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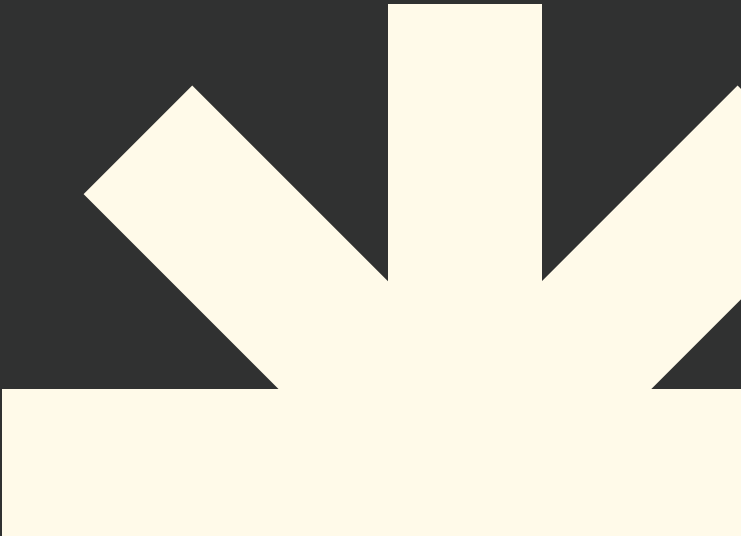
**"We hope that you
enjoy discovering
more about
University Centre
South Essex."**

Denise Brown

Group Chief Executive

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Quality Partnerships

Our qualifications are validated and awarded in partnership with respected universities and awarding organisations, 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.

ual:

University of the Arts London (UAL) Top 50 Universities in the UK – Position 27*

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.



University of East Anglia (UEA) Top 50 Universities in the UK – Position 34*

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.



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. Pearson qualifications are recognised by employers in the UK and internationally.



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 2027 – 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 through 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 industry expectations, giving you a head start in the job market. Our tutors have a wealth of experience and maintain strong connections with companies in the UK and abroad.

Many of our programmes place an emphasis on practical learning, so not only will you gain the qualifications needed to enter your chosen career, but you can also expect to gain valuable work experience.

Our team of careers advisers is 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 develop innovative projects and workshops to help you build the core skills employers are looking for, using the UCSE Employability Award as a framework for your development.

The award supports your career and personal development by formally recognising the extra-curricular activities, work-related activities and career learning you complete during your time at University Centre South Essex. It is designed to help you gain experience and develop the key skills employers value.

Ultimately, you will graduate with a strong combination of practical and academic experience that appeals to employers.

Whether you are progressing from further education, looking for a change in your field of employment or ready 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 against, and achieved, the highest quality standards, including the Matrix Standard and TEF Silver.



Earning Potential



Undertaking a higher education course with us is an investment in your future. Department for Education statistics show that graduates typically earn significantly more than those who do not attend university. Latest Department for Education data, published in June 2026, shows median annualised earnings of £33,300 for first-degree graduates

five years after graduation. 88.3% of first-degree graduates were in sustained employment, further study, or both.

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

Graduates are more likely to secure highly skilled roles than non-graduates, potentially increasing their earning potential after completing their degree.

Furthermore, your chances of securing a more senior role increase once you complete your undergraduate degree, particularly in sectors such as public administration, education and healthcare.



Great Opportunities for Mature Students



Returning to education can be an important step towards changing career, progressing professionally or achieving a long-held ambition.

At University Centre South Essex, we welcome applications from mature students and consider each application individually. Your previous work experience, training, professional qualifications and life experience may all be taken into account alongside your formal qualifications.

Studying locally can also make higher education more accessible, helping you balance your studies with work, family and other commitments. With supportive tutors, smaller learning groups and access to academic and careers support, you will have the guidance you need throughout your studies.

Whether you are returning to education after a break, looking to develop new skills or ready to take your career in a different direction, UCSE can help you take the next step.

If you are unsure whether you meet the entry requirements, contact our Admissions team to discuss the options available to you.



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.



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, 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 technology-focused courses, including IT networking, app development, games design and animation. Areas of the building have been modelled on modern technology sector workplaces, providing students with the opportunity to learn in a professional environment that reflects current industry practices. This helps prepare them for successful careers in the digital and technology sectors.

Luckyn Lane (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

Situated opposite our Southend Campus, The Forum provides access to extensive library resources, study spaces, and computer facilities.

The third floor is home to a teaching and 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 College (Luker Road)

Located next to Southend Central station, our Southend Campus offers a wide range of vocational and adult courses in realistic work environments supported by cutting-edge technology. Students benefit from a high-definition TV studio, radio studio, photographic studio, and journalism newsroom. The campus also features dedicated art and design spaces, performing arts studios, a gym, a 250-seat Performance Pod, and specialist Apple Mac suites for graphic design and film editing. Its town centre location provides easy access to shops, restaurants, and entertainment.

Thurrock College (High Street - Grays)

Located just a two-minute walk from the train station and town centre, our modern campus buildings offer industry-standard facilities and cutting-edge services.

They include specialist facilities and learning spaces linked to courses in construction, engineering, beauty, childcare, and health and social care.

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 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 and any associated placements may require you to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Course pages will clearly indicate whether a DBS check is required and provide further information. 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.

Important:

If you have lived outside the UK, you may also need to provide a criminal record check, certificate of good conduct, or equivalent documentation from the country or countries where you have resided. These overseas checks may be required in addition to any UK DBS check and are used to meet professional, regulatory and safeguarding requirements.

If you are unsure what documentation you need to provide, our Admissions team will be able to advise you.

Disclosure and Barring Service:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-checks-detailed-guidance

How to Apply

Visit our website and 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 community!



