



# University courses at Sussex Downs College

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computing, complementary healthcare, contemporary dance, digital media design,  
motor vehicle technology, music production and creative recording, counselling,  
public and emergency services management, sport coaching, education



**University of Brighton**



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*Putting Students First*

Welcome to Sussex Downs College. In this guide we will introduce you to the university courses we offer in partnership with the University of Brighton.

More students are studying locally through full- and part-time courses to achieve foundation degrees and honours degrees. Studying for university qualifications at college can be more affordable and colleges often offer small groups, individual attention and good working relationships between students and tutors.

Whether you are currently completing a course at the college or are thinking of coming to the college for the first time, staff can offer advice about a university course that best meets your career aims. We are here to support you at every stage and look forward to working with you in the future.

**Nick Swabey**  
Higher education learner  
development manager





# welcome

Sussex Downs College offers a range of courses in partnership with the University of Brighton. You can achieve a work-focused degree and study a wide range of practical subjects.

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The best way to get an idea of what life is like at Sussex Downs College is to visit us! Open days and information days give you a chance to find out about our courses, to meet our students and staff, and get to know the college and university.

To find out about Sussex Downs College visit [www.sussexdowns.ac.uk](http://www.sussexdowns.ac.uk) and to find out about visiting the University of Brighton visit [www.brighton.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/opendays).



# six reasons

to study at Sussex Downs College

## Convenience

Sussex Downs College offers university-level courses on your doorstep and with facilities needed for practical study of your subject. Sussex Downs College is located at both Lewes and Eastbourne.

## University-level courses that fit in with your life

You can choose to study full- or part-time and fit your course around other life commitments. You will gain a university-level qualification which can lead to a wider choice of work, better salary and further study, as well as learning all about a subject you love.

## Facilities

The college offers a wide range of facilities such as music and dance studios. In addition, you are also entitled to use the facilities and services available at the University of Brighton such as Student Services and sports facilities.

### Support

In collaboration with the University of Brighton, there are a range of services available to help you through your time at Sussex Downs College. These include disability and dyslexia support, study support and financial help. You will be entitled to financial advice and to apply for University of Brighton funding and scholarships.

### Focused on work

Your course includes learning relevant, practical skills that you can use in employment. Work experience and contact with employers form an important part of your foundation degree.

### Being part of the University of Brighton

Your course is delivered in partnership with the University of Brighton and you will be part of a university with a reputation for excellence in its teaching and research, and values its responsibilities towards its graduates, the environment and society.



# Focused on your career

At Sussex Downs College we want to inspire you to have a passion for your subject and ensure that you graduate with excellent transferable skills and knowledge of your chosen area.

## Work experience

The college has several vocational units so you will be hands-on in these aspects of your subject, learning practical skills using the college's state-of-the-art facilities and working with local employers.

Sussex Downs College has strong relationships with the local community and can help support you when trying to find work experience in your chosen industry.

## Visiting speakers

At Sussex Downs College we invite speakers from the industry to come and share their knowledge and experiences with you. This ensures that you have an up-to-date and work-related view of your chosen field.

In addition, students have visited conferences in Paris and Lisbon and have been involved in exhibitions shown in leading art galleries.

## Develop transferable skills

Our courses are an excellent way to develop skills in handling information, writing reports, working alone and in teams, handling numbers and analysing complex information.

## Career planning

All of our courses include a Career Planning Agreement and include activities that encourage you to analyse your interests and skills and to match them with possible career options. The university Careers Centre provides specialist support.

## After you finish your course

After completion of your course, you may be able to progress onto a one-year top-up degree to gain a full honours degree, or you can head straight for work. At Sussex Downs College we deliver the BA(Hons) top-up degree in Digital Media Design and BA(Hons) top-up degree in Music Production and Creative Recording.

Sussex Downs College students have progressed to a range of careers in their chosen industries.

▲▲▲ Contemporary dance students performing.  
▲▲ Students practice counselling techniques in a simulated environment.

▲ Students have access to all the equipment they need.



▲▲▲ Our lecturers pass on their working knowledge of the industry.  
 ▲▲ Sports students work within the local community.

▲ Career planning is part of your course.  
 ▲ Students learn both theory and practical elements in their courses.



▲▲▲ Use the latest software to improve your skills and knowledge.  
▲▲ Testing equipment in the Motor Vehicle Shop.

▲ Computer suite on the Lewes site.

# Learning environment

Established in 2001, through the merger of Eastbourne College of Arts and Technology and Lewes Tertiary College and subsequently merging with Park College in 2003, Sussex Downs College is now the biggest college in Sussex. The college offers the ideal setting and facilities to study a wide range of courses.

## Dance studio

Our large dance studio provides everything you need to excel in your course, from observation mirrors to full stage lighting, and technical equipment to help you review and polish your performance.

## Music studios

We have several state-of-the-art soundproofed studios that enable you to work in both digital and analogue formats, using the most up-to-date equipment and technology.

## Computer suites

Our computers are equipped with the latest technology to help you explore and expand your working knowledge in games developments and digital media design.

## Sports facilities

Sussex Downs College has excellent sports facilities. Park College has a state-of-the-art gym and both of our campuses are located next door to leisure centres.

## Motor shop

Sussex Downs College has a full working motor shop that is identical to an authentic working motor shop, to help you gain as much practical industry knowledge as possible before you enter the work environment. Many lessons are also held at the university's dedicated facilities.

## Healthcare clinic

We have modern and bright clinics where the public can book treatments, allowing you to progress and expand your skills in both the theory and practical elements of your course, as well as gaining valuable customer service skills.

