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HIGHER EDUCATION UNDERGRADUATE COURSE GUIDE



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A warm welcome to North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College

Whether you are continuing your studies or returning to learning, higher education courses are designed to ensure you achieve your career goals.

You can choose from an extensive range of two-year higher national diplomas which can be converted into full degrees with a further year of study at university. We work closely with our partner universities Coventry University, the University of Warwick and the University of West London to design and deliver a range of complementary foundation degrees and bachelor's degrees that build on your existing qualifications. We also have a new offer in automotive engineering at our world class, MIRA Technology Institute.

If you have not yet achieved the qualifications you need to start a higher education programme, we have a wide-ranging Access to HE programmes. Our ambition to widen participation in higher education amongst all our communities has this year seen the introduction of a new Access to HE Creative Arts pathway based at our Hinckley Campus.

Collaborating with local, regional and national employers, we ensure that our courses are relevant to industry. Whatever your career aspirations, we will make sure you have the knowledge, skills and support you need to achieve. Our first-class teaching is designed to inspire, stretch and challenge every student and our expert tutors and support teams will do their very best to make sure you progress well in your studies and move confidently into successful careers.

At the heart of our college community sits a set of values: **Respect, Honesty and Kindness** which shape and guide the way in which we behave. The generosity, care and compassion of our staff and students are reflected in our support for many charities, as well as in the work we do within our local communities.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Marion Plant OBE FCGI
Principal and Chief Executive Officer



Whatever level you are starting at, our range of higher education courses are designed to ensure that you succeed. From Access to HE courses, Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) to bachelor's degrees, our programmes cover an inspiring range of subject areas across our campuses.

Our specialist higher education centre in Hinckley focuses on Creative Arts, offering a real community feel, where every student can thrive in an open, friendly and creative environment.

Many of our lecturers are current practitioners and bring a wide range of experience and passion to their teaching. As a student with us, you will benefit from small class sizes, one-to-one support and fantastic facilities throughout your programme.

We aim to ensure that you enjoy an inspiring learning experience that will provide a solid foundation for your career ambitions.

We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Carrie-Anne Abdulai
Director of Higher Education

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WELCOME

Why Study With Us

Higher Education is a big investment with benefits that will last a lifetime. Our aim is to ensure you get everything you need and more out of your time with us.



Lower fees

Our course fees are lower than university, whereas universities can charge up to £9,250 per year for a course. Our fees are £5,950 for full-time study and £2,975 for part-time study.*



One-to-one support

Smaller class sizes mean you get one-to-one support when you need it.



First-class teaching

Many of our tutors are also practitioners, bringing a wealth of industry-related experience to their teaching.



Certified

We're registered with the Office for Students (OfS). That means we meet its requirements for course quality, student support and more. We are also Ofsted registered and regulated by QAA.



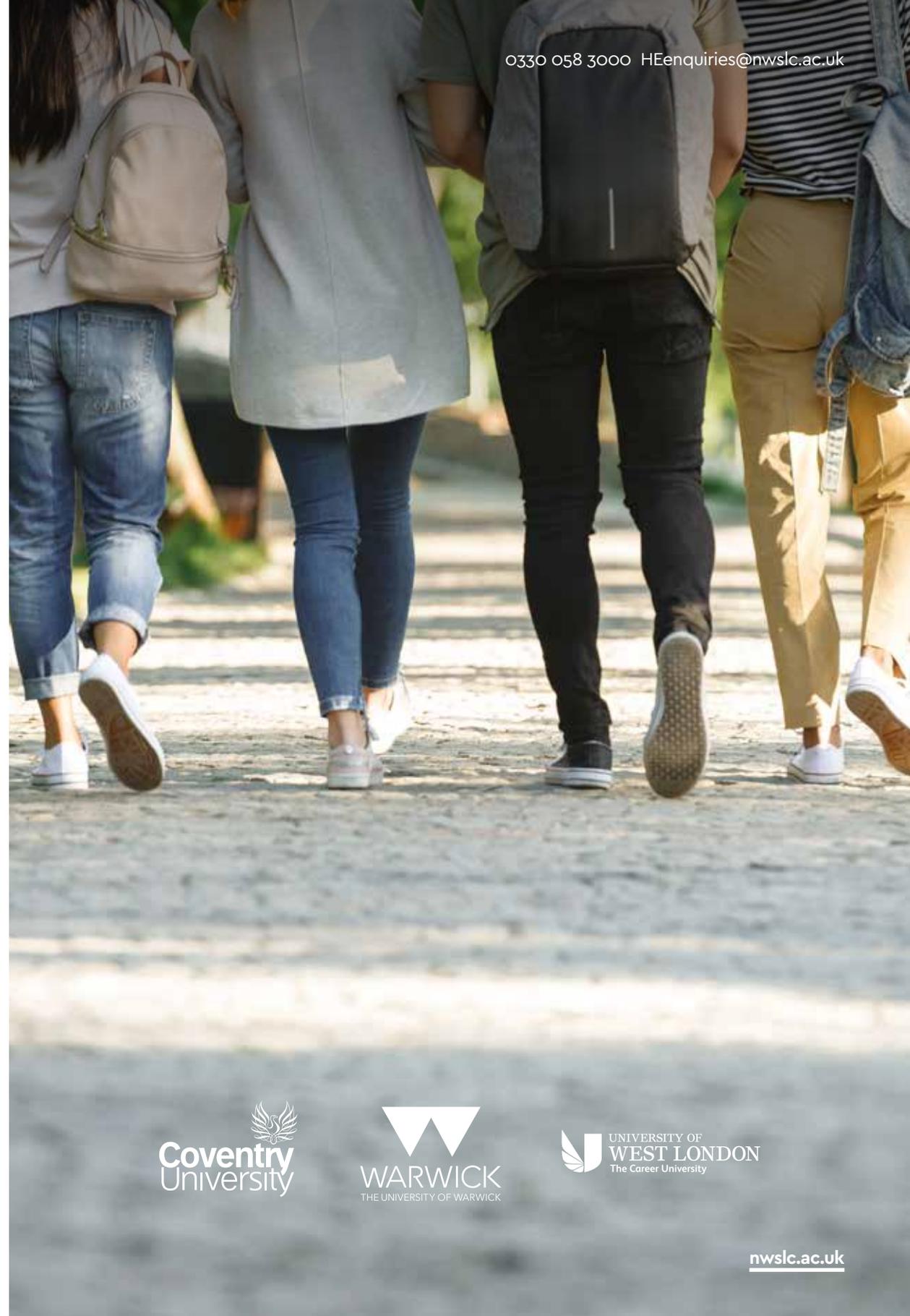
Working with partner universities

We work closely with university partners. As a result, we are able to design and deliver a range of foundation degrees and bachelor degrees that link together and build on your existing qualifications.



Preparing you for work

We work closely with local, regional and national employers to ensure our courses are relevant to industry.



*Fees correct at time of going to press – see page 16

Student Support

We have a number of services available to help you reach your full potential whilst at college.

Individual support

As part of your programme, you will be assigned a personal tutor who you will meet with on a regular basis.

Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) as part of your student loan – this may help for support with:

- Mobility or visual impairments including communicators for the hearing impaired
- Medical issues and personal care
- Learning difficulties and/or disabilities

If you would like help with your loan application, our Guidance Team will be happy to assist. Just ring the main college number to make an appointment.



Keeping you safe

It's important that you feel safe when you are at college. The Safeguarding Team is located at every campus and are available at all times if you are worried about anyone or anything. All staff, students and visitors are expected to wear ID badges. Our youth workers are always available for a chat if you have any worries.

Guidance

We have a team of dedicated career experts that will make sure you are on track to pursue a career you are passionate about. If you are unsure which path to take, the Guidance Team can provide free, impartial advice on careers and applying for jobs.

The Chaplaincy

The College is home to a diverse and lively community, filled with people from varying backgrounds and world views.

The role of the Chaplaincy is to care for staff and students. They offer a confidential, non-judgemental listening ear and support. You don't have to be religious; they are here for everyone, regardless of faith or belief.

Want to know more about their support? Email: chaplaincy@nwslc.ac.uk

Student life

As a Higher Education student, you will be eligible for a Totem card. Sign up to receive a bundle of discounts from a range of big retailers and restaurants. You will also have access to:

- Student centres at each campus
- Free gym membership available at the Nuneaton and Wigston Campuses
- The Student Union which represents you, organises a range of events throughout the year.

- We have a range of clubs and societies including drama, gaming, cooking, art, plus many more.
- Stay active with a range of classes including Zumba, archery, rugby, football, boxing, table tennis, plus many more. All levels of experience welcome.

See **page 16** for more information on funding your course and financial support available to you.



REACH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL

Our Campuses



Hinckley campus

Located in the centre of Hinckley, this Campus is home to all of our Creative Arts provision and is a hub of inspirational activity!

The Hinckley Campus is also home to our Specialist Higher Education Centre.



We have a great range of facilities including:

- Dedicated Higher Education study space
- Higher Education exhibition space
- Graphics studio
- Photography studio including infinity cove and darkroom
- Music recording studio
- Woodwork studio
- Raku kilns
- Extensive learning and resource centre
- Apple Mac suites
- Lecture theatre
- Art/materials shop
- Coffee shop, including a Starbucks
- Onsite parking for just £1 per day, plus lots of convenient public transport
- The Campus is a stone's throw away from a great range of cafes, bars and restaurants, as well as a large supermarket.



Keep an eye on our website for upcoming open events nwslc.ac.uk



Our Campuses

Many of our Higher Education courses are located at our Nuneaton, Wigston and MTI campuses.

NUNEATON

Hinckley Road CV11 6BH

Nuneaton is our largest campus and home to a wide range of vocational courses and offers a great range of services that are open to the local community as well as students. These include The Salons, Sports and Fitness Centre, WiseOwls and Glebegate Restaurant.



MIRA TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE

Eastern Avenue CV10 0UX

Home to our specialist automotive courses, MIRA Technology Institute (MTI) is a bespoke global skills centre on the grounds of MIRA Technology Park. Created to satisfy an ever-increasing demand for specialist skills in the automotive sector, it is fitted out with industry specific technology and three fully equipped workshops, which include a 3D printer, vehicle lifts, CNC lathes and milling machines.



Photo: Student Jane and Tutor Nat

WIGSTON

Blaby Road LE18 4PH

Home to a wide range of vocational courses and specialist spa centre, our Wigston Campus is a modern, purpose-built engineering and construction department and numerous other resources such as a gym, library and nursery, just to mention a few.



