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# Your Degree Journey

A Guide to Studying for Your University  
Awarded Degree with Fife College

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# Pathways from College to a University degree

Are you at college and thinking about what to do next?

Are you currently thinking about continuing your studies at college or university?

Are you at school and thinking about study routes to gain a degree?

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- Show you how studying at college can lead to university
- Display articulation routes between colleges and universities in Fife, Edinburgh, Lothian, Borders, Stirling and Falkirk areas
- Demonstrate how you can progress from a SQA Higher National (HN) qualification to a degree without any loss of time
- Help you to choose a degree course which can be studied at your local college in first or second year
- Help you to choose a college course which leads on to a degree course at university that you can join in second or third year

Discover how to study for a degree locally  
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# TOP 7

## Reasons to choose the college route to a degree

- 1 An HNC is the same level as the first year of a university degree, and an HND is the same level as the second year. This means that you could progress straight to second or third year at university when you've completed your college course, if there is an agreed route. (Find out more on page 24)
- 2 Studying at college means you can get a recognised qualification after each year of study, with the option then to either keep studying and still get a degree in four years or move into employment and return to study at a later date with some qualifications already in the bag.
- 3 You could be working towards advanced entry on to your chosen degree (subject to appropriate passes on your HN course, and any other units required). This means that there is no need to repeat a year or re-learn the same things.
- 4 The smaller class sizes at college will allow you to develop your independent study and research skills in a supportive environment. Some courses also give you the opportunity to do a work placement as a part of the qualification, giving you real-life work experience while you study.
- 5 Completing the first two years of your degree locally in Fife means that you can keep living, study, and travel costs to a minimum.
- 6 Studying near home helps you manage personal commitments while you study.
- 7 Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible for a non-repayable bursary and, if not, you still have the option of taking out a student loan for financial support. You can find out more about funding your Higher Education study on the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) website: [saas.gov.uk](http://saas.gov.uk)

Have a look at page 24 to find out more about what routes may be available to you depending on your chosen HNC or HND.

Main development partners:



# Your Degree Journey



# Ways to study for a degree on your doorstep

If you are considering studying for a degree but are put off by the thought of moving to university, the cost of living away from home, or committing to four years of continuous study without the flexibility of finishing each year with a recognised qualification, then why not keep it local and start your studies at Fife College?

You don't have to go straight from school to university to study for a degree; college can be the ideal stepping stone for students of all ages to achieve their goal of completing a degree.

## Local

Studying locally at Fife College could be cheaper and more convenient than travelling or moving to university.

If you have already studied at college before, you'll be familiar with the college set up even if you change campus, and continuing your degree studies with us means that you can continue to work with the same lecturers.

Class sizes at college tend to be smaller than at university and provide a bit more personal support, helping you achieve your qualification and progress to your next step.

## Flexible

Choosing the college route to a degree means that you don't have to commit to four years of continuous study

You can take it a year at a time and gain a recognised qualification at the end of every year. That way, if a job opportunity comes along that's too good to pass up, you will already have a recognised qualification on your CV to go for it. By choosing college, you will have the opportunity to gain the same degree, from the same universities, in the same amount of time as others who choose to study their degree at university from year one.

## Affordable

Beginning your degree at college can be cheaper and more convenient than going straight to uni.

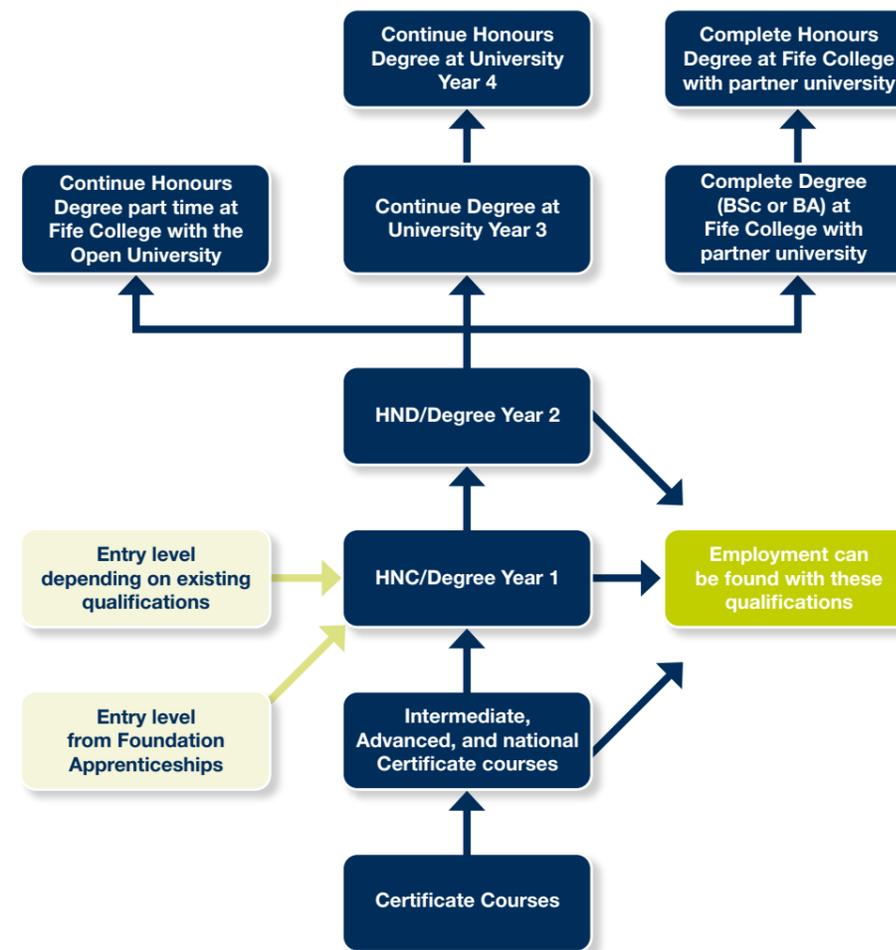
Not only could your study, living, and travel costs be lower studying at Fife College but, if you're planning to study part-time, you may also be eligible for a part-time fee grant towards the cost of your tuition fees.

