



Schools VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

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Welcome to West College Scotland's Schools Vocational Programme; we are delighted that you are considering coming to study at our College.

If you are unsure of what you want to do when you leave school, then read on...

The courses we offer are ideal if you want to explore subjects and possible career choices which you may not have had the opportunity to study at school. Our courses are designed to

give you a whole new learning experience which is different from your school learning. We aim to help you develop new skills relevant to future employment in the wider world and to give you the opportunity to progress to further or higher education, so that you achieve your ambitions.

We look forward to welcoming you to West College Scotland.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona McKenzie". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Fiona McKenzie

Head of Communities

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SKILLS FOR WORK

EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

Course Outline

You will study a National 5 level programme that will allow you to further develop your knowledge and understanding of child development and children's health, how to care for and feed children, the importance of play in children's development.

You will also be given an opportunity to visit a nursery setting in order to gain some practical experience of working with children. This will be a supervised session/s therefore negating the need for a PVG check.

Entry Level Recommended

Students should have achieved credit at level 4 and be working on some level 5 subjects and above at the same time as studying this course.

Course Content

This course is a group award consisting of four units at National 5 level. It covers a broad range of issues in the following units:

- HC3C 45 Development and Wellbeing of Children and Young People
- HX1R 75 Play in Early Learning and Childcare

- HX1V 75 Working in Early Learning and Childcare
- HX1J 75 Care and Feeding of Children and Young People

Please note no placements are offered on this course.

Progression

This course can prepare you for work in the areas of employment that deal with care in the environment e.g. if you complete this course successfully and would like to undertake further study, you can apply for:

- NC Early Education and Childcare
- NC Child Health and Social Care
- NC Social Care

Interview

You will be interviewed for this course and this will involve:

- A welcome and introduction from Head of Sector
- A written exercise - short paragraph answers to three questions
- A personal interview

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Your written response and personal presentation will be graded to establish your suitability for the course.



SKILLS FOR WORK CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

Course Outline

Jobs in the construction industry are ever in demand. If you are interested in securing one, you should try this introductory course. It is an ideal starting point for you to explore each of the main trade areas. This is a very practical course; students will work in a variety of workshops producing products and models that are accepted as being completed to industry standards.

Entry Level Recommended

Must be working towards NAT 4 Maths.

Course Content

- Unit DM7C 11: Employability Skills
- Unit DXOL 11: Half Brickwork
- Unit DXOR 11: Decorative Painting
- Unit DXOJ 11: Site Carpentry Bench Joinery

Progression

Following successful completion of the course you will be eligible to apply for full time college courses:

- NPA - Pre-Apprenticeship
- Apprenticeships with: Construction skills.
- Intermediate Electrical
 - NC Renewable Energy
 - NC Built Environment

Interview

You will be interviewed for this course by a member of the construction team. A presentation will be given about the course and there will be a multiple choice paper on Health and Safety.

The way you present yourself on the day and your written responses will be graded to gauge your suitability for the course.

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HNC ENGINEERING

Course Outline

If you study this course you will gain an excellent blend of mechanical and electrical engineering skills and the necessary knowledge to enter employment at technician level or alternatively progress onto further study. This combination of theoretical knowledge with practical skills will enhance the learning process. The course is biased towards the Energy sector; however, this qualification has allowed past students to compete for jobs within a number of different industries, such as: Energy, manufacturing, design and maintenance.

Entry Level Recommended

- ▶ **One Higher (or equivalent - minimum Grade C) in Maths, Physics and one other Higher in relevant area**
- ▶ **or two Intermediate 2/ National 5 (minimum Grade B) in Maths, Physics**
- ▶ **or a completed NC Engineering Systems**
- ▶ **or NC Electrical Engineering**
- ▶ **or NC Mechanical Engineering with Maths Craft 1 & 2**

If you do not have the required entry qualifications but have relevant experience, you will be considered on an individual basis (Ex. young engineering club).

