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PATHWAYS



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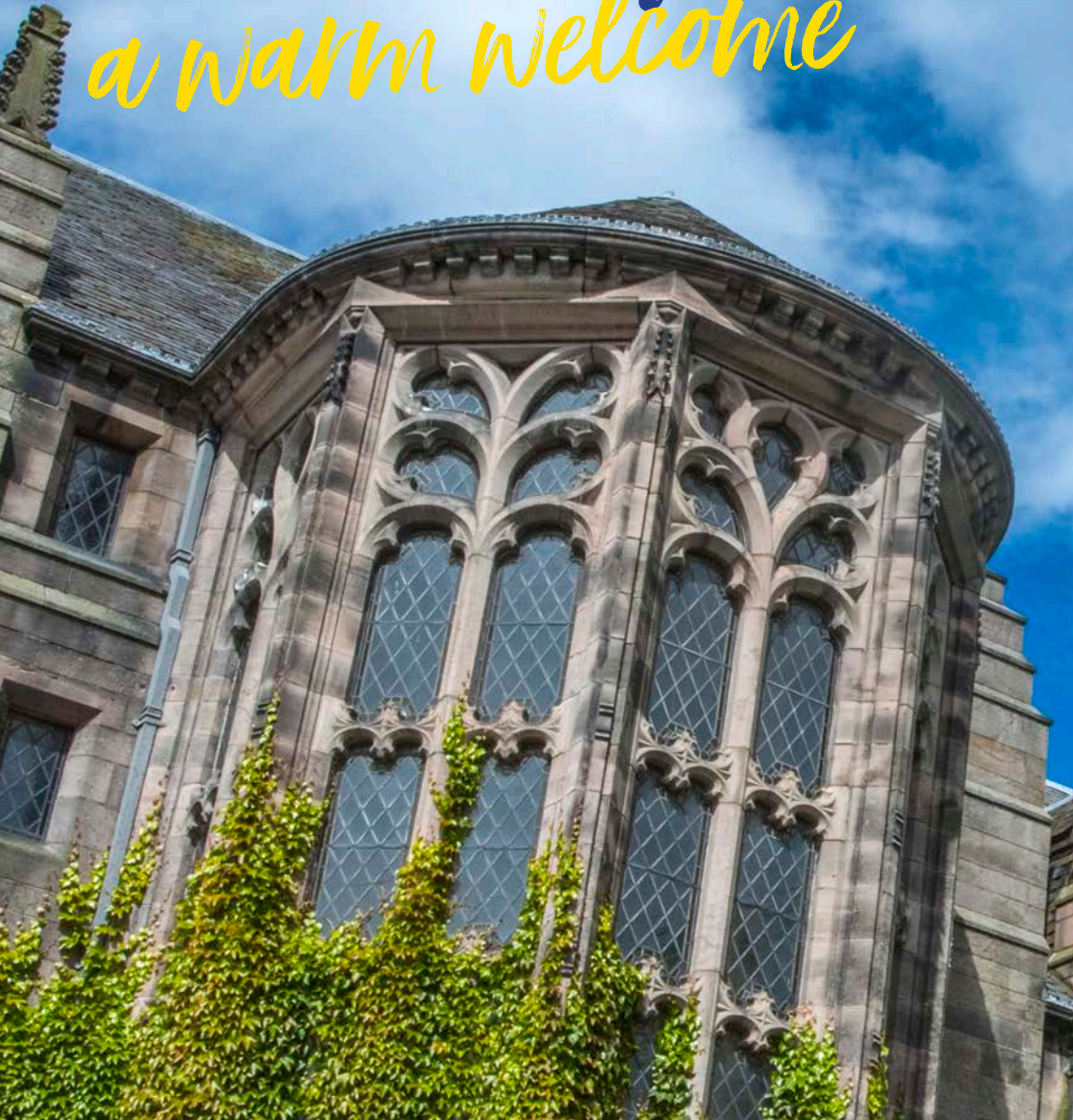


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Ancient university *a warm welcome*



Welcome to the University of Aberdeen Articulation Guide. The University of Aberdeen is the fifth oldest University in the UK, dating back to 1495.

Over the past 500 years, the University has gained an international reputation for offering world leading teaching and learning opportunities. Students past and present have joined the University through a variety of pathways and we invite you to join our Aberdeen family and become part of the next chapter of our history.

