



DCG

DERBY COLLEGE GROUP

University-level **Course Guide** **2026-2027**

Your pathway to higher education



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See a course
that you are
interested in?



Welcome to Derby College Group



Higher education has changed the lives of countless students – and it can change yours too. If you're considering taking your studies to the next level, this prospectus is the ideal starting point.

Here at Derby College Group (DCG) we believe that higher education is a sound investment in your future: a choice that will impact positively on your life chances and future earning potential.

It can set you apart in a competitive job market, improve your chances of promotion, take your career in exciting new directions, or even provide the launchpad for your own business venture.

On these pages you'll discover a wealth of opportunities waiting to be seized. Our high-quality courses are inspiring, up to date and relevant to the workplaces of today and tomorrow. They're enriched by strong links with employers and universities. And they're taught by enthusiastic staff with vast experience in their fields.

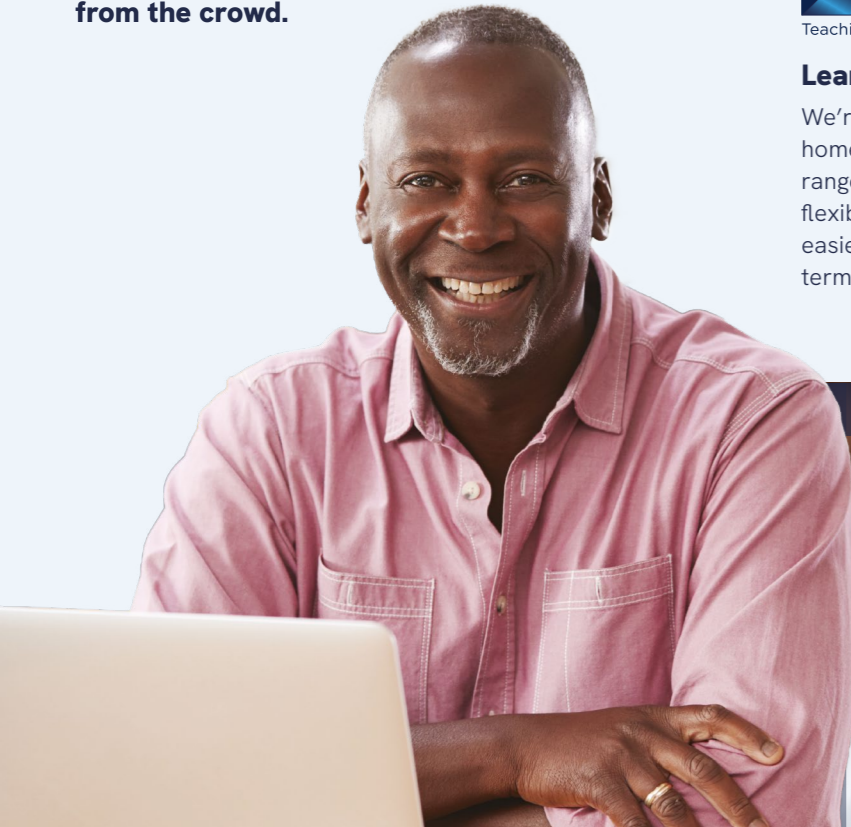
One of DCG's most important aims is to remove barriers to learning and widen participation in higher education. That's why we provide flexible study options, including part-time pathways to help you fit your studies around your family routines and work commitments.

Do take the time to find out more: explore our website, join one of our open events, tour our impressive facilities, and talk to our staff and students.

Welcome to the next level of learning.

Why choose DCG?

Gain an edge in your career. As demand for highly educated and skilled professionals grows, DCG offers exciting progression pathways to help you stand out from the crowd.



A wide choice of courses

DCG's portfolio of higher education opportunities is constantly expanding. You can choose from Honours Degrees, Foundation Degrees, Higher Apprenticeships, Teacher Training and other professional qualifications. It's all about equipping you with the skills, knowledge, behaviours, attitudes and professional standards to realise your potential and achieve your goals.

High standards

As a college, we're regulated by the Office for Students (OfS) and on the approved register of HE providers. In the 2023 Teaching Excellence Framework exercise, we were awarded Gold for student outcomes, Silver for student experience - and Silver overall - by the OfS. It praised our strong track record for helping students progress to highly skilled employment or further study.



Learning tailored to you

We're dedicated to helping you balance your studies with your home and work commitments. That's why we offer a broad range of part-time and work-based learning opportunities. Our flexible learning pathways appeal to employers too - making it easier for them to integrate higher education into their long-term workforce development plans.



Vital input from employers

All our courses are underpinned by close links with employers and the key professional bodies so you can be sure they reflect the skills priorities of your chosen industry. You'll learn about different workplace scenarios, keep in touch with the latest policies and practices, and build your professional networks.

Excellence in construction

We've just been designated one of the country's first Construction Technical Excellence Colleges (CTECs) - reflecting our exceptional track record for training high-calibre professionals who can take the industry forward. We're leading the CTEC programme for the whole of the East Midlands.

Academic partnerships

Our strong collaborations with universities pave the way for you to take your learning even further. Some of our Foundation and Honours Degrees are validated by and run in association with other institutions such as the University of Derby and Sheffield Hallam University. They could be your platform for studies at Masters level and beyond.