Course Content

Possible breakdown of units include:

Mandatory Units:

- ▶ **Unit DV9R 34: Principles of Engineering Systems**
- ▶ **Unit DV9P 34: Engineering Measurement & System Monitoring**
- ▶ **Unit DV9N 34: Engineering Communication**
- ▶ **Unit H7MB 34: Communication Practical Skills**
- ▶ **Unit H7K0 33: Maths for Engineering 1**
- ▶ **Unit H246 34: Graded unit Examination**

Optional Units may include:

- ▶ **Unit DR1W 34: Engineering Drawing**
- ▶ **Unit DR1X 34: CAD**
- ▶ **Unit H0ET 33: Mechanical Fitting, electrical installation and electronics**
- ▶ **Unit F1Y: Renewables and Dynamics**

Progression

If you successfully complete this course you may gain direct entry onto 2nd year HND Engineering Systems. Entry into University Engineering Degree programmes, these include: BEng Mechanical Engineering, BEng Electrical Engineering

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You must be able to commit to 4 half days

Time

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Interview

You will be interviewed for this course, and you will be expected to provide evidence of past qualifications. You will also be expected to, answer a series of technical questions, explain why you wish to have a career in Engineering

PERFORMING ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

Course Outline

This qualification covers the fundamental skills and knowledge common to all engineering and manufacturing practises including health and safety requirements and communicating engineering information. The qualification is comprised of 3 Mandatory units and 2 Optional Units (from a large selection of 32.) The 2 practical units are there to substantially improve the practical skills of the student, by manufacturing a number of different items from a series of engineering drawing to within a given tolerance.

Entry Level Recommended

Must be working on National 5 subjects:

- Have a keen interest in engineering
- Be a good communicator
- Be a team player
- Be prepared to commit to the course

Course Content

Mandatory Units:

- Unit FROR 04: Working Safely in an Engineering Environment**
- Unit FROT 04: Working Efficiently and Effectively in Engineering**
- Unit FROV 04: Using and Communicating Technical Information**

Optional Units:

2 units from a selection of 32 to be decided by the department

Progression

Full time Pre-Apprentice college course.

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

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CAR MECHANICS SQA GROUP AWARD

Course Outline

This course will allow you to gain experience in the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry.

You will gain experience working on real cars and rigs in a workshop environment.

Continual assessment will take place throughout the course, to make sure your skills are being fully developed. This course will increase your chance of employment in vehicle repair industry.

Entry Level Recommended

Must be working towards 3 National 5 subjects.

Course Content

The qualification is broken into 4 SQA units. Each unit has its own assessments and tasks to be completed to show competence.

- Unit F8MW 10: The Garage
- Unit F8MY 10: The Technician
- Unit F8MX 10: The Car
- Unit F8NU 10: Vehicle Modifications

Progression

This course will allow a taste of what to expect in the vehicle repair industry. It will give knowledge which could assist in getting a Modern Apprentice position within a garage or alternatively will help with a full time place on a further education course.

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course, which will involve answering a few short questions.

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BEGIN HAIRDRESSING

Course Outline

If you are interested in a career in Hairdressing, why not explore all the possibilities in our fantastic salons. The main aim of the course is to provide you with the opportunity to undertake a course in the theoretical and practical skills involved in hairdressing. All units contained within the course contain written work in the formation of a portfolio of evidence.

Entry Level Recommended

You must have a keen interest in learning about hairdressing and be prepared to observe skills being demonstrated and then to practice for as long as it takes to become competent.

Course Content

- Unit DXOM 10: Hairdressing: Salon Awareness
- Unit DXON 10: Hairdressing: Working in the Salon

- Unit DXOP 10: Hairdressing: Creativity
- Unit DXOK 10: Hairdressing: Employability Skills

Progression

Opportunity to progress onto Begin Hairdressing full time course, or seek to work as a salon assistant within the industry.