HEadmissions@southessex.ac.uk



www.southessex.ac.uk/he



Art and Design

Our Art and 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 14 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

"All of the tutors were very supportive and the learning facilities were exceptional. The course was really enjoyable it boosted my confidence. It was an amazing experience."

John Oxely
Fine Art BA (Hons)

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Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	W100

Awarding Body
University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

Discover, develop, and realise your creative potential. The BA (Hons) Fine Art programme supports you in exploring a diverse range of creative practices, from painting and drawing to video, sculpture, and photography, while encouraging experimentation across traditional disciplinary boundaries.

As your studies progress, you will refine your artistic identity, develop a critical understanding of contemporary culture, and realise increasingly ambitious creative work. Combining studio practice with research and theory, the programme prepares you to graduate as a confident artist and creative thinker, ready to make a meaningful contribution to contemporary visual culture.

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 13

Graphic Design & Illustration

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 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	£9,790 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	W250

Awarding Body
University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

Interior & Spatial 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 13

Photography*

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	Full time: 3 years Part time: 6 years
Cost	Ft: £9,790 per year Pt: £4,895 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	W640

Awarding Body
University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

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

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.



Interior and Spatial Design BA (Hons)



Fine Art BA (Hons)



Graphic Design & Illustration 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

Level 4/5 HTQ



Level	Level 4/5
Duration	Level 4 – 1 year Level 5 – 2 years
Cost	£6,170 per year
Location	Online
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE or LearnDirect)
Awarding Body	Pearson



The Level 4 HNC Leadership and Management aims to develop students' leadership and management skills and to provide knowledge and understanding to achieve high performance in the business environment. It provides insight into business operations and the opportunities and challenges presented by a global marketplace so that students can create and deliver operational plans that achieve goals and objectives. The Level 4 HNC provides the core skills required for a range of careers in leadership and management, including operations management, talent management, marketing, and sales and can lead to further study at Level 5 HND Leadership and Management.

The Level 5 HND Leadership and Management gives students the opportunity to gain knowledge, skills and behaviours aligned to the Occupational Standard (OS) for Operations Manager.

The units will prepare students to enter employment with the qualities and abilities necessary for roles that require personal responsibility and decision-making, and support students to aspire to future management roles. Students will have a sound understanding of the principles of leadership and management and will know how to apply those principles more widely in the business world. They will also be equipped to progress to level 6 higher education study.

Entry Requirements:

Level 4:

- Level 3 qualification, including but not limited to: A-Levels, an Access to Higher Education Diploma, BTEC and other related Level 3 qualifications
- GCSE grade 9 to 4 Maths and English
- Relevant work experience or
- An international equivalent to the above qualification

If English is not your first language, you are required to have the following English language proficiency standards (or an approved equivalent for this qualification): IELTS Academic 6.0 minimum 5.5 across all components, additional strengths and alternative evidence.

Level 5:

- Level 4 HNC Leadership and Management
- GCSE grade 9 to 4 Maths and English



Accounting and Finance

BSc (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	N400

Awarding Body
University of East Anglia (UEA)



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 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
 - T 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 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.

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 13

Average salary range for Chartered public finance accountants:

£25,000 to £60,000

Information sourced from the National Careers Service (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)





Costume and Hair and Makeup

Bring characters and stories to life.

These programmes are designed to develop your creative, technical, and practical skills, preparing you for careers across theatre, film, television, and live events. Through hands-on learning and industry-informed practice, you'll gain the expertise to design, create, and realise impactful visual concepts that enhance performance, character, and storytelling.

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

Costume Construction BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 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.



"What initially drew me to apply for the course was the idea of bringing together two of my greatest passions: creating cosplay costumes and Musical Theatre. I have always been interested in the performing arts, particularly what happens behind the scenes, so this course felt like the perfect opportunity to turn my creativity into a career."

Charley Finding

Costume Construction BA (Hons)

Hair & Makeup Design for Production

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	High House Production Park
UCAS Course Code	W450

Awarding Body
University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

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 and theatre employment.

- 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.

Career Opportunities:

Hair and Makeup Artist, SFX
Makeup Artist, Wig Maker,
Prosthetics Technician,
Theatre Makeup Designer,
Film and TV Makeup Artist,
Fashion and Editorial Makeup
Artist, Creative Director, and
Freelance Hair and Makeup
Professional.



Counselling and Healthcare

Make a meaningful difference to people's lives.

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.

Counselling

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	B940
Awarding Body	University of East Anglia (UEA)



The BA (Hons) Counselling programme offers you a strong theoretical and practical base from which to begin your professional counselling practice whilst working towards individual accreditation with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (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
- T 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 13

DBS check: See page 13



"As a neurodivergent student, having smaller groups was really beneficial for me. I felt very supported and I feel like this has set me up for such an amazing career ahead."

Jade Jackson-Byrne

Counselling BA (Hons)

Healthcare Professions Support for England

Level 5 HTQ

Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£6,520 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 in 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

DBS check: See page 13



Average salary range for Nurses:

£32,000 to £48,000

Information sourced from the National Careers Service (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

Humanistic Counselling

Level 4 HTQ

Level	Level 4
Duration	2 years
Cost	£6,520*
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)

Awarding Body
AIM



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.

*The HTQ Counselling programme includes a requirement for students to engage in personal therapy as part of their professional and personal development. The cost of personal therapy is not included in tuition fees and will vary depending on the provider chosen. Students who are eligible for Student Finance England may wish to use Maintenance Loan funding to contribute towards these costs, alongside other living and study expenses.

Entry Requirements:

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

DBS check: See page 13



Average salary for a Counsellor:

£25,000 to £48,000

Information sourced from the National Careers Service (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

Digital and Media

Bring ideas to life through digital creativity and storytelling.