## A space dedicated to degree study

We know that the spaces that you learn and study in are important.

Our University Hub in Dunfermline has been designed specifically to help you to feel comfortable and focused in your studies.

Students studying HNCs, HNDs, and degrees all make use of the Hub – it's like a mini university campus!



## Ways to study for a degree at Fife College:

- Start at school with a NC qualification or a Foundation Apprenticeship (find out more on page 12)
- Progress from a full-time HNC or HND course at college on to Year 2 or Year 3 of a degree course at university (turn to page 20 to find out more)
- Some degrees can be studied in full at Fife College (see page 13 for more information)
- Fit part-time study with the Open University (OU) around your work and family commitments (you can find out more about the OU on page 21)

## Did You Know?

You can study the first one or two years of your degree at Fife College before progressing to university to complete your degree.\*

\*subject to appropriate passes in the graded units at HN level, and any specific units required by the university



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# Your degree journey – the choice is yours!

With a number of different routes for you to follow to achieve your degree, it's important that you choose the one that suits you and your future career goals.

### But where do you begin?

The Fife College Career Coach is the ideal starting point, whether you are unsure which career is for you or just want to find out more about the sector you have always wanted to work in. It can help in three main ways:

- 1 Take a quick questionnaire to see which careers you are most suited for
- 2 Find out which courses at Fife College can help you get into your chosen career
- 3 Discover information about local job opportunities relating to your chosen course

Visit [www.fife.ac.uk/careercoach](http://www.fife.ac.uk/careercoach) and start your journey on your chosen degree path today!

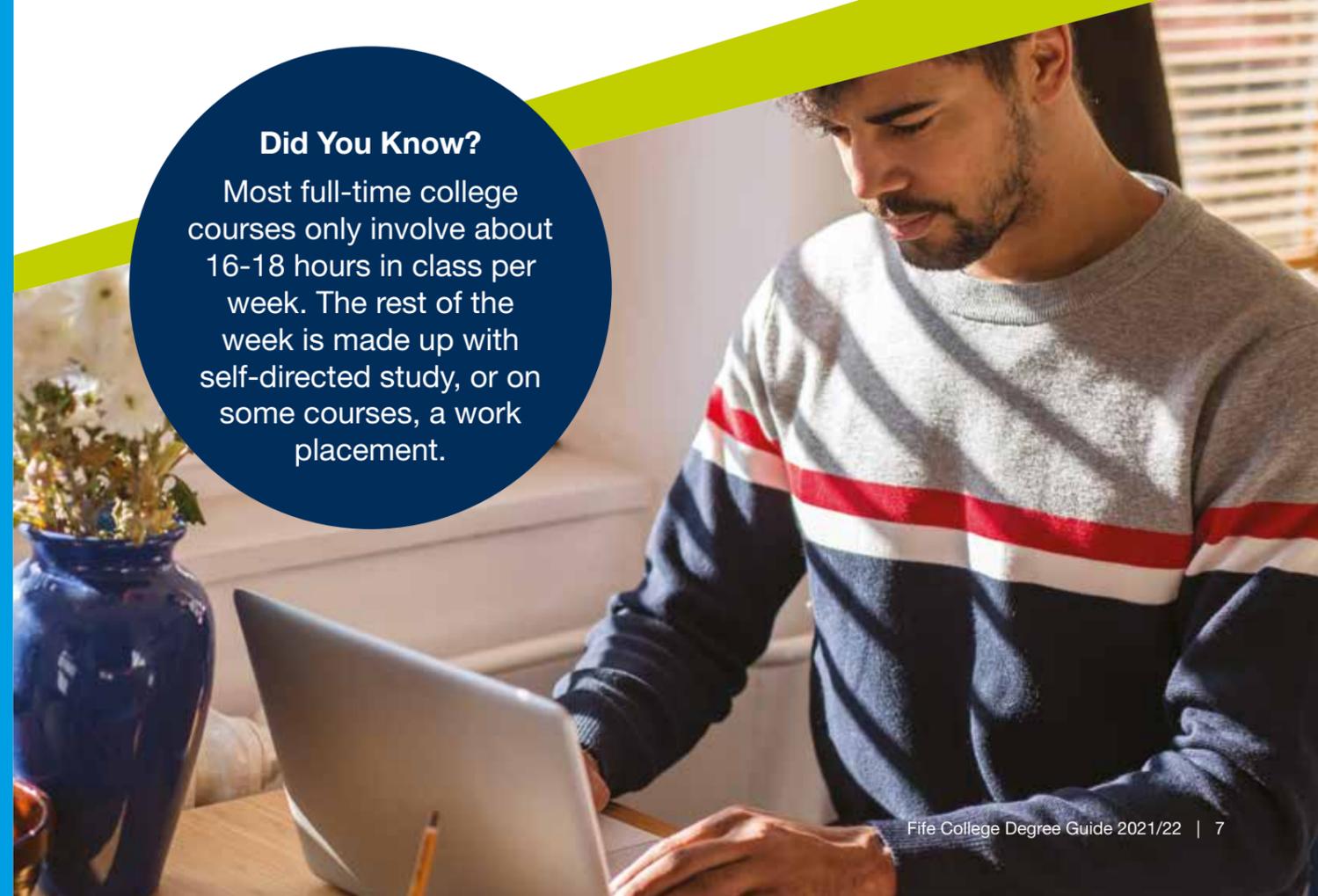
**It's important to take time to choose the course that best meets your future career goals and will help you to progress to the degree you want, even if you don't have the right qualifications yet.**

Whether you have Highers or not, getting a degree is still possible for you.