The University welcomes applications from students who have previously studied HNC and HND qualifications at College and understand that you need as much information as possible to make an informed decision about your future. This guide is designed to illustrate the most common pathways into University and answer the most frequently asked questions you may have. If you do have any additional questions though please contact our team at accessaberdeen@abdn.ac.uk and we will be happy to help.

What is Articulation?

Most qualifications are rated on the Scottish Credit Qualifications Framework (SCQF) and are given a level according to the difficulty of the material and a number of credit points to show how many hours of learning are involved. If you are studying for an HNC this is at SCQF Level 7 which is the same level as first year at University. If you are studying an HND this is at SCQF Level 8 which is the same level as Year 2 at University. You can see more information about this at <https://scqf.org.uk/interactive-framework/>

Articulation is the process whereby your College qualifications are given full credit so if you have an HNC you enter University at Year 2 and if you have an HND you enter University at Year 3.



Introduction to Pathways

We have studied the curriculum of the most commonly taught HNC and HND programmes and have looked at which of these closely match our own programmes at Year 1 and Year 2. Where there is a close match, we have created pathways for college students to enter our degrees with advanced standing. It is important to be clear this isn't based just on the SCQF Level of the qualification, you need to have studied most of the material

that is taught in Year 1 and/or Year 2 of the degree programme as each year of study relies on knowledge from the year before. This is especially true for joint degrees so for example, while the HNC Accounting matches closely to our MA Accounting and we can therefore offer a pathway, there is not a sufficient match to offer a pathway to MA Accounting and Finance.



Accreditation

On some occasions we are unable to offer a full credit pathway because of accreditation. Accreditation is where a professional body reviews our teaching and judges it to be sufficient to award a professional qualification. Some of the accredited material may have to be taught in Years 1 and 2 and in those cases we would need to make offers of a lower year so you would come out with the correct professional accreditations. For example, we have a pathway from HNC Social Sciences to Year 2 of the MA Psychology but are unable to offer a Year 3 route from the HND Social Sciences as some of the accredited material



HNC Social
Sciences

Year 2
of MA
Psychology

is taught at Year 2. Without this accreditation you would not be able to go on and work professionally in the field of Psychology.

Combined Masters programmes

Combined Masters Programmes (MSci or MEng) are programmes which are 5 years long and combine both a first degree and a masters qualification into one Programme. We don't offer pathways into these programmes but if your University work meets a minimum level then you will be given the opportunity to transfer onto a combined masters. This is a route many of our articulating students take especially in Engineering.

Partner Colleges

The University has partnered with some Scottish Colleges to provide ‘articulation routes’ into study

The pathways in this guide are a minimum we would be looking for, but sometimes there are regional variations to take into account, where for example a college is only able to teach certain units. Where a partnership exists the teaching staff from both institutions will work closely together to ensure the best route possible.

Our team visit these colleges throughout the year to provide advice and support. Currently, we have partnerships with the following colleges:

- **Dundee & Angus College**
- **Fife College**
- **Forth Valley College**
- **New College Lanarkshire**
- **North East Scotland College**

If you would like more information about these partnerships please speak with your college or email ourselves on

✉ accessaberdeen@abdn.ac.uk

We are happy to have one to one meetings with students when we are visiting Colleges. To keep up to date with where we are visiting follow us **@accessabdn on Twitter**.





Associate Status

If you are studying on an articulation route with one of our partner colleges, you will get the opportunity to be an Associate Student. This means you get access to the University's campus facilities, including our library – in person and from a distance. To apply to become an Associate Student please speak to your college who will be able to advise you of the process.



case study



From HND to PhD

Dr Louisa Lawrie's journey from NESCOL to doctoral research

"I completed my Secondary Education in 2008 but didn't get the grades required to enter university. I therefore decided to work for a year. Thereafter, due my increasing interest in Psychology, I commenced to a 2 year full-time HND Social Sciences course at North East Scotland College (NESCOL). The lecturers were very supportive: they helped me develop valuable skills such as time management and verbal/written communication, which proved to be exceptionally useful when commencing my MA undergraduate degree in Psychology (2011). Completion of the 2 year HND course at college allowed me to progress directly into Level 2 of the undergraduate Psychology programme at the University of Aberdeen."