These programmes are designed to develop your creative, technical, and professional skills, preparing you for careers in the fast-moving digital and media industries. Through hands-on projects, collaborative practice, and industry-focused learning, you'll gain the expertise to create engaging content, immersive experiences, and innovative digital solutions that captivate audiences and make an impact.

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

Animation

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	Centre for Digital Technologies Basildon
UCAS Course Code	W615

Awarding Body
University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

This course is an innovative, inventive and enthralling 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.

"I was encouraged to push myself creatively, particularly with areas such as character design and anatomy, which have become central to my work."

Spencer Glen

Animation BA (Hons)

Digital Marketing*

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	W213

Awarding Body
University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

*Course is subject to validation. See page 73.

Learn how to plan, create, and deliver successful digital marketing campaigns. This programme equips students with the knowledge and practical skills to build effective strategies, master key marketing tactics, and develop expertise in content creation and analytics.

Gain a deep understanding of how digital marketing operates in real-world contexts. Through a combination of strategic thinking and practical workshops, students will build an understanding of how content, platforms and data work together. Test ideas, experiment with creative approaches, and develop a voice as a digital marketer. Students will explore a wide range of core digital marketing topics, including: setting measurable objectives; customer profiling and audience segmentation; user experience (UX) design principles; branding and brand identity; strategic planning and campaign development. Graduate ready to work across a range of roles in marketing, communications, and digital media.

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
- T 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 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	£9,790 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. Alongside individual guidance, the course features guest speakers and workshops delivered by 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.



“You’re not just completing coursework,” Zach explains. “You’re creating something real. Something people will watch, judge and invest their time in.”

Zach Taylor
Film & Television Production BA (Hons)

Games Design
BSc (Hons)

Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	Centre for Digital Technologies Basildon
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.

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

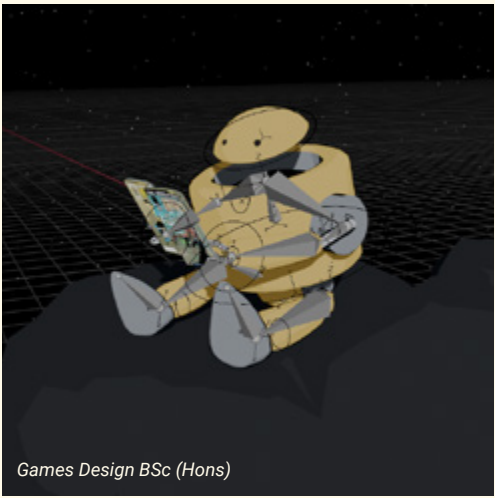
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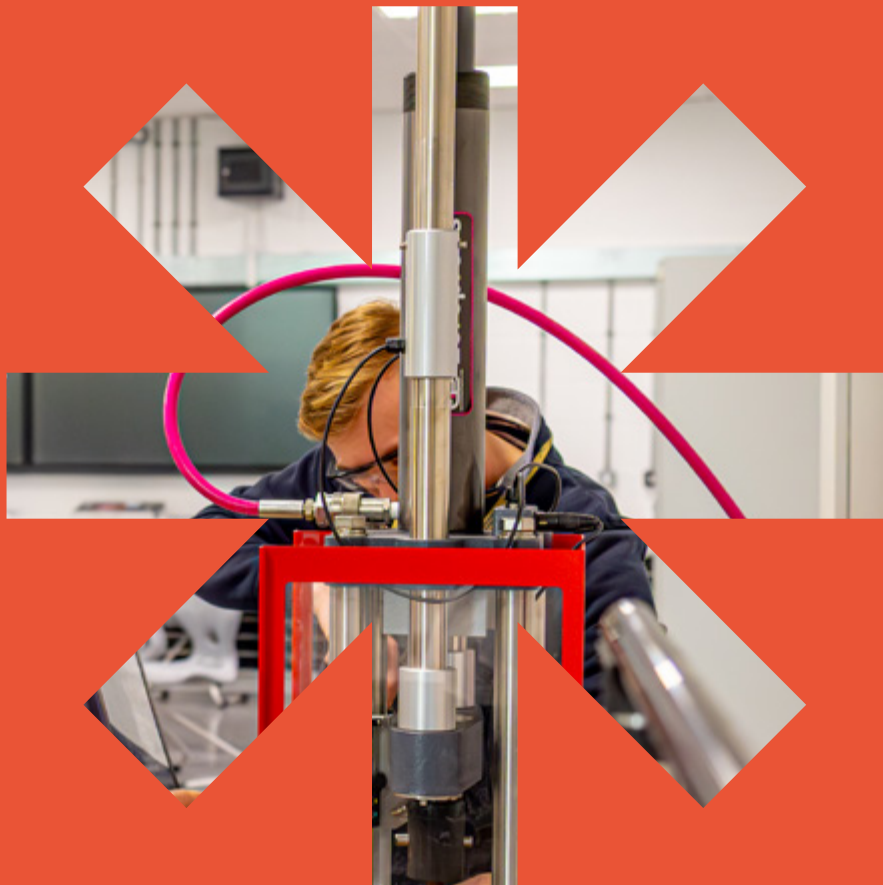
Digital Marketing BA (Hons)



Film & Television Production BA (Hons)



Games Design BSc (Hons)



Engineering and Construction

Design and build the future.

Build your future with our Engineering and Construction courses. Develop the technical knowledge, practical skills, and industry experience needed to succeed in these essential sectors. Whether your interests lie in engineering, construction, or sustainable design, you'll gain the expertise to help shape the world around us and prepare for a rewarding career.