“When I first started the course, I froze at the thought of speaking in front of others, feeling that my opinion would not be important. Whereas, I can now confidently deliver presentations to my peer group and join in discussions and debates. My family are amazed at the way I have changed. At my graduation, I walked proudly onto the stage to receive my degree.”

JANE LEWIS

BA (HONS) SOCIAL STUDIES (2+2) STUDENT

WHERE TO?

Qualifications Explained

LEVEL	TITLE	KEY INFO	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
2	Pre-Access courses	Ideal for those who need to gain GCSE level qualifications before starting the Access course.	N/A
3	Access to Higher Education courses	Designed for those who do not have the formal qualifications needed to start a higher level programme.	GCSE English and maths at grade C or equivalent.
2 3 4 5 6	Professional qualifications	Accredited by professional bodies. We offer qualifications awarded by the AAT, CIPD, CIM and CPCAB.	Dependent on sector, industry experience and prior qualifications.
4 5 6	Higher Apprenticeships	Apprenticeships at Level 4 and above that allow you to work as a paid employee whilst gaining your qualification.	Dependent on employer.
4	HNC Higher National Certificates	A nationally-recognised BTEC qualification that usually takes one year to complete when studied full-time.	64 UCAS points (Merit, Pass, Pass for BTECs) Or Access to HE course: 30 pass credits and 15 merit credits.
5	HND Higher National Diplomas	A two-year, nationally-recognised qualification equivalent to the first two years of a degree.	64 UCAS points (Merit, Pass, Pass for BTECs) Or Access to HE course: 30 pass credits and 15 merit credits. You will need a Pass to progress from the HNC onto the HND.
5	Foundation Degrees	Equivalent to the first two years of a degree.	Please see individual course information on our website.
6	BA or BSc Degrees (including Top-up Degrees)	Designed to give you a thorough understanding of a specific subject.	Please see individual course information on our website.

To find out more about the
UCAS tariff points visit **UCAS.com**

Paying for your Course

How much will my course cost?

Course	Cost when studied full-time	Cost when studied part-time	Support available (see next page)
Pre-Access	N/A	£632 per year*	N/A
Access to HE	From £3,022 per year*	From £1,692 per year*	Advanced Learner Loan
Professional qualifications	Varies depending on awarding body	Varies depending on awarding body	Varies depending on awarding body
Higher Apprenticeship	No cost – your employer will pay for your training	No cost – your employer will pay for your training	N/A
HNC	£5950 per year*	£2975 per year*	Tuition Fee Loan Maintenance Loan
HND	£5950 per year*	N/A	Tuition Fee Loan Maintenance Loan
Foundation Degree	Please see individual course information on our website	Please see individual course information on our website	Tuition Fee Loan Maintenance Loan
Honours Degree	Please see individual course information on our website	Please see individual course information on our website	Tuition Fee Loan Maintenance Loan

*Prices are correct as of July 2020.
Please check on [UCAS.com](https://www.ucas.com) for latest figures. For course-specific figures, see our website [nwslc.ac.uk](https://www.nwslc.ac.uk)

HOW MUCH?

Tuition Fee Loan

This loan will help you pay for the full cost of your university course. The loan is paid directly to your chosen university or college.

Do I have to pay it back?

Yes, but only once you are earning over £26,575 a year.

Where can I find out more?

[gov.uk/studentfinance](https://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

Maintenance Loan

Available to full-time and some part-time HE students, you can apply for a Maintenance Loan to support you with living costs while you are studying.

The amount you will receive depends on your personal circumstances.

Do I have to pay it back?

Yes, but only once you are earning over £26,575 a year.

Where can I find out more?

[gov.uk/studentfinance](https://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

Advanced Learner Loan

Available if you are aged 19 or over and studying a further education course at level 3 or above.

Do I have to pay it back?

Yes, but only once you are earning over £25,725 a year.

If you study an Access to HE course and progress on to university, you won't have to pay back your Advanced Learner Loan.

Where can I find out more?

[gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan](https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan)

Additional Financial Support

Depending on your circumstances, you may also be eligible for further support:

Parents' Learning Allowance

If you are a full-time student with children, you may be eligible for extra funding to help with your learning costs.

Do I have to pay it back?

No

Where can I find out more?

[gov.uk/parents-learning-allowance](https://www.gov.uk/parents-learning-allowance)

Childcare Grant

Depending on your household income, this grant helps with covering childcare costs.

Do I have to pay it back?

No

Where can I find out more?

[gov.uk/childcare-grant](https://www.gov.uk/childcare-grant)

Adult Dependants' Grant

Available if you have an adult who is financially dependent on you.

Do I have to pay it back?

No

Where can I find out more?

[gov.uk/adult-dependants-grant](https://www.gov.uk/adult-dependants-grant)

Disabled Students' Allowance

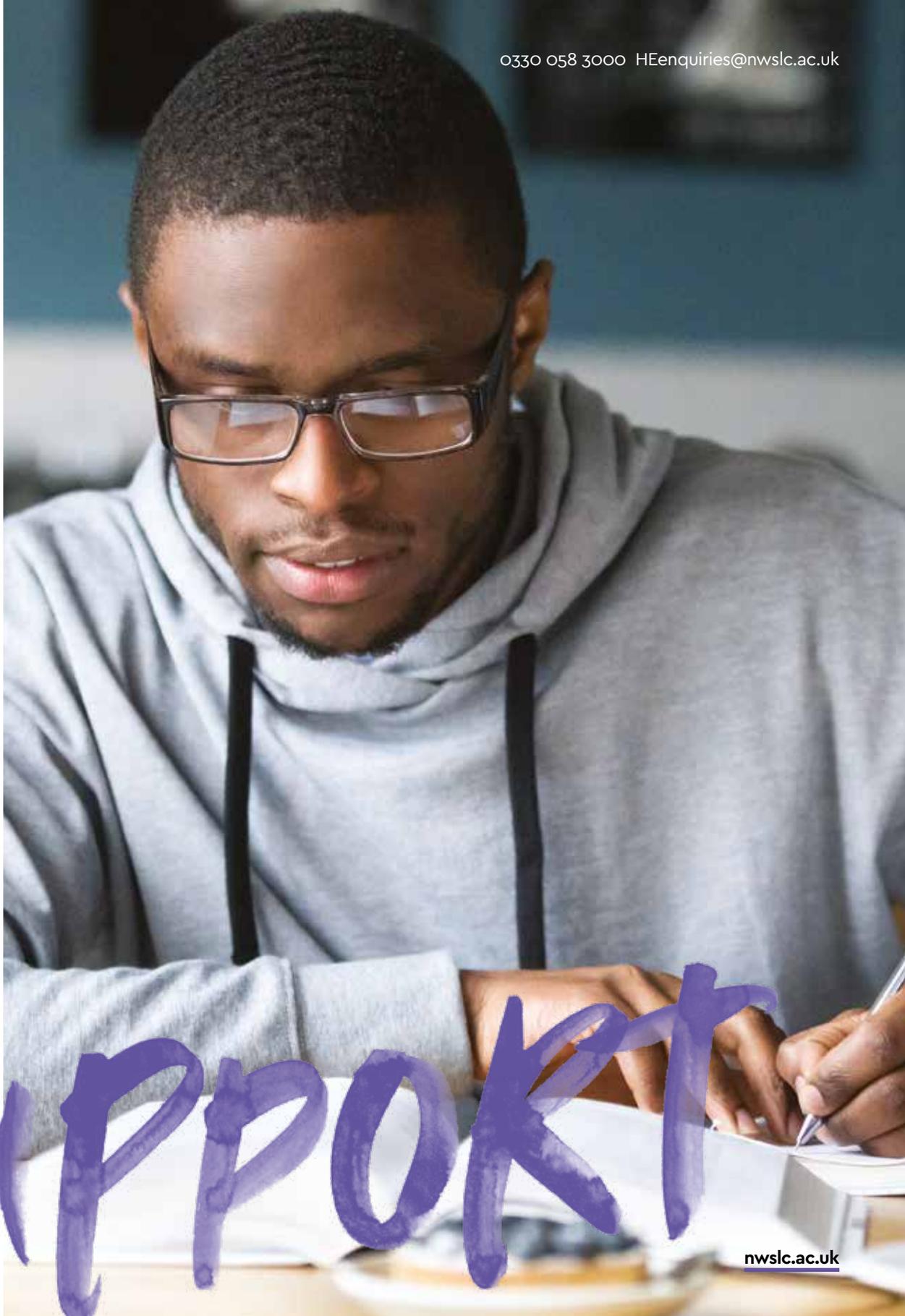
Available in addition to your tuition fee loan to help pay for extra equipment and support you may need for your disability.

Do I have to pay it back?

No

Where can I find out more?

[gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas](https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas)



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LET'S GO

BUSINESS
& TRAVEL
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HND Business

A business qualification provides the perfect practical grounding for a wide range of exciting and lucrative careers.

Maybe you see yourself leading a large team, working together on a project, or managing a high-profile event, or making decisions about who to hire?

The HND in Business covers all the essential bases to give you a start in a career in Marketing, Finance, HR, Law or Management. The course includes workplace visits and a range of industry speakers who will inspire you with tales of their success. A HND in Business could be your ticket to a career with leading brands in local, national and global companies.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndBusiness



Lydia Rowley
HNC in Business

"HNC Business has allowed me to gain knowledge within all aspects of the business world. I have now been able to summarise the possible careers that this course has opened up for me. After achieving HND Business, you can then complete a degree within a year at University.

"The course offers flexibility for a busy lifestyle but maintains lots of support from the tutor through fortnightly meetings and e-mail. The style of assessment allows self-learning using research and platforms offered by the college.