Fife College offers courses that can get you ready to study at degree level, as well as step-by-step progression routes to help you progress to a degree, whether you choose to stay at college or go on to university.

### Did You Know?

Most full-time college courses only involve about 16-18 hours in class per week. The rest of the week is made up with self-directed study, or on some courses, a work placement.



# An ancient university

*Open to all*



We have been opening doors for students for 525 years, now we can help you take your next step.

We're working in partnership with Fife College to create articulation pathways to make your journey to university straightforward and we'll be here to support you every step of the way.

For more information and a full list of our pathways check out our guide at [www.abdn.ac.uk/study/pathways](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/pathways)

Contact us on [study@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:study@abdn.ac.uk) or visit our website to chat with us [www.abdn.ac.uk/study/articulation](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/articulation)

## TURN YOUR HNC OR HND INTO A DEGREE AT ABERTAY UNIVERSITY.

Starting at college and finishing at university is a popular and successful path for many Fife students. At Abertay one-third of our students come to us from college. You can join them.

Check what degree you can study with your qualification. You're already partway there.

Science	
HNC Applied Sciences	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science BSc (Hons) Forensic Sciences
HNC Applied Sciences with Higher Psychology at Grade B	BSc (Hons) Psychology
HND Applied Sciences	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science
HND Applied Biological Sciences	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science

Fife College Qualification	Abertay Degree
<b>Business and Management</b>	
HNC/HND Accounting	BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance
HNC Administration and Information Technology	BA (Hons) Business Management BA (Hons) Business and HRM
HNC Business	BA (Hons) Business Management BA (Hons) Marketing and Business BA (Hons) Business and HRM
HND Business	BA (Hons) Business Management BA (Hons) Business and HRM

Computing	
HND Computer Games Development (with module H171 Software Development or F86A Games Development)	BSc (Hons) Computing
HND Computing: Software Development	BSc (Hons) Computing
HNC Cyber Security (with module J0HD Scripting for Security)	BSc (Hons) Ethical Hacking
HND Cyber Security (with modules J0HD Scripting for Security, AND either H171 Software Development OR J272J Computer Programming, AND HH3L Programming)	BSc (Hons) Ethical Hacking

Events and Hospitality	
HNC Events HNC Travel and Tourism	BA (Hons) Marketing and Business
HNC Professional Cookery	BSc (Hons) Food and Consumer Science BSc (Hons) Food Nutrition and Health

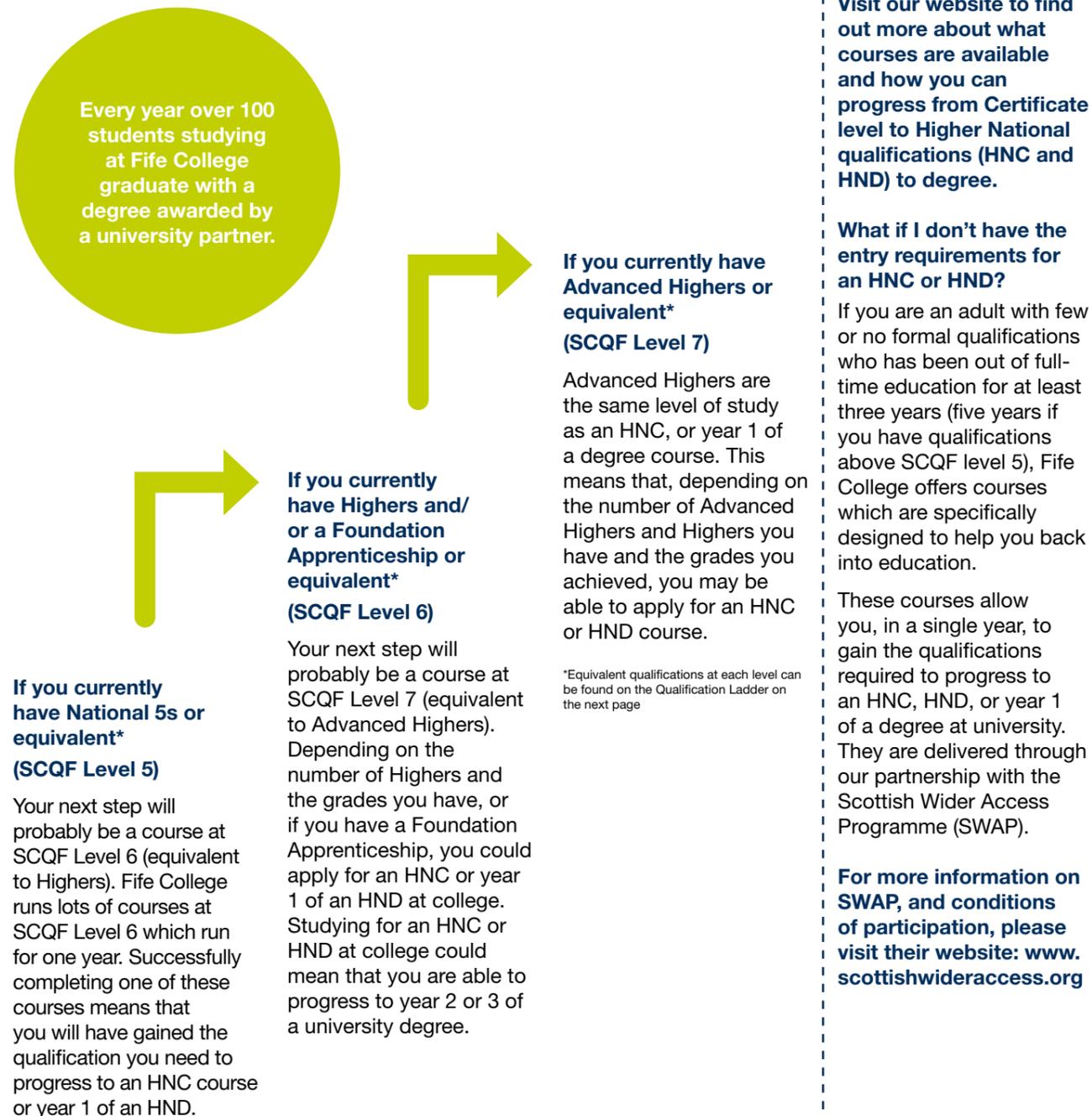
Care and Social Sciences	
HNC Care and Administrative Practice (with 675 hours of eligible practice signed off on the Scottish PAD)	BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing
HNC Childhood Practice	BA (Hons) Social Science
HNC Social Sciences	BA (Hons) Social Science BA (Hons) Sociology BA (Hons) Psychology BA (Hons) Criminology
HND Social Sciences	BA (Hons) Social Science BA (Hons) Sociology
HNC Social Services	BA (Hons) Social Science BA (Hons) Sociology
HNC Working with Communities	BA (Hons) Criminology BA (Hons) Social Science BA (Hons) Sociology
HNC Police Studies	BA (Hons) Criminology