## Student study facilities

The learning centres provide study areas, library facilities and computers – you can also use the university's library and computing facilities.

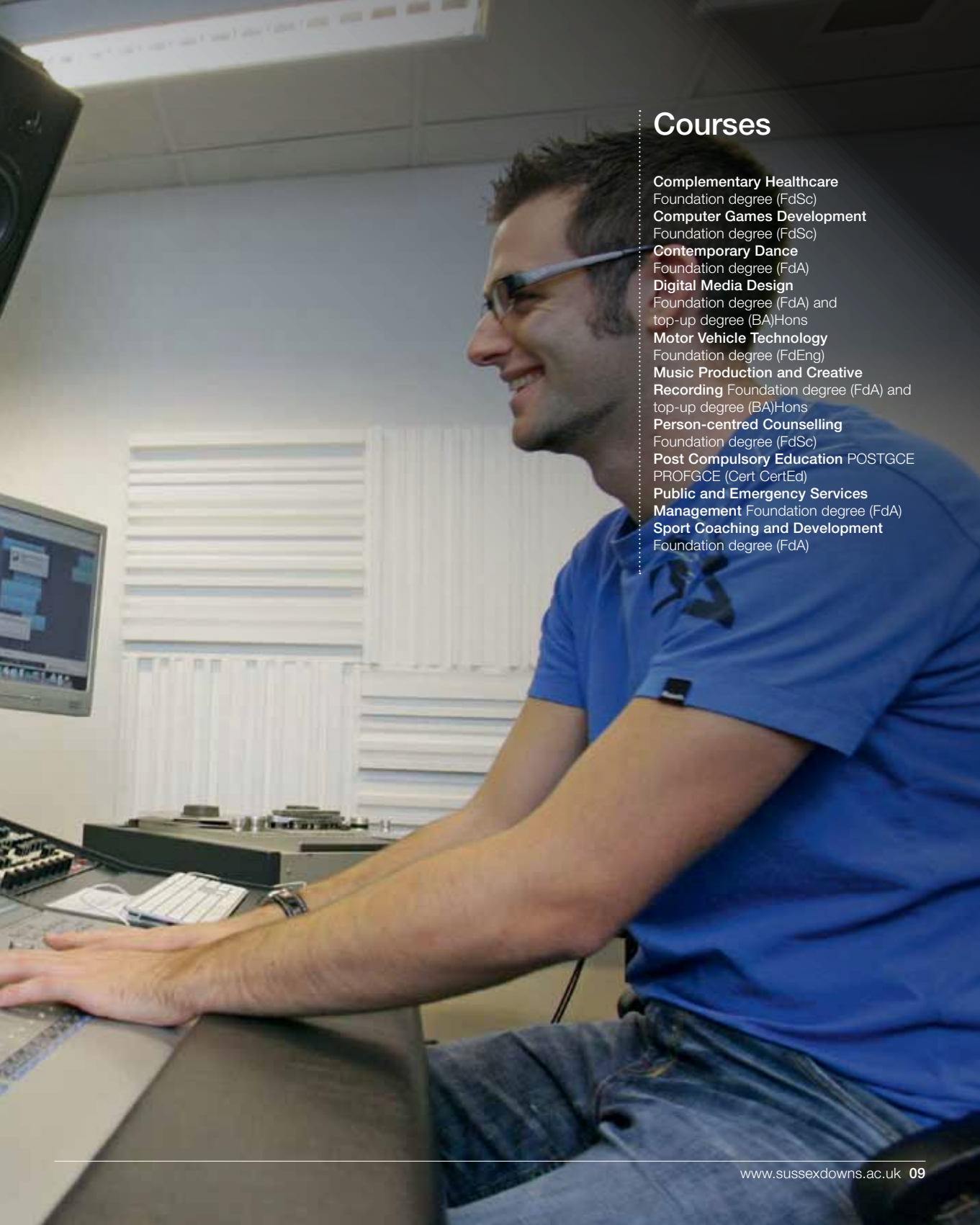


▲ Students practising in the music studios.  
◀◀ Contemporary dance students rehearse in the dance studios.

◀ Sports students coaching local school children at the Sports Park.



▲ State-of-the-art  
music production  
studios.



## Courses

**Complementary Healthcare**

Foundation degree (FdSc)

**Computer Games Development**

Foundation degree (FdSc)

**Contemporary Dance**

Foundation degree (FdA)

**Digital Media Design**

Foundation degree (FdA) and

top-up degree (BA)Hons

**Motor Vehicle Technology**

Foundation degree (FdEng)

**Music Production and Creative**

Recording Foundation degree (FdA) and

top-up degree (BA)Hons

**Person-centred Counselling**

Foundation degree (FdSc)

**Post Compulsory Education** POSTGCE

PROFGCE (Cert CertEd)

**Public and Emergency Services**

Management Foundation degree (FdA)

**Sport Coaching and Development**

Foundation degree (FdA)

# Complementary Healthcare

## Foundation degree



**UCAS code** B340 (campus code L)

**Duration** Full-time: 2 years

**Location** Lewes

Complementary healthcare encompasses a wide range of practices including reflexology, aromatherapy and therapeutic massage. This foundation degree aims to produce informed and skilled complementary healthcare practitioners. The practical skills that you develop will be supported by a comprehensive theoretical knowledge of each therapy.

### Course structure

The programme runs over two days a week (Wednesday 9am–5pm and Thursday 9am–9pm). It includes a weekly clinic to practise your skills in a clinical setting at the Graduation Salons. In the second year there is a 50-hour work placement based in a healthcare setting. You will be expected to develop a portfolio of reflective practice over the two years of the course. Subjects are assessed through a variety of methods both practically and written. These include case studies, exams and essay writing.