“ Overall, the student experience is excellent, life chances are enhanced, and satisfaction is above expectations. DCG offers opportunities in higher education that would not be otherwise available to some students.

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A dynamic learning experience

Employer-led challenges, industry visits, social action projects and talks by inspirational guest speakers – all will help to make your time at DCG even more productive. Experienced and enthusiastic, our teaching teams constantly engage in scholarly activity to enhance their subject knowledge and enrich your learning.

Support with study skills

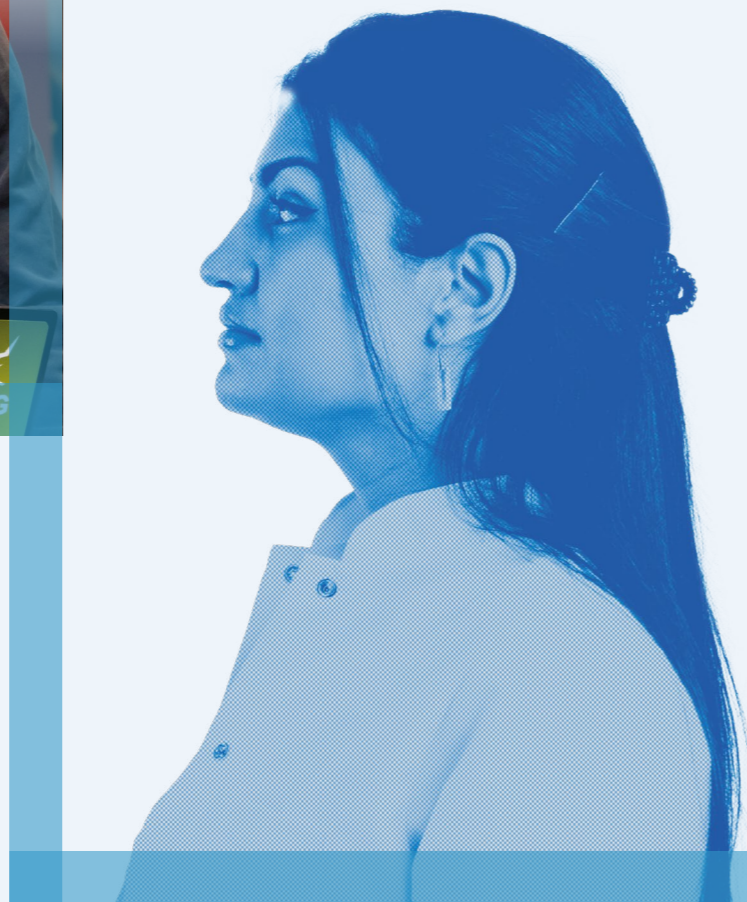
Our Higher Education Academic Coaches offer confidential, personalised support to ensure you develop your scholarship skills to the right level. You'll improve your confidence and abilities in critical thinking, problem-solving, analysis, reflection and evaluation as well as presentation skills.

Ready to research?

You may find that your course includes the chance to conduct research investigations into a theme of your choosing. You could even go on to share your findings at local, regional and national conferences. This is an excellent way to prepare if you want to take your academic pursuits to the next stage.

First-rate facilities

We've invested in superb equipment, resources and learning environments, including dedicated spaces for higher education. The new East Midlands Institute of Technology facilities at the Roundhouse campus are home to many of our higher education courses and feature up-to-date technologies such as a state-of-the-art immersive learning suite.



Nationally recognised careers advice

There's plenty of specialist guidance on offer to help you decide on your next steps after completing your studies with DCG. Our experienced Careers Team has been awarded Platinum status – the highest level, only achieved by a handful of organisations – under the national Career Mark scheme. We also hold the IAG matrix Standard.

Boost your social networks

Welcoming and friendly, our student community is diverse but close-knit. You'll meet like-minded higher education students and broaden your social circle. Check out the many activities led by the Students' Union too: it's run by students for students and champions the learner voice.

Find out more: www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support/students-union-2

We're closer than you think

Our campuses are easy to reach, all served by good public transport links: you'll find a helpful map of transport routes on our website. DCG also provides its own FREE bus service at the start and end of the day, calling at various locations.

Improving social mobility

Opportunity should be about where you're going to, not where you're from. We're dedicated to widening access to higher education and providing comprehensive support to boost your confidence and motivation. This includes programmes tailor-made for students who have been out of education for a while.

DCG is committed to providing a high-quality teaching and learning experience, aligned to student needs and characteristics and employer requirements, and extending opportunities for all students, irrespective of background.

Office for Students



Qualifications explained

Choose wisely. It's very important to select a course that suits your individual needs, abilities and ambitions. Read on to find out more about the different study options on offer at DCG.

Foundation and Honours Degrees

Combining technical and professional skills, our Foundation Degrees are supported, developed and delivered in partnership with employers and university partners. With a Foundation Degree under your belt, you can often progress directly to the final stages of an Honours Degree – with DCG or at university – or to further professional qualifications. We offer degrees validated by and run in association with the University of Derby and Sheffield Hallam University.

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

HTQs provide an alternative to degrees and apprenticeships. Relatively new, they are technical qualifications at Levels 4 and 5 which are independently approved against the knowledge, skills and behaviours that today's employers need. Several of DCG's higher education courses have now been endorsed as HTQs by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (now Skills England). See Page 15 for more information and look out for the HTQ logo in our course guide.



