



Access to Higher Education

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Your route to degree level study

Access to Higher Education courses are ideal if you are an adult looking to study at degree level but don't have the necessary qualifications or UCAS points to gain a place at university.

For some students, access to HE is a way to achieve qualifications in a sector they're already working in, and for others it provides an opportunity to change career.

The courses cover key themes within your chosen pathway but you will also learn how to conduct research, write essays and other key essential skills for university level study.



Study timetable

Our Access to HE courses are full-time courses and you can expect to be in College between two and three days per week. In addition to this you will be expected to complete additional hours of personal study. The course lasts one academic year, starting in September and finishing in June.



Assessment

Our Access to HE courses are taught through theory and practical lessons but you will also be completing work on your own, preparing you for independent learning at degree level.

We use a full range of assessments including written work, practical assessment, presentations and internal exams.



Cost of the course

The tuition fee for this course is £5,197* and this includes your examination entrance fees.

If you are aged 19 or over, you may qualify for an Advanced Learner Loan from the Student Loans Company to help you pay the tuition fees for this course.

If you complete your Access to Higher Education course and then progress onto and complete a degree, the Student Loans Company will write off the balance on your Advanced Learner Loan. This means you will not have to repay your tuition fees.



Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry qualifications for this course however we do prefer you to have GCSE English or maths. Please contact us if you do not have these qualifications as we may be able to help you study for these alongside your Access course.

*Course fees based on 2022/23 and subject to change for future years.

Land-Based Study Pathway

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The Access to Higher Education land-based pathway consists of nine compulsory or mandatory units that all students will complete.

There's also a number of optional units that enable you to specialise in your chosen pathway. The pathway that you choose will be dependent upon the subject that you want to go on and study at degree level after you qualify.

Mandatory Units

- Study and presentation skills for Higher Education
- Introduction to business
- Land-based skills
- Introduction to science
- Science of life
- Biochemistry
- Bioscience
- Business – organisation, people and products
- Land-based industry research project

Optional Units*

(Select one from the following)

Animal Science & Welfare

- Animal science & welfare
- Animal management & behaviour

Ecology & Conservation

- Practical countryside management
- Habitat and species identification

Equine Studies

- Equine science & welfare
- Equine management & behaviour

Sustainability

- Environmental processes
- Environmental survey

Agriculture

- Crop production & technology
- Livestock production & technology

* Optional units offered subject to sufficient demand



Meet Evie

Access to HE: Land-based studies

This course was the perfect gateway to university. It has helped me to get the qualifications I need to enter higher education and make the most of my existing professional experience.

I chose to study at Moulton College as it boasts a great animal collection and also offers access courses within a commutable distance from my home. I have been enjoying the theory lessons the most. There is a mix of great course content with dedicated and enthusiastic lecturers.

I plan to remain at Moulton College to study a foundation degree in Zoology next year. I have decided to continue studying at the College due to the small class sizes and the lecturers who leave a positive and lasting impact.

If I were to talk to anyone on the fence considering re-entering education, I would say that it's never too late to change direction. There may be difficulties in the process, but they are worth overcoming.



Meet Charlotte

Access to HE: Land-based studies

Choosing to study an Access course was an easy choice for me. I needed to feed my fascination into animal behaviour and conservation. I chose to come to Moulton College because of its facilities and after watching the online videos and attending an open day. I felt like the College would be a good fit for me. Next, I plan to complete a Zoology Degree, also at the College.

The tutors, animal technicians, library staff and all the additional support that is provided by the College, has exceeded my expectations.

I've received additional learning support and booked time slots with the therapy dogs, and also received a lot of support from my peers when it came to assignments.

My advice to any new student joining the College would be to enjoy your time here. A year goes by so quickly! Studying will be tough, but this has been the best decision I have ever made!



Meet Giverny

Access to HE: Land-based studies

After 10 years in hospitality I was eager to make a change and build a career that made a difference and filled me with satisfaction. Having not completed A-levels, an Access to HE course was my best option to pursue a degree which would lead me into a career I'd love.

Unlike most other Access to HE courses, the land-based skills offered more than just biology or any science for that matter, Moulton also offered animal handling in their impressive animal collection. Not only this, but the campus looked idyllic no matter the weather.

Whilst I enjoyed the content and the animal handling, the best part for me by far was the opportunity to meet like-minded mature students who were also looking to better their career

My advice for anyone thinking about taking an Access course:

1. Make sure you can fit it around your daily life!

There are major commitments and extra reading is critical if you want to do well.

2. Practice making notes.

Find a style that works for you, rewrite until you understand them!

3. The internet is your friend.

But find a reliable source, always!

4. Always bring a sense of humor to your lessons.

Some sessions might be hard to grasp, and the thought of learning might scare you, but everyone you're with is in the same boat. If you don't understand, just ask! There are never any stupid questions.

5. Remember that you're doing this because you want to, not because you have to.

You've made the decision to better yourself and you are amazing for simply taking that step.

options. As well as this, the tutors were friendly, easy-going and incredibly understanding of and accommodating to the sacrifices we make to complete this course.

Having first decided to go to Bangor University to study Marine Biology and Oceanography, I have decided to return to Moulton to begin either the BSc Applied Animal Studies or Applied Zoology.

The tutors at Moulton College were very helpful when it came to fitting my studies around personal life. There were recorded lectures for easy revisiting, 1-2-1 sessions and opportunities to discuss how we were doing and plenty of patience for learning.



Meet Ivandro

Access to HE alumni: Sport studies

After failing to complete my College studies I was unsure how it would be possible to study at HE level. After researching around, I realised Moulton College offered an Access to HE course which seemed like the perfect way to re-enter education with my existing qualifications. I decided to study at Moulton College as I was intrigued by the partnership opportunities with Future Elite sports, offering me the chance to play competitive football and work towards achieving a degree. I enjoyed the combination of practical and theoretical elements on the course, and the small class sizes which meant I could receive more 121 support. I was tasked with completing challenging assignments during my course, and

learnt detailed knowledge of the subject content which has certainly prepared me for my current Sports Performance and Coaching degree. I would advise anyone studying an Access to HE course to apply themselves 100%, and to be a sponge so you absorb as much information as you can.

Make the most of all the resources provided and build relationships with tutors and library staff as they really do have your best interests at heart.

Sport Study Pathway

The Access to Higher Education sport pathway will support you in learning a wide range of transferable skills that will be vital when it comes to university level studies.

You'll get to study the following units:

- Biomechanics
- Exercise physiology
- Nutrition
- Physiology: body systems
- Sports coaching principles
- Sports psychology
- Study skills
- The role of the professional

This course is aimed at and delivered to prepare students for the rigours and work required at HE level. Course lecturers will support learners with a range of transferable skills that will be vital when it comes to HE study.

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