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DEGREES FOR REAL LIFE

# MY HE OPTIONS





# AIMS

We want to help you understand:

- What the benefits are of attending higher Education (HE)
- Understand the different types of HE qualifications and their levels
- Separate the facts from the fiction

# QUALIFICATION CHART

Higher Education	Level 8	<div>Doctorate/PhD</div>		<div>NVQ L8</div>
	Level 7	<div>Integrated Masters Degree</div> <div>Masters Degree &amp; Postgraduate Certificate &amp; Diploma</div>	<div>Masters Degree &amp; Postgraduate Certificates &amp; Diplomas</div>	<div>Higher Apprenticeship</div> <div>Degree Apprenticeship</div> <div>NVQ L7</div>
	Level 6	<div>Honours Degree</div> <div>Top-Up Honours Degree</div>	<div>Top-up Honours Degree</div>	<div>Higher Apprenticeship</div> <div>Degree Apprenticeship</div> <div>NVQ L6</div>
	Level 5	<div>Dip HE</div>	<div>Dip HE</div> <div>Foundation Degree</div> <div>HND</div>	<div>Higher Apprenticeship</div> <div>Degree Apprenticeship</div> <div>NVQ L5</div>
	Level 4	<div>Cert HE</div>	<div>Cert HE</div> <div>HNC</div>	<div>Higher Apprenticeship</div> <div>Degree Apprenticeship</div> <div>NVQ L4</div>
Secondary/Further Education	Level 3	<div>A and AS Levels</div>	<div>T-Levels, BTEC, Certificate or Diploma, OCR and City &amp; Guilds</div> <div>Can be L1 - L3</div>	<div>Advanced Apprenticeship</div> <div>NVQ L3</div>
	Level 2	<div>GCSE (Grades 4-9)</div>		<div>Intermediate Apprenticeship</div> <div>NVQ L2</div>
	Level 1	<div>GCSE (grades 1-3)</div>		<div>NVQ L1</div>
		Academic	Vocational	Work-based

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# IT'S THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY SOMETHING YOU LOVE....



Over 50,000 courses across  
more than 395 institutions in  
the UK at Colleges and  
Universities

More than 35,000 Degree level  
apprenticeships (6/7) across  
111 different occupational  
areas

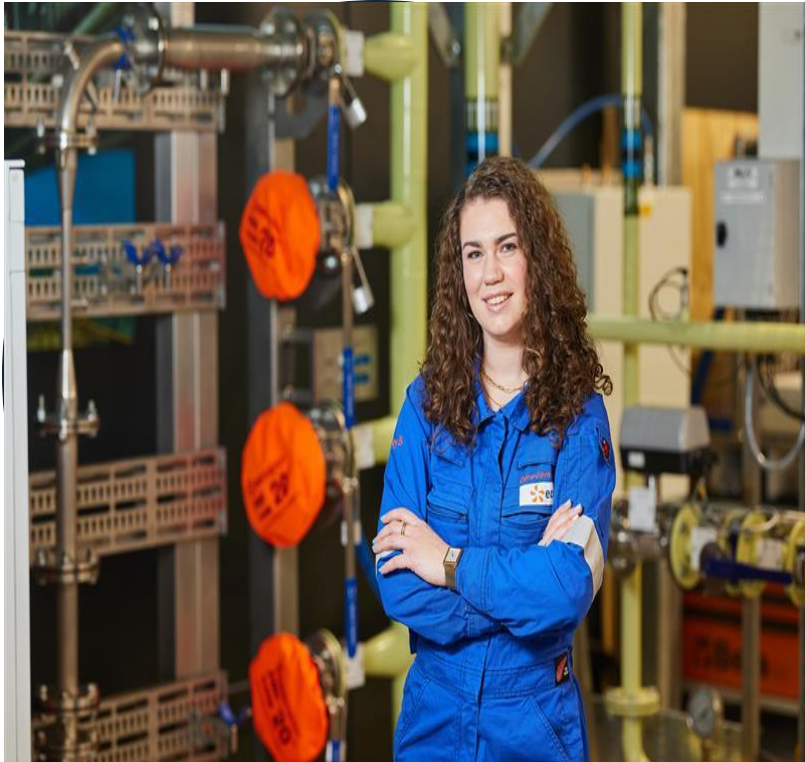
More than 27,000 Higher level  
apprenticeships (4/5) across  
155 different occupational  
areas

All of these subjects/courses  
and apprenticeships will be  
being taught by leading experts  
in your subject

1. Game Design and Development
3. Criminology
5. Forensic Science
7. Horology
9. Contemporary Circus and Physical Performance
11. 3D Animation
13. Zoology
15. Celtic & Anglo Saxon Studies and Gaelic
17. Physical Activity and Health
19. International Relations & Military History
2. Film and Television Production
4. Anthropology
6. Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature
8. Surf Science and Technology
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12. Sports Science
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16. Pharmacology
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# THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS



- Gain access to certain professions
- Build relationships with employers and industry experts
- Give yourself an edge when applying for jobs
- Increase your earning potential
- Transferable skills
- Increased independence



# FINACIAL SUPPORT

There is both repayable and non-repayable support available to you....

Repayable	Non-Repayable
Tuition Fee Loans	Bursaries
Maintenance Loans	Grants
	Scholarships

# REPAYMENT DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL YOU EARN OVER....

£25,000

You repay 9% of anything earned **over** this threshold

So

If you earned £28,000 a year you would repay £22.50 per month





# CHOOSING A COURSE

- Higher education is different from school and college
- You choose which subject specialism you want to study
- The subject range is broader than at any other stage of education
- You also usually get to choose *how* you study
- Teaching methods vary
- Contact time differs



## ON MY DOORSTEP – UCS OFFERS

- UCS has delivered 16 different H&D apprenticeships across multiple occupational areas such as, Health, Nursing, Leadership & Management, Sports, I.T & Digital, Construction and Engineering.
- Many courses available levels 4-6, across 17 subjects. Within:
  - Agriculture, Environmental Management and Ecology
  - Digital Innovation, Engineering and Clean Energy
  - Health, Wellbeing and Education
  - Business and Creative Industries