Higher National Certificates (HNCs)

Placing greater emphasis on practice rather than theory, HNCs offer an alternative route to higher education qualifications. Vocational and employer-focused, they usually take two years of part-time study, although DCG's flexible approach means that other study routes may be available. Having a HNC sometimes allows you direct entry to the second year of a degree programme.

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

The 'earn-as-you-learn' route is a popular choice if you're already in work and your employer backs your studies. A Higher or Degree Apprenticeship fast-tracks your career plans as you can achieve university-level qualifications while working. Our expert teachers and assessors will liaise closely with your employer to ensure your training delivers the right outcomes – for you and your organisation. These programmes can also lead to professional qualifications: engineers can, for instance, take steps to gain chartered status.



Professional development programmes

If you want to keep climbing the career ladder, continuing professional development will give you a competitive edge and add substance to your CV. You could boost your management and leadership potential, enhance your technical know-how, or turn your talents to teaching. DCG offers a broad range of specialist programmes at Levels 4 to 6 to help you secure a more senior role.



Calling all current DCG students...

If you succeed in your Level 3 studies with DCG, we'll guarantee you direct progression to one of our higher education courses. Your place is secure as long as you achieve the relevant entry criteria, complete a successful interview and have a good attendance and performance record. It also depends on there being sufficient student numbers for the programme to run.



How to apply

Choosing a higher education course is a big decision. We'll give you all the support and advice you need to make the right call.

It's good to talk

Gather as much information as you can about the course you're considering, including the entry criteria. Then it's important that you talk to us about your choice and plans as early as possible. Ideally, you should explore your options with a member of the subject team at one of our regular information events.

Submitting your application

Simply log onto our website at:

www.derby-college.ac.uk, select your course and fill in your application form online. You'll be invited for an interview where we'll tell you more about your programme and discuss your aptitude and motivation to study. You'll be notified of the outcome in writing.

UCAS codes and tariff points

The general DCG UCAS number is D38. You'll find the UCAS codes for individual courses on the relevant pages of this prospectus. Some programmes ask for specific UCAS tariff points, so you can see if your existing qualifications meet the entry requirements. For more information, including a points calculator, visit the UCAS website: **www.ucas.com**

GCSE grades

GCSE numeric grades - with 9 being the highest and 1 the lowest - are now in force in England. The government recognises grade 4 and above as a 'standard' pass in all subjects, representing a similar achievement to the old grade C or above. For English and Maths GCSE, it also rates a grade 5 or above as a 'strong' pass. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need to know more about entry requirements.

Lacking formal qualifications?

You could still be able to apply for certain programmes even if you have few - or no - institutional qualifications. We'll invite you to an interview where we'll consider your academic potential and any relevant experience you've had. We may ask you to complete an appropriate piece of work to help us judge your application on its merits.



Any questions?

If you have any queries about the application process, please contact us on **0800 028 0289**.

Open evenings 2026



The Roundhouse

At the events listed below, you'll find all the subject areas that are based at our Roundhouse site.

Thursday 12th February 2026
Held during Apprenticeship Week - all apprenticeship areas represented

Thursday 26th March 2026

Thursday 4th June 2026
Courses from all sites represented

Broomfield Hall

At the events listed below, you'll find all the subject areas that are based at our Broomfield Hall site.

Wednesday 25th February 2026

Wednesday 29th April 2026

Saturday 6th June 2026
9.00am - 12.00pm
All Broomfield Hall areas open day including Land-based, Sports, Public Services, Inclusion, and Childcare

Joseph Wright Centre

At the events listed below, you'll find all the subject areas that are based at our Joseph Wright Centre site.

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Wednesday 24th June 2026
Featuring the Creative and Digital Exhibition

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are 5.00pm - 7.00pm.

To get the full details of each event, please pre-register your contact details online at **www.derby-college.ac.uk/events** or call **0800 028 0289**.

For updates on jobs fairs, apprenticeship events and more, **check our social media pages.**



Pre-register now!

Our facilities

DCG provides an exciting study environment, with all the first-rate facilities you would expect of one of the country's leading college groups. You can hone your skills by harnessing industry-standard equipment and the very latest learning technologies.

The Roundhouse

Technical and Professional Skills College

An iconic setting for vocational studies, the Roundhouse on Pride Park is home to our higher-level programmes in subjects such as Engineering; Professional Construction; Software Development; and Teacher Training, Coaching and Mentoring. The development of a new hub for the East Midlands Institute of Technology (EMIoT) has brought an inspiring new dimension to the learning resources on offer there: see overleaf.



