - 3
- GCE O-level or GCSE English Language or Use of English - grade C/4
- Hong Kong Certificate of English Education - 3
- International Baccalaureate English B Syllabus (Standard Level) - 4

Do any courses require additional aptitude tests?

We will not ask you to take any of the existing aptitude tests (e.g. LNAT, BMAT) as a pre-requisite for admission. We believe that the existing system for assessing applicants provides enough information to make informed decisions.

Does UCSE accept the Extended Project?

Yes we do accept the Extended Project. Please see individual entry profiles as this may differ between courses. For information please visit www.southessex.ac.uk/he/he-entry-requirements

What else will be taken into account when making offers?

- GCSE performance, including possession of prerequisites (e.g. maths and/or English at grade 4)
- AS-levels, including subject mix and declared results
- Maths/English Grade 4 (new specification)
- A Level or equivalent qualifications, including subject mix, need for prerequisites, and predicted grades
- Good personal statement, expressing clear motivation to study the subject and demonstrating academic skills such as critical thinking, analytical skills and problem-solving skills, as well as good communication skills
- Enrichment and extra-curricular activity, including work experience, qualifications (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh, Young Enterprise), positions of responsibility held, evidence of non-academic achievements and engagement in relevant cultural and social activities, which would be indicated in your personal statement
- Reference from school or college
- Interview/audition performance (if required)
- Portfolio evidence (if required)
- Any relevant mitigating circumstances which have a bearing upon your application



Fees & Funding

Our aim is to support you from application through to your graduation and beyond with the highest quality information, advice and guidance. Our student support team has been assessed for, and attained, the highest quality standards.

Do I have to pay anything up-front?

No, you don't have to pay anything before you start your studies. Student loans are available to UK national or Irish citizens settled under the EU settlement scheme or granted settled status for other reasons to cover tuition fees.

Am I eligible for a tuition fee loan?

Whether you qualify for student finance depends on:

- Your university or college
- Your course
- If you've studied a higher education course before
- Your age
- Your nationality or residency status

You can visit the following website for more information

www.gov.uk/student-finance/who-qualifies

Does household income affect me getting a tuition fee loan?

No, tuition fee loans are not based on household income. As long as you are eligible to apply, you will receive the full tuition fee amount.

How do the loan repayments work?

This is repayable after you graduate and earn over the UK repayment threshold. Please see further guidance here: www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan/when-you-start-repaying

Alternatively If you wish, you can pay the costs of your tuition in full at enrolment.

For full information on how to apply please visit www.southessex.ac.uk/finance/fees-and-funding or if you have any questions you can email HEfinance@southessex.ac.uk

Please note: If you already hold a higher education qualification when applying for entry to our higher education courses you may not be eligible for further tuition loan funding. We strongly urge you to contact Student Finance England direct **0845 300 50 90**.

To find out if you qualify, contact our higher education team by emailing HEadmissions@southessex.ac.uk

Will there be other costs?

Your main costs for higher education will be tuition fees however there may also be other costs to consider such as accommodation and living costs.

Additional costs you may incur are listed here www.southessex.ac.uk/he/he-fees-and-funding

Do international students have other costs?

When you apply for a UK student visa, you will need to demonstrate that you have sufficient funds in place to cover your tuition fees and living costs. The amount of money you must have available for living expenses depends on the length of your course.



Additional Information

Can I get extra support while I'm studying?

Yes, the student support team is based on the third floor of the Southend Forum and deals with a range of issues including; disability support, study skills, careers advice and guidance, accommodation, funding issues, wellbeing and any other general concerns that may be impeding studies. This location is designed exclusively for HE students and allows the team to be in direct contact with students, lecturers and staff. All of the team regularly travel to other campuses and provide drop in or booked sessions as required. A number of staff members are trained in mental health first aid and we have a team of pastoral coaches and safeguarding officers who can provide confidential support and advice. They can refer students to trained counsellors and can also provide contact details for specialist support groups and organisations.

Can I get careers advice and guidance?