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

Modern Methods of Construction

Level 4 HTQ



Level	Level 4
Duration	Full time: 1 year Part time: 2 years
Cost	Ft: £6,520 per year Pt: £3,260 per year
Location	Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)

Awarding Body
Pearson

Pearson

The Level 4 units lay the foundation of learning by providing a broad introduction to construction and different modern methods of construction functions. This develops and strengthens core skills while preparing students for specialist subjects at Level 5 or to enter employment with the qualities necessary for job roles that require some personal responsibility.

Students will gain a wide range of construction knowledge linked to practical skills gained through research, independent study, directed study and workplace scenarios. Students are involved in vocational activities that help them to develop behaviours (the attitudes and approaches required for a competence) and transferable skills. Transferable skills are those such as communication, teamwork, research and analysis, which are highly valued in higher education and in the workplace.

Entry Requirements:

- A BTEC Level 3 qualification in Construction
- 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 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



Average salary range for
Construction Managers:

£27,000 to £65,000

Information sourced from the National Careers
Service (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

Engineering for England

Level 4 HTQ



Level	Level 4
Duration	2 years (part time)
Cost	£3260 per year
Location	Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)

Awarding Body
Pearson

Develop the skills, knowledge, and modelling by simulation experience needed to start a successful career in engineering or progress to university

This course provides a broad introduction to engineering, applying principles of modelling, simulation and/or prototyping, using appropriate software, to develop an appropriate design solution. It is aligned to the Engineering Manufacturing Technician occupational standard and prepares students for employment in the engineering sector or progression to higher-level study.

Entry Requirements:

- BTEC Level 3 qualification in Engineering or related subject
- Or A Levels (preferably Maths/Science/Engineering)
- GCSE Maths and English at Grade 4 or above
- Access to Higher Education Diploma or relevant work experience
- International equivalent qualifications accepted





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.

Visual Effects

Level 4



Level	Level 4
Duration	1 year
Cost	£6,520 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)

Awarding Body
Pearson



These Level 4 modules provide you with a broad introduction to visual effects, establishing a strong foundation of knowledge and skills. They are designed to develop core competencies while preparing you either for progression to specialist study at Level 5 or for entry into employment in roles requiring a degree of personal responsibility.

You will build a wide-ranging understanding of visual effects, supported by practical skill development through research, independent and directed study, and simulated workplace scenarios. Our programme incorporates vocational activities that foster professional behaviours and transferable skills, including communication, teamwork, research, and analytical thinking - key attributes valued in both higher education and industry.

By the end of Level 4, you will have a solid grasp of fundamental visual effects concepts, alongside competence in both subject-specific and broader professional skills relevant to the field.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 3 in Creative Media or Art subjects
- Portfolio of evidence
- Successful attendance to an interview event

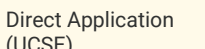
Digital Technologies (Cybersecurity)



Level 5 HTQ

Level	Level 5
Duration	2 years
Cost	£6,520 per year
Location	Centre for Digital Technologies Basildon
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)

Awarding Body
Pearson



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

Computing

HTQ



Level	Level 4/5
Duration	Level 4 – 1 year Level 5 – 2 years
Cost	£6,170 per year
Location	Online
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE or LearnDirect)
Awarding Body	Pearson

The Level 4 HNC Computing aims to equip students with computing skills, knowledge and understanding to achieve high performance in the global computing environment. It provides education and training for a range of careers in computing, including network engineering, software engineering, data analytics, security, intelligent systems, applications development and testing. The Level 4 HNC is a standalone qualification and a foundation for further study at Level 5 HND Computing.

The Level 5 HND Computing develops a sound understanding of the principles in the computing field of study providing flexibility to apply those principles across multiple specialisms. They will have learned to evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems. They will be able to perform effectively in their chosen field and will have the qualities necessary for employment in situations that require the exercise of personal responsibility and decision making. They will also be equipped to progress to Level 6 higher education study.

Entry Requirements:

Level 4:

- 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 qualification

If English is not your first language, you are required to have the following English language proficiency standards (or an approved equivalent for this qualification): IELTS Academic 6.0 minimum 5.5 across all components.

Level 5:

- Level 4 HNC Computing
- GCSE grade 9 to 4 Maths and English



Digital Technologies (AI pathway)

Level 4/5 HTQ



Level	Level 4/5
Duration	Level 4 – 1 year Level 5 – 2 years
Cost	£6,170 per year
Location	Online
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE or LearnDirect)
Awarding Body	Pearson

The Level 4 HNC Digital Technologies aims to give students the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to achieve high performance in the national and international digital technologies environment. It provides the core skills required for a range of careers in digital technologies, including cyber security, software development, data analytics, networking, animation, software testing, business analysis and change management and lays the foundation for specialisation in the fast-moving field of Artificial Intelligence. The Level 4 HNC is a standalone qualification and a foundation for further study at Level 5 HND Digital Technologies (AI).

The Level 5 HND Digital Technologies (AI) gives students the opportunity to specialise in Artificial Intelligence solutions and applications. After studying a Level 5 HND in Digital Technologies for England students will have a sound understanding of the principles in their area of specialist study and will know how to apply those principles more widely in digital technologies. They will also be equipped to progress to level 6 higher education study.

Entry Requirements:

Level 4:

- 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 qualification

If English is not your first language, you are required to have the following English language proficiency standards (or an approved equivalent for this qualification): IELTS Academic 6.0 minimum 5.5 across all components.

Level 5:

- Level 4 HNC Digital Technologies
- GCSE grade 9 to 4 Maths and English



Average salary for Software Developers:

£30,000 to £75,000

Information sourced from the National Careers Service (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)



Performing Arts

Take centre stage and shine.