Broomfield Hall

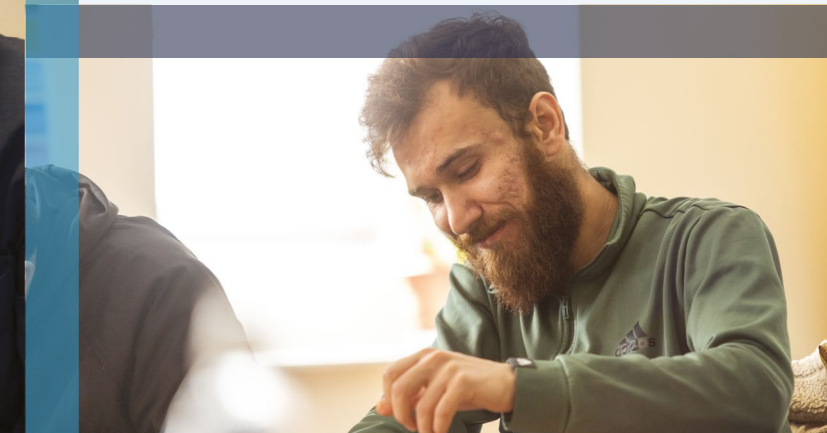
Land-based and Leisure College

A working estate in the Derwent Valley, Broomfield Hall is the base for our land-based provision, including higher-level programmes in Animal Management; Equine Science; and Criminal Justice. With its impressive sports hall and playing fields, it is also the base for our Sports Coaching, Performance and Education Foundation Degree.



What will you need to bring with you?

Depending on your course, you might be expected to supply certain resources yourself to aid your studies. It could be PPE or other specialist clothing, a laptop or tablet, a scientific calculator and technical drawing equipment, or general stationery. For some courses, you might also be asked to contribute towards the cost of trips and visits relevant to your subject. Further details are available on the web pages for each course.



Institute of Technology

The East Midlands Institute of Technology is now open for business – an exciting demonstration of what’s possible when education, technology and industry come together to shape the workforce of the future.

DCG is playing a key role in an innovative partnership which offers its students the very best in technical education and meets the growing demand for skilled professionals to bolster the UK’s economic growth.

Specialising in engineering, digital, professional construction, health, technical education and leadership skills, the East Midlands Institute of Technology (EMIoT) offers everything from T Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) to degree and postgraduate education as well as Higher and Degree Apprenticeships.

The EMIoT at DCG has been established to provide state-of-the-art facilities for its IoT students. It caters mainly for the College’s higher education students and apprentices working towards industry-informed and e-enabled technical qualifications.

Already the building is home to over 300 students and apprentices, not only young people about to enter the workforce but also professionals who want to retrain or upskill mid-career, especially for the digital, advanced engineering, professional construction and low-carbon sectors.

It has enabled DCG to broaden its scope to add new HTQs in subject areas such as Building Services. Future plans also include offering micro-credentials for those individuals who want to reskill without the time and financial commitment of a full study programme.

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Powerful partnerships

One of 21 Institutes of Technology nationwide, the EMIoT represents a pioneering collaboration between DCG, Loughborough College, Loughborough University and the University of Derby.

It also enjoys major input from leading-name employers – including Rolls-Royce plc, Bloc Digital, Alstom, ESO, Uniper and Toyota – who are shaping the curriculum and extending opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience.

Many smaller companies from across the region have come on board too, helping bridge the gap between education, research and the real-world needs of industry.

Sustainability in focus

One of the aims of the EMIoT is to deliver clean growth for the benefit of communities in the East Midlands and beyond – and to help employers take full advantage of the drive for decarbonisation.

Reflecting these principles, the facilities at DCG were designed with net zero energy consumption in mind. The building features almost 150 solar panels and its low-energy demand systems include mechanical ventilation with heat recovery and heat pumps.

Equipped for the future

The IoT hub at DCG features advanced technology so that students gain experience in everything from 3D printing to materials testing and the latest mechatronics systems. It’s all about creating an authentic learning environment and mirroring the flexible, hybrid world of modern industry and the connected workplaces of the future.

A BLISS immersive learning suite enables learners to step inside the projects they design, plan and build – bringing theory and practice together in ways that traditional classrooms simply cannot.

Another highlight is the X2O hybrid teaching suite, a space that seamlessly connects learners and experts wherever they are in the world. Using advanced video walls, interactive collaboration tools, and real-time engagement features, X2O enables our teachers to share their knowledge with in-room and remote participants at the same time. Students can engage with guest speakers, industry specialists, and partner colleges across the country and beyond – breaking down barriers of geography and access.



Higher Technical Qualifications



Look out for the HTQ quality mark logo throughout our course listings. It means you – and your employer – can be confident you'll gain the skills to excel in the workplace.

DCG is championing higher technical education as the smart way to get ahead in your career.

Newly introduced and already a popular choice at the College, Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) pave the way to career advancement, giving you extra choice and flexibility in how and where you study.

They represent a high-quality vocational alternative to more traditional university degrees and apprenticeships – and DCG is right at the forefront of their introduction.

HTQs are Level 4 and 5 qualifications that sit between Level 3 qualifications – such as A-levels or T Levels – and Honours Degrees. They can lead to high-skilled, lucrative and rewarding jobs in a wide range of sectors or enable you to make a seamless transition to further study.

Including qualifications such as HNDs and Foundation Degrees, they are independently approved against the knowledge, skills and behaviours employers say they need. They have therefore become a trusted route for firms to ensure their workforce is equipped for the future.

DCG now offers various HTQs endorsed by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (now Skills England). The portfolio includes HNCs and Foundation Degrees in subject areas such as Engineering, Professional Construction and Software Development.



Excellence in construction

If your goal is to pursue a high-flying career in construction, joining DCG is the perfect place to build on your ambitions.

The College has just won national recognition as a Construction Technical Excellence College (CTEC) – one of only ten across the country and the lead organisation for the whole of the East Midlands.