Yes, our careers co-ordinators will provide you with impartial information, advice and guidance for all your career and employability needs. The co-ordinators offer a friendly and professional service covering a range of topics including career planning, developing key graduate employability skills, CV writing, interview techniques, work experience, internship support, exploring progression routes and postgraduate study.

Can I get help with academic skills and technology?

Yes, our advisors can support you in developing or refreshing the skills you need to manage your studies. Workshops, one-to-ones and drop in sessions take place throughout the year to ensure that you have all the tools you need to succeed.

Is there financial advice available?

Yes, our advisers can discuss money matters with you and inform you of the financial support you may be eligible for from both Student Finance England and the university centre. They will support you with any applications and can help you to understand your budget whilst you study.

Is there support available if I have a disability?

Yes, our disability adviser will be able to provide you with advice and support about studying with us if you have a disability or long term health condition that is likely to have an impact on your studies. You can access confidential, ongoing guidance relating to your individual needs, which may include a specific learning difficulty, a physical or sensory impairment, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, or mental health difficulty. Our experienced adviser facilitates support for students with a variety of disabilities, recognising that individuals may have very different needs. If you have a formal diagnosis and are a home student, additional support may be available to you in the form of Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA). We can assist you with your application for DSA and help you arrange a DSA Needs Assessment.

Tackling Harassment & Sexual Misconduct

University Centre South Essex is committed to providing a safe environment to all students, staff and visitors. All employees, workers, contractors, students and visitors are expected to be treated, and to treat each other, with dignity and respect and are clear that we have zero tolerance towards:

Sexual assault and harassment

- Relationships/Domestic Abuse
- Harassment and Bullying
- Hate Crime
- Honour crimes, FGM, Forced Marriages

University Centre South Essex will provide all students with equal access to appropriate, confidential support. If University Centre South Essex undertakes an investigation into harassment or sexual misconduct, both the reporting and the reported party will be offered support through the investigation process. The University Centre treats all reports of sexual violence and harassment seriously and with utmost sensitivity, we promise to thoroughly investigate all reports of inappropriate behaviour and conduct. We will implement recommendations and/or actions in line with the disciplinary policy, equality and diversity policies, and contract of employment.

We want to make sure that your voices are heard. Whoever you are, and whoever you're reporting, we will listen to you. It doesn't matter if it's someone in a position of authority, a member of staff, a student or someone from outside of our community. Whenever an incident is reported we will take proportionate action.

We want you to feel empowered to report an incident, and we hope that by making it easier to report, you will feel safe and know that we are all working together to make our community an inclusive and welcoming environment.

www.southessex.ac.uk/he/he-support-services



Course List (A-Z)

Please find the information for each course currently running at University Centre South Essex.

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Course	Award	Validated by	UCAS code	Duration	Campus
Accounting and Finance**	BSc (Hons)	UEA	N400	3 Years	Southend
AIM Person Centred Counselling	Level 4	AIM		2 Years	Southend
Animation	BA (Hons)	UAL	W615	3 Years	Basildon
Applied Sport and Exercise Science	BSc (Hons)	UEA	C602	3 Years	Southend
Art and Design Foundation	Level 4	UAL		1 Year	Southend
Automation and Control for England	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Thurrock
Certificate in Education - Full Time	CertEd	The Open University		1 Year	Southend
Certificate in Education - Part Time - Evening	CertEd	The Open University		2 Years	Southend
Community Coaching for England	HTQ	Pearson		1 Year	Southend
Computing for England (Network Engineering)	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Basildon
Construction Management for England	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Thurrock
Costume Construction	BA (Hons)	UAL	B5L2	3 Years	Thurrock/ HHPP
Counselling	BA (Hons)	UEA	B940	3 Years	Southend
Creative Media & Promotion	BA (Hons)	UAL	W213	3 Years	Southend
Criminology & Forensic Investigation	BSc (Hons)	UEA	LF64	3 Years	Southend
Digital Technologies (Cybersecurity)	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Basildon
Digital Technologies (Data Analytics)	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Basildon
Early Years Care and Education	BA (Hons)	UEA	X310	3 Years	Southend
Film & Television Production	BA (Hons)	UAL	P320	3 Years	Southend
Fine Art	BA (Hons)	UAL	W100	3 Years	Southend
Games Design	BSc (Hons)	UAL	WG24	3 Years	Basildon (STC)