Interview

You will be interviewed for this course and this will involve: Group presentation about the course and content question paper about your interests in the hairdressing industry.

Personal one to one interviews your written responses and personal presentation will be graded to gauge your suitability for the course.

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BEGIN BEAUTY

(NPA COSMETOLOGY FRAMEWORK)

Course Outline

This course is an introduction to beauty therapy, covering both practical and theoretical elements. Particular emphasis is placed on the practical abilities of the student's work, with an essential aspect of the course involving participating in a realistic working environment.

Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements.

Course Content

NPA in Cosmetology 4 credits

- Unit FOFE 10: Beauty practical skills- Facials and Nail Therapy
- Unit FOF6 10: Product awareness
- Unit FOF8 10: Career option & choices
- Unit FOFD 10: Health & Safety
- Unit FOF9 10: Prepare and assist in the workplace environment
- Unit DJ3W 10: Working with customers & colleagues

Progression

You could progress onto Beauty Care Level 5. Students leaving after one year can gain employment as a salon assistant.

Interview

All students will be interviewed for this course: This may involve answering a few questions One-one personal interview.

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BEGIN MAKE UP ARTISTRY

(NPA COSMETOLOGY FRAMEWORK)

Course Outline

National Progression Award in cosmetology consists of 4 credits. Students will work on units such as make-up artistry, practical skills, product awareness, career options and choices, health and safety, prepare and assist in the workplace environment as well as working with customers and colleagues. This course gives pupils an opportunity to apply to NC Make-up full time courses in the future. A degree of written work is part of all units within this course.

Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements.

Course Content

- Unit FOFB 10: Make-up Artistry - Practical Skills
- Unit FOF6 10: Product awareness
- Unit FOF8 10: Career option & choices
- Unit FOFD 10: Health & Safety
- Unit FOF9 10: Prepare and assist in the workplace environment
- Unit DJ3W 10: Working with customers & colleagues

Progression

On completion of this course there is the opportunity to apply for the full time NC Make-up Course SCQF Level 6.

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

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NPA IN CYBER SECURITY

Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity for you to develop your knowledge and skills in data security, digital forensics and ethical hacking. These awards are designed to raise awareness of cyber security and to enable learners to improve their cyber hygiene enabling them to identify security weakness safely, legally and ethically. Cyber Security is an intensive course and will require you to be self-motivated, enthusiastic and prepared to study out with college sessions.

Entry Level Recommended

You should preferably have a National 5 in Mathematics and/or Computer Science and a basic knowledge of IT systems.

Course Content

- Unit H9E2: Data Security
- Unit H9J0: Digital Forensics
- Unit H9HY: Ethical Hacking

There will be a variety of assessment types to test your knowledge and skills in this area.

Progression

Successful completion of these units would enable you to progress onto the National Certificate (NC) in Computing – Technical Support with Cyber Security or Digital Media Computing. If you have Higher Mathematics or Higher Computing Science, then progression to the Higher National Certificate (HNC) in HNC Computing: Technical Support with Cyber Security or HNC Computing: Software would be possible.

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

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SOCIAL MEDIA AND ANIMATION

Course Outline

Social Media is everywhere and is used to interact and promote a wide range of hobbies, interests, sports, arts, business and general communication on a daily basis, worldwide

This course will help you to create animations to promote your area of interest through inclusion within a social media context

You will look at social media platforms, social media tools, social media methodologies and social media etiquette, whilst creating your own social media platform. You will learn about the basics of animation through use of animation software and how this can be used to maximise the effect of promoting your social media platform.

Entry Level Recommended

📌 National 5

Course Content

- 📌 Unit F1KB11: Animation Fundamentals
- 📌 Unit F5CN11: Art & Design Project
- 📌 Unit F18011: Interactive Multimedia for Web Development
- 📌 Unit Research: Research

Progression

Through this course, you may be eligible to progress onto NC Media and/or NC Graphics.

