HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDE
COVENTRY COLLEGE

Make it Possible
We’re delighted that you’re considering a Higher Education programme at Coventry College.

We’re fiercely proud to be able to offer a great range of university-level programmes that’ll help you make your mark on the world. Whether you’re dreaming of an ambitious career, want to make a difference in your current role or simply want to realise your full potential – you can make it possible at Coventry College.

This guide has plenty of information to give you a taste of what studying your Higher Education programme at Coventry College will be like. We’ve also included all the essential information you’ll need about fees, student finance, support services and how to apply.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Carol Thomas
Principal and CEO of Coventry College
Our Higher Education programmes will elevate your learning – helping you to achieve greatness, maximise your opportunities, realise your ambitions and truly make a difference to your future.

We offer an exciting range of programmes that are designed with you in mind. We know it isn’t always easy to study and balance other commitments, so our programmes are flexible to help suit your individual needs.

We believe that you deserve the highest standards of learning, so our teaching staff are all specialists in their chosen areas and have both academic and vocational experience to support their teaching.

Plus, smaller class sizes means you’ll receive more contact time with your tutor and support when you need it.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Our entry requirements vary depending on which programme you choose. Usually, you should have already achieved, or be working towards A-Levels, a BTEC or equivalent qualifications.

You can check the entry requirements for the programme you’re interested in at: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/higher-education

**APPLY FOR A HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

Visit: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/higher-education

Select the course you’d like to apply for and click the Apply Now button. You’ll then be directed to the UCAS website to make your application.

Ideally you should apply by 15 January to have the best chance of being offered a place. However, we can accept applications after this date.

If you have any questions about our entry requirements or application process, please email: hello@coventrycollege.ac.uk

You can browse all our Higher Education programmes at: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/higher-education
Leigh was stuck in a job he really didn’t enjoy and knew he needed to change his career. But he was worried about the financial implications of quitting his job, re-training and the impact his decision would have on his family.

After lots of research he made the decision to apply for the BA (Hons) Social Studies programme and now couldn’t be happier.

Since completing the course Leigh signed up to the Frontline Social Work programme, a graduate programme which trains social workers via direct on-the-job training. He’s also studying for a master’s degree.
If you've been away from education for some time or didn't quite achieve your college qualifications, an Access to Higher Education programme will give you the confidence and skills to take that next step to start a degree or equivalent university-level programme.

You'll receive ongoing support to help you achieve your goals and depending on your circumstances, may be entitled to an Advanced Learner Loan to help towards the cost of your programme.

We offer programmes in Business & Management, Computer Science, Education, Health Professions, Public Services and the Sciences.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You'll need a good level of English and will usually need your GCSE maths and English qualifications. However, if you don't meet these requirements, during your interview we can discuss your options.

APPLY FOR AN ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME
Visit: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/higher-education

Click on Access courses, select the course you'd like to apply for and click the Apply Now button.
LEARNER SUCCESS

ACCESS
Mum of two, Muna Omar has successfully completed an Access to Higher Education Business programme and is now studying a Degree in Economics at Aston University in Birmingham.

ACCESS
Since starting at Coventry College, Zara Khan has achieved so much. After completing her maths and English qualifications, alongside an Applied Science programme, Zara progressed onto an Access to Science programme. In September she’ll take her place on an Applied Biosciences degree at Coventry University.

ACCESS
Herba Rama’s journey started in 2017, when she enrolled onto an ESOL programme. She progressed through the Level 1 and 2 Business programmes and went on to complete an Access to Higher Education programme. Herba is now working towards a Degree in International Business at Warwick University.

ACCESS
Jessica Howlett chose to study a HND in Business at Coventry College and will progress onto a top-up degree in September. After this, her aim is to continue her studies with a Teaching qualification and eventually become a Business teacher.
Located in the heart of the city centre, our campus is a vibrant hive of activity. We serve the whole of our community with quality education programmes and opportunities to develop skills and knowledge, fire passions and cultivate interests.

**FANTASTIC FACILITIES**
There’s no better way to learn than to get real, hands-on experience and our industry-standard facilities will help you do just that.

**A PLACE TO RELAX WITH FRIENDS AND MEET NEW PEOPLE**
Between lessons meet friends, old and new for a coffee in our on-site Starbucks or pop-up Café, or catch-up over a bite to eat in our canteen. You’ll also be able to relax in our lounge, specifically for Higher Education learners.

**STUDY SPACES**
You’ll be able to access our dedicated Learning Hub on campus – fully equipped with computers, books and learning resources to help support your studies. Here you’ll be able to work on assignments or books spaces to do group work. Our links with Coventry University mean you’ll have access to their study facilities and learning resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**OUR CITY**
Whatever you love doing there’s plenty happening in Coventry to explore. Whether you’re into music, sport, arts and culture, shopping or catching up with friends over a bite to eat, there’s something for everyone.
The university experience is all about getting involved with extra-curricular activities and truly immersing yourself in student life. This gives you the chance to meet new people, boost your confidence and elevate your learning experience.
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in extra activities outside of your studies. From sports clubs and interest groups to becoming a Learner Representative and being an active member of the Student Union. We also have a team dedicated to helping you find part-time work and get involved in volunteering opportunities to boost your CV.

STUDENT UNION

As soon as you enrol you’ll become a member of the Student Union. The Union is run by learners and works to improve all aspects of student life. Whether that’s through social events, political campaigns, or raising awareness for local or national issues - your Union is here for you. Plus, you’ll receive a National Union of Students card giving you a discount at many high-street retailers, entertainment venues, food outlets and much more!