### Career and progression opportunities

Graduates may have the option to progress their training by undertaking a further 12–15 months of study as part of a top-up honours degree programme.

The course will equip you with a range of experiences, qualifications and practical skills sought by employers or required for successful self-employment. Complementary therapists work in a variety of environments including hospitals, hospices, health centres, individual and group practices and in the community services for people with additional needs.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

#### UCAS tariff:

40 points, from a minimum of one 6-unit qualification. Level 3 Key Skills will not count towards the tariff score. General Studies will count towards the tariff score.

#### International Baccalaureate:

individual assessment.

#### QAA-approved access course:

Acceptable.

#### GCSE (minimum grade C):

At least 3 subjects including English language and mathematics or a science.

#### For non-native speakers of English:

IELTS 6.0 overall, 6.0 in writing.

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# Computer Games Development

## Foundation degree

**UCAS code** G611 (campus code E)

**Duration** Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 3 years

**Location** Eastbourne

The computer games sector is dynamic and fast growing; Computer Games Development enables you to develop the solid theoretical and practical skills needed to build robust and reliable interactive games software. The necessary underpinning knowledge and skills developed in your first year of study will also offer a foundation for studying a range of other computing and information technology-based subjects at university level.

### Course structure

You will develop the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required to create interactive software that uses 2D or simulated 3D graphical images. Students create software solutions using an object-oriented approach to design and analysis. The games industry is studied to provide an awareness of the nature and position of this sector in the computing world. The practical application of skills is emphasised. Cisco network technologies are used, giving a real example for practical aspects of this course.

### Career and progression opportunities

Career opportunities include programming, software development, systems integration and testing, sales support, quality assurance and compliance, and configuration management.

Successful completion of a foundation degree can also allow you to progress to an honours degree. If you wish to continue studying within the area of games development, it is recommended that you consider applying for Computer Science (Games) at the University of Brighton.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

Applications from mature students without all the formal qualifications but with appropriate experience are welcomed and are usually subject to interview.

### UCAS tariff:

160 points, from a minimum of one 12-unit or two 6-unit qualifications. Relevant A-level subjects. Level 3 Key Skills and General Studies count towards the tariff score.

### International Baccalaureate:

24 points, certificates considered.

**QAA-approved access course:** acceptable.

### GCSE (minimum grade C):

At least 3 subjects including mathematics.

### For non-native speakers of English:

IELTS 6.0 overall, 6.0 in writing.



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# Contemporary Dance

## Foundation degree



**UCAS code** W540 (campus code L)

**Duration** Full-time: 2 years

**Location** Lewes

This exciting foundation degree will enable you to develop the skills needed for a successful career within the contemporary dance world and related industries. The course has a strong practical focus and will develop your skills and understanding through exploration of technique, choreography and performance.

Work placement opportunities with professionals in the industry are an important feature of the course, aiming to expand your understanding of professional practice in the UK and Europe. You will also develop project management skills, gain teaching experience and undertake self-employed work.

Professional dancers, choreographers and independent practitioners of dance and other disciplines contribute to the course, providing students with a valuable opportunity to be in regular contact with specialists who are working in the field.

### Course structure

Practical dance classes form the basis of your programme of study. A range of different contemporary dance techniques are covered and you will take part in dance performances. Choreography modules and projects allow you to explore your own creative potential and will help you to develop confidence in your own individual choreographic language. You will be encouraged to investigate your own choreographic work as well as exploring the work of current contemporary dance choreographers. In addition to the practical elements, contextual and historical studies help to develop your critical thinking, enabling you to place your own work and that of current contemporary dance practitioners into a wider context.

You will be encouraged to explore potential career paths in dance and in year 2, you undertake a work placement and/or study project which will enable you to develop in your particular area of interest. Suggested options include choreography, dance administration, dance in the community, dance in education or the creation of an interdisciplinary project.

### Career and progression opportunities

Graduates will be well equipped to go straight into employment within arts administration, freelance dance projects and dance in education, or to further their studies in dance with a BA(Hons) top-up course which can lead to careers in dance performance, freelance choreography, dance therapy, teaching and dance journalism.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

### UCAS tariff:

Minimum 160 UCAS tariff points from relevant A-level or BTEC national qualification.

### Other:

Good practical dance skills. All prospective students will be required to attend a practical dance audition and interview. Candidates holding private dance school examinations should demonstrate this on their application. Applicants who do not meet the standard entry requirements may be able to demonstrate their suitability through relevant work experience and/or private dance school examinations.

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# Digital Media Design

## Foundation degree

**UCAS code** D440 (campus code P)

**Duration** Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 4 years

Whether you have an interest in digital sound or video, website design, animation techniques, or DVD authoring interactive CDs, this course offers an exciting and dynamic range of skill development covering both the creative and technical aspects of digital media design.

The emphasis is on developing ideas and acquiring skills. You will learn to find innovative solutions to complex problems, gain confidence in handling a wide range of software, become effective team workers and creative designers, skilled in presenting yourself and your ideas. You will develop the conceptual, analytical, technical and design skills required by the industry.

### Course structure

The course covers general principles of design development, digital media technologies and current applications in electronic communications and audio-visual techniques. The programme includes live digital media projects and the opportunity to work in teams and with practising media professionals.

### Career and progression opportunities

This course is designed for those who wish to become well-qualified and highly skilled professionals within the multimedia industry. It provides a realistic platform for entering professional practice, whether working in existing digital media design agencies or freelancing.

