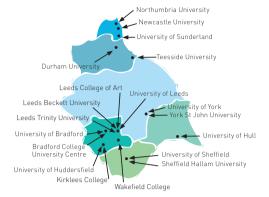
Thinking about higher education?



Are you thinking about what to do after you finish school or college?

Have you thought about continuing your studies at a university or college of higher education?

To help get you started, this leaflet will answer some of your questions, introduce you to a range of subjects on offer, direct you to where you can find out more and provide information on some of the colleges and universities within the North East, Yorkshire and Humber regions.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Study a subject you enjoy ...

There is a wide range of subjects on offer at universities and colleges across the UK so you'll be sure to find something that you'll enjoy studying.

Improve your employment opportunities...

With a higher education qualification, you'll have access to a wider range of opportunities and more rewarding careers. On average, graduates earn more than non-graduates and have a greater chance of future promotion.

Personal development...

You'll learn a wide range of useful skills, such as how to give a presentation, how to work in a team and how to manage your time effectively. You'll also gain confidence, independence and may discover new or hidden talents!

Social life...

Universities and colleges offer a great social life, good sporting facilities and plenty of opportunities to get involved in a number of clubs and societies. You'll also meet lots of people and make new friends.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The information below refers to full-time students only. For information about part-time study, visit www.gov.uk/studentfinance and also university websites.

TUITION FEES

Universities and colleges tuition fees can vary. If you start university in 2015, all your tuition fees will be covered by a tuition fee loan repayable after you graduate, and once you are earning above £21,000.

For entry in 2015, the maximum tuition fee is £9,000.

Other main areas of support available for 2015 entry

- A repayable loan for living costs (max £5740 outside London)
- A non-repayable Maintenance Grant (max £4565)
- National Scholarship Programme

For eligibility criteria for this support, please refer to www.gov.uk/studentfinance

• Bursaries from universities and colleges

Some students will be eligible to receive financial support from their university or college, which does not have to be paid back. The support will vary, so you should check the institution's website or prospectus to find out more.

For more information about student finance visit: www.gov.uk/studentfinance

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WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

There are around 37,000 different higher education courses on offer in the UK. These courses can lead to qualifications such as degrees, Foundation degrees, Higher National Diplomas and Certificates.

You may decide to continue a subject that you're already familiar with, such as English, History, Mathematics or French, or you may want to try something completely new, like Archaeology, Town Planning, Pharmacology or Creative Multimedia. If you have a particular career in mind, then you might need to study a specific course, such as Medicine or Engineering. Many universities and colleges even offer you the chance to combine two or three different subjects.

With so much to choose from, the most important thing is to research thoroughly what's available and decide what interests you the most. The perfect course might be something you have yet to read about.

WHERE CAN YOU STUDY?

Finding the right course isn't the only decision you have to make. You also have over 300 universities and colleges to choose from. This leaflet will introduce you to some of the institutions in the North East, Yorkshire and Humber regions, but there are many more to explore all over the UK.

Students choose a particular university or college for many different reasons including distance from home, reputation, geographical location and facilities. However, the best reason is that it offers the course you want to study and that you feel comfortable in the environment. Visiting university open days will help you make that decision.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You can apply to higher education courses with a range of qualifications. These include A/AS levels, the International Baccalaureate, BTEC Nationals and Access to HE courses. Other equivalent qualifications may be accepted, but you should check with the individual institutions before you apply.

The grades or points you need vary depending on the course and the institution that you are applying to. Some courses require you to have studied specific subjects, so it's a good idea to think about higher education before you make your choices for post-16 study.

HOW AND WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

For most full-time courses you will need to apply about a year before you intend to start your course. This will usually be at the beginning of Year 13 or second year at college. Applications are made through a central organisation called UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). You will complete an online application and can choose up to five different courses/institutions. UCAS will then send your application to the institutions you have selected.

For more information on the application procedure visit: **www.ucas.com**

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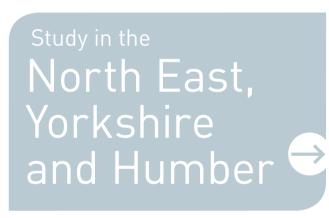
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Teesside University

Wakefield College

University of York

York St John University



A guide to your higher education options





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H indicates that only History of Art is available, not Art and Design

AD indicates that only Art and Design is available, not History of Art

F indicates that only Foundation Art & Design is available

PGCE indicates that a teacher training course is available after a first degree, as a Postgraduate Certificate in Education

PH indicates that only Photography is available **CO** indicates that only Communication is available P,R,O,S indicates which of Physiotherapy / Occupational Therapy / Speech Therapy / Radiography is offered

OP indicates that only Optometry / Ophthalmics is available, not Medicine or Dentistry

ND indicates only non-degree programmes available in this subject

FA indicates that only Fine Art is offered, not History of Art

C indicates that only Counselling is available not Psychology