Discover your potential and unleash your creativity with our Performing Arts courses. Whether your passion is acting 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	£7,020* per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	60197

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

The nature of the Performing Arts industry is extremely competitive and the opportunities for career diverse. The HND in Performing Arts (Acting Pathway) has been designed to provide a vocational based programme equipping you with the required skills to succeed in the range of career paths available.

Our programme provides diverse and challenging learning experiences, whose aim is to extend and consolidate your expertise as a total performance maker. You will in part refine your live performance skills (vocal & physical) alongside developing greater understanding and command of specific techniques in multi disciplines including, directing, devising, producing, adaptation & stage craft.

The selection of units enables you to nurture your creativity, developing your own voice as future innovators within the art form. The overriding focus of the programme is based on acknowledging the importance of versatility & diversity to allow for longevity, ensuring that you can become an all-round live performance maker & practitioner, skilled for successful careers in the ever-evolving Performing Arts industry. Students will have access to Thurrock Campus.

- 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.

- 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 13

*Please note that included within the course fee is a **£500** contribution towards an international educational visit, providing students with the opportunity to enhance their learning through global engagement and cultural experiences.



Performing Arts (Acting Pathway) (HND)

Performing Arts

BA (Hons) Top Up

Level	Level 6
Duration	1 year
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	Southend Campus & Thurrock Campus
UCAS Course Code	W470

Awarding Body

University of the Arts
London (UAL)

ual:

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: overall score of 6.0, with a minimum of 5.5 in each component.

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 programmes:

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



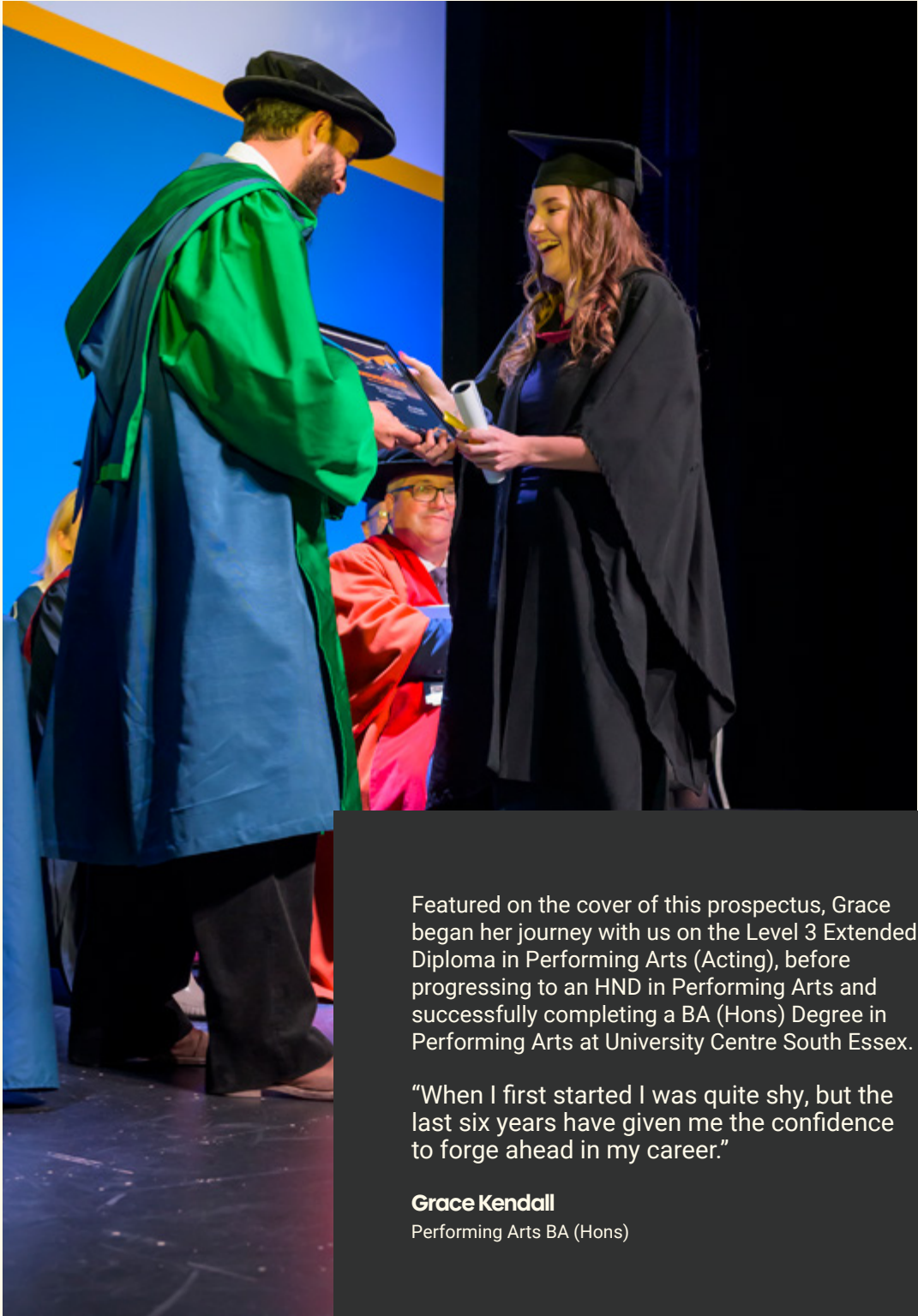
Performing Arts BA (Hons) Top Up



Performing Arts BA (Hons) Top Up

Career Opportunities:

Acting, directing, producing, choreography, theatre education, community arts, stage management, arts administration, events management, and freelance performance work.



Featured on the cover of this prospectus, Grace began her journey with us on the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting), before progressing to an HND in Performing Arts and successfully completing a BA (Hons) Degree in Performing Arts at University Centre South Essex.