Students wishing to take their studies further may be able to progress to the BA(Hons) Digital Media top-up at Sussex Downs College (Lewes) or City College Brighton.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

#### UCAS tariff:

160 points, from a minimum of one 6-unit qualification. Relevant A-level subjects. Level 3 Key Skills will count towards the tariff score.

#### International Baccalaureate:

Individual assessment.

#### QAA-approved access course:

Foundation studies in Art and Design acceptable; subject-specific units.

#### GCSE (minimum grade C):

A good profile.

#### For non-native speakers of English:

IELTS 6.0 overall, 6.0 in writing.

#### Other:

Formal academic qualifications may not be required for applicants over 21 who can demonstrate appropriate experience and potential at interview.



### Sam Scaife Digital Media Design Foundation degree

I knew that I wanted to work in the digital media industry but I did not know what I wanted to specialise in. I felt this course would allow me to take my work to the next level while helping me to find a speciality. The teaching staff are great and the course is more practical than I was expecting.

I like being able to work with different software to develop different skills. During my first year I was involved with the Impulse street dance group which was really good fun and fitted in with my studies well. I have still not made up my mind what I will do when I graduate. At the moment I think I will take a year out of education and try work in the digital industry.

# Top-up degree

**UCAS code** W214 (campus code L)

**Duration** Full-time: 1 year  
**Location** Lewes

This course is a one-year BA(Hons) top-up year for applicants who have successfully completed a two-year HND or foundation degree in digital media design, or another related discipline such as animation, motion graphics or graphic design.

### Areas of study

The course is divided into four units – Cultural and Critical Studies, Digital Media Design Practice, Professional Practice and a self-initiated project. Students produce a range of outcomes that include interface design, screen design, time-based media, digital image making and authoring.

### Career and progression opportunities

Students can enter industry either as freelance designers or work in a range of design companies, or study at postgraduate level.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

#### Foundation degree/HND:

240 credits from a foundation degree or HND. Interview and portfolio review.

#### For non-native speakers of English:

IELTS 6.0 overall, 6.0 in writing.

#### Other:

Formal academic qualifications may not be required for applicants over 21 who can demonstrate appropriate experience and potential at interview.

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# Motor Vehicle Technology

## Foundation degree



### Lyndon Robertson Motor Vehicle Engineering Foundation degree

I chose the course as I was already studying a national diploma at Sussex Downs College and felt comfortable moving on to the foundation degree. The campus is really close to my home and it is great living by the seaside.

The course has been brilliant so far and really lived up to my expectations. The best things about studying here are the teachers and the location.

Studying at university level within a college means you get more one-to-one learning and that you are already familiar with your surroundings. When I finish my course my ambition is to work in a rally car team or as a head technician.

**UCAS code** H377 (campus code E)

**Duration** Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 4 years

**Location** Eastbourne

This foundation degree is for you if you are thinking about a career or a career change in automotive engineering at a senior technician level. The programme links many of the systems in modern vehicles and engines to engineering principles, using a practical, hands-on approach. Students benefit from our well-equipped workshops for both engineering and automotive practical work. State-of-the-art online learning is also used to support many of the modules.

You will address engineering fundamentals and then apply your studies to specific vehicle systems.

In-depth studies of power sources and transmission systems are undertaken as well as investigations of modern control systems that help improve economy and reliability.

#### Course structure

The programme is delivered through a course of lectures, practical sessions and tutorials. Assessment consists of examination and assignments.

In year 2 you will undertake a work-related study and put together a work-related portfolio.

#### Areas of study

Throughout the course, you will explore the basic engineering principles of design and science; vehicle systems and engine systems, thermodynamics and fluid mechanics related to automotive engineering; and control and instrumentation related to vehicle systems.

#### Career and progression opportunities

Graduates are well equipped to work on modern vehicles at senior technician level. They will also have extra insight into the operating principles, which will place them at a distinct advantage if they decide to work in related industries.

Successful completion of the foundation degree may allow you to progress to an engineering honours degree.

#### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

#### UCAS tariff:

120 points, from a minimum of one 12-unit or two 6-unit qualifications. A-level subjects must include mathematics. Level 3 Key Skills will count towards the tariff score. General Studies will count towards the tariff score.

#### ND/C (Level 3):

Automotive engineering preferred.

#### International Baccalaureate:

24 points, specified subjects; certificates considered.

#### QAA-approved access course:

Acceptable, subject-specific units.

#### For non-native speakers of English:

IELTS 6.0 overall, 6.0 in writing

#### Other:

Mature applicants without these qualifications but with relevant industrial experience may be considered at interview – sometimes subject to an aptitude test.

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# Music Production and Creative Recording

## Foundation degree

**UCAS code** H377 (campus code E)

**Duration** Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 4 years

**Location** Eastbourne

This creative course offers everything the modern music producer needs. Sussex Downs College is a nationally recognised Apple Authorised Training Centre and you will have access to cutting-edge music technology for sound engineering, programming and audio-visual production work.

### Course structure

The course is practical and delivered by experienced lecturers and industry professionals dedicated to enhancing skills and creative potential. You will have access to eight multi track recording studios and 13 workstations with industry standard hardware and software and a performance studio. You can book one-to-one sessions with studio technicians for maximum support.

### Areas of study

You will study music production and technology, song writing, performance and the music industry. You will create professional recordings, produce audio-visual work, compose/write original material, develop your performance skills, understand the music business including 'survival skills' and produce your own tracks with support from industry professionals. You will work on professional equipment, gaining technical and creative experience in multitrack recording, sequencing and programming.

### Career and progression opportunities

We have graduates employed by major record companies. Others have started their own ventures such as rehearsal studios and production companies or are working as freelance music producers, sound engineers and live promoters. Graduates may also progress to the Music Production top-up degree.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

### UCAS tariff:

120 points, from a minimum of one 12-unit or two 6-unit qualifications. Level 3 Key Skills will count towards the tariff score. General Studies excluded.

