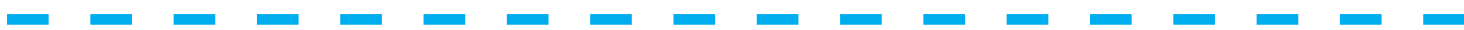


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2019 HIGHER EDUCATION PROSPECTUS





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Degree Foundation Year Courses

The City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College, in partnership with Staffordshire University, deliver a number of Foundation Year Degree courses. Through this partnership we offer a unique combination of quality shared resources, staff and facilities.

Drawing on the combined expertise of the Sixth Form College and Staffordshire University, our courses provide a path into higher education, whilst developing sought after employability skills and industry experience. They are a gateway for those who do not meet traditional university entry criteria, and an opportunity to reskill and retrain.

Create new opportunities, rise to new challenges and discover new experiences by enrolling on a Degree Foundation Year course at the Sixth Form College.



SIX REASONS TO STUDY A DEGREE FOUNDATION YEAR AT THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

High quality teaching in state-of-the-art facilities

Our staff are passionate about their subjects and have a wealth of specialist knowledge. You will experience outstanding tuition and access to the College's, and Staffordshire University's, industry standard facilities.

Outstanding Results

Our students continue to excel. Securing high grades and inspirational progression destinations, we are consistently impressed by the achievements of our students

Central Location

We are based in the heart of Stoke-on-Trent and are accessible via major bus and railway transport links. Whether you live in the city or further afield, traveling to College is easy via road and rail.

More Than Just Qualifications

Through strong links with local, national and multinational business, our students maximize their employment opportunities, whilst developing valuable employment skills.

Future Success

Once you have successfully completed a Degree Foundation Year you will progress onto Level 4 of the course you have enrolled on. You will also have the option to transfer if a suitable course can be found.

Caring Community

Our students receive excellent pastoral support, which includes access to an on-site counsellor, careers advisors, financial and learning support and open-door access to teachers and support staff.



"I was never sure what I wanted to do when I was taking my A Levels. Taking three years out of education helped me to realise my dreams and reminded me how much I enjoyed learning. I chose to study at the Sixth Form College because it's easy to get to and has a proven record of academic support. The foundation year has helped me get used to being back in education and I know it's helping me reach my full potential"

Chloe Hunt

Studying: Psychology Degree Foundation Year



BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Studying Biomedical Sciences is an exciting introduction to the core scientific concepts and principles that underpin the study of science at degree level. You will encounter a wide range of thought-provoking concepts whilst building a comprehensive base of scientific knowledge.

Through a combination of lectures, practical exercises and problem solving seminars you will learn the foundations of the subject. With highly experienced staff you will cover key concepts in the areas of maths and data handling, biology, chemistry and applied science.

As well as covering core content you will be given the opportunity and support to develop independent learning methods whilst learning the key skills required for progression onto further degree-level study.

UCAS Code: B908

Location: The City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College

Duration: 1 year full-time (year 1 of a 4 year course)

Starting: September 2019



FIND OUT MORE: stokesfc.ac.uk/biomedical-sciences-foundation-year

STUDY AND ASSESSMENT

Your progress will be assessed through two classroom based exams, two supervised practical sessions, coursework and presentations.

Teaching will take place at The City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College and laboratories in the Staffordshire University Science Centre.

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

Informed by the course content, you will be taught through a combination of lectures, practical sessions and problem solving seminars, which will amount to 16 hours per week. To support your development, you will also be expected to undertake at least 18 hours per week of independent study.

COURSE CONTENT

The Degree Foundation Year is made up of four modules:

- Applied Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths and Data Handling

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A typical offer is 48 UCAS points, made up of Level 3 equivalent qualifications, including A Level and BTEC courses. Additionally, we welcome applications from people with a variety of qualifications, skills and experience. Each application will be assessed on their individual merits.

PROGRESSION

By successfully completing the Biomedical Sciences Degree Foundation Year you will progress onto year one of the Biomedical Science degree or onto one of Staffordshire University's other undergraduate science degree courses.

Popular courses include:

- Biological Science
- Forensic Science
- Pharmaceutical Science



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Study key areas of Health and Social care develop the core, transferable skills and knowledge relevant to health care, social care and public health. You will look at many aspects of Health and Social Care, including life development from birth to older adult, and will consider the influence of external factors such as the environment and policy.