Transferring directly into Level 2 was, initially, rather daunting. My time as an undergraduate was both challenging and incredibly rewarding. With invaluable support from the Psychology department staff and a strong personal motivation to succeed combined with a

solid work ethic, the transition from college to university became viable and enjoyable. Throughout my degree, I attained awards based on academic merit, including the BPS undergraduate award for getting the best grades upon graduation. As a Psychology undergraduate, I was given the opportunity to become involved in various research studies, which I found both intellectually stimulating and enjoyable. These experiences influenced my decision to apply for a PhD in Psychology (research) also at the University of Aberdeen.

My time as an undergraduate was both challenging and incredibly rewarding.

I was fortunate to be awarded a PhD scholarship, from the University, which covered my course tuition fees. Since graduating with a PhD (2018), I have worked as a research fellow in the Psychology department at the University of Aberdeen on a project investigating age and cultural differences in the ability to recognise emotions, thoughts and beliefs of other people. In addition, I have enjoyed teaching both undergraduate and postgraduate students during my time as a PhD student and research fellow. In short, I have learned that hard work and determination can overcome many obstacles, never give up!

What Next?

How to apply

Applications should be submitted through UCAS and each will be considered by our Academic Selectors on an individual basis. Admission to university is a competitive process and an offer of study is not guaranteed as we are restricted by the Scottish Government on how many Scottish students the University can have at any one time.

If you receive an offer it will be on the pathway for your HNC/HND but if you decide you would like a lower year or a different subject we are happy to look at this for you. We know the process of applying to university can be stressful, so we are happy to offer advice by email or face to face. If we have any concerns about your application we will get in touch with you directly to assist you with the application.

Visit us

We host Open Days, an Articulation Day (for college students only), an Offer Holder Day (for students who have received an offer of study from the University) and pre-bookable campus visits. For more information and to book a space please see

 abdn.ac.uk/visit

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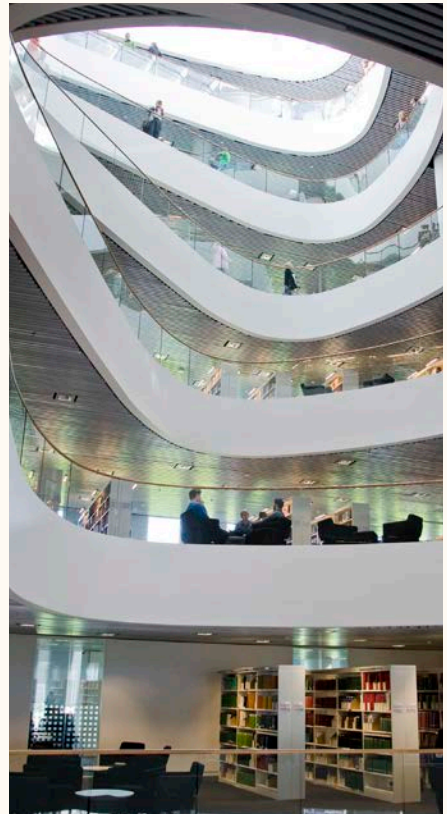
Articulation Day

We hold an articulation day in the Autumn. If you are studying an HNC/HND course from one of our pathways, you are invited to come along. On the day you will meet our lecturers and admissions teams. You'll also hear from students who were previously college students before coming to the University. Throughout the day you will get the opportunity to tour campus and have taster sessions in the different subjects. To book your place visit abdn.ac.uk/study/articulation-day

Transitional Summer School Programmes

Some of our degree programmes have summer schools for College students. These programmes help bridge the gap between your College and University studies, ensuring you start term confident and prepared for university life. You can see which Degrees are involved in the summer schools at

 abdn.ac.uk/study/articulation



Your degree

When you join the University we don't limit you to a specific subject, school or department. This means you can study subjects from outside your chosen discipline, and, even if you know exactly what you want to do, you're able to change direction as your interests, passions and ambitions develop. This flexibility does reduce as you move through the years and study more of the content of your degree discipline. Our web pages detail the compulsory courses for each degree and then you can see the full range of courses at

 abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses






Flexible entry and exit

In the same way as you can enter a degree programme in second or third year, you can also exit at different points. An Undergraduate Certificate or Diploma in Higher Education is awarded if you obtain 120 level 1 credit points (for the Certificate) and 240 credit points (including 90 at level 2, for the Diploma) or a Designated degree is possible if you complete 360 credit points (there will be compulsory element to this depending on the degree subject). If you later wish to return to study to complete a full honours degree, you can do so as long as you meet the criteria for readmission.