### International Baccalaureate:

Individual assessment.

### QAA-approved access course:

Acceptable; subject-specific units.

### GCSE (minimum grade C):

At least 3 subjects including English language and mathematics or a science.

### For non-native speakers of English

IELTS 6.0 overall, 6.0 in writing.



### Jemma Smith Music Production and Creative Recording Foundation/top-up degree graduate

I chose to study at Sussex Downs College because it was a natural progression from the course I was studying at the University of Brighton. The course had a great balance between practical units and written work. There were opportunities to work in studios, and it was good that we had both digital and analogue desks.

The course was geared to helping musicians, engineers and producers work in the music industry. We studied a business plans unit which really helped me and I now run a successful promotions company, and also teach music performance and business on the first diploma course at Sussex Downs College. I am also getting experience working with an artist booking agency. Eventually I want to carry on studying and become a secondary school teacher.

## Top-up degree

**UCAS code** W301 (campus code E)

**Duration** 1 year (max 2 years)

**Location** Eastbourne

This highly successful, practical programme is designed to take foundation degree students to the next level of personal and professional development.

### Areas of study

The course offers students the opportunity to explore the marriage of creativity and technology. Students have access to eight studios and 13 workstations with industry-standard hardware/software and can book one-to-one sessions with recording technicians.

### Career and progression opportunities

Our graduates are innovative and creative practitioners able to fulfil a variety of roles for example: in major music organisations including the BBC; running their own studios; working as freelance producers, engineers, promoters and managers.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

### Foundation degree/HND:

In music production or related subject.

**For non-native speakers of English:**  
IELTS 6.0 overall 6.0 in writing.

### Other:

Formal academic qualifications may not be required for applicants over 21 who can demonstrate appropriate experience and potential at interview.

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# Person-centred Counselling

## Foundation degree



**UCAS code** B941 (campus code E for Eastbourne or L for Lewes)

**Duration** Full-time: 2 years

**Location** Lewes or Eastbourne

Person-centred Counselling is accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). You will develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to work as an effective person-centred counsellor within a range of working environments.

### Course structure

Personal development forms an important part of the course. The skills and professional attitudes of counselling are developed through small and large group work, seminars, creative workshops, tutor-led discussions and lectures. The group process forms an important part of your learning.

Your progress and development is monitored via peer and tutor assessment and specific assignments. You will complete 100 hours placement work and receive regular counselling supervision. You will spend some time during the course in personal therapy.

### Areas of study

The course is based on the person-centred philosophy and therapy of Carl Rogers. All course tutors are qualified and experienced person-centred counsellors.

### Career and progression opportunities

Counsellors now work in a wide range of services including; abuse services, drug and alcohol addiction, primary care counselling, relationship services, loss and bereavement, services for young people, mental health services and carers services as well as in private practice.

Qualification from the course will enable counsellors to work towards professional accreditation and to pursue higher education in counselling and counselling-related fields.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

### For non-native speakers of English:

IELTS 6.0 overall, 6.0 in writing.

### Other:

Applicants must have completed or be in the process of completing, a minimum of 60 hours counselling skills study at levels 2 and 3. They must demonstrate an ability to reflect upon life experiences and show an appropriate level of self awareness, and an ability to evaluate basic counselling theory and beliefs.

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# Post Compulsory Education

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### Apply direct to the college.

**Duration** Part-time: 2 years (max 5 years)

**Location** Eastbourne or Lewes

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Post Compulsory Education provides the formal teaching qualification (QTLs) required for people working, or wishing to work, in the further education and adult sector. This could include a college of further education, a sixth form college or an organisation such as a private training company or related fields/institutions.

In 2007 we became the first post-compulsory teacher education provider in the country to be awarded an Ofsted Grade 1.

If you already hold a degree, it is anticipated that you will graduate with a Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). There may also be an opportunity to gain masters-level credits. Applicants without a first degree will graduate with a Certificate in Education.

### Course structure

Participants taking this part-time route must be working in the post-16 sector or related fields/institutions and are normally expected to continue teaching for at least 75 hours per academic year for the duration of the course.

For this part-time in-service route you will be required to attend one half-day session per week during college term times, in addition to your regular teaching commitments.

### Areas of study

The programme is delivered through six modules on generic teaching and learning issues relevant to the post-compulsory sector, and reflecting the key areas identified in the new LLUK standards. It is endorsed under the Equipping our Teachers regulations 2007 by the Standards Verification UK (SVUK).

It meets the new Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK) Standards for Teachers, Trainers and Tutors in the Lifelong Learning (Post-compulsory) Sector.

### Career and progression opportunities

The course is part of the university's continuing professional development provision. Credit-rated routes to the various awards enable participants to build from certificate level through diploma, first degree, postgraduate certificate and postgraduate diploma to masters level.

Progression routes for trainees attaining a Certificate in Education will have the opportunity to progress on to year 2 of a BA(Hons) in Adult Learning and Development.

Progression routes for trainees attaining masters-level modules on the PGCE route have the opportunity to progress on to year 2 of an Education MA.

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### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

### GCSE (minimum grade C):

Part-time in-service applicants are advised to have either GCSE English or an equivalent literacy qualification, or be able to demonstrate the ability to work at higher education level.

### For non-native speakers of English:

6.5 overall, 6.0 in writing.

### Degree and/or experience:

PGCE applicants must have an honours degree. Part-time applicants must also be working in the post-16 sector and would be expected to continue teaching for at least 75 hours a year (minimum of 50 in year 1) within a post-compulsory education or training organisation concurrent with the course.