You will develop core skills which are relevant to all Health and Social Care areas, such as record keeping, safeguarding, and how you can affect the communication of others. To support your development and work-readiness, employability skills are embedded throughout the Foundation Year with the opportunity to undertake relevant work experience in a Health & Social Care setting.

The Health and Social Care Foundation Year course is designed to enable you to progress to undergraduate degree study and relevant employment.

UCAS Code: L516

Location: The City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College

Duration: 1 year full-time (year 1 of a 4 year course)

Starting: September 2019

FIND OUT MORE:

stokesfc.ac.uk/health-social-care-foundation-year/



STUDY AND ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through a variety of different formats, this includes presentations, practical coaching, written assignments and work placement portfolio.

Teaching will take place at the City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College.

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars, practical sessions and tutorials, which will amount to 13.5 hours per week. You will also be expected and encouraged to complete 23 hours of independent study each week.

COURSE CONTENT

The Foundation Year is made up of six modules:

- Skills for Higher Education
- Communication for Personal and Professional Skills Development
- Health, Choice and the Lifespan
- Introduction to Health and Social Science
- Measuring Health and Wellness
- Introduction to Health and Social Care Policy

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants will typically have 48 UCAS points, made up of Level 3 equivalent qualifications, including A Level and BTEC courses. Additionally, we welcome applications from people with a variety of qualifications, skills and experience. Each application will be assessed on their individual merits.

PROGRESSION

By completing the Health and Social Care Degree Foundation Year you will be able to progress onto a number of Staffordshire University undergraduate degree courses. Courses could include:

- Health and Social Care
- Social Work
- Psychology and Counselling
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedic Science

For students who have a suitable science background it is possible to progress onto one of Staffordshire University's Nursing and Midwifery degree programmes.



'After working as a Bank Manager for a number of years I decided to follow up on a lifelong dream of becoming a paramedic. I chose to retrain through the Health and Social Care Degree Foundation Year. The course has given me the knowledge and confidence I needed to progress onto to study Paramedic Science. I had a great time at the Sixth Form College. My teachers were brilliant; they were knowledgeable and supportive. I'm enjoying studying towards my goal and I'm excited for the future.'

Matthew Grech
Studied: Health & Social Care Degree Foundation Year
Studying: Paramedic Science at Staffordshire University



MEDIA COURSES

CREATIVE WRITING & ENGLISH
UCAS CODE: QW39

FILM, TELEVISION AND RADIO
UCAS CODE: W622

GAMES STUDIES
UCAS CODE: I626

Budding games designer, aspiring creative writer, TV professional in the making? Take the next step with one of our Media Degree Foundation Year courses.

Each Media programme is made up of 4 years of study. Year 1 is delivered at the Sixth Form College and has been designed to develop your creative ability, build your knowledge of media practices and learn key study skills.

After your first year you will progress onto Level 4 study at Staffordshire University where you will specialise in your chosen media discipline, Film and TV Studies, Creative Writing or Games Studies.

Location: The City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College
Duration: 1 year full-time (year 1 of a 4 year course)
Starting: September 2019

DEGREE FOUNDATION YEAR PROGRESSION

AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE FOUNDATION YEAR YOU WILL PROGRESS ONTO YOUR CHOSEN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME AT STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY. COURSE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

CREATIVE WRITING & ENGLISH

FILM, TELEVISION & RADIO

GAMES STUDIES

STUDY AND ASSESSMENT

To give you a thorough grounding in essential media techniques, and to support your personal development, you will be taught using diverse methods, which include: independent and group studio practice, technical demonstrations, tutorials, group critiques, lectures and seminars.

During the Foundation Year you will be assessed via a range of means including: presentations, practical, creative and technical projects, and written assignments.

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

Teaching will take place at the City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College and amounts to 13.5 hours per week. To support your development, you will also be expected to undertake 23 hours, per week, of independent study.

COURSE CONTENT

The Media Foundation Year is made up of 5 modules:

- Ideas Generation and Problem-solving for Media
- Imaging/Production Skills for Media
- Major Media Project
- Team Project in Media
- Theory and Practice in Media

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants will typically have 48 UCAS points, made up of Level 3 equivalent qualifications, including A Level and BTEC courses. However, we welcome applications from people with a variety of qualifications, skills and experience. Each application will be assessed on their individual merits.