Part-time study

The majority of our degree programmes are available to study on a part-time basis on campus in Aberdeen. For more information please see

 abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/part-time

Online Learning

Some of our course modules are available to study online, giving you all the practical advantages of fitting your learning around your location, work and personal commitments. This also includes access Maths and English courses who are acceptable as entry requirements for PGDE Teaching programmes

 abdn.ac.uk/online

Higher National Programme	Point of Entry	Degree Programme	Academic Conditions
HNC Accounting	Level 2	MA Accountancy (N400)	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units
HND Accounting	Level 3	MA Accountancy (N400)	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include: Research Skills (F60A34) Company Law (DE5H35) or equivalent
HNC Animal Care	Level 2	BSc Biology (C100); BSc Biological Sciences (C901); BSc Conservation Biology (C161); BSc Ecology (D430); BSc Marine Biology (C350); BSc Plant & Soil Science (CD27); BSc Zoology (C300)	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include: Ecology and Ecosystems (H39A 34) or University of Aberdeen online Introductory Ecology course
HND Animal Care	Level 3	BSc Animal Behaviour & Welfare (C345) Starting Sept 2022 BSc Biology (C100) BSc Biological Sciences (C901) BSc Ecology (D430)	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include: Ecology and Ecosystems (H39A 34) or University of Aberdeen online Introductory Ecology course and Statistics for Science (H8XT 33) or Aberdeen University Online Statistics Course (B12021)
HNC Applied Sciences	Level 2	BSc Biochemistry (C700) BSc Biological Sciences (C901)* BSc Biology (C100)* BSc Biotechnology (Applied Molecular Biology) (J700) BSc Chemistry (F100)** BSc Conservation Biology (C161)* BSc Ecology (D430)* BSc Genetics (C400) BSc Genetics (Immunology) (C450) BSc Human Embryology and Developmental Biology (CC71) BSc Immunology (C552) BSc Immunology and Pharmacology (BC25) BSc Marine Biology (C350)* BSc Microbiology (C500) BSc Molecular Biology (CC74) BSc Pharmacology (B210) BSc Physics (F300)*** BSc Plant and Soil Science (CD27)* BSc Physiology (B120) BSc Zoology (C300)*	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include (see degree titles): *Statistics for Science 1 (H8XT 33) Ecology and Ecosystems (H93A 34) or University of Aberdeen online Introductory Ecology course **Mathematics for Science (H8XP) Inorganic Chemistry (B) (H92Y) Physical Chemistry (B) (H936) ***Mathematics for Science 1 (H8XP 33) Mathematics for Science 2 (H8XR 34) Physics for Life Sciences (H93F 34) Physics Principles: Heat and Thermodynamics (H93G 34) Physics Principles: Mechanics (H93H 34) Electricity and Magnetism (H93L 34) Physics: Light and Optics (H93J 35)

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HND Applied Sciences	Level 3	BSc Animal Behaviour & Welfare* BSc Biochemistry (C700)** BSc Biotechnology (Applied Molecular Biology) (J700)** BSc Chemistry (F100)*** BSc Genetics (C400)** BSc Genetics (Immunology) (C450)** BSc Human Embryology and Developmental Biology (CC71)** BSc Immunology (C552)**** BSc Immunology and Pharmacology (BC25)**** BSc Microbiology (C500) BSc Molecular Biology (CC74)** BSc Pharmacology (B210)**** BSc Physiology (B120)**** BSc Physics*****	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include HNC requirement plus (see degree titles): * Ecology and Ecosystems (H39A 34) or University of Aberdeen online Introductory Ecology course and Statistics for Science (H8XT 33) or Aberdeen University Online Statistics Course (BI2021) **Human Metabolism (H92D 35) ***Organic Stereochemistry: Theory and Laboratory Skills (H934 35) Instrumental Techniques 1 (H930 35) Inorganic Chemistry: Theory and Laboratory Skills (H932 35) Aromatic Chemistry: Theory and Laboratory Skills (H92N 35) ****Human Metabolism (H92D 35) preferred but not essential *****Statistics for Science 1 (H8XT 33) Physics 2 (H93E 35) Electronics (H93M 35) Relativity and Quantum mechanics (H93K 35) Dynamical Phenomena (J4C0) Linear Algebra 1 (J2RB 34) Linear Algebra 2 (J2RC 35) Programming Foundations (H17X 34) or equivalent
HND Applied Biological Sciences	Level 3	BSc Biochemistry (C700) BSc Biological Sciences (C901) BSc Biotechnology (Applied Molecular Biology) (J700) BSc Genetics (C400) BSc Genetics (Immunology) (C450) BSc Human Embryology and Developmental Biology (CC71) BSc Immunology (C552) BSc Immunology and Pharmacology (BC25) BSc Microbiology (C500) BSc Molecular Biology (CC74) BSc Pharmacology (B210) BSc Physiology (B120)	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units