CTEC status means that DCG is regarded by the Department for Education as a national leader in delivering high-quality, industry-relevant construction training.

“ As the regional CTEC lead, we will be working with our partners to shape the future of construction skills training, from embedding green technologies to advancing digital construction techniques. It will help us meet the growing needs of the industry and create even more pathways for young people and adults to enter rewarding, high-demand careers.

**Mandie Stravino,
CEO of Derby College Group**

DCG already attracts over 1,000 learners to its construction programmes and supports the largest number of construction apprentices in the region.

Now, as a CTEC, it can open its doors wider still for students who want to advance further – and faster – in the industry. It will extend its facilities, expand its capacity and deliver the advanced technical, green and digital skills needed to meet the evolving demands of employers.

Boasting strong partnerships across the construction sector, including national employers such as Bowmer & Kirkland and Vaillant Group, DCG will use its new status to lead collaboration and share best practice across the region.



Supporting your studies

Higher education study may sometimes be a daunting prospect – especially if you're returning to learning after a break. But don't worry – there's plenty of support on offer at DCG.



Student Services

Friendly and approachable, our Student Services teams are here to help throughout your time at DCG – including when you're initially considering which course is best for you. They're your first port of call whenever you have a question and can refer you to other College support services covering issues such as financial hardship or mental health. Find out more:

www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support

Improving your study skills

Critical thinking and reading, reflective practice, essay structure, grammar and punctuation, referencing, academic regulations, time management... all are important when you're embarking on a higher education course. We'll help you build effective study skills to stand you in good stead throughout your future learning and career.



Academic Coaches

Our Higher Education Academic Coaches will help you draw up a tailored action plan to achieve your goals. They provide extensive support via one-to-one sessions or group work covering vital areas such as research skills and how to avoid plagiarism. This is invaluable for individuals who are new to higher education.

Library Services

Studying at a higher level involves lots of research so it's reassuring to know that excellent Library Services are available at all our main campuses. You'll discover a broad range of textbooks, reference materials, newspapers and magazines – both in print and electronic form – alongside study spaces, computers with Internet access, printing and photocopying resources. We offer inter-library loans on your behalf, a reservations service and a 'click and collect' service.



Round-the-clock access

Our online learning system, Moodle – and/or Microsoft Teams – are available to you on a 24/7 basis, so you can easily access programme materials such as hand-outs, presentations and online forums. There are Moodle/Teams pages for study support resources, and you can book one-to-one study support tutorials when you feel you need extra help.





Higher Education Hub

We also provide a dedicated Higher Education 360° Student Hub. Here you can access careers and employability advice as well as personalised study skills guidance and help with bursary applications if you face financial hardship. You can also make your views known via various student voice opportunities.

Learning support

As an inclusive education provider, DCG has a support team available at all College sites. These expert staff work both in and out of classrooms and during exams, providing technology, equipment, modifications and much more. So, if you have dyslexia, autism, ADHD or any other specific needs, please provide us with as much detail as possible. The team will be in touch to discuss the methods of support that suit you best. Call **0800 028 0289**.



Careers guidance

Whatever your plans entail, our Careers Team delivers nationally recognised impartial advice and guidance to help you take full advantage of your skills, knowledge, learning and future opportunities. Considering moving on to university? We can help with UCAS applications and details of university taster days and workshops too.

Little Explorers Nursery

Focused on the outdoor learning environment, our unique forest school nursery is set in the picturesque grounds of Broomfield Hall. It provides excellent care for children, along with clubs for older children in the school holidays. Little Explorers has won national awards for its high standards. Find out more: littleforestexplorers.co.uk or call **01332 836620**.

Student accommodation

If you're enrolling on a programme where the qualification is awarded by the University of Derby, you may be able to access the University's own residential accommodation. Please get in touch with the University of Derby's accommodation office. Find out more: www.derby.ac.uk/life/accommodation or call **01332 594111**.

Money matters

Higher education is a real investment in your future – boosting your career prospects and your earning potential. If you have any concerns about the cost, don't hesitate to ask us for advice.

An affordable option

Higher education fees are competitive at DCG. Studying locally also means you won't face significant accommodation and transport costs. You can pay for your course through:

- a direct payment to us
- sponsorship from an employer
- a student loan

Student loans

The Student Loans Company administers financial support for higher education. If you apply for a loan:

- you don't have to pay fees up front
- you don't need to pay back anything until after you have completed your programme and are earning over a certain amount per year
- you won't pay anything back at all if you never reach that salary level

Depending on your household income, you may also be eligible for a maintenance loan to cover your living costs.

Applying for a loan

If you apply for a loan, you'll need to complete an online form each year you study. Your tuition fee will automatically be paid to us. It makes sense to apply for student finance as early as possible. You can do so as soon as finance applications are open and you've accepted an offer – you don't have to wait until you've achieved all your entry grades.

Find out more: www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview



Disabled Students' Allowance

You can apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) if you have a disability (as defined under the Equality Act 2010), long-term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia. Support depends on your individual needs and not on your income.

The DSA pays for extra support, which could help with study skills – such as dedicated support for dyslexia or for specialist equipment such as electronic note-taking software.