Graphic Design & Illustration	BA (Hons)	UAL	W210	3 Years	Southend
Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Production**	FdA	UAL	W450	2 Years	HHPP
Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Production (Top Up)**	BA (Hons)	UAL	W451	1 Year	HHPP
Healthcare Professions Support for England	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Southend /Thurrock
Interior & Spatial Design	BA (Hons)	UAL	W250	3 Years	Southend
Leadership and Management for England	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Thurrock
Mechatronics for England	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Thurrock
Mental Health and Well-Being**	FdSc	UEA	B760	2 Years	Southend
Performing Arts (Acting Pathway)	HND	Pearson	H882	2 Years	Southend
Performing Arts (Dance Pathway)	HND	Pearson	4B22	2 Years	Southend /Thurrock
Performing Arts (Top Up)**	BA (Hons)	UAL	W470	1 Year	Southend /Thurrock
Photography - Full Time	BA (Hons)	UAL	W640	3 Years	Southend
Photography - Part Time	BA (Hons)	UAL	W640	6 Years	Southend
Public Services (Policing)	HNC	Pearsons		1 Year	Southend
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (FE and Skills Sector) - Full Time	PgCE	The Open University		1 Year	Southend
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (FE and Skills Sector) - Part Time	PgCE	The Open University		2 Years	Southend
Psychology & Criminology	BSc (Hons)	UEA	PC01	3 Years	Southend
Psychology & Sociology	BSc (Hons)	UEA	L340	3 Years	Southend
Special Educational Needs and Disability Studies - Part Time	BA (Hons)	UEA		6 Years	Southend
Special Educational Needs and Disability Studies - Full Time	BA (Hons)	UEA	X161	3 Years	Southend

Course undergoing Revalidation

Revalidation is a process where the content of a degree programme is updated through consultation with students, graduates, staff, industry experts and university representatives from across the Higher Education sector. Revalidation takes place every five years on all degree programmes. This programme is currently being revalidated for the 2026 academic year and all changes will be communicated to you well in advance of the commencement of your study.

Course Validation

Validation is the process of creating a new degree programme. The programme is created through consultation with industry experts and university representatives from across the Higher Education sector. This programme is currently being validated for commencement in the 2026 academic year.

Open Events

The Forum Southend | 10am – 12pm

Saturday 4 October 2025

Saturday 10 January 2026

The Forum Southend | 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 18 March 2026

University Fair, Luker Rd, Southend, SS11ND | 5pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 21 May 2026

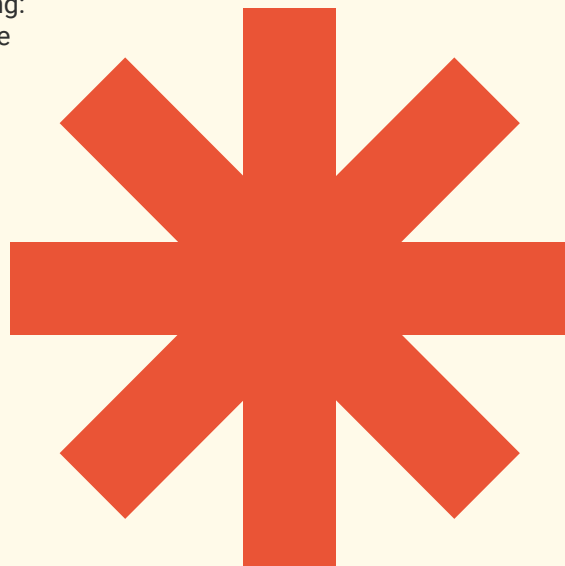
High House Production Park | 10am – 12pm

For Costume Construction & Hair and Makeup Design and Application for Production courses only

Saturday 29 November 2025

Dates may be added or changed throughout the year

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www.southessex.ac.uk/heoe or scan the QR code



Alternative formats

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