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HNC Business	Level 2	MA Business Management (N200)	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units
HND Business	Level 3	MA Business Management (N200)	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units
HNC Chemical Process Technology	Level 2	BEng Chemical Engineering (H813)* BSc Chemistry (F100)** BEng Petroleum Engineering (H851)**	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include (see degree titles): *Engineering Maths 1, 2 and 3 (or equivalent) Physics Principles Mechanics (H93H 34) **Mathematics for Science 1 (H8XP 33) Inorganic Chemistry: Theory and Laboratory Skills (H92Y 34) Physical Chemistry: Theory and Laboratory Skills (H936 34)
HNC Computing	Level 2	MA Computing (G402), BSc Computing Science (G400)	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points); A in all graded units and B in Higher Mathematics.
HND Chemical Process Technology	Level 3	BEng Chemical Engineering (H813)* BSc Chemistry (F100)	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) BA in Graded Units Curriculum to include (see degree titles): *Engineering Maths 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 (or equivalent)
HNC Electrical Engineering	Level 2	BEng Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (H620)	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points), A in all graded units, Curriculum to include: Engineering Maths 1,2 and 3 (or equivalent)
HND Electrical Engineering	Level 3	BEng Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (H620)	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include: Engineering Maths 1, 2 , 3, 4 & 5 (or equivalent)

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HNC Engineering Systems	Level 2	BEng Chemical Engineering (H813) BEng Engineering (H100) BEng Engineering (Civil and Environmental) (H220) BEng Engineering (Civil and Structural) (H221) BEng Engineering (Civil) (H200) BEng Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (H620) BEng Engineering (Electronic and Software) (H6H4) BEng Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical) (HH36) BEng Engineering (Mechanical with Oil and Gas Studies) (H3H8) BEng Engineering (Mechanical) (H300) BEng Petroleum Engineering (H851)	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include: Engineering Maths 1, 2 and 3 (or equivalent) Contact selector to discuss exact unit requirements
HND Engineering Systems	Level 3	BEng Chemical Engineering (H813) BEng Engineering (H100) BEng Engineering (Civil and Environmental) (H220) BEng Engineering (Civil and Structural) (H221) BEng Engineering (Civil) (H200) BEng Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (H620) BEng Engineering (Electronic and Software) (H6H4) BEng Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical) (HH36) BEng Engineering (Mechanical with Oil and Gas Studies) (H3H8) BEng Engineering (Mechanical) (H300) BEng Petroleum Engineering (H851)	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include: Engineering Maths 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (or equivalent) Contact selector to discuss exact unit requirements
HND Fitness, Health and Exercise	Level 3	BSc Exercise and Health Science (C603)	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units
HND Legal Services	Level 1	All LLB degrees apart from accelerated degrees	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) BAA in Graded Units Joint degrees with Accountancy and Economics options require Nat5 Maths or equivalent Joint degrees with music require grade 8 orchestral instrument or voice plus audition

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HNC Mechanical Engineering	Level 2	BEng Engineering (Civil and Environmental) (H220) BEng Engineering (Civil and Structural) (H221) BEng Engineering (Civil) (H200) BEng Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (H620) BEng Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical) (HH36) BEng Engineering (Mechanical with Oil and Gas Studies) (H3H8) BEng Engineering (Mechanical) (H300)	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include: Engineering Maths 1, 2 and 3 (or equivalent)
HND Mechanical Engineering	Level 3	BEng Engineering (Civil and Environmental) (H220) BEng Engineering (Civil and Structural) (H221) BEng Engineering (Civil) (H200) BEng Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (H620) BEng Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical) (HH36) BEng Engineering (Mechanical with Oil and Gas Studies) (H3H8) BEng Engineering (Mechanical) (H300)	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include: Engineering Maths 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (or equivalent)