Sport and Fitness	
HNC/HND Coaching and Developing Sport	BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise
HNC Fitness, Health and Exercise	BSc (Hons) Fitness, Nutrition and Health
HND Fitness, Health and Exercise	BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise

These HN courses have direct entry to the Abertay University degree on successful completion. HNC students start Abertay in year 2. HND students start in year 3.

# Qualifications: the stepping stones to your degree

So your end goal is to achieve a degree qualification, but how are you going to get there? Your first step is to think about the qualifications that you already have and those you hope to achieve.



## SCQF qualifications explained

### What is SCQF?

Because there are so many different types of qualifications, it's a good idea to be able to compare them all. That's where the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) can help. The SCQF has aligned all of Scotland's different qualifications to a universal level based on their difficulty.

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) covers qualifications gained at school, college, university, and in the workplace. It gives each qualification a level – the higher the number of the level, the more difficult the qualification is.

Use the Qualification Ladder to work out where you currently are and what steps you can take to get to where you want to be. The qualifications on each step show you the different pathways available.

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications	Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs
12		Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11		Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship SVQ 5
10		Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship
9		Bachelors/Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
8	Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher		Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ 3
5	National 5		Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 2
4	National 4	National Certificate	SVQ 1
3	National 3		
2	National 2		
1	National 1		

**For more information on the SCQF framework visit [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk)**



# Starting your degree at school

Fife College offers many routes to degree programmes by working in partnership with local schools to offer Higher National Qualifications to complement your studies in the classroom.

This means that you can study a college course as part of your timetable while you are still at school.

You can start your degree at school through Higher National Certificate courses which are offered through the School College Partnership and are equivalent to year 1 of a university degree.

## School College Partnership

You don't have to wait until you finish school to start thinking about what you want to do afterwards – you can kick start your future and get ahead by studying one of our fantastic School College Partnership Higher National courses.

All of our courses are designed to help you develop skills needed for both Higher Education and employment, and allow you to be an independent, self-motivated, and creative critical thinker.

In many cases, it means you can study on campus where you'll experience college life, learn new skills in our state-of-the-art facilities, and study a range of Higher National subjects such as Accounting, Administration, Business, Applied Science, 3D computer Animation or Police Studies.

All our courses are chosen to allow you to move on to a degree course either at Fife College or with one of our university partners so you get the skills you really need for your career.

To find out which courses are available at your school visit [fife.ac.uk/schools](http://fife.ac.uk/schools)

## Foundation Apprenticeship

A Foundation Apprenticeship (or FA as it is often referred to as) is a vocational qualification that provides the opportunity to develop new knowledge and skills in the classroom whilst also experiencing work-based learning in a local business or organisation.

The FA actually includes some elements of a Modern Apprenticeship (MA) and enables you to gain your FA qualification, work experience and work-based learning as part of your timetable whilst you are still at school!

There are currently up to 12 Foundation Apprenticeships on offer in Fife covering:

- Accountancy
- Business Skills
- Civil Engineering
- Creative and Digital Media
- Engineering
- Financial Services
- Food and Drink Technologies
- Information Technology: Hardware/System Support
- Information Technology: Software Development
- Scientific Technologies (Lab Skills)
- Social Services and Healthcare
- Social Services: Children and Young People



## CASE STUDY

**Kirsty Doyle - School Studying Skills for Work: Energy**

"I was always interested in girls working in energy because from a young age I always got the impression that only boys could do engineering – so being able to do it with a group of girls and even learn about women in engineering was really interesting.

On a Thursday afternoon, I would attend college instead of school which in itself was a big change. Especially because you're around older people in the College and learning in what seems to be a more mature environment.

At school, the engineering subjects tend to be male-dominated and it can be hard to concentrate in the school environment. It's been nice to come to college and study on campus.

When I was at college, it was a mix of practical and theoretical work, again so different to school. The assignments were based on things like oil and gas, renewable energies, insulation and soldering in the workshop – it was good to have this mix of theory and practical. There were also opportunities to go on class group trips to meet people in the Engineering industry.

After completing this course, I'm planning to stay on at school into 5th and 6th year. I'd really like to do a Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering. My overall ambition is become a firefighter."

# Progressing from college to university



# Partner Universities

## Did You Know?

Many universities endorse the college route and readily welcome students with appropriate qualifications from college.

## Did you know?

Articulation offers you the more affordable option of studying the first two years or all of your degree locally in Fife.

Fife College offers defined routes to degree programmes in partnership with a wide range of universities across Scotland and the UK. You will probably see this referred to as an Articulation Route.

An articulation route is a pathway between a full-time HN course such as an HNC or HND and a degree course, which has been formally agreed between the College and a university.