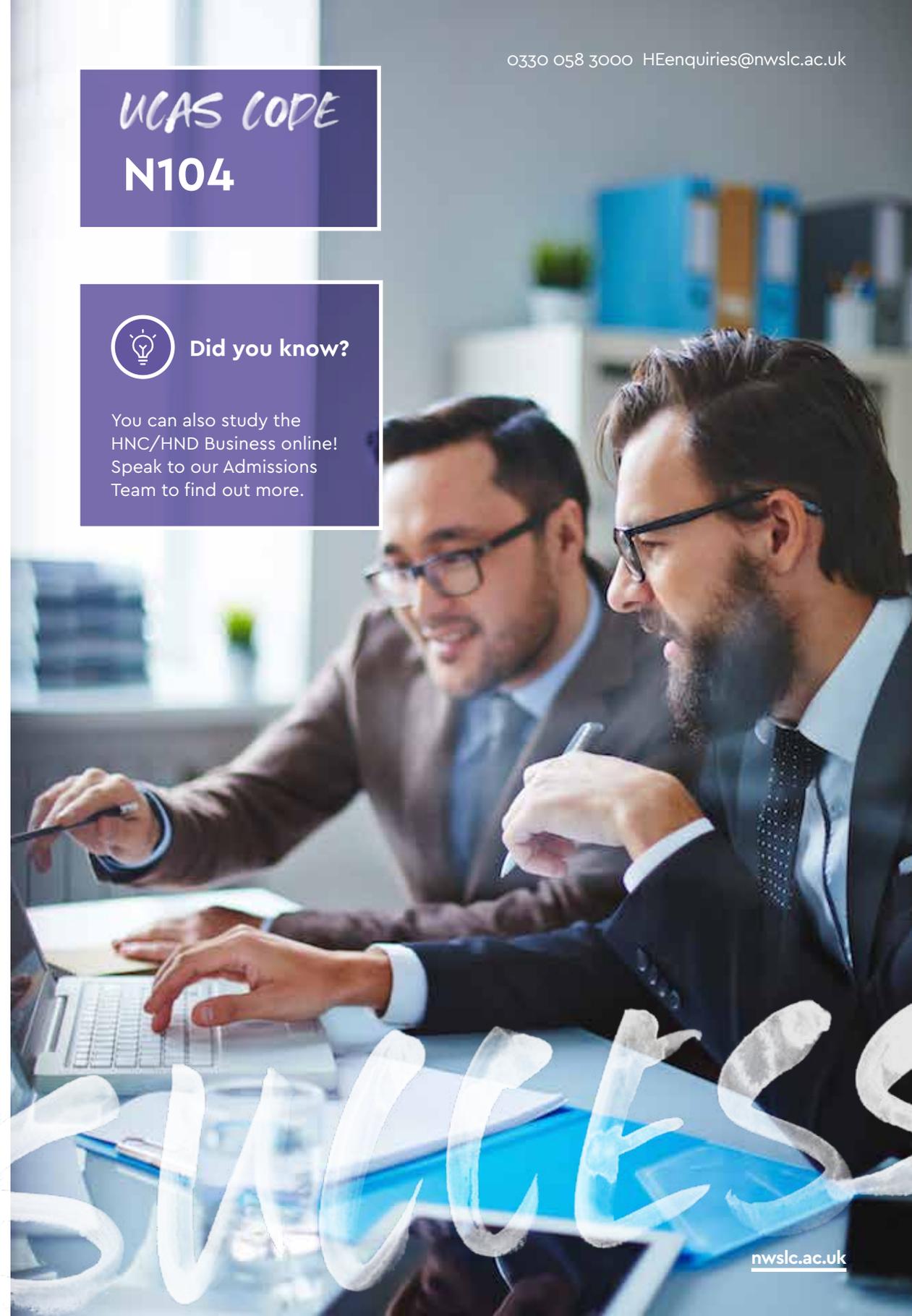
“I would recommend this course to anybody looking to gain more knowledge about many different aspects within Business.”

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Did you know?

You can also study the HNC/HND Business online! Speak to our Admissions Team to find out more.



HND Travel & Tourism (Event Management)

The market for holidays and leisure continues to grow with Argentina, Arizona and British Columbia in the top three new destinations to watch, according to ABTA's latest survey of key trends.

With our HND in Travel and Tourism, you will learn about the most exciting tourist destinations both at home and abroad. You will explore issues in the sector including contemporary travel and tourism, customer experience, industry and professional practice, business toolkit and leadership and management for service industries.



Mandi Coton
Lecturer in Travel & Tourism

Mandi travelled the world working for TUI before starting her twenty-year career in education. Originally an apprentice with Lunn Poly, Mandi rose to become a team leader at the company's head office in Leamington Spa.

Students benefit from Mandi's ongoing links with TUI and international cargo handlers, Swissport.

The course also covers management of conference and events, global tourism destinations, consumer behaviour and insight, along with many more. Your own personal research project could lead you into a career in one of the most diverse and thrilling sectors, or once you have complete the HND you could top-up to a full BA Hons Degree, at university.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndTravel

“I am very proud of my students' excellent track record in gaining employment with high profile travel brands including Virgin Atlantic and British Airways.”

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EXPLORE

CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

Foundation Degree in Early Childhood

This course is ideal for those with related experience and those working regularly with children from birth – 7 years.

Apply directly to the
University of Warwick
warwick.ac.uk

The Foundation Degree is aimed at those who wish to combine study with work commitments. It provides an opportunity to develop a range of professional, academic and key skills, which will be of value in early years settings.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/fdChildhood



Charlie Howland
Foundation Degree
Early Childhood Student

Coming back to education was scary, but the course is really good, I have a supportive group, we are all committed and want to learn.

The facilities at the College helped me on the course, the campus is easily accessible, they are open late on two evenings with good library facilities. I am able to go in after work and catch up on assignments.

I would like to top-up my course with the BA Hons at Warwick University, so I can then progress my career and work in a SENCO role within a school.

“University is very daunting, whereas college is less so, as it is a friendlier environment.”



Foundation Degree in Healthcare Play Specialism

This foundation degree services the play specialist role, which is an identified job role within the NHS.

It contains specialist units that address the role of therapeutic play, enhancing social and emotional resilience in children and young people and a policy module that focusses on and enhances existing knowledge of NHS policies.

Apply directly through the college website nwhc.ac.uk



Karen Baxter
Lecturer in Healthcare Play Specialism

I became a teacher six years ago after graduating with BA Hons in Youth and Community Development. The best thing about my job role is being part of my students' transformative learning experience.

This foundation degree has been developed to raise the profile of and enhance the professional skills and status of the Play Specialist. The programme is aimed at both volunteers and staff employed in the sector. It provides an opportunity to gain the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment in the sector.

The play specialist has a very different role to paediatric nurses and early years specialists. They need to develop and provide resources for play and distraction for sick children either in hospital for long or short term treatment, hospice care rehabilitation or other medical and clinical interventions.

On successful completion of the course, you can register as a Healthcare Play Specialist with HPSET, the Healthcare Play Specialist Education Trust.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/fdPlaySpecialism

“By teaching on a variety of higher education programmes, I can adapt my knowledge depending on what subject and level I am teaching.”



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Diploma in Education & Training

Designed for those currently in a full-time teaching role in post-compulsory education including further education colleges, sixth form centres, adult education, community learning and other training and educational settings.

This level 5 course is a route to gaining Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status so you can teach in post-16 education.

This course is the perfect stepping stone from the Level 3 Award in Education and Training. The Level 3 award is designed as an introduction to teaching for all new teachers, trainers, and tutors in the Lifelong Learning sector. For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/DipEducation



Sarah Fennell-Plummer
Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training Student

The course has provided me with the tools, skills and experience I needed to build my confidence and help me get into teaching. The course is so insightful, not only learning the theory of teaching but gave me the chance to share and learn from other trainee lecturers at the college. They have made the course engaging and enjoyable throughout the two years.



Did you know?

The Diploma in Education and Teaching (DET) – formerly known as the Diploma to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) – is equivalent to the second year of a UK bachelor's degree.

It is a popular route for prospective teachers who want to pursue a career in further education, or currently hold an FE teaching role and want to gain a full teaching qualification.

“My tutors have supported me every step of the way in my course and helped me to balance the course alongside my job.”



BA (Hons) Integrated Services for Children and Young People – Top-up

This course is designed for those who have a foundation degree in this field and want to develop their knowledge.

Subjects covered include research methods, working with young people, provision of service, safeguarding children and a dissertation.

The course is designed to support the government's strategy to build a world-class workforce for children and young people in the UK.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/baServicesCYP

Apply directly through the college website nwslc.ac.uk

Class of 18/19 BA Integrated Services – Children and Young People

This class is made up of people from a wide variety of professions, from Healthcare Play Specialists and Early Years Professionals, to those working in primary schools and hospices for children. All the students are studying part-time and come to college for one day per week, so their studies fit around their work and family lives.

A major advantage of studying the course is that it focuses on integrated services, meaning all students can dip into different sectors, giving them a breadth of knowledge. Some are even considering a career change as a result.



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COMPUTING

HND Computing & Systems Development

All organisations rely on smart, efficient and smooth running IT systems. Websites and databases constantly need building, maintaining and improving.

Careers in computing and systems development span from Software Engineer and Web Developer, to IT Support Technician and Database Analyst.

The HND in Computing & Systems Development will give you the skills to become a developer, working with Java or PHP or managing operating systems such as Apple's iOS.

You will gain practical skills in programming, web design, IT support and systems analysis that could be your springboard into an exciting career with local, national or international companies.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndComputing