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

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HIGHER DANCE

Course Outline

This is the perfect course for you if you have an interest in working with others and enhancing your knowledge and understanding of choreography to create new and exciting dance work. You will participate in a variety of dance styles and learn, with others, how the fundamentals are used in the creative process of choreography (dance styles include Jazz and Contemporary). A basic understanding of Jazz, Contemporary or Ballet is beneficial but not essential for this course and you will be expected to display a commitment to engaging in new ways of working within dance.

As you will be working with others, especially in choreographic pieces, full attendance on this course is expected. You will be given support throughout the course to plan, develop and evaluate your performance and will be kept fully informed of your progress. During this course you will have the opportunity to attend theatre trips and workshops such as the Scottish Ballet Highers' day.

Entry Level Recommended

You must have a reference.

Course Content

- Unit H22S76: Dance: Choreography
- Unit H22R76: Dance: Technical Skills
- Unit X7187: Dance

Progression

If you complete Higher Dance successfully, you may apply for NC Dance and/or then HND Dance Artists. You may then also progress onto a Degree course at University. Previous students, from West College Scotland, have continued their studies to Degree Level at Urdang, Laines, Bird College, London Studio Centres, The Scottish School of Contemporary Dance, The Northern School of Contemporary Dance and at Newcastle and Sunderland Universities.

Interview

Entry is by audition and interview only, this will involve: A practical dance class, a group presentation about the course and content, a written short answer paper

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The practical class requires that: Appropriate dance clothing should be worn. You be prepared to dance bare foot. You may be introduced to dance styles which you have not tried before. If you are interested you will be notified through your school of an audition date. Following auditions, places are offered to those who demonstrate the greatest potential to benefit from the course, regardless of their previous experience or dance education background.

HIGHER PHOTOGRAPHY

Course Outline

Working towards a Higher in Photography will require you to take time in your week to plan, take and edit your pictures. Some projects are weather dependent meaning you will have to take pictures when possible; that might mean early on a Sunday morning! Some students who complete this course go on to join our very successful courses in photography here in the College. Other students use the Higher to boost their art qualifications for entry to university, college or art school. The course assumes you have little or no experience of photography when you start. This is a creative subject that also has a technical element. It will give you an opportunity to practice a wider range of skills – and it looks great on your UCAS or job application form!

Entry Level Recommended

✔ S5-6

Course Content

- ✔ **Unit H4KT 76: Image Making - Learn to use a DSLR camera and edit your images**
- ✔ **Unit H4KV 76: Contextual imagery Look at the world of photography, design and plan your photo shoots**
- ✔ **Photographic Project - Compile a final project folio of your images**

Progression

On successful completion, you may apply for NQ / HNC Photography, university or art school. This qualification carries the same value as every other SQA Higher and will aid your entry to further or higher education.

Interview

There will be an informal interview with you to give you more information about the course and to talk to you about your interest in photography

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AN INTRODUCTION TO SONG WRITING & MUSIC PRODUCTION

Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity for you to develop your knowledge and understanding of the basic components of Song Writing and also the basics involved in multi-track recording in Sound Engineering and Production. This will be an intensive course and will require you to be self-motivated, enthusiastic and prepared to study out with college sessions.

Entry Level Recommended

You should have a basic level of instrument skill and an interest in original song writing and music production.

Course Content

- Unit F5DW11 Sound Engineering & Production Level 5
- Unit F5EB12 Songwriting project folio of your images

You will be asked to create an original song and also a multi-track recording.

Progression

Successful completion of these units would enable you to progress onto the National Certificate (NC) in Music, Sound Production or music Business, as long as you also have five National 5 qualifications and are successful at a practical audition.