These routes are reviewed annually by each university and the College to make sure that the content of your HN course aligns to the content of the first year (or first two years) of your chosen degree to ensure a smooth transition to degree study.

If an articulation route is in place, it means that you can get direct entry into a degree; HNC to year 2 and HND to year 3.

This ensures that you can continue to move forward with your studies without repeating material and, if you continue to study in Scotland, you can finish your Ordinary degree in three years or Honours degree in four years, just as you would have done if you had gone straight to university.

Alternatively, you can opt to study elsewhere in the UK and get an Honours degree in three years – but course fees will apply.

But, if you'd rather continue to study for your degree locally, the College also offers a range of degree courses which are delivered entirely on Fife College campuses. See page 13 for more information.

## Glossary:

### Articulation Route:

A pathway between a full-time HN course at college (such as an HNC or HND) and a degree course at university, which has been formally agreed between the College and a partner university. (See page 24 for more information).

### Franchise or Validated Degree:

A university-awarded degree which can be completed in full at Fife College, without the need to leave college and go to university after your HND. (See page 16 for more information).

### Associate student programme:

A scheme offered by some of our partner universities, which would allow you to access certain benefits as an Associate Student of the university, while you are still studying for your HNC or HND at Fife College. (See page 12 for more information).

To find out more about degree courses at universities, you can plan a visit. An up-to-date calendar of university open days is available here: [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)

## Which universities work with Fife College?

Fife College has articulation agreements in place with the following universities:

- University of Aberdeen
- Abertay University
- Edinburgh Napier University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Heriot-Watt University
- University of the Highlands and Islands
- Queen Margaret University
- Robert Gordon University
- University of St Andrews
- University of Stirling
- University of Sunderland
- Teesside University
- University of the West of Scotland
- The Open University

We also work in partnership with the following universities:

- University of Cumbria
- University of Dundee

By working with these partner universities, we are able to continue to develop further articulation opportunities and ensure our offering remains relevant for our students. If you have any questions or want to find out more, please email [degrees@fife.ac.uk](mailto:degrees@fife.ac.uk)

## Support available from partner universities

Whilst you are studying on your HN course at Fife College you may have the opportunity to meet staff from several of our partner universities.

The university staff will offer you the chance to participate in workshops that will let you gain skills to help you with degree level study. These sessions

will either be built into your programme of study or offered as additional workshops; they will help to make your transition to university smoother by ensuring that you have the necessary skills to join a degree course in year 2 or 3.

Topics offered in these workshops vary year on year, but usually include themes such as: structuring your reports and essays, using and evaluating sources, academic and critical writing, oral presentations, ethical considerations, and exam preparation and revision.

Remember, many of the skills you pick up at these workshops may also be useful for your HN course, so take advantage of them when you can!

## Becoming an Associate Student

Some university courses also offer an Associate Student programme and you would sign up to this programme early on in your HN course. Becoming an Associate Student means that:

- you could be invited to attend some events and lectures at the associate university and get the chance to experience a university culture whilst studying at college
- you will have access to associate university library facilities
- summer school and work experience or placements may be available

There are slight differences in the schemes offered by universities and you will be given information about these programmes at the start of your HN course. You can then sign up to what is applicable to you and your HN course.

# Studying for your full degree at Fife College

Once you have successfully achieved your HND, we offer the option to continue and complete your degree with us. This is called a Franchise or Validated Degree.

This allows you to study for your full university-awarded degree at a Fife College campus without having to change institution. If you plan to study your degree with us after your HND, you will apply directly to Fife College.

The following franchise degree opportunities are currently available at Fife College, in partnership with Abertay University:

- BA Accounting with Finance
- BA (Hons) Accounting with Finance
- BA Business Management
- BA (Hons) Business Management
- BA Learning Difficulties/Disabilities

If you have successfully completed HND Social Sciences at Fife College you also have the option to study your third year on campus for the following Open University degree:

- BA (Hons) Social Sciences

We also offer a degree which is validated by Queen Margaret University.

- BA (Hons) Creative Enterprises

This degree allows progression from 10 different creative HNDs. Check out the website for more information.



## CASE STUDY

**Carol Hunter (OU Student )**  
Studying for a career in Social Sciences

After high school, I went straight on to university to do Primary Teaching but found it overwhelming and not for me, so I dropped out. I went on to work in accounts, I was settled, had kids, and got comfy in my nine to five job with no real ambition to do anything else. My Dad knew I could do much more with my life, and before he died in 2014 he encouraged me to go to College, to get some qualifications under my belt and learn something that I enjoyed. I had always felt that I had let my family down by dropping out of university and that they were disappointed in me, so now was the time to help others with care experiences through my own.

I followed my dad's advice and went back to college to do an HNC in Social Care to get used to learning again as a mature student and I then went on to do HND: Social Science. I progressed on to a degree in Social Sciences with the Open University and I am so proud to have successfully achieved a First-class Honours degree. I have since continued my studies, I enrolled onto the MA Crime & Justice last year and begin my final year of studies this October.

In my extra time away from studying I was President of Fife College's Student Association, which ended this summer and I have now started as a Guidance Adviser in the Dunfermline campus. I have also completed training with Children's Hearing Scotland to now serve voluntarily on the children's panel.

I'm one of many people for whom the traditional university route didn't work and the OU has made so much possible for me.

# BA (Hons) Creative Enterprise

**NEW  
for 2020!**

**We have developed in partnership with Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, a new degree for students who have successfully completed a Creative HND Award at Fife College.**

The new BA (Hons) Creative Enterprise will equip students with the practical skills and expertise they need to transform their creative passion and talent into a sustainable freelance career.

Drawing on the success of creative 'hubs' and 'incubators', the two-year multi-disciplinary programme will be open to those who have successfully completed an HND in a range of creative industries subjects, including Jewellery, Photography, Interior Design and Computer Animation. Students will continue to develop their creative practice under the guidance of a mentor while undertaking modules that explore finance, marketing, design thinking, project management, and social enterprise.