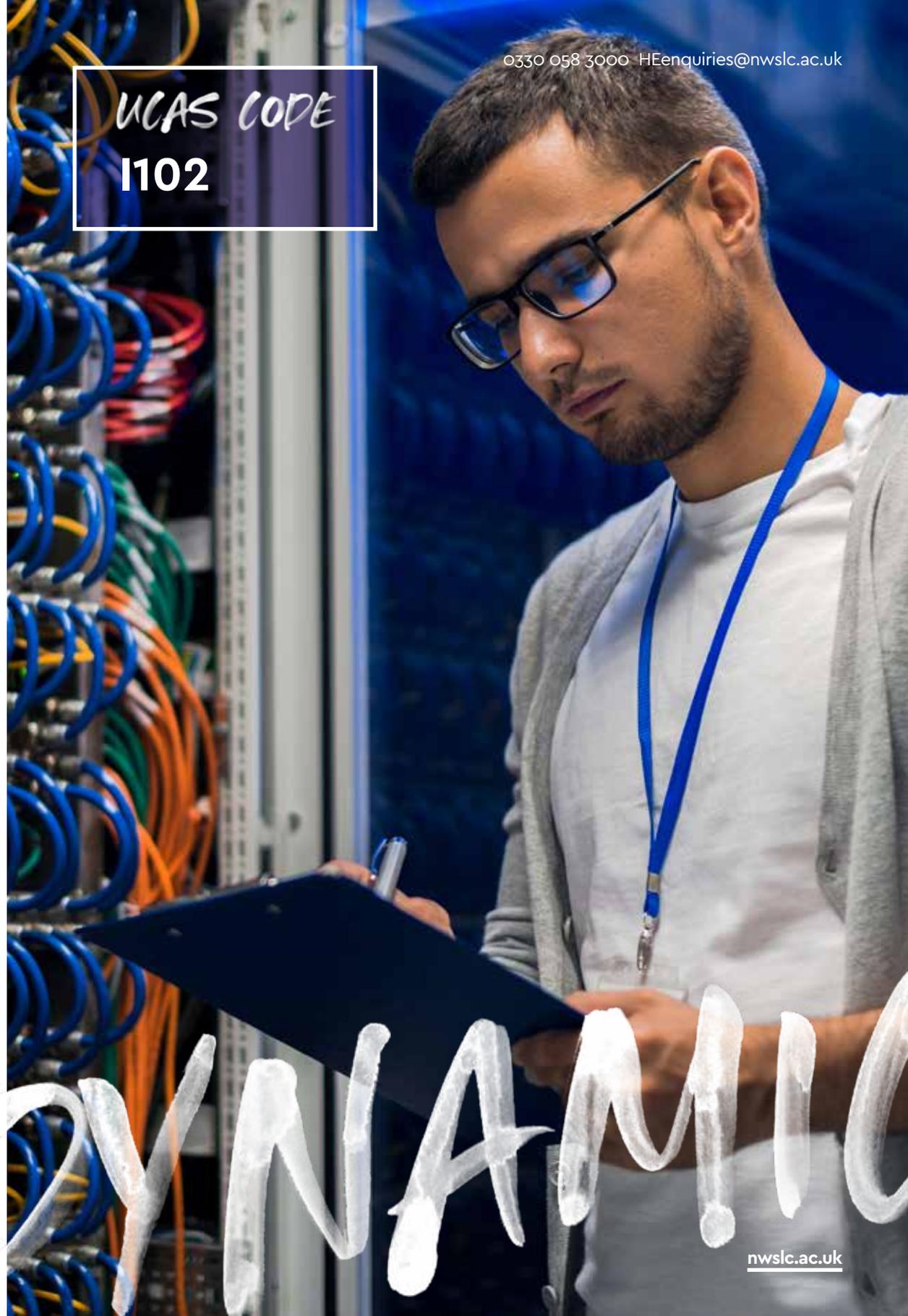
Sydney Mwale
HND Computing & Systems Development Student

Sydney currently works as a Learning Support Coach at the college and also teaches maths. His managers at the College advised him that teaching would be a great route for him. He is now completing his IT qualification so he can progress his career and teach computing in Further Education settings.

"I've always liked computers and love where technology is taking us so why not be a part of it? The College itself really feels like a community, it has a real sense of belonging. My advice to anyone considering the course would be to enjoy it - it's a great college!"

“The best thing about the College is the lecturers – they are brilliant and always on hand and willing to help you.”

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BSc Creative Computing – Top-up

This exciting course develops your technical computing skills and helps tune your creative multimedia thinking.

On the course, you will develop creative computing assets and products, from 3D modelling and animation, to how to use and develop adaptive coding within game engines. You will also learn the latest web design techniques to deliver innovative web solutions for future clients.



Wayne Gallear
Lecturer in Computing

Wayne started his career at De Montfort University, working in IT support and infrastructure. When an opportunity arose to complete a teaching qualification, Wayne quickly discovered his passion for teaching. Once qualified, he began teaching at the College and has been here for ten years. He is also currently studying his PhD at Coventry University focusing on how to embed maths into teaching.

The course is all about the future of computing and moving it forward in a creative way. Potential job roles for graduates include those in games design, web design, inter-programming, IT support plus many more.

Students will be actively encouraged to be experimental, imaginative and practical in the shaping and defining of a professional body of work which meets current industry standards. This is done through a series of challenging briefs, which may include corporate or commission work, live briefs, competitions work, film, blogs and / or self-negotiated briefs.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/bscCreativeComp

“I created this course in partnership with Coventry University. It's an ideal route for those from either creative or IT backgrounds who want to expand their skills.”

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CREATIVE
ART &
DESIGN

HND Fashion & Promotion



Around half a million people work in the UK fashion industry which boasts trend-setting brands from Burberry, the highest value fashion brand, to Next, the biggest high-street retailer and online giants Boohoo.com and ASOS.

The UK produces world-class fashion designers from Vivienne Westwood to John Galliano and your training could lead you to rub shoulders with the greats at internationally-celebrated London Fashion Week.



Hannah Green
HND Fashion Student

Hannah works as a trim development apprentice for Adient. She attended college two days a week and was able to apply her knowledge of visual communications, print work, digital design, embroidery, pattern cutting and production to the design process.

Hannah said, "My enthusiasm for both cars and fashion led me into a job designing seating for the Land Rover Discovery and Evoque. My HND was part of a four-year engineering technical support apprenticeship. At college, I have access to industry standard equipment including over-lockers, lockstitch, buttonhole and zip machines used in the manufacturing of vehicle seating."

Our facilities include a design and pattern studio, and machine room with 3-4-5 thread overlockers capable of producing industrial lock stitch and cover stitch. The course includes textile design, pattern cutting and garment production. You will research fashion brands and the latest high-street trends, and see your designs come to life on the catwalk at the annual Fashion Show.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndFashion

“The HND was very flexible and enabled me to focus on textiles for upholstery as well as fashion design. The modules are highly relevant to my industry and specific job role.”

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HND Fine Art Practice

We can help you to unleash your creative strengths to enable you to start a meaningful career in the creative arts industry.

Whether your skills lie in painting, drawing and illustration, ceramics, glass-making, or digital film and photography, our HND in Fine Art Practice will help perfect your creative talents.

You will get the opportunity to test yourself against other creative practitioners in national competitions and at group exhibitions, enabling you to develop the confidence and know-how to work successfully within a commercial context.

We can help open doors to a range of complementary careers including teaching, art therapy, or working as a stylist, designer or curator of a museum or gallery.

After completing this course, you will have the chance to top-up to a full BA (Hons) degree in Visual Media, awarded by Coventry University. **See page 62.**

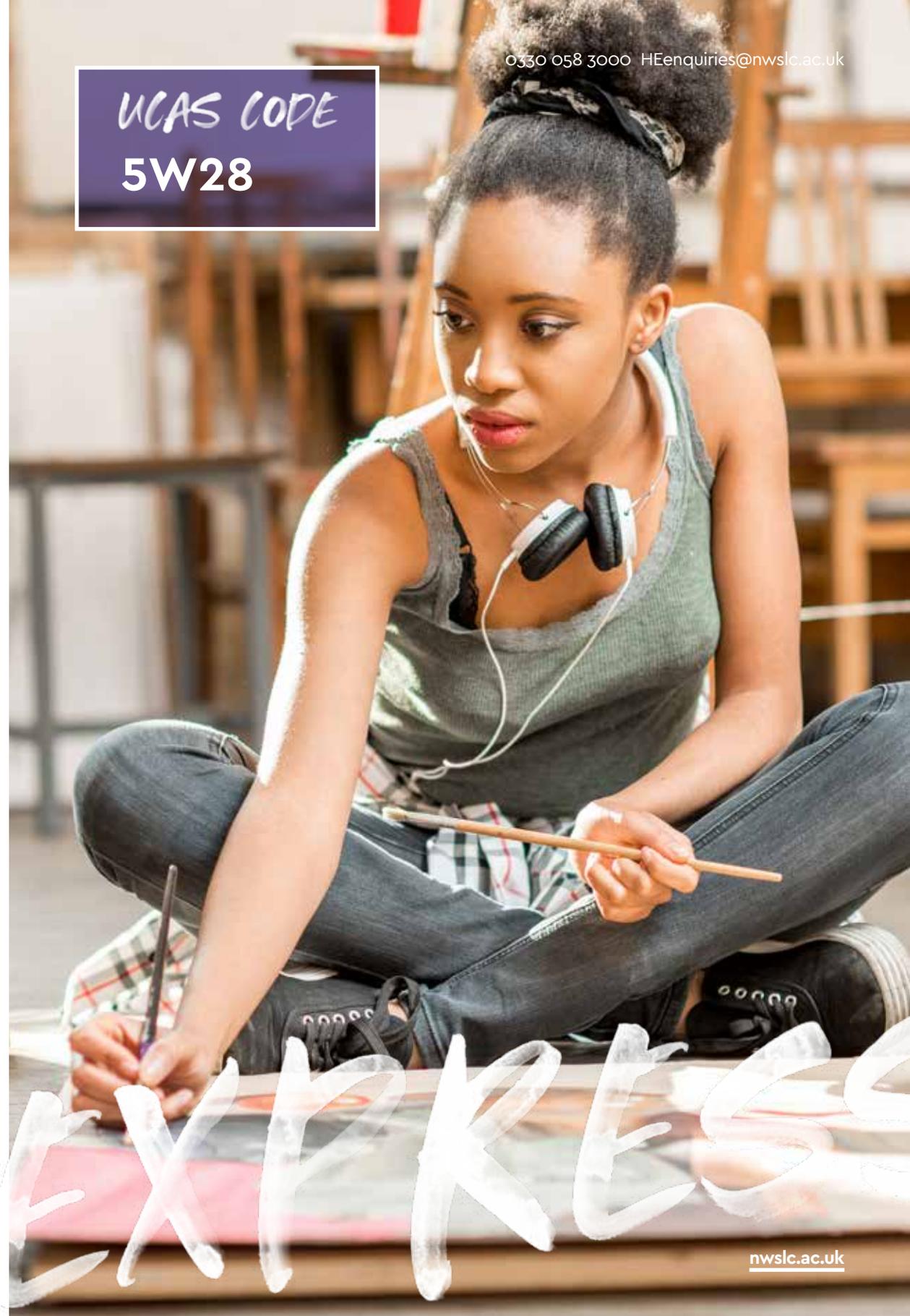
For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndFineArt

Located at our dedicated Higher Education Centre in Hinckley, you will have access to a range of facilities including graphics, photography and woodwork studios, raku kilns, art shop plus much more.

We focus on ensuring you gain experience as a creative practitioner with the chance to get involved with group exhibitions as well as local, national and regional competitions.

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EXPERIENCE

HND Graphic Design

Iconic UK brands such as Virgin, Jaguar Land Rover, O2, Dyson and Diageo depend on brilliant design for their growth and success.

The story behind the logos requires skills in corporate identity and branding, digital photography and web design, illustration, publicity and packing design.

The design industry is worth over £3bn to the UK economy and is one of the fastest growing sectors.

Our HND in Graphic Design can help you to build the skills to meet graphic design challenges in both 2D and 3D, and put them into practice through national competitions, exhibitions and live industry projects. Get qualified and you will be ready to join the commercial design world where the sky's the limit to your creativity.