Find out more:

www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas

Find out more about financing your course

Contact Student Services on **0800 028 0289**

Email: enquiries@derby-college.ac.uk

Web: www.derby-college.ac.uk



Animal Management

Turn your love of animals into a meaningful and highly satisfying career. Whether you want to work with domestic, farm, zoo or wild animals, we have a higher education option that's just **right for you**.



Why choose DCG?

- **A great learning environment:** you couldn't choose a better place to study Animal Management than Broomfield Hall. Our superb Animal Unit and well-equipped labs are set within the ideal setting of an extensive working estate.
- **Meet the animals:** you'll encounter domestic animals, exotic species and zoo animals to gain wide-ranging industry experience that will take you far.
- **Clear progression routes:** after completing a Foundation Degree with us, you don't even have to leave DCG to reach the next level. You can choose to 'top up' your qualification by enrolling for one of our BSc (Hons) degrees.
- **Pursue your interests:** both our Foundation and Honours Degrees give you the chance to study a broad-based Animal Management curriculum or to specialise in Zoo and Wildlife Management.

University partnership

The Foundation Degree Animal Management (FdSc); Foundation Degree Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (FdSc); BSc (Hons) Animal Management (top up); and BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (top up) are delivered in partnership with and awarded by the **University of Derby**.

Students will receive a University of Derby Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.

In partnership with



- **Flexible pathways:** alongside our full-time courses, we offer convenient part-time learning options so that you can fit your degree studies around your other commitments.
- **Studying after a break:** if you've been out of education for a while or lack traditional qualifications, you may find our Access to Higher Education Diploma is the perfect way to ease yourself back into learning.
- **Employer partnerships:** we've built strong networks within the industry. In just one example, we joined forces with Drayton Manor Zoo so that our students can gain vital work experience alongside experienced zookeepers.
- **Expert tuition:** our highly qualified teaching team boasts a wealth of academic and professional experience in areas ranging from domestic animal welfare to zookeeping and wildlife management. Group sizes are small so you'll benefit from a high level of individualised support.
- **Variety and inspiration:** there are many ways we can help you translate theory into practice. Your learning will be enhanced by field trips, industry visits, research projects, student conferences and work placements.
- **Skills to help you stand out:** we pride ourselves on nurturing versatile graduates with transferable skills in areas like analysis, communication, time management and presentations. Throughout your studies, you'll learn about sustainability and will also build your digital capabilities by using key technological platforms.



Apply now!

Access to Higher Education Diploma: Animal Science

Level 3 / Number of years: 1 / Location: Broomfield Hall



Centred on vocational elements of animal science, our Access course is aimed at mature students of all ages and backgrounds who are interested in embarking on – or progressing in – a career in this fascinating sector.

Ideal if you are considering a career change or keen to develop more in-depth knowledge of caring for animals, this programme will ease you back into studying and bolster your confidence – all in a friendly and supportive environment. Building your theoretical knowledge alongside your practical skills, it entails three days a week attendance at DCG and you'll undertake 100 hours of work experience throughout the course. Your modules will cover subjects such as animal evolution, biodiversity, health and disease, and aquatic husbandry.

On completing your Access studies, you could progress to a Foundation Degree at Broomfield Hall or elsewhere, secure employment within the industry or advance to an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements

You should be aged 19 or over and will be invited to interview. You need:

- GCSE English and Maths at grade 3/D or Level 1 Functional Skills.
- A strong interest in animal/equine management or environmental conservation.
- A minimum of two weeks in a relevant work placement.



Full Time

Foundation Degree Animal Management (FdSc)

Level 5 / Number of years: 2 (full time) or 4 (part time) / Location: Broomfield Hall / UCAS code: D300

Gain a solid introduction to all aspects of animal management and prepare for a highly successful career – with our dynamic and flexible Foundation Degree.

This course equips you with the right aptitude and attitude to work within the animal management sector. You'll develop hands-on skills and theoretical knowledge through a fascinating range of academic study, practical classes and industrial visits. Modules cover wide-ranging subjects from animal husbandry to anatomy and physiology, exotic mammals to animal breeding programmes. You'll also take part in relevant work-based learning: we support you to find appropriate placement opportunities.

The course provides excellent practical skills and industrial experience with a wide variety of species, so that you can pursue a new career or advance in your current role. You can also 'top up' your qualification to Honours Degree level, with the chance to study themes like human-animal interactions, animal training and animal welfare science.

Entry requirements

You should be aged 18 or over at the beginning of the course and will be invited to interview. You need:

- 64 UCAS points in a relevant subject area.
- Four GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A*-C) – or the equivalent – to include English, Maths and a Science.

All applicants are subject to approval from the University of Derby.



Full Time



Part Time



Foundation Degree Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (FdSc)

Level 5 / Number of years: 2 (full time) or 4 (part time) / Location: Broomfield Hall / UCAS code: D300

Keen to focus your studies on zoo management or wildlife conservation? Then this specialist Foundation Degree is perfectly suited to you.

Our dynamic Foundation Degree offers an exciting mix of academic study, practical classes, national and international trips, and industrial visits – all equipping you to specialise in some of the most important areas of animal management. You'll study inspiring themes such as frontiers in zoo biology, the principles of ecology and biodiversity, and captive breeding for species conservation programmes. The course also includes relevant work-based learning and a placement at Drayton Manor Zoo for hands-on experience.