From day one, students will be encouraged to start developing their business and each module has been designed to support them in creating a business model that will work. As such, in the final year, students will also create a fully developed business plan rather than a dissertation for their honours project.





# REALISE YOUR POTENTIAL

Hundreds of college students graduate from Heriot-Watt University – why not be one of them? We have graduates in everything from Textiles to Engineering, Biological Sciences to Quantity Surveying, including advanced entry into subjects across the university. Check out the advanced entry listings in this guide for more details.

We work with students from a range of different college courses, including:

- SWAP ACCESS COURSES
- HNC / HND COURSES
- GRADUATE APPRENTICESHIPS
- FOUNDATION ART COURSES

There is a range of support on offer including access bursaries and childcare funds, and our dedicated 'Get Ready for Success' course to help you make the transition between college and university.

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1st in Scotland for Graduate Salaries six months after graduation

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95% of our graduates are in employment or further study six months after graduating

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# Flexible routes to a degree in one year

**If you are in employment or self-employed and have completed an HND or have relevant work experience then this could be the course for you!**

Edinburgh Napier University's BA in Business and Enterprise offers an innovative way to achieve a degree within one calendar year.

The BA in Business and Enterprise has no traditional exams and instead aims to apply your learning. The course involves a combination of assessments, workshops, and independent study. Assessments are practical and applied, including reports around work roles, work-based assignments, presentations, and case studies.

The BA Business and Enterprise differs from other degrees by:

- > recognising different entry qualifications - any SQA HND
- > introducing a new study pattern of one day per month at university with online support

By delivering the majority of this course online, with one day a month attendance at Edinburgh Napier – or new for 2020/21 attend the course at the Fife College University Hub - you have the chance to make a real difference in your career with a minimum of disruption to your work and personal life.

Throughout the course, you'll have access to experienced teaching staff, many of whom are practitioners in the industry, to assist you in your studies.

If you're a serving member of the British Armed Forces (or you've recently left), then you may be eligible to use Enhanced Learning Credits (ELCs) to pay for your studies. More information can be found at the link below:

[www.enhancedlearningcredits.com/contact-us](http://www.enhancedlearningcredits.com/contact-us)

Applications are now open at either the Craiglockhart campus or the Fife College University Hub.

Please email the email address below and we will be happy to provide further information on this course at either Campus.

[tbscommercial@napier.ac.uk](mailto:tbscommercial@napier.ac.uk)

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# TURN YOUR HNC/HND INTO A DEGREE STUDY FOR FREE

Transfer credit from your college qualification and complete a degree more quickly. A part time fee grant could fund your qualification if you earn less than £25K.

**YOUR AMBITION. OUR MISSION.**



**FIND OUT MORE**

**Visit** [www.open.ac.uk/courses/college-routes/](http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/college-routes/)

## The Open University

### Building on your HN with The Open University (OU)

Studying part-time with The Open University using their unique open learning method provides flexibility in a supported learning environment.

A BA or BSc degree with the OU could offer progression from your current HNC or HND, while also providing a flexible way for you to fit learning around your life or work commitments.

OU courses are offered at different levels (Levels 1, 2 and 3), and are mapped to the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF), just like qualifications from school, college or university. An HNC is the equivalent to OU study at Level 1, and an HND encompasses both Level 1 and Level 2 study. Level 3 study at The OU is Honours Degree Level.

### Transferring credit from your HNC, HND or SVQ qualification

Depending on what you have studied already, you may be able to transfer credit from your previous studies and begin studying for a degree with The OU at OU Level 2 or 3.

You can use your existing qualifications to transfer credit and reduce the time it will take you to get a degree with the OU.\* To qualify for a degree, you need to accumulate a minimum number of relevant credits. For a degree with Honours, you need at least 360 credits. You can use your HNC, HND or eligible SVQ as credits towards the requirements of your chosen OU degree. For example, an HND can be worth up to 240 credits to transfer across to an OU degree.

For more information on how you can use your current qualifications towards an OU degree, and how the credit transfer system works, visit: [www.open.ac.uk/courses/college-routes](http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/college-routes)

\*Please note, only HN units at SCQF Levels 7 and 8 are eligible for credit transfer to an OU degree.



# CREATIVE COURSES CREATIVE CAREERS

**TURN YOUR HND INTO A CAREER YOU'LL LOVE**

Work on award-winning community radio, practise in industry standard TV Studios, perform musical theatre to hundreds and get designs on your future.

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PROMOTION**

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**CREATIVES**

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## Financing your degree

### Studying in England

If you decide to study all or part of your degree in England then you will need to consider the costs.

Each year of study will attract course fees and these are generally £9250 per year. How you pay these fees are up to you but, unlike in Scotland, your fees will not be paid for you so you will need to find a way to pay them. The university will probably require the fees to be paid at the start of the course so you need to plan ahead.

### Options for paying fees

If you have sufficient funds available, then you can just pay the fees to the university when they request them and you do not need to worry about the rest of the information on this page.

If you do not have sufficient funds available, then you can apply to Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) for a Fee Grant Loan for either part of or all of the fees.

- This loan is NOT MEANS TESTED so it is available to everyone irrespective of household income.
- This is a LOAN and you will need to repay it once you start working (more about this later).

If you are looking at SAAS information, all loans in Scotland fall under the Plan 1 conditions.

### Repaying a student loan

Once you start your first job with a salary over the threshold you will start repaying your loan.

The payments are taken directly out of your salary by your employer so you do not need to remember to make payments or to adjust amounts if you get a pay rise, this all happens automatically.

For up-to-date examples of loan repayment costs go to [www.student-loan-calculator.co.uk](http://www.student-loan-calculator.co.uk)

### Cost of living loan

You can also apply for a cost of living loan from SAAS in addition to the Fee Grant Loan.