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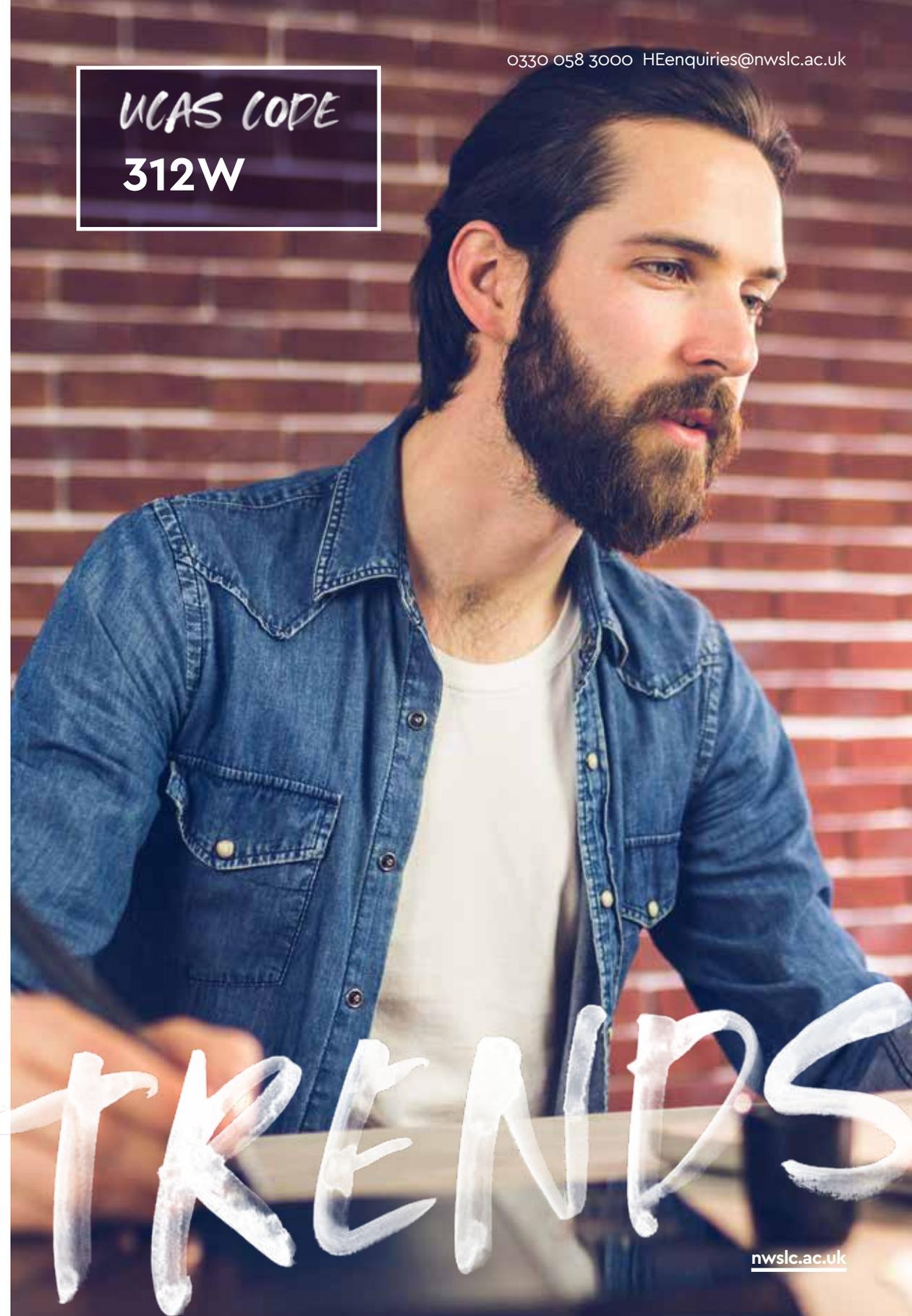
Michael Pinfeld
HND Graphic Design Student

Whilst at school, I had the opportunity to work in a small in-house graphic design studio for work experience. It was then that I decided that's the career path I wanted to follow. The lead designer from my work experience studied at NWSLC and recommended that I look at the courses.

Currently I am working as an in-house visual expert at Electrocomponents. Working with graphic design, photography and video. Our office is right next to Google/YouTube, Havas, LVMH, Universal Music, it's a real hub for innovation. Without the college, I wouldn't have had such an opportunity.

“The best thing about the course is the versatility, one week you're working with brand identity, and the next week you're working with illustration. It gives you the chance to figure out what you're good at and what you're great at.”

UCAS CODE
312W



HND Interior Design

Whether you're inspired by the funky setting of Google's New York City HQ or the luxurious, minimalist interiors created by Kelly Hoppen, there are hundreds of opportunities to work on domestic or commercial interior design projects in the UK and beyond.

The course will equip you with practical ways to bring your ideas to life, and the skills to succeed in the commercial world.

You will explore the relationship between interior space and volume planning, learn how to select the best materials, colours and textures, and explore presentation techniques including 2D drawing, mood boards and 3D modelling. You will get involved with studio-based and live projects and perfect the professional skills to become a successful interior designer in your own right.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndinterior

Kathryn Bishop Lecturer in Interior Design

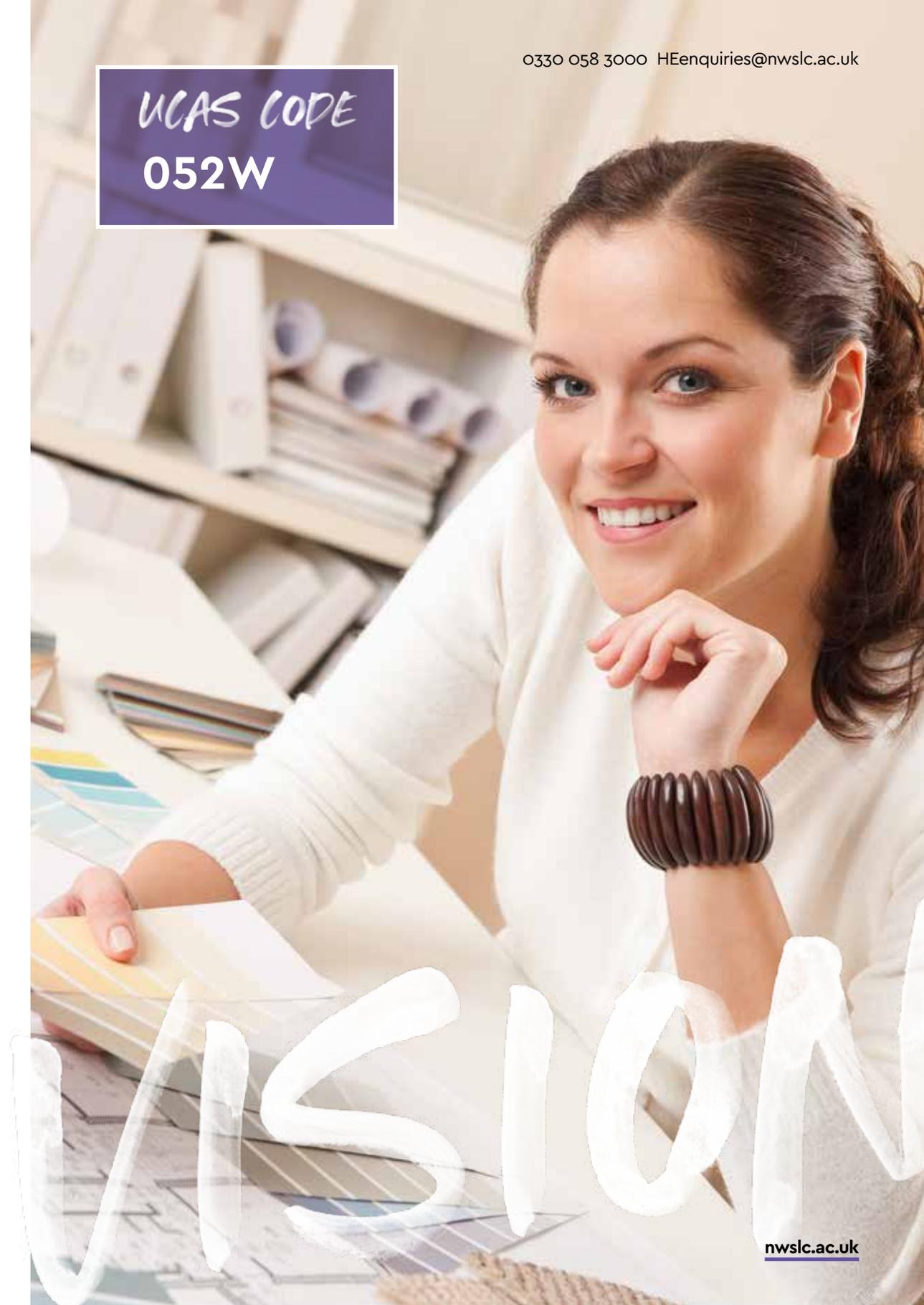


I worked for over 9 years within the interior design industry having worked in a number of different sectors both residential and commercial. I've designed and managed a number of retail, bar and restaurant projects onsite.

There is a real creative team atmosphere at the College. As well as hand drawing we teach industry specialist computer programmes used by local industry professionals such as AutoCAD and 3D Studio Max.

“I've taught at the College for the last nine years whilst working on a number of interior design freelance projects.”

UCAS CODE
052W



CREATIVE
MEDIA



HND Creative Media Production (Film & Television)

Build a professional portfolio on our HND in Creative Media Production course.

Beyond the film and TV industry, the world of the moving image continues to dominate 21st century communications with video set to account for 82% of internet traffic by 2021, so there is no shortage of exciting opportunities. Gain skills in moving image and audio production, digital editing and design, camera operation and cinematography, and develop your ability



Harvey Sharman-Dunn
Lecturer in Media Production

"Higher education in a further education college is very valuable, and offers a different route for people who can't or do not want to attend university. Media, in particular helps with a host of life skills from communication to project management, as well as learning how the industry works and practical film and television skills needed in an ever-evolving industry."

