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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.

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SIX REASONS TO STUDY A DEGREE PROGRAMME 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.

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, travelling to College is easy via road and rail.

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 alternative course can be found.

OUTSTANDING RESULTS

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

In 2019 over 85% of students successfully progressed onto higher level degree study.

MORE THAN JUST QUALIFICATIONS

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

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.



The Sixth Form College has really helped me to settle into my studies. They offer tailored guidance around what you want to achieve in the future to help create a plan to support you in achieving your goals. You are encouraged to work independently and off your own initiative, but at the same time you know that the support is there when you need it. I feel confident that I can pursue my dream of working in Primary Education, thanks to the supportive community at the Sixth Form.

LUCY ABBOTT

Studying: Health & Social Care 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.



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B908

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I chose to study at the Sixth Form College because of its location and proven record in student achievements. I was so impressed by the friendly nature of the teachers and students. Everyone was very welcoming and have supported me in my studies throughout my time here. I have gained so much confidence in my abilities and have found my passion for Biomedical Sciences. I can't wait to progress my studies further at University.

CAMERON SHARP

Studying: Biomedical Sciences
Degree Foundation Year



STUDY & ASSESSMENT

Your progress will be assessed through exams, 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 approximately 16 hours per week. To support your development, you will also be expected to undertake approximately 24 hours per week of independent study.

COURSE CONTENT

The Degree Foundation Year is made up of four modules encompassing:

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

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 Science Degree Foundation Year you will progress onto Level 4 of the Biomedical Science degree or onto one of Staffordshire University's other undergraduate science degree courses. These could be:

- Biological Science with optional pathway chosen from: Ecology and Environmental Management, Genomics, Pharmacology or Pre-med.
- Forensic Science





HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Studying Health & Social Care develops core, transferable skills and knowledge relevant to health care, social care and public health. You will look at many aspects of Health & 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 & 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 & Social Care Foundation Year course is designed to enable you to progress to undergraduate degree study and relevant employment.



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STUDY & 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

The Degree Foundation Year in Health and Social Care is the first year of a four year programme of study. After successful completion of the Foundation Year you will progress onto the Health and Social Care Degree. You may also be eligible to apply for other related courses such as:

- 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 APPLY FOR ONE OF STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY'S NURSING AND MIDWIFERY DEGREE PROGRAMMES.



After taking four years out of education I was nervous to return, but once I started my course and met so many students who had similar stories, I immediately felt at ease and reassured. Studying Health & Social care has opened my eyes to a world of possibilities. I have gained so much knowledge and experience that I am now looking to progress onto study Paramedic Science at Staffordshire University.

AARON BEDSON
Studying: Health & Social
Care Degree Foundation Year





CREATIVE & DIGITAL COURSES

DIGITAL CONTENT CREATION

UCAS CODE: I768

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & CREATIVE WRITING

UCAS CODE: QW41

FILM & MEDIA PRODUCTION

UCAS CODE: W602

FILM, TELEVISION & RADIO

UCAS CODE: W622

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.

GAMES CULTURES

UCAS CODE: I626

GAMES PR & COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

UCAS CODE: I768

SPORTS JOURNALISM

UCAS CODE: P505



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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:

DIGITAL CONTENT
CREATION

ENGLISH
LANGUAGE &
CREATIVE WRITING

FILM & MEDIA
PRODUCTION

FILM, TELEVISION
& RADIO

GAMES
CULTURES

GAMES PR &
COMMUNITY
MANAGEMENT

SPORTS
JOURNALISM

STUDY & 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 five 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:

- Digital Content Creation
- English Language and Creative Writing
- Film, Television and Radio
- Film and Media Production
- Games Cultures
- Games PR and Community Management
- Sports Journalism



I joined the Sixth Form College because they offered a broad range of interesting courses and access to all of the latest equipment. I have always wanted to work in the film industry, so the Media courses immediately caught my eye. The teachers are very knowledgeable and I have gained so much experience already. I can't wait to continue my studies in advanced film making at university.

LUKE WOOTTON

Studying: Film, Television & Radio Degree Foundation Year



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.

The foundation year course has a long track record of success in providing a smooth transition to the BSc (Hons) Psychology degree at Staffordshire University or any one of the other psychology undergraduate courses.



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C801

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STUDY & 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. For mature applicants with no formal qualifications, an interview will be required.