The rules for the cost of living loan are exactly the same as if you were studying in Scotland and all loans taken out will be combined into one debt and paid off together.

For more information check the SAAS website, [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)

### Other things you might need to know

- Your student loan will have no effect on your credit score.
- It may be helpful to think of student loans in the UK as a graduate tax. For most people that tax will last 20+ years. You will pay a percentage of your income, just like a tax, and you will not be obliged to make monthly repayments like you would with a regular commercial loan.
- You can create an account on the Student Loans Company website which will display your remaining debt and annual payments.
- You should also receive an annual letter to your registered address detailing how much you paid, how much interest was incurred and your remaining balance for that tax year.
- If you plan on repaying your student loan in full and you want to accumulate as little interest as possible, you can manually make payments using your credit or debit card on the Student Loans Company website's repayment section. But remember, any remaining debt will be written off after 35 years.

SAAS is open for applications from mid-April for the coming year so **APPLY EARLY** and get confirmation that you have the fees covered, if possible **BEFORE** you accept.





> <b>HND Visual Communication</b>	
BA (Hons) Creative Enterprise (Queen Margaret University)	FC
BSc (Hons) Digital Design Graphics	GCU
BA (Hons) Communication & Design	RGU
BSc (Hons) Digital Media: Design, Production and Development	RGU
BA (Hons) New Media Art	UWS

## Engineering Technologies

> <b>HNC Electrical Engineering</b>	
BEng (Hons) Electronic and Electrical Engineering	ENU
MEng/BEng (Hons) Electrical Power Engineering	GCU

> <b>HND Electrical Engineering</b>	
BEng Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)	UAbd
BEng (Hons) Electronic and Electrical Engineering	ENU
MEng/BEng (Hons) Electrical Power Engineering	GCU
MEng/BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering	GCU
BEng (Hons) Electronic and Electrical Engineering	UHI
BEng (Hons) Engineering Management	UWS

> <b>HNC Engineering Systems</b>	
BEng (Hons) Energy and Environmental Engineering	ENU

> <b>HNC Mechanical Engineering</b>	
BEng Engineering (Civil)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Civil and Environmental)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Civil and Structural)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Mechanical)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)	UAbd
BEng Mechanical with Oil and Gas Studies	UAbd
BEng (Hons) Energy and Environmental Engineering	ENU
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	ENU
MEng/BEng (Hons) Computer Aided Mechanical Engineering	GCU
MEng/BEng (Hons) Mechanical Systems Engineering	GCU
BEng (Hons) Building Services Engineering	GCU
BEng (Hons) Aircraft Engineering	UWS
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	UWS

> <b>HND Mechanical Engineering</b>	
BEng Engineering (Civil)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Civil and Environmental)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Civil and Structural)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Mechanical)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical)	UAbd
BEng Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)	UAbd
BEng Mechanical with Oil and Gas Studies	UAbd
BEng (Hons) Energy and Environmental Engineering	ENU
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	ENU
MEng/BEng (Hons) Computer Aided Mechanical Engineering	GCU
MEng/BEng (Hons) Mechanical Systems Engineering	GCU
BEng (Hons) Building Services Engineering	GCU

BEng Tech (Hons) Petroleum and Gas Engineering (Top-up)	TU
BEng (Hons) Aircraft Engineering	UWS
BEng (Hons) Computer Aided Design	UWS
BEng (Hons) Engineering Management	UWS
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	UWS

## Legal and Police Studies

> <b>HNC Legal Services</b>	
BA (Hons) Law	UWS

> <b>HND Legal Services</b>	
BA (Hons) Risk Management	GCU
BA (Hons) Law & Management	RGU
BA (Hons) Law	UWS

> <b>HNC Police Studies</b>	
BA (Hons) Criminology	AbyU
BA (Hons) Criminal Justice	UWS

## Science

> <b>HND Applied Biological Sciences</b>	
BSc (Hons) Biochemistry	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Biological Science	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Biotechnology (Applied Molecular Biology)	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Genetics	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Genetics (Immunology)	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Human Embryology and Developmental Biology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Immunology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Immunology and Pharmacology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Microbiology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Molecular Biology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Pharmacology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Physiology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science	AbyU
BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences	ENU
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences	ENU
BSc (Hons) Biological Science (Cell & Molecular Biology)	HWU
BSc (Hons) Biological Science (Human Health)	HWU
BSc (Hons) Biological Science (Microbiology)	HWU
BSc (Hons) Marine Biology	HWU
BSc (Hons) Applied Pharmacology	QMU
BSc (Hons) Nutrition	QMU
BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience	RGU
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science	RGU
BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience	UWS
BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience and Zoology	UWS
BSc (Hons) Applied Science with Forensic Investigations	UWS
BSc (Hons) Environmental Science	UWS

> <b>HNC Applied Sciences</b>	
BSc (Hons) Biochemistry	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Biotechnology (Applied Molecular Biology)	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Genetics	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Genetics (Immunology)	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Human Embryology and Developmental Biology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Immunology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Immunology and Pharmacology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Molecular Biology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Pharmacology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Physiology	UAbd
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science	AbyU
BSc (Hons) Forensic Sciences	AbyU
BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences	ENU
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences	ENU
BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences	HWU
BSc (Hons) Biological Science (Cell & Molecular Biology)	HWU
BSc (Hons) Biological Science (Human Health)	HWU
BSc (Hons) Biological Science (Microbiology)	HWU
BSc (Hons) Marine Biology	HWU
BSc (Hons) Nutrition	QMU
BSc (Hons) Applied Forensic and Analytical Science	RGU
BSc General Degree	UStA
BSc (Hons) Bioscience	UHI
BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical science	UWS
BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience	UWS
BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience with Zoology	UWS
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science	UWS
BSc (Hons) Applied Science with Forensic Investigation	UWS

