

Access to Higher Education – Social Sciences

Subject Area	Science
Course Type	Access to Higher Education
Study Level	Level 3
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Location	David Hockney Building
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2025
Course Code	

Course Summary

The one-year Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diploma in Social Science provides a broad-based experience for students over the age of 19 to progress to a range of Higher Education courses in the Social Care Professions subjects. You will study topics such as Crime, Memory, Psychology and Sociology, and Treating Disorders.

What You Will Learn

You should also expect to work with independently and with others, meet deadlines and complete work to a high standard.

Modules

All students attend classes in Sociology, Psychology and Study Skills.

- Introduction to Psychology
- Treating Disorders
- Interpersonal Communication

- Offender Profiling
- Memory
- Psychological Investigation
- Psychological Perspectives and Behaviour
- Preparing to Progress
- Developing Skills for Studying
- ICT – Presentation Software
- Introduction to Sociology: Culture and Identity, Poverty, Families, Households and Personal Relations and Crime
- Planning and Carrying Out Research in Sociology
- Sociological Theories and Their Application to Contemporary Society

Entry Requirements

Entry to this course requires GCSE English Language and Maths at a grade 4 or C. Dependent upon your progression route, level 2 qualifications may be accepted. You are at least 19 years old on 1st September. It is your responsibility to check that your Mathematics and English Language qualifications are accepted for the Higher Education Institution course you wish to eventually apply for. Induction for this course will begin at the start of September.

Assessment

Assessment on Access programs involves a range of methods such as essays, presentations, reports and research investigations. You will have a combination of 15 ungraded and 45 graded units. The graded units will be graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Progression

This pathway may allow progression to a degree in Social Work, Youth and Community Development, Health and Social Welfare, Counselling and Psychology in Community Settings, Childhood and Youth Studies, Psychology and Sociology, Criminology and Archeology. In addition to the skills gained in Sociology and Psychology, you will also develop skills in independent research, critical thinking and evaluative skills, study skills, interview skills and interpersonal skills. You will develop the necessary skills to progress onto Higher Education. We will introduce you to the UCAS system and provide tutorial sessions for university applications.