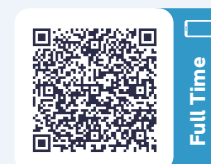
Your Foundation Degree qualification will give you an excellent platform for career progression, joining a zoo management training course or setting up a successful zoological or educational business enterprise. It can also act as a springboard to studies at Honours Degree level in subjects such as anthrozoology or wild animal veterinary science.

Entry requirements

You should be aged 18 or over at the beginning of the course and will be invited to interview. You need:

- 64 UCAS points in a relevant subject area.
- Four GCSEs graded 9-4 (A*-C), or the equivalent, to include English, Maths and Science.

All applicants are subject to approval from the University of Derby.



Full Time

Part-time option also available.

BSc (Hons) Animal Management (top-up)

Level 6 / Number of years: 1 (full time) or 2 (part time) / Location: Broomfield Hall / UCAS code: D328

Build on your existing qualifications to gain a highly regarded Honours Degree in Animal Management.

Take the skills and knowledge you've developed during your HND or Foundation Degree studies to the next level – with this flexible top-up degree. The five modules you'll study reflect the diverse nature of animal management and cover issues such as animal law and ethics, animal welfare science, and setting up an animal business enterprise. The course also includes an independent research project into a relevant theme of your choosing.

The Honours Degree qualification paves the way to professional success and features the opportunity to develop a business proposal should you wish to embark on an entrepreneurial endeavour or become self-employed. In addition, you could consider a Masters Degree in subjects such as conservation, animal management or animal behaviour.

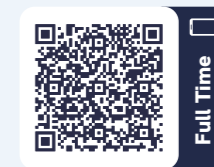
Entry requirements

You should be aged 18 or over at the beginning of the course and will be invited to interview. You need:

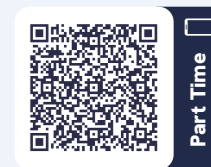
- A Merit grade (2:2) or higher from a Foundation Degree or HND in a relevant subject.
- Four GCSEs graded 9-4 (A*-C), or the equivalent, to include English, Maths and Science.
- At least two weeks of work experience in an animal-based setting.

All applicants are subject to approval from the University of Derby.

We accept applications from candidates who have completed their FdSc elsewhere.



Full Time



Part Time

BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (top-up)

Level 6 / Number of years: 1 / Location: Broomfield Hall / UCAS code: D328

A specialist degree in zoo and wildlife management opens doors to a wide choice of occupations in a rapidly expanding and thriving industry.

Ideal if you want to dedicate yourself to the care of zoo animals or the conservation of wildlife, this top-up degree will transform your career prospects.

It builds on what you learned on a HND or Foundation Degree and takes in specialist themes like wild animal veterinary sciences. There's also the chance to conduct an in-depth investigation into a subject matching your interests and ambitions.

Alongside theoretical knowledge, you'll gain practical industry experience with a variety of animal species. This stands you in good stead to pursue a new career direction, advance in an existing role or set up an animal-related business venture. You could also consider studying subjects like conservation or anthrozoology at Masters Degree level.

Entry requirements

You should be aged 18 or over at the beginning of the course. You need:

- A Merit grade (2:2) or higher from a Foundation Degree or HND in a relevant subject.
- Four GCSEs graded 9-4 (A*-C), or the equivalent, to include English, Maths and Science.
- At least two weeks of work experience in an animal-based setting.

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Full Time

You couldn't choose a better place to study Animal Management than Broomfield Hall.



Engineering

Power up your career through higher education. Our flexible courses have been developed in partnership with employers to help you join the next generation of high-performing engineering pioneers.



Why choose DCG?

- **The timing is right:** demand for versatile and high-calibre professionals is growing as new technologies continue to transform the engineering industry. This is your chance to go further, faster.
- **Strong employer input:** DCG's courses are designed and delivered in collaboration with leading-name employers. Our links with companies such as Rolls-Royce plc and Alstom - plus their high-quality supply chains - will enrich your learning.
- **Flexibility to the fore:** you can balance your learning with your work and home commitments, thanks to our convenient study options which include day-release and part-time routes.
- **Academic rigour:** our portfolio features Foundation and Honours Degrees validated by Sheffield Hallam University. They can open up exciting pathways to Chartered Engineer status.
- **The apprenticeship advantage:** if you want to combine on-the-job learning with supported studies at the College, our Higher Apprenticeships are a smart choice.
- **HTQ approval:** our HNCs are endorsed as Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) because they are so closely aligned with employer-set standards. The HTQ will add an extra dimension to your CV.
- **State-of-the-art facilities:** you'll learn using the latest industry-standard equipment and digital resources in the new East Midlands Institute of Technology premises at our Roundhouse campus. It's a setting which replicates the multi-disciplinary world of the modern workplace.
- **Inspiration and motivation:** you'll learn from a teaching team with strong industry backgrounds as well as academic experience. Guest lectures are delivered by engineering specialists, professional bodies and visiting academics too.
- **Hands-on learning:** building on your theoretical knowledge, you'll find yourself solving technical problems which reflect real-world industrial scenarios.
- **An impressive skillset:** you'll gain skills like communication, teamwork and leadership. We provide a full development programme to improve your academic writing, verbal presentations and analysis skills too.