> <b>HNC Applied Sciences (Biology)</b>	
BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience	RGU
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science	RGU

> <b>HNC Applied Sciences (Chemistry)</b>	
BSc (Hons) Chemistry	UAbd

## Sport and Fitness

> <b>HNC Coaching and Developing Sport</b>	
BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise	AbyU
BSc (Hons) Sport, Fitness and Coaching (Coaching pathway)	OU
BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching	UWS
BA (Hons) Sport Coaching and Development	UWS
BSc (Hons) Sport Development	UWS

> <b>HND Coaching and Developing Sport</b>	
BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise	AbyU
BSc (Hons) Sports and Exercise Science	RGU
BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching	RGU
BA (Hons) Sports Management	UHI
BSc (Hons) Sport and Fitness	UHI
BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching	UWS
BA (Hons) Sport Coaching and Development	UWS
BSc (Hons) Sport Development	UWS

> <b>HNC Fitness, Health and Exercise</b>	
BSc (Hons) Fitness, Nutrition and Health	AbyU
BSc (Hons) Sport, Fitness and Coaching (Exercise pathway)	OU
BSc(Hons) Sport Coaching	UWS
BA (Hons) Sport Coaching and Development	UWS
BSc(Hons) Sport Development	UWS

> <b>HND Fitness, Health and Exercise</b>	
BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise	AbyU
BSc (Hons) Sport, Fitness and Coaching (Exercise pathway)	OU
BSc (Hons) Physical Activity, Health and Wellbeing	QMU
BSc (Hons) Sports and Exercise Science	RGU
BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching	RGU
BA (Hons) Sports Management	UHI
BSc (Hons) Sport and Fitness	UHI
BSc(Hons) Sport and Exercise Science	UWS
BSc(Hons) Sport Coaching	UWS
BA (Hons) Sport Coaching and Development	UWS
BSc(Hons) Sport Development	UWS

## Tourism, Events and Culinary Arts

> <b>HND Events Management</b>	
BA (Hons) Business Management (Abertay University)	FC
BA (Hons) International Tourism and Events Management	GCU
BA (Hons) Business Management	GCU
BA (Hons) Events and Festival Management	QMU
BA (Hons) Events Management	RGU
BA (Hons) Business	UWS
BA (Hons) Events Management	UWS
BA (Hons) Tourism Management	UWS

> <b>HNC Professional Cookery</b>	
BSc (Hons) Food & Consumer Science	AbyU
BSc (Hons) Food, Nutrition & Health	AbyU
BA (Hons) Food, Nutrition and Textile Education	UHI

> <b>HND Travel and Tourism</b>	
BA (Hons) International Tourism and Events Management	GCU
BA (Hons) Business Management	GCU
BA(Hons) International Hospitality Tourism Management	QMU
BA(Hons) International Tourism Management (Taught route)	RGU
BA (Hons) Business	UWS
BA (Hons) Events Management	UWS
BA (Hons) Tourism Management	UWS

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## Remember

If you want to continue to study to degree level at university after finishing your HNC or HND, you have to apply online at [www.UCAS.com](http://www.UCAS.com)

Our Guidance team run UCAS workshops to help you make sure you have everything covered. Contact [guidance@fife.ac.uk](mailto:guidance@fife.ac.uk) for more information

Please note that although all routes in this guide are correct at the time of print, they are subject to review and/or change.

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Still have questions?

Have a look at our FAQs below or get in touch at [degrees@fife.ac.uk](mailto:degrees@fife.ac.uk)

### Does taking the college route give me a guaranteed place at university?

No, getting a place at university is still down to you, but we will support you every step of the way.

Studying an HN course at college does not guarantee you a place on any of the courses listed here. The progression options are an indication that the university recognises that the content of your HN course gives you the necessary pre-requisites to enter the degree course with advanced standing – i.e. year 2 or year 3.

Entry to university is competitive and, in most cases, any offer made to students coming from college will be conditional. This is usually related to the grades you need to obtain in the graded units on your HN course.

In other cases, specific units may need to have been passed, or a portfolio/interview may be required. Please ask for more information so that you are aware of all requirements before you start your HN course.

### Does an HN qualification get me into every course at every university?

No, but the routes in this guide will give you full credit for your HN qualification and will allow you to still potentially achieve an Honours degree in four years. Please be sure to check before you commit to an HN course.

There are other degree courses at universities which may offer entry with an HN qualification BUT, on these courses, you may only be offered entry to year 1 with an HNC, or year 2 with an HND. This is particularly important if you wish to go to university after having studied an HND, as you may not have sufficient funding available to cover the fees for the whole degree.

Some universities only offer year 1 entry with an HNC or HND and may also require specific Highers in addition to your HN qualification, so you may not be able to rely on your HN qualification alone. Information can be found on individual university websites or by contacting the universities directly.

### What if I change my mind and want to study a different degree after my HND?

You do not have to progress to one of the degree courses specified in the agreement, but if you apply for a non-articulating course then you will need to have all the entry requirements as specified in the university's prospectus – and your application will be considered along with all others received by the university.

You may also only be able to enter the degree course in year 1 with an HNC or HND, or year 2 with an HND. This is an important point to bear in mind as, if you have studied for an HND, you may not have enough funding left to cover the fees for all the years needed for you to complete your degree.

We can help you make sure that you receive the support you need to make the right decision for your future and select the right degree course for your chosen career. Just make an appointment to speak to us; contact [degrees@fife.ac.uk](mailto:degrees@fife.ac.uk)

You can find out more about funding Higher Education study on the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) website: [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)

Some universities now require a minimum of National 5 Maths and English (or their equivalents at SCQF Level 5) as well as any other qualifications, so make sure you check that you have all the entry requirements for the university and course you are hoping to join.



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