“When I first started I was quite shy, but the last six years have given me the confidence to forge ahead in my career.”

Grace Kendall
Performing Arts BA (Hons)



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	£7,020* per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	Direct Application (UCSE)
Awarding Body Pearson	Pearson

Develop the skills, knowledge and experience needed for a successful career in policing.

This hands-on, industry-focused qualification prepares you for real-world challenges, from law enforcement to community engagement.

The course includes eight policing units delivered by professionals in criminology and policing, giving you a strong foundation in contemporary policing practice. You will also have the opportunity to gain practical experience alongside your studies, applying your learning in real-world settings while developing your skills, confidence and employability.

This combination of academic study and practical experience will help prepare you for a range of careers across the policing and criminal justice sectors.

Working with various police forces we will support students who wish to pursue seeking a volunteering role as a Special Constable

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 included within the course fee is a **£500** contribution towards an international educational visit, providing students with the opportunity to enhance their learning through global engagement and cultural experiences.



Average salary for a
Police Officer:

£30,000 to £48,000

*Information sourced from the National
Careers Service (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)*



Science and Criminology

Explore the mysteries of the world and uncover the truth.

Explore the worlds of Science and Criminology with courses that combine analytical thinking, research, and practical application. Whether you're interested in forensic investigation, criminal behaviour, or scientific discovery, you'll gain hands-on experience and the skills needed for a career in the lab, field, or justice system.

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

Criminology & Forensic Investigation*

BSc (Hons)



- 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.

DBS check: See page 13

Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	LF64

Awarding Body
University of East Anglia (UEA)



*Course is subject to revalidation. See page 73.

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:

- A Levels
- T Levels
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Certificate
- BTEC National Award/Certificate/Diploma
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (minimum 30 credits at Merit or above)



"The course is incredible because it's so varied. It is very interesting and hands-on. I feel it prepares you for work in the industry. My degree was a natural progression from my Level 3 Forensics and Criminal Investigation course."

Sophie French

Criminology & Forensic Investigation
BSc (Hons)

Applied Psychology*

BSc (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 per year
Location	Southend Campus
UCAS Course Code	C810

Awarding Body
University of East Anglia (UEA)



*Course is subject to revalidation. See page 73.

Psychology shapes everything that we do, as well as the world around us; it is therefore a vital discipline across many professional contexts. The fundamental aim of the BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology programme is to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to pursue careers in psychology-related disciplines such as healthcare, education, sport, and forensics.

This programme focuses on three core disciplinary strands of psychology, employability, and research methods. Employability is central to the design of the programme, and students will have the opportunity to undertake modules focused on various applied strands of psychology. Students will also undertake a mandatory work placement within year 2 of their studies, allowing them to apply the skills they have learned to the workplace environment and experience how psychology shapes professional disciplines.

This programme follows the British Psychological Society (BPS) GBC curriculum, but is not accredited by the BPS at present. Graduates wishing to progress in psychology can undertake a BPS conversion award through an accredited institution which will provide an opportunity to become eligible for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC). By gaining this you will be eligible to apply for a place on a society-accredited postgraduate training programme and in time progress to gaining Chartered Membership (CPsychol) of the Society. Your programme leader will be able to advise of accredited programmes.

Entry Requirements:

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

- A Levels
- T 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 13

Average salary for Psychologist:

£49,000 to £65,000

Information sourced from the National Careers Service (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)





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	£9,790 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
- T 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 13



Average salary for
Performance Sports Scientist:

£25,000 to £50,000

*Information sourced from the National
Careers Service (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)*

Community
Coaching for
England

Level 4 HTQ



Level	Level 4
Duration	1 year
Cost	£7,020* 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 13

*Please note that included within the course fee is a **£500** contribution towards an international educational visit, providing students with the opportunity to enhance their learning through global engagement and cultural experiences.





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: £8,500 per year Pt: £4,250 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 European Network of Information Centres (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 13



Early Years Care
and Education
BA (Hons)

Level	Level 6
Duration	3 years
Cost	£9,790 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 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 13
DBS check: See page 13



“My time at UCSE helped me realise that I was capable of more than I sometimes believed. My time in Early Years taught me the value of observation, empathy, and understanding development. Those same skills now help me navigate the complex stories and experiences I encounter in social care. Your degree is not a box, it is a foundation.”

Elona Qytyku
Early Years Care and Education BA (Hons)



Average salary for Primary School Teacher:

£33,000 to £51,000

Information sourced from the National Careers Service (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education

Level 6



Level	Level 6
Duration	Full time: 1 year Part time: 2 years
Cost	Ft: £8,500 per year Pt: £4,250 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 (European Network of Information Centres) 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 European Network of Information Centres (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 13



“Throughout my time at South Essex Colleges Group, the tutors were incredibly supportive and always encouraged me to keep going, even during difficult times.”

Monique Warburton
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Special Educational Needs and Disability Studies

BA (Hons)



Level	Level 6
Duration	Full time: 3 years Part time: 6 years
Cost	Ft: £9,790 per year Pt: £4,895 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 13

“The course gave me so much confidence and because of the small cohort you are able to get more focus from your tutors. I feel ready for the industry.”

Kate Sprules
Special Educational Needs and Disability Studies BA (Hons)



Access to HE courses

We offer Access to Higher Education courses designed to prepare adults for university.

These courses are ideal if you have been out of education for a while or need qualifications to progress to university. They help build the knowledge and skills you need to succeed in higher education. Most students are eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan.

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 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 higher education courses in science such as physiotherapy, radiography or dietetics degrees.

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.

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 Higher Education 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 Higher Education 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.