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HND Music	Level 3	BMus Music (W300)** BMus Music Education (XW13)***	<p>Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points)</p> <p>Curriculum to include (see degree titles):</p> <p>**Satisfactory Completion, Interview, Audition</p> <p>***Satisfactory Completion: Interview, Audition, PVG Check, Higher English and Nat5 Maths (or equivalent)</p> <p>Although we welcome all genres of music the course is primarily classical focused therefore auditions and interviews will centre around this genre.</p>
HNC Petroleum Engineering	Level 2	BEng Chemical Engineering (H813)* BEng Engineering (Civil and Environmental) (H220)** BEng Engineering (Civil and Structural) (H221)** BEng Engineering (Civil) (H200)** BEng Engineering (Mechanical with Oil and Gas Studies) (H3H8)** BEng Engineering (Mechanical) (H300)** BEng Petroleum Engineering (H851)*	<p>Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points)</p> <p>A in all Graded Units</p> <p>Curriculum to include (see degree titles):</p> <p>*Engineering Mathematics 1, 2 and 3 (or equivalent) Fundamental Chemistry: An Introduction (DX2933) (or equivalent) Fundamental Concepts of Organic Chemistry (DP2P33) (or equivalent)</p> <p>**Engineering Maths 1, 2 and 3 (or equivalent)</p>

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HND Petroleum Engineering	Level 3	BEng Engineering (Civil and Environmental) (H220)* BEng Engineering (Civil and Structural) (H221)* BEng Engineering (Civil) (H200)* BEng Engineering (Mechanical with Oil and Gas Studies) (H3H8)* BEng Engineering (Mechanical) (H300)* BEng Petroleum Engineering (H851)**	Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points) A in all Graded Units Curriculum to include (see above degree titles): *Engineering Mathematics 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (or equivalent) **Engineering Mathematics 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (or equivalent) Fundamental Chemistry: An Introduction (DX2933) (or equivalent) Fundamental Concepts of Organic Chemistry (DP2P33) (or equivalent) Petroleum Geology and Geophysics: An Introduction (F53034)
HNC Social Sciences	Level 2	Single Honours MA Anthropology* MA Criminology and Sociology (MLC5)** MA General Studies (Y001) MA Geography (L700) MA History (VI00) MA Philosophy (V500) MA Politics and International Relations (L240) MA Psychology (C802) MA Sociology (L300) Joint Honours MA Geography and International Relations (LL72) MA Geography and Sociology (LL73) MA History and International Relations (VLC2) MA History and Philosophy (VV15) MA History and Politics (VL12) MA History and Sociology (VL13) MA International Relations and Sociology (LLF3) MA Philosophy and Politics (VL52) MA Philosophy and Psychology (VC58) MA Philosophy and Sociology (VL53) MA Politics and Sociology (LL23) MA Psychology and Sociology (LC38) MA Psychology with Counselling (C8B9)	Satisfactory completion of HNC (120 SCQF credit points) B in all Graded Units Curriculum to include (see degree titles): Students should take units A and B of the discipline/s they wish to study at university e.g Psychology A (FK8D 34) & B (J030 34) For joint honours programmes, students must take A and B for both disciplines. *Where Anthropology units are not available students may still be permitted to enter the single honours degrees conditional on them taking both first and second year University compulsory courses consecutively in their second year. Entry to Joint honours will not be permitted under these circumstances. **Students must take LS1020: Criminal Law as an extra course alongside the compulsory Level 2 courses.

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HND Social Sciences	Level 3	MA History (V100)* MA Sociology (L300)** MA History & Sociology (VL13)	<p>Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points)</p> <p>BBA in Graded Units, where A is the Graded Unit Project in the discipline/s you wish to continue to study</p> <p>Curriculum to include (see above degree titles):</p> <p>*History A: Introducing Topics within a Historical Period (FK7V 34) History B: Analysing Topics within a Historical Period (J02X 34) History C: Evaluating Topics within a Historical Period (J0LS 34) History D: Specialist Study (FK7T 35)</p> <p>**Sociology A: Introduction to Sociology (FK8R 34) Sociology B: Applying Sociological Theories and Studies to Sociological Topics (J038 35) Social Science: Research Issues (J0NA 35) Sociology C: Analysing and Evaluating Sociological Debates (J0NA 35) Sociology D: Specialist Study (FK8P 35)</p> <p>***A combination of as many of the above courses as is possible at your College.</p>
HND Coaching and Developing Sport	Level 3	BSc Applied Sports Science (C605)	<p>Satisfactory completion of HND (240 SCQF credit points)</p> <p>A in all Graded Units</p>

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