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# Public and Emergency Services Management

## Foundation degree



**UCAS code** L900 (campus code E)

**Duration** Full-time: 2 years (max 5 years)  
Part-time: 3–4 years  
(max 5 years)

**Location** Eastbourne

This course will provide you with the skills necessary to progress to a management position in the public sector or allied areas. It is also highly relevant for public sector managers who wish to develop their expertise and gain a clearer understanding of the practicalities of management in today's competitive business environment.

### Course structure

Year 1 covers management and operations, social and economic policy, social considerations and helping strategies. Year 2 continues with managing and decision-making, operational law and an option. The actual options available may depend on the number of students choosing to take particular modules. Foundation certificate students take 10 modules over three years on a part-time basis.

### Career and progression opportunities

Graduates are equipped with the skills and knowledge to build a career in the public sector and similar areas. It is an excellent professional development opportunity for existing public sector managers. Successful graduates may be entitled to direct access to the second year of honours degree courses in related subjects.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

#### UCAS tariff:

100 points, from a minimum of one 6-unit qualification. Level 3 Key Skills will count towards the tariff score. General Studies will count towards the tariff score.

#### BTEC (Level 3):

100 UCAS points equivalent to a Pass/Pass/Pass.

#### International Baccalaureate:

24 points, certificates considered.

#### QAA-approved access course:

Acceptable.

#### GCSE (minimum grade C):

Good profile.

#### For non-native speakers of English:

6.0 overall, 6.0 in writing.

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# Sport Coaching and Development

## Foundation degree

**UCAS code** CX61 (campus code E)

**Duration** Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 4 years

**Location** Eastbourne

This course is vocationally orientated and meets the needs of students interested in a career in sport coaching and development. There is a complementary relationship between the two main areas of study. Sports development is concerned, amongst other things, with the provision of sporting opportunity and encouraging people to participate. Sport coaching is part of the sport development process.

### Course structure

The course involves a variety of theory and practical sessions including lectures, discussions, group work, seminars and visiting speakers. You will benefit from our partnerships and contacts with Freedom Leisure, Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club and Sports Development organisations in East Sussex.

During the second year, you will undertake a period of work experience in a sport development and coaching-related environment. The following are typical examples of placements: Brighton and Hove Albion Football in the Community, Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, Eastbourne Youth Development Services, Brighton Youth Centre, Hove YMCA and Fulham Deaf Women's Football Club.

### Areas of study

Subjects studied include anatomy and physiology, training and fitness, sports coaching, sports development, performance analysis under varying conditions and research skills.

### Career and progression opportunities

The course opens up opportunities for employment in the sports coaching or sport development sectors.

Successful completion of the foundation degree may enable graduates to progress to an honours degree in a related subject.

During the course you will have the opportunity to gain National Governing Body (NGB) awards to level 1/2 in a variety of sports. You can also opt to study first aid courses and Sports Coaching UK workshops to enhance your employability prospects.

### Typical entry requirements

Individual offers may vary.

### UCAS tariff:

120 points, from a minimum of one 6-unit qualification. Level 3 Key Skills will count towards the tariff score. General Studies will count towards the tariff score.

### International Baccalaureate:

24 points.

### QAA-approved access course:

Acceptable.

### GCSE (minimum grade C):

At least 3 subjects including English language and mathematics or a science.

### For non-native speakers of English:

6.0 overall, 6.0 in writing.



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## Student services and support



Whatever your needs, Sussex Downs College and the University of Brighton provide many sources of support to help you get the most out of your time studying.

### Accommodation

Sussex Downs College students studying courses in this brochure have access to well-priced, quality accommodation and advice. Accommodation includes university halls of residence, university-managed housing and rented housing in the private sector.

To be eligible to apply for University of Brighton halls of residence and to give your application the best chance, you need to meet certain criteria and deadlines.

For further information read the university's accommodation guide. Visit [www.brighton.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/accommodation) or call 01273 644100.

### Study support

Sussex Downs College provides study areas and library facilities with books, journals, computers and photocopiers. You can also take advantage of the university's library and computing facilities. Studentcentral, the university's student intranet, will keep you in touch with the university and provides access to a variety of online learning resources.

Support is available for students who need additional help due to a disability, medical condition, mental health or specific learning difficulty. During autumn, the university holds study skills sessions at its sites. Visit [www.brighton.ac.uk/disability](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/disability) for more information.

### Student support

Services are available to help with disability and dyslexia, careers, health, counselling, childcare and religious life. Visit [www.brighton.ac.uk/studentlife](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/studentlife) for more information.

### Sport and leisure

Sussex Downs College has access to state-of-the-art sports facilities at both campuses. Sports fixtures with other colleges are regularly arranged. Students can also access the facilities across the university's sites and join the university teams and clubs.

### Find out more

You can get further information about the types of support and facilities available to you from [www.sussexdowns.ac.uk](http://www.sussexdowns.ac.uk) or by visiting [www.brighton.ac.uk/studentlife](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/studentlife).

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# Fees and funding

By choosing to study a university course you are making an investment in your future. Anyone considering studying needs to plan their finances carefully. We want to make sure that no one is deterred from coming to the University of Brighton by concerns about cost. As a University of Brighton student studying at Sussex Downs College you are entitled to University of Brighton financial advice, funding and scholarships. You can find out what you might be entitled to by visiting [www.brighton.ac.uk/money](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/money).

## Tuition fees and funding for students starting courses in 2012

The UK government recently introduced major changes to the system of university tuition fees and student support funding. If you are planning on starting a university course in 2012 you will be affected by these changes.