Access to Higher Education Social Work

Level 3 Diploma

Online Learning

Why should I do this course?

This course is specifically designed to prepare you for university progression into social work and related fields, giving you the academic foundation and sector insight needed to succeed. Develop knowledge and skills directly linked to careers in social care, safeguarding, mental health, and community support, making your learning practical and applicable.



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 and the UAL validated BSc (Hons) Games design require students to have English and Maths at Grade 4.

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

If English is not your first language, you will need to demonstrate an appropriate level of English language proficiency to study on your chosen course. We accept a range of recognised English language qualifications and tests. English language requirements may vary by course, so please refer to the relevant course page or visit our entry requirements webpage for the latest information.

If you are unsure whether your qualifications meet our requirements, please contact our Admissions team for advice.

HEadmissions@southessex.ac.uk

Do any courses require additional aptitude tests?

We will not ask you to take any of the existing aptitude tests (e.g. LNAT) 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
- Your UCAS personal statement responses, including your motivation for choosing the course, how your qualifications and studies have prepared you, and any relevant experience or activities outside education. We will also consider the skills and qualities you demonstrate, including critical thinking, analytical skills, problem-solving and 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, as outlined in your UCAS application response
- 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.

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?

Your eligibility for student finance depends on your individual circumstances, including your course, previous study and residency status.

For the most up-to-date eligibility information, visit the official Student Finance England guidance:

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?

Repayments begin once you have completed your studies and your income exceeds the relevant 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 your tuition fees 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

What if I have studied higher education before?

If you have previously studied a higher education course or already hold a higher education qualification, you may still be eligible for student finance. The amount of funding available will depend on your previous study and any government-funded tuition support you have already received. We recommend checking your individual eligibility with Student Finance England before starting your course.

Call 0300 100 0607 or visit:

www.gov.uk/contact-student-finance-england

Please refer to the Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE) section on the next page for further information and links to the latest government guidance.

To find out if you qualify, contact our higher education team by emailing:

HEadmissions@southessex.ac.uk

Lifelong Learning Entitlement

For eligible courses starting in September 2027, student finance applications through the Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE) are expected to open in spring 2027.

The LLE is the new student finance system for most higher education courses starting from 2027 and may provide support towards tuition fees and living costs, depending on your eligibility.

You do not need to wait until you have a confirmed course offer before applying for student finance.

For the latest information and application dates, visit:

www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance-lifelong-learning-entitlement

www.gov.uk/student-finance-on-or-after-1-january-2027

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.



"I was surprised at how easy it was to secure finances to study. Studying if you're a mature learner is like stepping into a whirlpool, but I say step into the water it's never too late."

Emma Holroyd

Psychology and Criminology BSc (Hons)

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 adviser 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.

The advisor can support you with any applications and provide financial signposting services whilst you study.



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 with the utmost seriousness, sensitivity and respect. All reports will be managed in accordance with the relevant College policies and procedures.

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



Disability Support

Do you have a physical, mental or sensory impairment which you feel requires support to enable you to study at UCSE?

Our Disability Support team are on hand to provide information, advice and guidance on the support available to students with disabilities.

- Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA); a non-repayable grant for students with a disability, funded by Student Finance England
- Reasonable adjustments to your study (e.g. assessment, accessibility and exam adjustments)
- Diagnostic assessments and screenings for Dyslexia and ADHD
- Liaising with external providers on your behalf
- Sharing information with your academic team on your behalf

If you need additional support with your studies, it is important you apply for DSA and speak to us about reasonable adjustments as early as possible to ensure everything is in place for the start of your studies.

For more information contact us at:
HESupport@southessex.ac.uk

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

DSA is a non-repayable grant for students with a disability, funded by Student Finance England.

The purpose of the grant is to help students with the cost of any extra essential equipment or support they may need for their studies as a direct result of their disability.

Students are not required to contribute to these costs, and their household income is also not considered in their allocated budget.

The type of support students receive will depend on their disability and how this impacts them. Examples are:

- Specialist equipment and technology (e.g. laptop, recording device for note taking, audio reader software, dictation software, etc.)
- Specialist support (e.g. study skills tutoring, mentoring, BSL interpreter, etc.)
- Financial support towards printing costs
- Financial support towards travel

If you need additional support with your studies, it is important you apply for DSA as early as possible to ensure it is in place for the start of your studies.

For more information or to apply use the following link: **www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa**

Reasonable adjustments

Disabled students can ask for adjustments that may support them to access the same education or services as their non-disabled peers. These are known as 'reasonable adjustments'. Examples are:

- Additional time to complete exams/assessments
- A priority lift pass
- Access to orthopaedic chairs in class
- Print-outs on coloured paper or online resources created with coloured backgrounds
- Alterations of assessment mode (e.g. essay to presentation)

If you need specific adjustments made to support your studies, it is important you speak to the Disability Support team as early as possible so that we can make formal recommendations for adjustments to support your studies. Contact us at:

HESupport@southessex.ac.uk

Diagnostic assessments and screenings

Here at UCSE we offer two different types of diagnostic assessment or screening to support students who may not have a current diagnosis but know they are struggling and need extra support. These are:

- Diagnostic assessments for Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia and Dyspraxia)
- ADHD screenings

Diagnostic assessments provide a full diagnosis of Dyslexia, Dyspraxia or both. ADHD screenings cannot diagnose ADHD, but they enable us to develop a support plan and assist with getting a referral for diagnosis from a GP.

For more information contact us at:
HESupport@southessex.ac.uk



Course List (A-Z)

Please find information about courses planned for 2027/28 at University Centre South Essex.