PROGRESSION

After successfully completing the Degree Foundation Year you will progress onto your chosen undergraduate degree programme at Staffordshire University. Course options include:

- Creative Writing and English
- Film, Television and Radio
- Games Studies

PSYCHOLOGY

The course will help you learn how to investigate and analyse how humans think, feel and behave. Psychology is concerned with understanding all aspects of human behaviour and a person's underlying thoughts, feelings and motivations.

Throughout the Foundation Year you will develop problem solving, communication and interpersonal skills whilst exploring concepts integral to the study of Psychology. The course is taught using a variety of methods including lectures and seminars.

Students who successfully complete the Psychology Foundation Year will be suited to continue studying Psychology at degree level, as well as other undergraduate programmes.

UCAS Code: C801

Location: The City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College

Duration: 1 year full-time (year 1 of a 4 year course)

Starting: September 2019



STUDY AND ASSESSMENT

A variety of teaching and learning methods are employed to deliver the course, which include lectures, seminars, tutorials and group based work.

You will be assessed via a number of means including: formal essays, class tests, coursework, presentations and examinations. Through varied forms of assessment you will demonstrate your strengths and abilities.

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

Teaching will take place at the City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College and amounts to 13.5 hours per week. To support your development, you will also be expected to undertake 23 hours, per week, of independent study.

COURSE CONTENT

The Foundation Year is made up of four modules:

- Foundations of Psychology
- Social and Applied Psychology
- Experimental Design and Research Methods
- Information Technology and Study Skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A typical Psychology with a Foundation Year student will have 48 UCAS points, made up of Level 3 equivalent qualifications, including A Level and BTEC courses. However, we welcome applications from people with a variety of qualifications, skills and experience. Each application will be assessed on their individual merits.

PROGRESSION

Once you have successfully completed the Psychology Foundation Year you will progress onto one of a number of undergraduate degree programmes at Staffordshire University. Course options include:

- Psychology
- Psychology and Child Development
- Psychology and Counselling
- Psychology and Criminology



FIND OUT MORE:

stokesfc.ac.uk/health-social-care-foundation-year/

'After doing my A Levels I decided to take a gap year before studying at university. I worked to raise money to support my studies. I have a passion for Psychology and I aim to work as a professional psychologist in the future. Studying the Psychology Foundation Year is the first step towards achieving this goal and I am loving it. The course is fascinating; the content is enjoyable. In each lecture I learn something that is fascinating and I know that this course is helping me to develop the skills and knowledge I need to progress onto to further study in the subject.'

Wil Lewis

Studying: Psychology Degree Foundation Year



SPORTS COURSES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND YOUTH
SPORT COACHING
UCAS CODE: CX6C

SPORTS COACHING
UCAS CODE: C605

SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE
UCAS CODE: C604

Explore a wide range of issues relevant to today's sports industry, such as: coaching methods including the analysis of sport performers; sociocultural factors that identifies current issues in modern sport and scientific elements of sport and exercise science such as psychology, nutrition and biomechanical analysis.

The Sports Foundation Year will prepare you for the study of sport science, sociology, management and coaching, which are core areas within the undergraduate phase of the award.

To ensure that you are ready for continued study and employment in the sports industry, the Degree Foundation Year features a combination of academic study, a range of sporting activities and the opportunity to take part in external visits to sports based industry and to complete performance and coaching awards.

UCAS Code: C605

Location: The City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College

Duration: 1 year full-time (year 1 of a 4 year course)

Starting: September 2019

DEGREE FOUNDATION YEAR PROGRESSION

AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE FOUNDATION YEAR YOU WILL PROGRESS ONTO YOUR CHOSEN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME AT STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY. COURSE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND YOUTH SPORT COACHING

SPORTS COACHING

SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

STUDY AND ASSESSMENT

To cover the diverse content of this course and to give you a thorough basis of sports knowledge, you will be taught through lectures, seminars and group work.

You will be assessed through a variety of different formats, this includes presentations, practical coaching and written assignments.

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

Teaching will take place at the City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College and Staffordshire University's main campus and sports facilities, which will amount to 13.5 hours per week.