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

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NPA PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity for you to develop your skills in professional cookery and is designed to give you the skills and knowledge needed to make an informed decision regarding following a career in the catering industry as a trainee chef or chef apprentice. It is also the stepping stone to more advanced courses in professional cookery which can be studied full-time or in conjunction with employment

Entry Level Recommended

No formal qualifications are required however experience of a hospitality or home economic related subject would be helpful

Course Content

Core Units

- 👉 **Food Preparation Techniques: An Introduction**
- 👉 **Food Hygiene for the Hospitality Industry**
- 👉 **Cookery Processes: An Introduction**

Other possible Units:

- 👉 **Craft Baking**
- 👉 **Introduction to Cake Decoration**
- 👉 **Hospitality: Organisation of Practical Skills**
- 👉 **Local Hospitality provision**

Progression

- 👉 **NC Professional Cookery Level 5 full-time at college**
- 👉 **Employment as a commis-chef in a professional kitchen**
- 👉 **Modern apprenticeship**

Interview

You will be required to attend an interview for this course

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Time

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NPA IN BAKERY

Course Outline

This course will help you to develop bakery skills as well as an understanding of bread making, craft baking, pastry and cake decoration. It gives you the skills required for future employment within the bakery industry or the catering industry in general or for progression to further academic qualifications.

Entry Level Recommended

No formal qualifications are required however experience of a hospitality or home economics related subject would be helpful

Course Content

Core Units

- ✔ **Craft Baking: An Introduction**
- ✔ **Bread Making: An Introduction**
- ✔ **Cake Decoration: An Introduction**
- ✔ **Pastry**

Other possible Units:

- ✔ **Food Preparation Techniques: An Introduction**
- ✔ **Food Hygiene for the Hospitality Industry**
- ✔ **Cookery Processes: An Introduction**

Progression

- ✔ **NC Professional Cookery Level 5 full-time at college**
- ✔ **Employment as a commis-chef (specialising in patisserie) in a professional kitchen**
- ✔ **Assistant baker in a supermarket or specialist bakery**
- ✔ **Modern apprenticeship**

Interview

You will have to attend an interview for this course.

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NQ HOSPITALITY ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Course Outline

This course is designed to give you an introduction to the many areas of the hospitality industry where you may wish to work but do not have either the skills required or the knowledge of all the areas that exist.

The course will centre around the planning and eventual carrying out of an event where you will as a group showcase the skills and knowledge you have acquired on the course to friends and family as well as staff from your school.

The course will also equip you with some of the requirements necessary for work in the hospitality industry e.g. Licensing training and REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene certification

Entry Level Recommended

No formal qualifications are required for this course but previous experience of a home economics or hospitality subject would be beneficial.

Course Content

- Assist in organising an event
- Barista Skills
- Food and Beverage service
- REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene
- Customer Care
- Team building Skills
- Licensing training
- Prepare and Serve Dispensed and Instant Hot Drinks
- Prepare Hot and Cold Sandwiches

Progression

- NC Professional Cookery Level 5 full-time at college
- HNC Hospitality - for students with at least one Higher
- Employment as a barista assistant, food server or bar person or employment in the events industry as an assistant
- Modern apprenticeship

Interview

You will be required to attend an interview for this course.

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HNC HOSPITALITY

Course Outline

This course will equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to find employment within the hospitality sector or to progress to further academic qualifications within the Hospitality or Events area.

The Higher National Certificate in Hospitality develops your general knowledge of the hospitality industry, food and beverage services, the supervisory function, financial and control systems, food hygiene and optional units cover other essential operational areas within the industry, these may include: food production, accommodation services, front office, and services of the licensed trade.

Entry Level Recommended

You will need either one Higher or four National 5's and a hospitality or home economics related subject would be beneficial

Course Content

- Food and Beverage Service
- Hospitality Industry
- Food Hygiene Intermediate
- Hospitality Supervision
- Financial and Control Systems
- Hospitality Graded Unit 1
- Other possible units include:
- Accommodation Servicing
- Hospitality Industry
- Events Industry: An Introduction
- Managing an Event
- Food Production

Progression

After successfully completing this course you will have the skills needed to find a job in the hospitality industry in hotels, restaurants and many other sectors of the industry and if you have work experience you will have the necessary skills to find a job at supervisory or management level.