LEARNER VOICE AND STUDENT UNION EXECUTIVES

If you want to really make an impact on the way our college operates, help plan events and promote the views of you and your peers, you’ll have the chance to run for a Student Union Executive Officer or Learner Representative.
NURTURING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

We offer a range of services to support you from your initial enquiry right up to when you’ve completed your programme.

APPLICATION SESSIONS
If you need support with applying for a programme or have any questions about which programme is best for you, you can book onto one of our online application sessions. One of our friendly Admissions Team will work through your application with you. Book a place at: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/application-sessions

PERSONAL STATEMENT WRITING
When you apply for a Higher Education programme you may need to complete a personal statement. This part of your application gives you the chance to describe your ambitions, skills and experience to our Admissions Team. If you’d like support with completing your personal statement you can book an appointment with our Careers Team at: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/careers-service

LEARNER SERVICES TEAM
The Learner Services Team are here to work with you to offer a positive wellbeing service to support your journey. Their work encourages healthy, confident personal development alongside academic achievement.

CAREERS
Our Careers Team can provide you with advice and guidance on choosing the right programme, progression options, employment, developing your CV and preparing for interviews. All of which will help you develop the confidence and resilience to achieve your career goals.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT
If you have additional learning needs, a disability or simply need a little extra help with your studies, our Additional Learning Support Team are here for you. The team offers everything from in-class support andmobility support to social and emotional care. We also offer facilities for those who are hard of hearing or visually impaired.

DEDICATED TUTORS
Throughout your course you’ll have a dedicated Tutor who’ll be there to support and advise you on all aspects of your programme and beyond.

INDUSTRY SPEAKERS AND VISITS
There’s no better way to learn about your chosen industry than to hear from the experts who live and breathe it. As part of your programme, you’ll hear from guest speakers and have the opportunity to visit some of the UK’s most successful businesses, to get a taste of the real-working world.
Higher Education Programmes

Our programmes are generally cheaper than other university-level courses. The cost of our full-time Higher Education programmes is just £5,500 per year and our part-time programmes vary between £2,950 - £4,495*.

You’ll be able to apply for loans to help with tuition fees and living costs. The two main loans available are a Tuition Fee Loan and a Maintenance Loan. There are other grants available too.

**FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**TUITION FEE LOAN**

As a full-time learner, you are entitled to a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £9,250 each year to cover your fees (this doesn’t depend on your household income). You won’t have to pay this back until you’ve completed your programme and you’re earning over £27,295 a year. Part-time learners can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £6,935. There are some eligibility criteria you must meet to qualify for a Tuition Fee Loan:

▸ Your programme must be in the UK and be a HND, HNC, Foundation Degree or First Degree.

**MAINTENANCE LOAN**

Full-time learners can claim a Maintenance Loan to help with living costs. The table below shows the maximum you can claim. The amount you receive is means tested and based on your household income.

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You won’t have to pay this back until you’ve completed your programme and you’re earning over £27,295 a year.

**CHILDCARE GRANT**

The Childcare Grant helps with up to 85% of your childcare costs if you have dependent children under 15 (under 17 if the child has special educational needs) in registered or approved childcare. You can get up to £179.62 a week for one child or up to £307.95 a week for 2 or more children, depending on your household income. This doesn’t have to be paid back.

**PARENTS’ LEARNING ALLOWANCE**

The Parents’ Learning Allowance is to help with programme-related costs if you have dependent children. You can get between £50 and £1,821 a year depending on your income and the income of your dependents. This doesn’t normally have to be paid back.

**ADULT DEPENDANTS’ GRANT**

The Adult Dependants’ Grant can help you if you have an adult who depends on you financially. You can get up to £3,190 a year depending on your income and the income of your dependents. This doesn’t have to be paid back.

**DISABLED STUDENTS’ ALLOWANCE**

Disabled Students’ Allowance is available to learners who incur additional costs because of a disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty. How much you’re entitled to depends entirely on your circumstances. This doesn’t have to be paid back. We’d advise applying for your Disabled Students Allowance as soon as you’ve accepted onto a Higher Education programme.

**Access to Higher Education Programmes**

If you’re aged 19-23 years old and haven’t achieved a full Level 3 qualification you won’t need to pay to study an Access to Higher Education programme. Otherwise our Access programmes cost £3,022, plus £94 for your exam*.

**ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN**

Depending on your circumstances you may be able to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your Access programme. Advanced Learner Loans don’t depend on your income and don’t need to be paid back until you’re earning a minimum of £27,295 once you’ve completed your programme. We advise applying for an Advanced Learner Loan as soon as you know you’ve been accepted onto a programme.

For more information on accessing funding support and applying for a loan or grant visit: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/support or email: learnerfunding@coventrycollege.ac.uk

*Course costs may be subject to change.
MAY TO SEPTEMBER
Now is the time to start researching courses and attending Open Events.

SEPTEMBER
UCAS applications open.

DECEMBER
You college or sixth form will usually now check your application and add any references before submitting your form to UCAS.

JANUARY
UCAS application deadline. You can still apply after this date but it’s advised to submit your application as early as possible.

FEBRUARY TO MAY
Now’s a good time to start looking into your finance and support options.

MAY
Use UCAS Track to view your offers from the education providers you’ve applied to and see if your application has been successful.

JUNE
Now’s the time to reply to your offers from the education providers on UCAS Track.

AUGUST
You’ll be invited to enrol onto your programme.

AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER
Clearing is open. If you haven’t yet applied for a programme or didn’t quite achieve the results you were expecting, you can give us a call to apply for a last-minute place or see what other programmes are available for you.

SEPTEMBER
Begin studying your course with us at Coventry College!