COURSE CONTENT

The Foundation Year is made up of four modules:

- Coaching in Sport
- Research Methods & Study Skills
- Social Aspects of Sport
- Sport Science (Including Psychology)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A typical offer is 48 UCAS points, made up of Level 3 equivalent qualifications, including A Level and BTEC courses. Additionally, we welcome applications from people with a variety of qualifications, skills and experience. Each application will be assessed on their individual merits.

PROGRESSION

The successful completion of the Sports Studies Foundation Year will enable you to progress onto a number of undergraduate degree programmes at Staffordshire University.

Potential courses include:

- Sports Coaching
- Sports Studies
- Sports Science
- Sports Therapy
- PE and Youth Sport



'I chose to study the Foundation Year because I have always been interested in sport and how the body adjusts to physical activity. Studying at the Sixth Form College has been a great experience. The course is detailed and varied. I've learned so much about sport and the body and the facilities here are amazing. I'd like to go in to teaching or coaching after finishing my undergraduate degree and the the experiences I've had studying this course; the study skills I've developed and the knowledge I've gained will help me with this.'

Kamahli Hakeem

Studying: Sport and Exercise Science Degree Foundation Year

TUITION FEES

Studying at degree level is a challenging, enriching and rewarding experience. You'll develop new skills, discover new experiences and create new opportunities. To cover the costs of this exciting next step, educational institutions require tuition fees.



WHAT ARE THEY?

Tuition fees cover the costs of your education. Each student pays a fixed fee that funds essential resources such as lectures, seminars, course equipment and study facilities. Tuition fees do not cover maintenance expenses such as accommodation costs or travel.

HOW MUCH ARE THEY?

Full-time students enrolling on the Foundation year of a Degree in 2019 will pay a tuition fee of £5,920. Years 2 to 4 will be charged at Staffordshire University's standard rate. Home and EU students will be charged the same fee.

HOW DO I PAY THEM?

Most students choose to pay tuition fees through a government student loan, this is known as student finance and is offered through Student Finance England. Tuition fee loans cover the cost of all tuition fees and are paid directly, in three installments, to the educational institution. Tuition fee loans are repayable once students have graduated and are earning an annual salary in excess of £21,000.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Going to university is an investment in your future. To help meet the costs of study Staffordshire University offers 500 bursaries worth £2,000 to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The bursary is paid directly to students in three installments. You do not need to apply for the bursary, your eligibility will be assessed by Staffordshire University using the information you provide to Student Finance England when applying for a tuition loan.



For more information on:
Tuition Fees visit www.staffs.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees/
Tuition Fee Loans visit www.gov.uk/student-finance

NEXT STEPS



CHOOSING YOUR COURSE

We know that choosing the right course for you can be a difficult decision. To help you decide, and to find out more about our courses, you can:

- Visit our Open Event on the 20th March 2019, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Get in touch with us to ask questions and to book a tour of our facilities
- Visit Staffordshire University's website for course and general information
- Check our website for updates and course guides
- Speak with your employer, a careers adviser or people who work in your field about your options
- Like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to keep up-to-date with the latest information

APPLY

Online - The simplest and easiest way to make an application is online via UCAS. Visit www.ucas.co.uk/apply

Applications through UCAS should be completed by 1st September 2019 to ensure course availability.

**OPEN EVENT
20TH MARCH
5:00-7:00PM**

If you have any questions about the application process please contact the Staffordshire University Admissions Team on 01782 294400



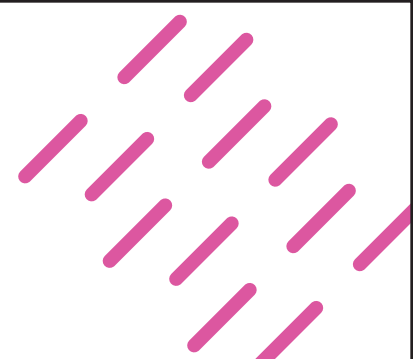
'Being in my mid-thirties, having two teenage children and being dyslexic, I honestly didn't think I'd be where I am today. I enrolled at the Sixth Form College to study Psychology after years of wanting to study the subject. Since starting the Foundation Year I have become stronger and more confident. I thrive on new information and learn something new everyday.'

Lindsay Williams

Studying: Psychology Degree Foundation Year

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