Or you could develop your skills further by studying another course, such as:

- HND Hospitality Management
- A degree in Hospitality or Events

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Time

9:00am - 4:00pm

Interview

You will be required to attend an interview for this course

HNC TRAVEL & TOURISM

Course Outline

This course will equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for employment within the Travel and Tourism industry or for progression to further academic qualifications within the Travel and Tourism area.

Employment areas cover organisations in the domestic, inbound tourism and outbound travel industry, for example, tour operations, visitor servicing, tourism development, marketing, customer service, guiding, conferencing, tourist and information services, retail and business travel agents, airlines, airports, cruise operators. This course can also provide a preparation for employment in the general field of business in areas such as administration, marketing and customer services.

Entry Level Recommended

You will need one Higher or a pass at NC level in a related subject for example Administration or Business.

Course Content

Core units include:

- Travel and Tourism: An Introduction
- Business Practices in Travel and Tourism
- Selling Skills
- Travel and Tourism: Enhancing Skills for Employment
- Skills for Customer Care
- Graded Unit 1

Other possible units:

- Tourist Destinations
- Tour Guiding: An Introduction
- Air Travel
- International Tourist Destinations
- Business Communication

Progression

After successfully completing this course you will have the skills required to find an entry level job within the travel industry for an airline, travel agency, tour operator or in visitor attraction employment. There are opportunities in the UK and abroad

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Or you could develop your skills further by studying another course, such as:

- HND Travel and Tourism
- A degree in travel and tourism

Interview

You will be required to attend an interview for this course

HIGHER PSYCHOLOGY

Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity for you to enhance your knowledge and understanding of Human Psychology. This is achieved by studying a variety of topics that will help you to understand and explain the human mind and behaviour. There are three topics, topic 1 Individual Behaviour, examines aspects which make us unique. Topic 2 Research explains and examines the various research skills employed by psychologists when investigating human behaviour. This unit concludes with a personal research project which will involve students selecting a suitable topic for research and devising and conducting that research in collaboration with other class members. The unit concludes with the submission of an individual report that is externally marked and accounts for 40% of the final mark. The last topic Social Behaviour looks at the various social influences that have an influence on our behaviour. There is a final exam.

Higher Psychology is an intensive course and will require you to be self-motivated, enthusiastic and prepared to study out with college classes.

Entry Level Recommended

You should be in S6 at school and have obtained an SQA Higher in English. However pupils in S5 will be considered at the request of the school.

Course Content

- Unit H261 76: Individual Behaviour
- Unit H262 76: Social Behaviour
- Unit H260 76: Research

You will also be asked to complete a Research Investigation as part of the Investigating Behaviour unit and keep a logbook to record progress. Your research investigation and logbook will be externally marked and are worth 40% of the final mark. The remaining 60% of the final mark comes from the end of course external exam, which tests your knowledge and understanding of all three units.

Progression

A Higher in Psychology can lead to progression on a number of courses and provides an excellent foundation should you wish to study Psychology at university or Management, Education, Criminology. Indeed, many courses and subjects at

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university contain an element of Psychology and it is therefore a versatile choice for general progression to higher education. You may also wish to continue your study of the subject as part of a general HNC in Social Sciences or Counselling.

Interview

You may be required to attend an interview for this course.



LABORATORY SKILLS

Course Outline

A variety of practical skills will be developed relevant to those looking to work in the area of life sciences. This ranges from the practical techniques needed to work with micro-organisms in a laboratory through to the use of Gilson pipettes, and apparatus such as spectrophotometers and electrophoresis equipment. By carrying out a range of experiments as well as a practical project, pupils will develop a variety of skills which will be beneficial whether pursuing biology-based degree routes, vocational routes such as pharmacy, medicine and veterinary science, or employment.