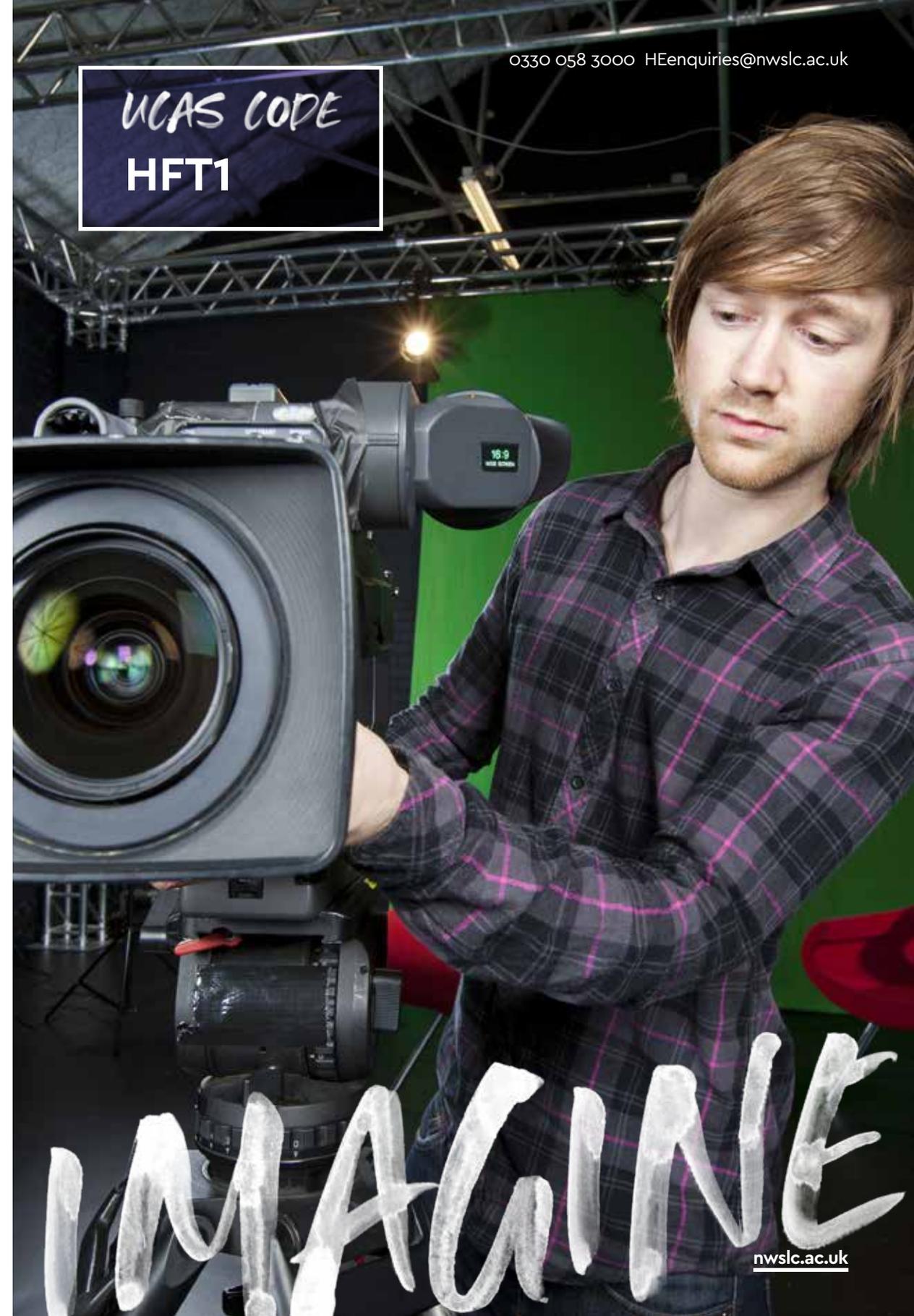
to create documentary and drama productions that could lead to exciting careers in the film and TV industry.

As part of the HND, you will take part in residential trips both at home and abroad, and everyone gets the chance to secure a work placement with the Co-operative British Youth Film Academy.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndFilmTV

“The beautiful thing about teaching is the never-ending stream of ideas from students and young people. Being able to help focus their ideas and facilitate their journey is very rewarding.”

UCAS CODE
HFT1



HND Creative Media Production (Games Development)

The UK computer games sector is on an upward trend, set to be worth over £5BN by 2021.

With the accessibility of gaming via mobile devices increasing in popularity, around half the UK population plays regularly.

You may have an ambition to devise and develop the next League of Legends or Minecraft, but jobs within the gaming sector also extend to design and artwork, as well as technical roles working on middleware, virtual machines and customisable games engines.

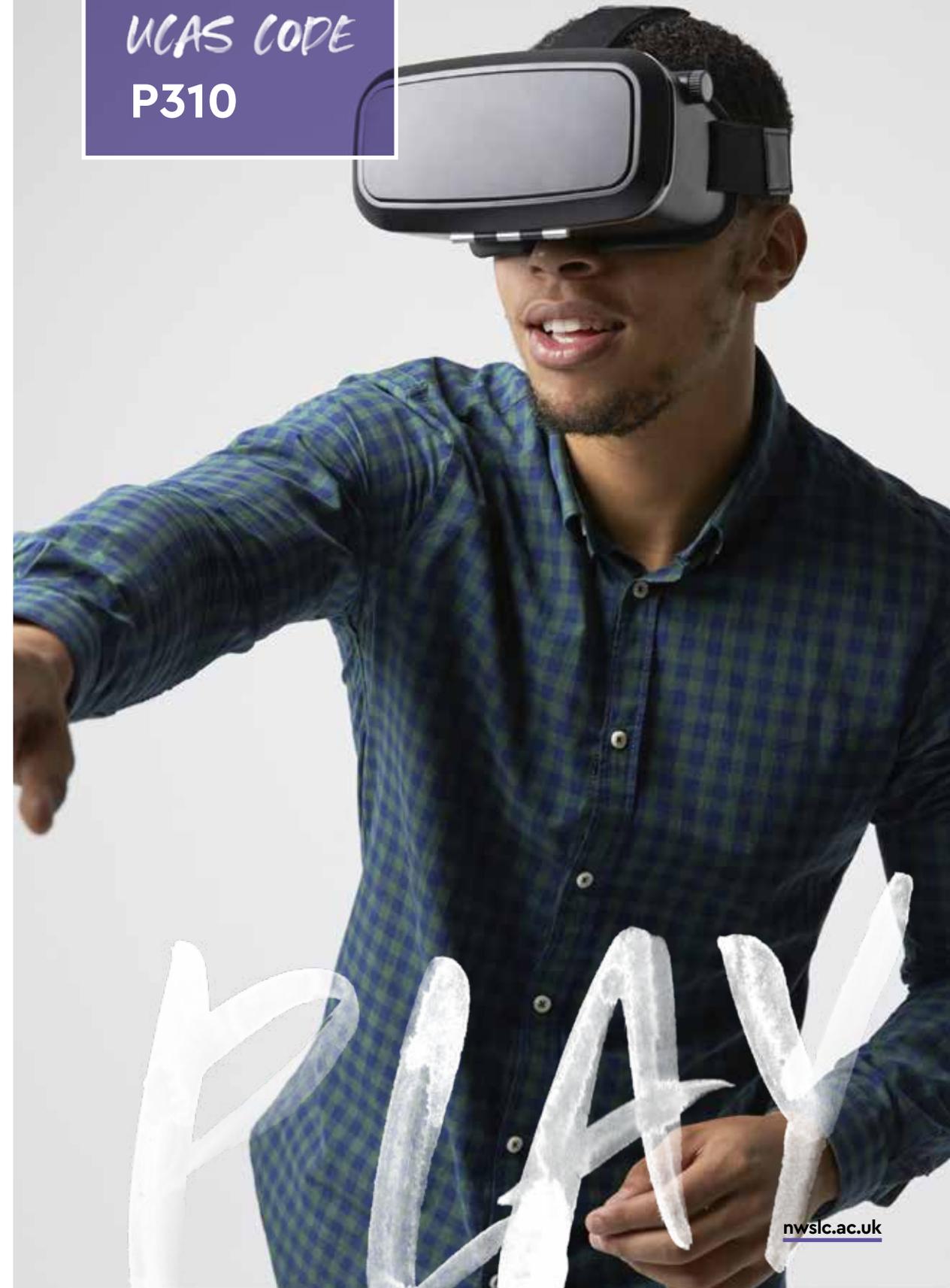
“The students are great and the general environment around the Hinckley campus is very friendly and welcoming.”

The HND in Games Development will take you through all the stages of game development from initial idea to final release. You will learn about 3D modelling and human-computer interfaces and even get the chance to see your ideas come to life using our HTC Vive virtual reality kit.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndGamesDev

“We have a games suite equipped with 30 high-end gaming PCs which are perfect for developing games. We also have a HTC Vive Virtual Reality kit so students can explore and develop games in VR.”

UCAS CODE
P310



HND Photography

The rise of digital photography has created huge and growing demand for creative and impactful visual media.

Set yourself apart from the crowd with our HND in Photography. You will learn the theory and get to put your skills into practice in our cutting-edge studio, with infinity cove and high-glider lighting system. You will learn how to produce prints in our black and white darkroom and use the latest imaging software in our Apple Mac suite.



Jonathan Morgan
Lecturer in Photography

After studying photography at college, I then progressed to university and from there I began teaching in 2010. So, education has been my career for almost a decade and photography has been my life-long love.

Here at the College, we have a great environment, with a huge darkroom (which is where you will most likely find me) and a great studio space as well.

Previous students of HND Photography have gone on to achieve some amazing things; for instance, a recent student achieved a place in the final of the Sony Student of the Year Competition which is a global contest. HND Photography can also be a great way to gain your full degree as we offer a top-up year through Coventry University.