Some programmes are still undergoing validation or revalidation. For more detailed information please visit the website www.southessex.ac.uk/he

Course	Award	Validated by	UCAS code	Duration	Campus
Accounting and Finance	BSc (Hons)	UEA	N400	3 Years	Southend
Animation	BA (Hons)	UAL	W615	3 Years	Basildon
Applied Psychology**	BSc (Hons)	UEA	C810	3 Years	Southend
Applied Sport and Exercise Science	BSc (Hons)	UEA	C602	3 Years	Southend
Art and Design Foundation	Level 4	UAL		1 Year	Southend
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	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Online
Costume Construction	BA (Hons)	UAL	B5L2	3 Years	Thurrock/ HHPP
Counselling	BA (Hons)	UEA	B940	3 Years	Southend
Criminology & Forensic Investigation**	BSc (Hons)	UEA	LF64	3 Years	Southend
Digital Marketing*	BA (Hons)	UAL	W213	3 Years	Southend
Digital Technologies (Cybersecurity)	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Basildon
Digital Technologies (AI Pathway)	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Online
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
Engineering for England	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Thurrock
Graphic Design & Illustration	BA (Hons)	UAL	W210	3 Years	Southend

Hair & Makeup Design for Production	BA (Hons)	UAL	W450	3 Years	HHPP
Healthcare Professions Support for England	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Southend /Thurrock
Humanistic Counselling	HTQ	Aim		2 Years	Southend
Interior & Spatial Design	BA (Hons)	UAL	W250	3 Years	Southend
Leadership and Management for England	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Online
Modern Methods of Construction - Part Time	HTQ	Pearson		2 Years	Thurrock
Modern Methods of Construction - Full Time	HTQ	Pearson		1 Year	Thurrock
Performing Arts (Acting Pathway)	HND	Pearson	60197	2 Years	Southend
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	Pearson		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
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
Visual Effects	Level 4	Pearson		1 Year	Southend

Course Revalidation

Revalidation is the process through which an existing degree programme is reviewed and updated to ensure its content remains current, relevant and academically robust. This process may involve consultation with students, graduates, staff, industry professionals and representatives from the relevant awarding or validating body.

The timing and requirements for revalidation vary depending on the programme and the policies of the awarding or validating body. Where a course is undergoing revalidation for 2027 entry, any significant changes will be communicated to applicants before the start of their studies.

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 2027 academic year.

Our Alumni

A university education at UCSE is more than a qualification; it is a launchpad for a successful career. Our programmes equip you with the academic knowledge, adaptability, and practical skills needed to thrive in a changing professional landscape.

Through our community projects, specialised mentorship schemes, and supportive learning environments, our students develop the core employability attributes that employers value most: confidence, critical thinking, and industry-specific knowledge.

What Our Graduates Say:



"My time at UCSE helped me realise that I was capable of more than I sometimes believed."

Elona Qytyku

Early Years Care and Education BA (Hons)



"My time at University Centre South Essex gave me the freedom to develop my own creative voice and the confidence to turn an idea into a business."

Sylak Ravenspine

Graphic Design & Illustration BA (Hons)



"Studying counselling gave me so much more than just theory, it taught me communication, empathy, patience, resilience, and how to really understand people."

Caitlin Clark

Counselling BA (Hons)

Where Degrees Take You

From graduates tackling systemic social issues and driving community initiatives to creative practitioners and early years professionals, our alumni are making a tangible impact across Essex and beyond.

The journey to a successful career rarely follows a straight line. That is why our curriculum emphasises the importance of structured reflection, enabling you to build self-awareness and map out a professional future that aligns with your unique strengths and ambitions.



Mature Students:

Mature students are a valued part of the UCSE community, bringing life experience, professional insight, and diverse perspectives that enrich university life.

Read our inspiring student and alumni stories to discover the many pathways to success.

Discover Where Your Degree Can Take You

Scan the QR code to explore the latest edition of the UCSE Alumni Magazine and discover the inspiring paths of our graduates.



Open Events

Southend City College | 5pm–8pm

23 September 2026 | 14 January 2027

Southend City College | 5pm–7pm

10 March 2027

Thurrock College | 5pm–8pm

1 October 2026 | 21 January 2027

Thurrock College | 5pm–7pm

24 March 2027

Basildon College - Centre for Digital Technologies | 5pm–7pm

20 October 2026 | 2 February 2027 | 13 April 2027

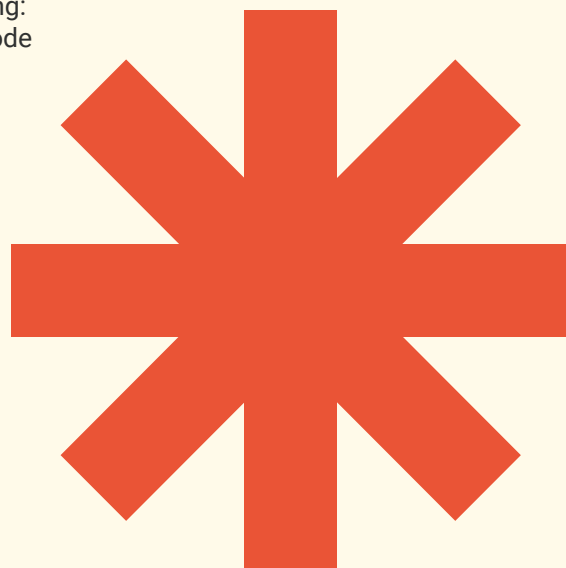
High House Production Park | 10am–12pm

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

28 November 2026

Dates may be added or changed throughout the year

Keep up to date with all our open events by visiting:
www.southessex.ac.uk/events or scan the QR code



Alternative formats

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"I would highly recommend UCSE, the tutors are **incredibly supportive** and always make time to help and the smaller class sizes create a more **personal and encouraging** learning environment."