PROGRESSION

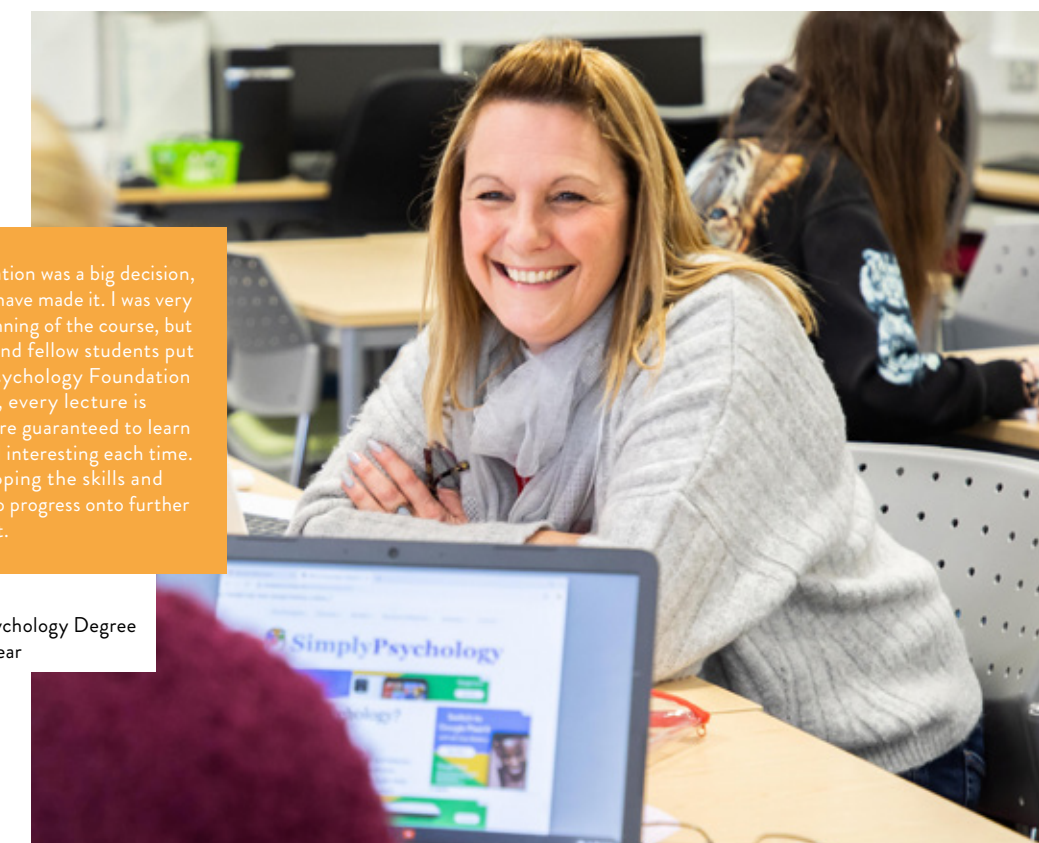
Once you have successfully completed the Psychology Foundation Year you will progress onto one of a number of undergraduate degree programmes at Staffordshire University. Course options include:

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



Returning to education was a big decision, but I am so glad to have made it. I was very anxious at the beginning of the course, but the amazing staff and fellow students put me at ease. The Psychology Foundation Year is fascinating, every lecture is different and you are guaranteed to learn something new and interesting each time. I know I am developing the skills and knowledge I need to progress onto further study in this subject.

LISA KYTE
Studying: Psychology Degree
Foundation Year



SPORTS COURSES

SPORTS COACHING

UCAS CODE: C605

SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE

UCAS CODE: C604

SPORTS JOURNALISM

UCAS CODE: P505

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 awards, 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 industries and to complete performance and coaching awards.



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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:

SPORTS
COACHING

SPORT &
EXERCISE SCIENCE

SPORTS
JOURNALISM

STUDY & 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.

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)

PROGRESSION

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

- Sports Coaching
- Sport & Exercise Science
- Sports Therapy

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.

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.



After taking a gap year, I felt ready to return to education but wasn't sure what course was best for me. I have always had a passion for sports and recently found a love for biology, which quickly became one of my favourite subjects, so I was keen to find a course which would allow me to continue studies in both areas. That's when I found out about the Sport and Exercise Science Degree Foundation Year. Studying at the Sixth Form has been a great experience, the facilities are amazing and I have developed so many new skills which will help me in my undergraduate studies.

EVIELEIGH SMITH

Studying: Sport & 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 2020 will pay a tuition fee of £5,950. Levels 4–6 (years 2–4) of the BA (Hons) 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 instalments, to the educational institution. Tuition fee loans are repayable once students have graduated and are earning an annual salary in excess of £21,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON:

Tuition Fees visit
www.staffs.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees

Tuition Fee Loans visit
www.gov.uk/student-finance

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 instalments. 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.



Starting on a Higher Education Course was quite nerve wracking, but taking part in group tasks and talking to other students on my course helped me to settle in and you soon realise that everyone is in the same boat. I have gained so much confidence from this course, it's made me realise that I have a love of learning and I now plan to go on to study Psychology and Criminology at University followed by a Masters Degree.

DAVID HALL

Studying: Psychology Degree
Foundation Year



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 Thursday 19th March 2020, from 5:30pm 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 advisor 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 2020 to ensure course availability.

VISIT OUR OPEN EVENT

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MARCH 2020**

Our Open Event takes place from 5:30pm – 7pm

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION
PROCESS PLEASE CONTACT THE STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY
ADMISSIONS TEAM ON 01782 294400**

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