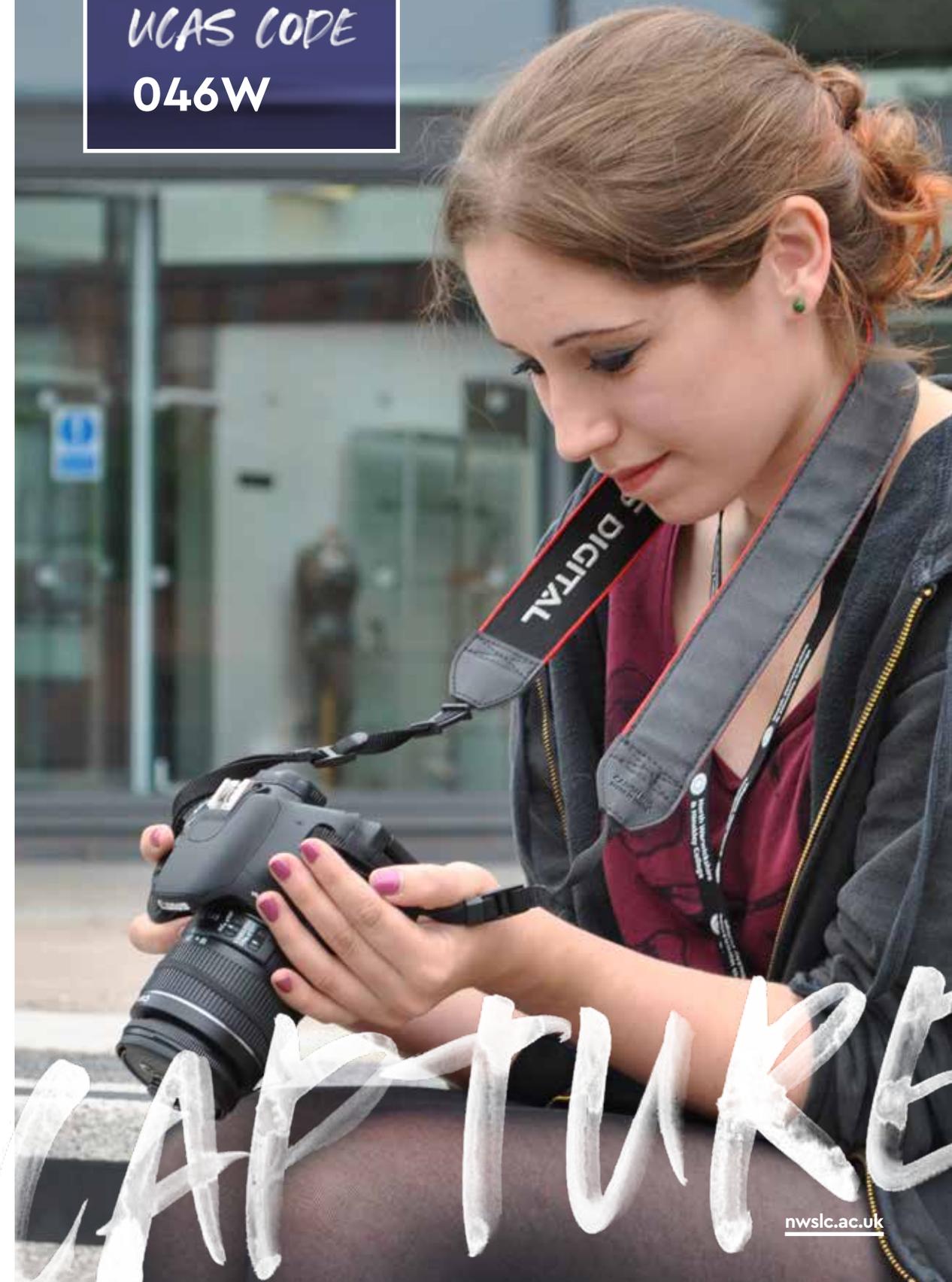
Get the most out of your DSLR camera and put your skills to the test on live commissioned projects that will set you up for a successful career in the industry.

After completing this course, you will have the chance to top-up to a full BA (Hons) degree in Visual Media, awarded by Coventry University. **See page 62.**

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndPhotography

“ We have an excellent teaching team with really experienced and friendly lecturers who I love working alongside. The Hinckley Campus has a great atmosphere and is a great place to work and study. ”

UCAS CODE
046W



BA (Hons) Visual Media – Top-up

The media is ever-evolving, everyone can now make movies and media from their phones and tablets.

However, there is much more to visual media than what can be achieved on your phone. This top-up degree will enhance your skills in photography, film and television and visual communications. You will work both on your own projects and on live briefs to develop and fine-tune your skills to date.



Beatah Chikwaikwai
BA Visual Media Student

Beatah is a mature student who studied the Level 6 programme in Visual Media. Beatah moved to the UK from Zimbabwe more than a decade ago and has been working as a healthcare support worker.

While continuing to work part-time in healthcare, Beatah successfully achieved an HND in Creative Media Production at the College.

Alongside her studies, Beatah has been making videos for a network of churches across the UK, capturing events, celebrations and training sessions on film.

Taught at our specialist Creative campus, you will develop a creative and stretching portfolio, designed to give your career a head start.

This course is an ideal next step if you have completed an HND in Graphics, Fine Art, Media or Photography.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/baMedia

“I plan to set up my own business offering film-making services to church groups and other community organisations in the future.”

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ENGINEERING

HNC Engineering

Imagine the challenges facing London's Crossrail project, designed to create 42km of new tunnels beneath the capital?

Europe's largest construction project employs 10,000 people on 45 sites and involves jobs including mechanical, electrical and civil engineering, project management and health and safety. The UK is currently experiencing a shortage of engineering skills and the economy needs 1.8m more engineers by 2025.



Robert Pouton
Lecturer in Engineering

Robert has worked in the engineering sector for ten years, completing his Level 3 apprenticeship at the College's Nuneaton campus.

He worked as a CNC Machinist for the Premier Group and for ADV Manufacturing in Coventry, signing up to study for the HNC Engineering to further improve his skills and knowledge, and to equip himself for future promotion.

Robert is now passing on the skills he has learned in industry to Level 2 students, helping them to develop turning, milling and fitting skills so that they can join engineering machine shops when they complete their studies.

The HNC Engineering provides a fantastic platform for a career that allows you to work on exciting projects with endless job opportunities. You will gain skills in engineering design, mechanical and electronic principles, maths and science for engineering and how to manage a professional engineering project.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hncEngineering

“The course is well structured and has a clear delivery process. We're supported as individuals and as a group. The course isn't just a qualification opportunity, but also a network for like-minded people, I'm glad I chose this course.”

JACOB SMITH
HNC ENGINEERING STUDENT

UCAS CODE
GENG



INSPIRE

HEALTH
& SOCIAL
CARE

HND Social & Community Work

If you have an ambition to make a significant impact in the community, a career in social and community work could be for you.

Social workers provide valuable support to people who need help to improve their lives. You could be working with people of all ages with mental health problems, looked after children and young people, carers and adopters, older people, refugees, asylum seekers or offenders.

You could find employment in family support, community development, public health, care planning, advocacy and counselling or rehabilitation roles. Our HND in Social & Community Work will equip you with skills in law, policy and values in health and social care, mental health and wellbeing and partnership working. You will also explore innovative approaches to social and community work and develop highly valuable skills in person-centred practice.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndSCW

This sector is rapidly changing to meet the demands for frontline care, increasing the need for well-trained staff. Jobs you could go into ranges from a Community Support Worker or Health Care Worker to a Community Education Officer or Teacher.

Ideal for those working or volunteering in Social and Community Work who are looking to progress their career and/or progress to a degree at Level 6. Core units include: law, policy and ethical practice, professional principles and values, mental health and wellbeing and building an evidence portfolio.

UCAS CODE
SCW1



BA (Hons) Social Studies, 2+2 Pathway

This course is designed for those who are looking to start degree-level study but don't have the formal qualifications needed.

You will study for two years at the College, then two years at The University of Warwick, with the option to choose a social studies or health and social policy pathway.

Topics covered include politics, researching culture and society, sociology and health and social policy.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/baSocialStudies

Apply directly to the University of Warwick
warwick.ac.uk



Jane Lewis
BA (Hons) Social Studies,
2 + 2 Student

Jane went from working in an insulation company to graduating with a BA (Hons) Social Studies.

"I liked the idea of studying a degree, but I didn't have the confidence to go straight to Warwick to study. I chose Social Studies as I wanted to find out more about what makes us who we are. The best thing about NWSLC is the support you get. The lecturers all understood that as widening participation students, we also had lives and families which could have an impact on our studies. With their support, I am now confident to join in political discussions. I learnt so many new skills that I never imagined myself being capable of.

“ Studying at college for the first two years is great preparation for the two years at university. I gained a vast range of knowledge and skills that I used during the transition. It has also transformed me into a confident person.



ENTRANCE

PERFORMING
ARTS —

HND Performing Arts

If you are dreaming of long runs in the West End, or performing to crowds at the O2 arena, you will join thousands working in the performing arts industry in the UK.

Jobs as dancers, actors and singers are available across a wide range of settings including festivals, theme parks, cruise ships, as well as in schools. Our HND Performing Arts will equip you with the skills to become a freelance performance practitioner with a focus on theatre and community arts.



Gary Lincoln
Lecturer in Performing Arts

I've been teaching theatre now for over eighteen years and would not change my job for anything.

Working on the HND Performing Arts allows me to focus my attention on the individuals in my class. If these same students had gone to a larger university, they would have been lost in the sea of faces. My motto is, "you're a name not a number."

The units we cover can vary, we try and tailor the course to your needs. Last year we had a student interested in directing, so I supported them in the directing module and they directed their first piece of musical theatre.

Projects will include taking shows on tour and delivering workshops at venues across the Midlands. Develop your professional practice and improve your movement, acting and singing skills while learning about creative arts research, workshop leadership and how to devise performances.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndPerforming

“ Gary shares with us so many expert tips on performing arts and really helps push us so far out of our comfort zones so we can do the best we can do. ”

KERRY REID
HNC PERFORMING
ARTS STUDENT

UCAS CODE
W470



HND Theatrical Make-up



Drama productions rely on sophisticated and ground-breaking techniques to alter actors' and characters' appearance using specialist make-up for face and body, special effects created with latex, prosthetics and animatronics, as well as facial hair, wigs and contact lenses.