At time of going to press in January 2011 the UK parliament had just voted in favour of proposals to increase university tuition fees. Changes have also been approved to the student loan and maintenance grant system. We are now carefully considering what these changes will mean for us and for our students.

## Tuition fees are not paid upfront

The government is not proposing that UK students will have to pay tuition fees before or during their studies. Tuition fees will be paid back once students begin working and their income reaches a certain level.

Currently UK graduates begin paying back student loans once they are earning more than £15,000 a year. For students starting courses in 2012 the government is proposing raising this threshold to £21,000. All outstanding payments will be written off after 30 years.

## University of Brighton scholarships and bursaries

We are committed to providing you with clear information and advice about tuition fees, funding, University of Brighton scholarships and bursaries as soon as we are in a position to do so. We anticipate that this information will be available in late Spring 2011.

## Register for updates

Please check our website, [www.brighton.ac.uk/money](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/money) regularly, you can also sign up to receive email updates from us about this issue and receive more information from us as it becomes available.



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# Entry requirements

## An example applicant

David is 24 years old. He left college with a BTEC National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science at Pass level and GCSEs in English (Grade D), mathematics (Grade C), PE (Grade C) and science double award (C). Since college David has worked in a number of different fields including leisure and recreation.

With a keen interest in developing young athletes, David has also been involved in coaching on a regular basis since completing his National Governing Body Qualification in Outdoor Sports awards at college.

He has applied for the foundation degree in Sport Coaching and Development. His UCAS points are calculated as follows:

Qualification	Grade	UCAS points
BTEC National Diploma Sport and Exercise Science	PPP	120

Please note this is just an illustrative example and not a real application.

Based on qualification and experience, David would be likely to be offered an unconditional place on the course.

We want as many people as possible to experience the benefits of a university education. That is why we take into account a number of factors when we set our entry requirements, including any experience that outshines your qualifications. For detailed information on course entry requirements check your course page or visit [www.brighton.ac.uk/courses](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/courses).

### Living in Sussex?

If you are living, studying or working in Sussex you may be entitled to guaranteed offers or interviews for certain subjects providing you have the relevant qualifications. For school and college students, to find out if your school is part of the progression accord agreement visit [www.progressionaccord.org.uk](http://www.progressionaccord.org.uk). Please visit [www.sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk/sussexroutes](http://www.sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk/sussexroutes) to find out about benefits available to you.

### General minimum entry requirements

#### For foundation degrees

Entry requirements may vary between courses but are usually 120 UCAS points.

- Two A-levels or National certificate plus at least three GCSE subjects minimum grade C (a selection of AA-levels alone will not be sufficient to meet entry requirements), or
- A pass in a QAA-approved access course.

We welcome applicants offering BTEC National in a relevant subject area.

### The UCAS tariff

UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) is the central organisation that processes applications for full-time undergraduate courses.

The UCAS tariff is a points system that translates students' achievements across different types of qualification into one numerical format, so that different types and volumes of achievements can be compared. It enables admissions tutors to make offers which take into account the range of qualifications. See table opposite for a summary of how tariff points relate to the A-level and BTEC grades.

### International students

Students taking the International Baccalaureate need a minimum score of 24. You will need to have an average IELTS (English proficiency) score of 5.5, with 6.0 in writing.

In some cases, if you are an international student and have just completed 12 years of education, you may need to take a foundation course before you can be admitted to a degree course.

Further information on entry requirements by country is available at [www.brighton.ac.uk/international](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/international).

### Other qualifications

Admissions tutors accept many other qualifications which give access to higher education. Applicants with work-based qualifications, such as NVQs, should be able to provide evidence of relevant background knowledge and ability to study at university level. Whilst individual course requirements vary, all qualifications – UK and international – are considered.

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# How to apply

## Applying for a full-time course

To apply for full-time university courses at Sussex Downs College, you should make your application through the University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

You will need the UCAS institution code for the University of Brighton: University of Brighton (BRITN) B72. The campus code for Sussex Downs College is E for Eastbourne campus or L for Lewes campus – put this in the 'Choices' section of the UCAS application – under the campus code.

For full-time courses the deadline for application submissions to UCAS is 15 January.

There is a lot of information about applying via UCAS on the university website – [www.brighton.ac.uk/apply](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/apply).

## Applying for a part-time course and postgraduate course

If you are hoping to study on a part-time or postgraduate course, you should make a direct application to Sussex Downs College. There are no specific deadlines for part-time or postgraduate applications, although early application is advisable. Contact the college for an application form on **01273 890454** or visit [www.sussexdowns.ac.uk](http://www.sussexdowns.ac.uk).

## The UCAS tariff summary chart

UCAS points	VCE / A-level 6-unit	VCE/ GSE AS-level 3-unit	VCE double award 12-unit
240			AA
220			AB
200			BB
180			BC
160			CC
140			CD
120	A		DD
100	B		DE
80	C		EE
60	D	A	
50		B	
40	E	C	
30		D	
20		E	



### Need more help?

For further information and advice you can visit [www.brighton.ac.uk/undergraduates](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/undergraduates) or [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

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### Fee assessment

01273 642822

### Disability and

dyslexia 01273 643799

Childcare 01273 642022

### Student Services

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### University of Brighton

### Students' Union

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### Other contacts

### Advice about higher education

[www.aimhigher.ac.uk](http://www.aimhigher.ac.uk)

### Student finance

08456 077577

[www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)

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## Jargon buster

### Advanced Vocational Certificate of

**Education (AVCE)** An advanced GNVQ is a vocational A-level, intended not only to be directly related to work, but also as a route into further study and further education.