Assessment is by written test as well as practical skills with project work providing the possibility of gaining a CREST award from the British Science Association.

Entry Level Recommended

Pupils should have National 5 Biology or above

Course Content

- Microbiological Techniques D042 12
- Experimental Procedures in Biology D934 12
- Science Investigation Skills F3TB 11

Progression

In combination with relevant school qualifications pupils could gain access to college programme at SCQF Level 6 or HNC (level 7)

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course

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HIGHER ECONOMICS

Course Outline

The Course aims to build on the knowledge; understanding and skills gained in National 5 Economics or, for some learners, can act as an introduction to economics. It is designed to develop learners understanding of the economic environment in which we live. This will enable them to apply economic concepts set in real-life contexts.

The main purpose of the Course is to highlight how important economic concepts, government policies and global trade are to our everyday lives. It will build on learners' own experiences as consumers and, in addition, help them to interpret economic situations through the application of these concepts.

Entry Level Recommended

National 5 economics course or relevant component units.

National 5 Business Management Course.

Course Content

This course offers a blend of theoretical and practical experiences. Skills, knowledge and understanding are developed through a range of contexts within the broad discipline of economics.

Mandatory Units

- Unit H234 76: **Economics of the Market**
- Unit H236 76 **UK: Economic Activity**
- Unit H237 76: **Global Economic Activity**

Progression

On completion of this course you can progress onto HNC Business or business degrees at University

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Wednesday and Friday

Time

1:45pm - 4:00pm

HNC BUSINESS

Course Outline

The HNC Business award is designed to offer candidates who have completed their Higher in Business (or related subject) or who have a general interest in Business, the opportunity to progress to the next academic level.

Entry Level Recommended

Must already have one Higher (Grade C and above) or a minimum of 5 subject passes at Intermediate 2 or Nat 5 level (minimum grade of 3 A's & 2 B's) which must include Maths & English.

Course Content

A total of 12 credits are needed to complete an HNC. Mandatory units (10 credits) are:

- Managing People & Organisations
- Marketing: An Introduction
- Economic Issues: An Introduction
- Business Accounting
- Business Communication
- IT in Business Spreadsheets
- IT Applications Software

Graded Unit

Optional Credits (2 further credits)

Depending on numbers in class, a variety of options may be offered including Law, Marketing or Human Resources.

Progression

Two progression options are available. Students may wish to apply for the HND which will then be completed in one further year, rather than the normal two years. Alternatively, many Universities, such as Glasgow Caledonian and UWS, will accept the HNC as a first year University course equivalency. The progression therefore would be to apply for a (Business related) second year entrance directly from school.

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 7

Day

You must be able to commit to 4 half days Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Time

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get there?

Your school will organise transport to take you to college and take you back to your school at the end of the day.

How are the vocational course options different from the subjects that I take at school?

The main difference is that with vocational course options there is a strong focus on building skills for life and skills for work. The vocational courses lead to awards such as Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs), City and Guilds (C&G) and Higher National Certificates HNC.

How will the courses be certified?

When you receive your certificate from the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and City and Guilds, the results of your vocational courses will appear alongside the awards for courses you have completed in school.

So what are the benefits?

The award itself will act as a springboard for you to gain direct entry into the workplace, or into a traineeship or apprenticeship, or to go on to college or university. You will develop valuable skills such as working with others and problem solving, skills that you will need if you are to succeed in the world of work.

Who do I contact if I have a problem while at College?

The School Liaison Section is based in the Renfrew Building within the College and your lecturer will show you where this is on your first day.

It sounds great - how do I apply?

Places are limited, so you should speak as soon as possible to your Head of Year/Pastoral Care, who will show you how to apply. You should also read the option details for your choice of course and discuss these with your parent/carer.

**all courses will only run subject to numbers*

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