This course enables you to develop awareness of the makeup industry, learn the technical skills required to work as a

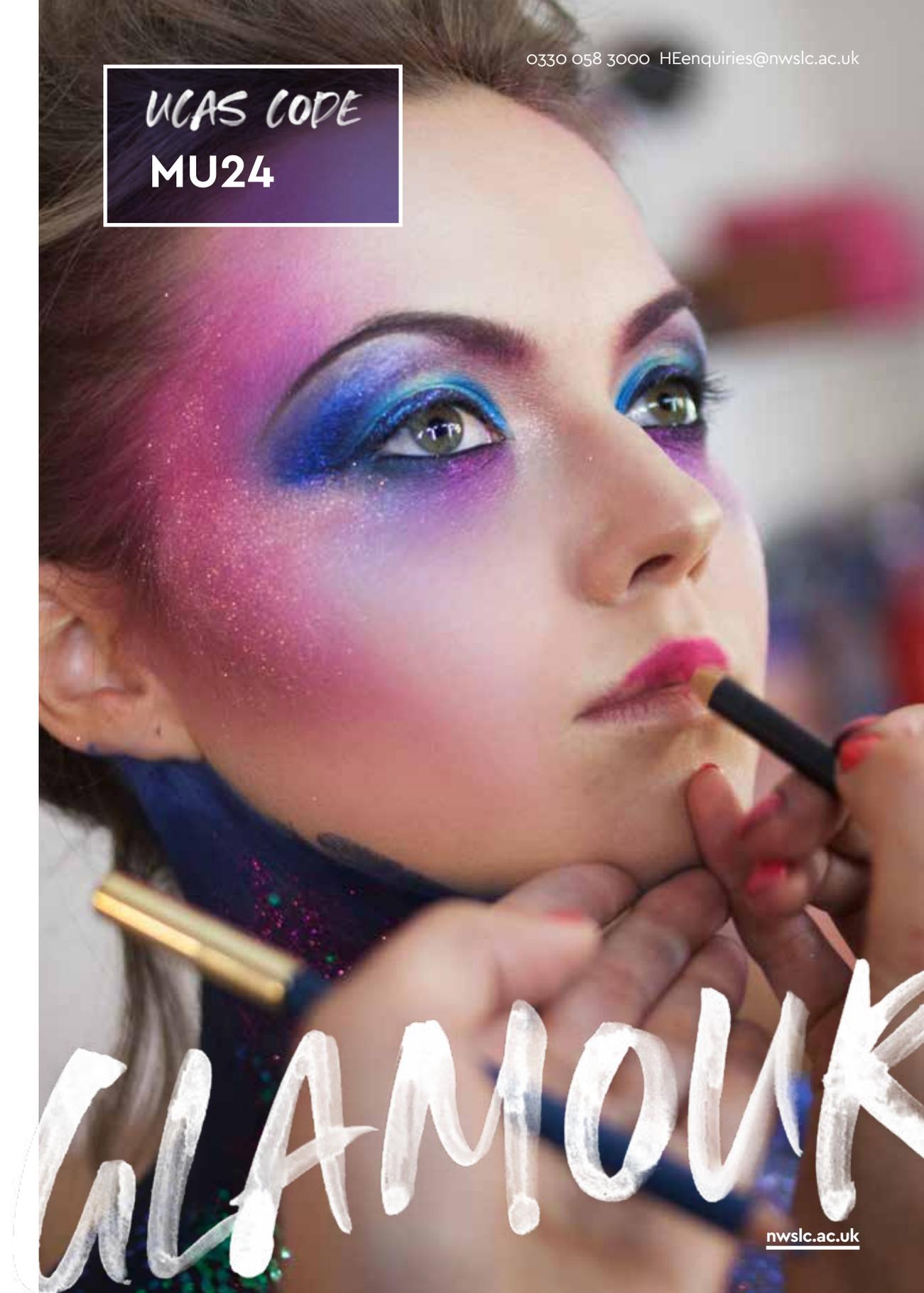
specialist hair and makeup artist and build a professional portfolio. You will have practical sessions and theory through art and contextual studies, combined with photography, IT and professional studies. The course focuses on working in the film, television, theatrical and photographic industry and will include aspects of fashion and media

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndMakeup

There has been a huge growth in people wanting to join the industry to follow shows like Glow, Pose and Strictly Come Dancing.

This is ideal for those wanting to progress into theatrical make-up and progress to a full degree or a work placement. Core units include: Special FX, Fashion and Editorial Hair and Make-up, Period Hair and Make-up, Photographic Practices and Lighting.

UCAS CODE
MU24



GLAMOUR

PUBLIC
SERVICES
& SPORT

HND Public Services

Whether your ambition extends to entering the uniformed services such as the Police Force, Fire & Rescue Service or Armed Forces, or the non-uniformed public services, our HND provides the perfect platform to start your career.

You will explore the theory behind criminology, crime reduction and community safety, emergency planning, substance misuse culture and justice and punishment.



Kev Booth
Lecturer in Public Services

An advantage of the HND Public Services is that it covers a broad range of areas from organisational structures and cultures within the Public Services through to fitness testing and programming.

It gives students an in-depth insight into the different services including fire, ambulance, army and policing. It also allows students to gain an understanding of the administration and workload that they will need to do as part of their job role.

You will also learn about managing public sector finance, the psychology of human behaviour and personal and professional development.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndPublicServ

“This is a great option for those who want to go into public services and want a taster of different services before they choose which one they want to pursue as a career.”

UCAS CODE
PSS1



HND Sport

The UK sport industry is worth **£24 billion** and supports nearly a million jobs and there are plenty of exciting career routes and opportunities.

Students on our HND in Sport are being developed for roles in sports coaching and sports development, where they will go on to work for private organisations, or in local government. The health and fitness industry offers opportunities to help improve people's lives, or to join the lucrative leisure industry.



Tariq Arif
Lecturer in Sport

I previously worked as a full-time Sports Development Officer and attended college to complete my PGCE in Further Education. I have always wanted to work in either Sports Development or teaching. Luckily, I have been able to do both and now teach from Level 1 up to HND.

The overall course aims to support and educate students with up-to-date material that relates to the outside world. All our teachers come with current industry knowledge which lends itself to teaching these subjects. We have a great link to local sports provisions and County Sports Partnerships, with good job opportunities with these partners.

Sports science opens doors to careers based on physiology, biomechanics and nutrition. With our HND in Sport, you will learn about the sport and leisure industry, with a focus on sports coaching, lifestyle and well-being, nutrition, training and fitness and physical education.

For more details and the most up-to-date course information, please visit www.nwslc.ac.uk/hndSport

“The college is really friendly, supportive and fun. It provided me with great learning opportunities and allowed me to build up confidence in my abilities and potential.”

ABOU KONE
HND SPORT STUDENT

UCAS CODE
006C



ACCESS,
APPRENTICESHIPS
& PROFESSIONAL
COURSES

Access to Higher Education

Pre-Access to Higher Education

This course is ideal if you are 19+ and do not currently have the required qualifications to go straight onto the Level 3 Access to Higher Education programme.

It takes one academic year to complete and covers: study and presentation skills, English, maths, biology, health studies, psychology, social sciences, personal career progression and IT skills.



Access to Higher Education

Higher Education courses are not out of reach! If you don't have the formal qualifications needed, our Access courses are the perfect starting point.

They are designed to introduce you to your chosen subject and develop the academic skills you need to take the next step.

Course options include:

- Art & Design
- Business and Computing (new for 2020)
- Health Professions/ Healthcare – designed for people wanting to work in the health sector in roles such as biomedical science, pharmacy, dental health
- Humanities and Social Science
- Nursing and Midwifery – pathways include adult, child and mental health nursing and Midwifery
- Policing and Criminology
- Teaching

Samuel Huczmann

Former Access to Higher Education Student

Sam, from Leicester, was keen to train as a paramedic but knew that he would have to get a degree first. After researching local colleges, Sam found the support and encouragement he was looking for at NWSLC's Wigston campus and his studies went from strength to strength.



“I found the College very flexible and supportive and the tutors are highly knowledgeable and really know their stuff.”

“I decided to take up the Access programme because it was suitable for the precise job role that I was aiming for. The A Level equivalents were more general and less appropriate for me. The Access pathway I chose was aimed firmly at health professionals and the modules were good matches for the skills I needed to build.

Sam enjoyed the learning process as part of his Access course because tutors brought the theory to life with practical activities and models. He succeeded in achieving the Distinction grades that he needed to progress on to university. After graduating, Sam secured a job as a paramedic with East Midlands Ambulance Service within a few weeks of moving back to the region.

Sam has returned to the college to provide students of uniformed public services with the benefit of his experience and to get involved with a major incident exercise.

He said, “I never thought that I would get this far in education. Even my family are surprised at how far I've gone. I would definitely recommend this programme at NWSLC and I'm really grateful to the College for setting me on the right path.”



Higher Apprenticeships

These work-based learning programmes are equivalent to degree-level study.

As part of these programmes, you will:

- Work for at least 30 hours per week within your chosen industry
- Earn a salary
- Study towards your Level 4 or 5 qualification
- Receive off-the-job training for at least 20% of your programme

You will need to be employed or find an employer who is recruiting an Apprentice.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Professional Accountant/ Taxation Technician

As part of this programme, you will be working as an accountant or bookkeeper for an accounting practice, business, organisations or HMRC. You will have responsibility for creating, and/or verifying and reviewing accurate and timely financial information.

Human Resources

As part of this role, you will use your HR expertise to provide and lead the delivery of HR solutions to business challenges, together with tailored advice to the business in a number of HR areas, typically to mid-level and senior managers.

You could be in a generalist role, providing support across a range of HR areas or a specialist role, where you will focus on and have in-depth expertise in a specific area of HR.

Automotive Engineering

These apprenticeships are taught at the MIRA Technology Institute (MTI), a specialist centre designed to help bridge the skills gap in the UK automotive sector. The MTI has a particular focus on technologies such as electric and driverless cars. For full details about the offer available at MTI, visit mti.ac.uk

To find out more, contact our Apprenticeships Team: be@nwslc.ac.uk or visit nwslc.ac.uk/apprenticeships



Professional Qualifications

We are a certified centre for delivering a range of professional qualifications.

AAT – Accountancy

Foundation Certificate in Accounting	Level 2
Advanced Diploma in Accounting	Level 3
Professional Diploma in Accounting	Level 4

Certificate in Professional Marketing

Professional Certificate in Marketing	Level 4
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CIPD – Human Resources

Foundation Certificate in Human Resources Practice	Level 3
Intermediate Certificate in Human Resources Management	Level 5
Diploma in HR Management (Top-up)	Level 5

CPCAB – Counselling

Counselling Skills	Level 2
Counselling Studies	Level 3
Therapeutic Counselling	Level 4

Education and Training

Award in Education and Training	Level 3
Diploma in Education and Training	Level 5



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How to Apply



1. Find the course UCAS code.

These are listed next to each course in this guide.



2. Apply through UCAS

Visit: [UCAS.com](https://www.ucas.com) and fill in your application form. You don't need to do the whole form in one go – you can save your progress and sign back in anytime.

Need support? Our Guidance Team can help you with your application.



3. Sit back and relax

UCAS will contact you once your application has been processed.

If you have any issues or would like further help, please contact our HE admissions HEenquiries@nwslc.ac.uk

For helpful hints and tips please visit our HE F.A.Q page nwslc.ac.uk/HE/FAQ

Access, Apprenticeships and Professional Qualifications

You can apply for these courses directly through our website. Visit nwslc.ac.uk/apply

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Visit officeforstudents.org.uk for more information.

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