**A-level** Qualification gained from studying usually for two years in sixth form or college and often used as a route to enter higher education.

**AS Level** These are usually studied over one year and are worth half the UCAS points of a full A-level.

**BSc** Bachelor of Science honours degree.

**BTEC** A BTEC course is often taken as an alternative to A-levels and covers a wide range of vocational subjects. It is studied over two years and is often used as a route to enter higher education (HE).

**Bursary** A sum of money or grant given to a student at university to help with the cost of studying. The amount given depends on income. Visit [www.brighton.ac.uk/money](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/money) to find out about bursaries available to University of Brighton students.

**Campus** A place where university buildings are situated. Also referred to as a site. A campus university is one where the whole of the university is in one location (like University of Sussex). The University of Brighton has five main campuses – Grand Parade, Moulsecomb, Falmer, Hastings and Eastbourne.

**Campus tour** A chance for new students to take a tour around the university facilities normally with a current student.

**Clearing** The period of time when students can gain places on courses which still have places available. This system operates mainly after students receive their A-level results in August although it is open from July.

**EU students** Students normally resident in European Union member countries.

**Faculty** This is the name given to a group of university schools. At Brighton each faculty is made up of schools, for example, the Faculty of Science and Engineering comprises of the School of Environment and Technology and the School of Pharmacy and Biomolecular Sciences.

**Foundation degree** An employment-related, university-level qualification. Foundation degree qualifications: FdA Foundation degree in arts  
FdSc Foundation degree in science  
FdEng Foundation degree in Engineering.

**Foundation diploma** A new part-time qualification similar to foundation degree. Foundation diploma qualification: Fdip Foundation Diploma

**Fresher** Student new to university. Freshers' week is the first week of university where activities are run specifically for new students.

**Gap year** A year when a student takes a break from education, usually between A-levels or further education and university.

**GCSE** General Certificate of Secondary Education (formerly known as O-levels). Single subject exams are usually taken at the age of 16 after two years of study at the age of 16.

**GNVQ** General National Vocational Qualification. A practical qualification which is both a route to further education (FE) and a preparation for employment in a broad vocational area. There are two levels of GNVQ – Intermediate and Advanced.

**Grant** A sum of money given to a student by a public or government body.

**Halls of residence** Building on or near to a university campus where students live.

**Higher Education (HE)** University-level education taken after the age of 18.

**Honours degree** Undergraduate degree usually three or four years long that leads to a qualification such as BSc(Hons) or BA(Hons).

**International students** Students normally resident in countries other than those in the EU or UK.

**Intranet** Employer's website for their employees – not normally available to the public. The University of Brighton student intranet is called studentcentral.

**Lecture** A formal presentation about a subject given by a lecturer (or teacher) to a class or an audience at a conference.

**Mature student** For higher education, a student who is aged 21 years or over. For being means-tested a student must be 25 or over; otherwise parents are assessed for any contribution towards tuition fees.

**Module** A self-contained unit of study. Most of our courses are divided into modules of different subject areas.

**NVQ** (National Vocational Qualification) A qualification based on national standards, defining skills, knowledge and understanding needed at work.

**Open days** Opportunity for prospective students to be shown around a university and talk to students and staff.

**Partner college** Refers to a college that runs courses that are validated by the university. Sussex Downs College is a partner college of the University of Brighton.

**Personal tutor** Many courses assign you a personal tutor who will act as a mentor or go-between with the academic staff to help resolve problems and can advise on who to approach for help.

**PGCE** Post Graduate Certificate in Education – a one-year course for degree holders that allows them to train as a teacher.

**Placement** A period of time spent at a place of work as part of your course.

**Postgraduate** Level of study (masters or PhD) that follows an honours degree.

**Quality Assurance Agency** Responsible for assessing the quality of higher education in the United Kingdom.

**Research** Postgraduate programme of study which involves a student independently researching a specific topic under the guidance of a supervisor and producing a thesis or report. Usually results in an MPhil or PhD.

**Sandwich course** A course (or degree) that includes a year of practical experience or a work placement.

**Scholarship** Money awarded to students to help them complete their study. At Brighton the awards are usually made on the basis of academic merit or talent.

**School** As well as primary and secondary schools, the name 'school' can refer to university departments, for example, Brighton Business School in the University of Brighton.

**Semester** Half of an academic year (six months). Academic years in the UK are generally divided into two semesters or three terms.

**Seminar** Small study group where discussions between students and academic tutors take place.

**Studentcentral** University of Brighton student intranet.

**Students' Union** Independent organisation for students providing a broad range of services from welfare advice and information to clubs and societies, bars, shops and catering services.

**Tuition fee** Fee to cover the cost of your course. Visit [www.brighton.ac.uk/money](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/money) to check current fees.

**Tutor** A teacher who provides instruction to one or more students.

**Tutorial** A session during which a tutor teaches or assists one or more students. It is more informal than a lecture or seminar and may focus on academic and/or pastoral matters.

**UCAS** (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) The central UK organisation through which applications are processed for entry to full-time university courses. [www.ucas.ac.uk](http://www.ucas.ac.uk)

**UCAS tariff** This refers to the number of UCAS points you will need to have to be accepted on to a course at university.

**UK students** Students whose normal country of residence is England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

**Undergraduate** Level of study at university level before you complete your degree.

**Validation** The process that university courses go through to check they meet the necessary high academic standard.

**Vice-Chancellor** Head of the university. Our Vice-Chancellor is Professor Julian Crampton.

**Vocational courses** Courses related to professional practice and market needs. More practical and hands-on, involving learning actual skills, rather than purely academic or theory-based.

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