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Foundation Degree Engineering (FdEng)

Level 5 / Number of years: 2 / Location: The Roundhouse / UCAS code: B101

Offering different pathways in mechanical, electrical and manufacturing engineering, our FdEng provides an excellent platform for career success.

This programme is generally offered on a day-release basis – either as a standalone qualification or as part of a Higher Apprenticeship – for those already in the workplace. Most of our FdEng students are employed in a junior engineering role and looking to build on Level 3 qualifications.

You'll gain a solid foundation in engineering science and mathematics, with modules covering major topics relating to mechanical, electrical or manufacturing engineering. You'll also develop the academic and problem-solving skills that engineers need to perform well in a vocational context. On completing the FdEng qualification, you could progress to the top-up BEng programme at DCG to gain a full Honours Degree.

Entry requirements

At least one of the following:

- The equivalent of one A-level pass in a relevant scientific/technology subject.
- A Level 3 Certificate or Diploma in a science or technology-based subject, preferably including further maths.
- A pass in a suitable science/technology-based Foundation or Access programme containing an appropriate level of maths, with an overall average mark of at least 40%.

You'll also need GCSE English and Maths graded 9-4 (A*-C).

Students with a BTEC Higher National Certificate – or an equivalent qualification in an appropriate engineering discipline – may be eligible to join the second year of the Foundation Degree directly.



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BEng (Hons) Engineering (top-up)

Level 6 / Number of years: 1 / Location: The Roundhouse / UCAS code: H10H

Complete your journey to a full Honours Degree in Engineering. This top-up programme is the ideal way to ensure your CV stands out.

Our one-year BEng programme is designed to help you 'top up' a relevant Level 5 qualification such as a Foundation Degree. Strongly academic, it leads to an Honours Degree in Electrical, Mechanical or Manufacturing Engineering while honing your work-based vocational and problem-solving skills.

With the BEng qualification under your belt, you can advance your career in areas such as the development and maintenance of manufacturing process plant, the design and build of mechanical or electrical components, or the modelling of complex engineering systems to develop improved systems. This qualification also partly meets the academic requirement for registration as an Incorporated Engineer.

Entry requirements

You need to be employed and have permission from your employer to undertake this programme.

You should have one of the following:

- The FdEng Engineering from Sheffield Hallam University or a Foundation Degree from another university in a relevant field.
- A HND in an engineering field at Merit level.

You'll also need GCSE English and Maths graded 9-4 (A*-C).



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Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Electrical and Electronic or Mechanical Engineering (HTQ)

Level 4 / Number of years: 2 / Location: The Roundhouse / UCAS code: B110

Set yourself apart as a well-qualified, versatile engineer – with a part-time HNC programme that focuses on professional and technical skills.

Approved as Higher Technical Qualifications because they are so closely aligned with employer needs, our Engineering HNCs enable you to follow an advanced work-related curriculum. You can choose to concentrate on Electrical and Electronic or Mechanical Engineering and to study modules as standalone options or as part of a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship.

Alongside a wide range of scientific and engineering knowledge, you'll gain practical and transferable skills through research projects, workplace scenarios and technical problem-solving. You'll learn how to perform key engineering tasks to a high standard, understand processes and operations, and work more effectively. The HNC provides a platform for further study at Foundation and then Honours Degree levels as well as career progression in roles such as mechanical, electrical, aerospace or project engineer.

Entry requirements

At least one of the following:

- A Level 3 qualification in Engineering with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Three A-levels in relevant subjects.
- Five years of full-time relevant work/industrial experience (if not supported by qualifications like GCSEs, you must evidence Level 2 proficiency in Maths and English).



Electrical

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Higher Apprenticeship: Engineering Manufacturing Technician

Level 4 / Number of years: 3 / Location: The Roundhouse

Build the right combination of technical knowledge, practical skills and professional behaviours to progress your career as a manufacturing technician.

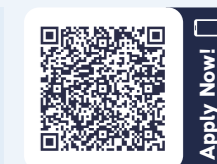
If you're interested in providing specialist technical support for engineers in sectors such as automotive, aerospace and chemical processing, this Higher Apprenticeship is an excellent choice.

Attending DCG on a day-release basis, you'll hone your skills in problem-solving, quality management, manufacturing methods, lean manufacturing, project management, handling technical documentation and data analysis. You'll be well equipped to develop new technology initiatives and contribute to process improvements. Leading to a Higher Technical Qualification, this programme is ideal for those who aspire to roles like costing engineer, manufacturing quality engineer, process engineer, or test and commissioning engineer. It could also provide a springboard to degree-level study.

Entry requirements

You should be employed in a relevant role within the engineering industry and should have:

- GCSEs in Maths, English and Science graded 4/C or above or Level 2 Maths and English Functional Skills.
- A Level 3 knowledge qualification in Engineering such as a BTEC which must include Maths.



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Higher Apprenticeship: Lead Engineering Maintenance Technician

Level 5 / Number of years: 3 / Location: The Roundhouse

Do you aspire to a more senior role in the engineering and manufacturing sector? Then this Higher Apprenticeship is a smart choice.

Providing a comprehensive skillset for a career in engineering maintenance, this programme prepares you to advance to more senior multi-disciplinary roles in sectors including maritime, automotive, energy and general engineering.

It equips you to manage other technicians, offer engineering support, provide technical leadership and expertise, deliver excellent customer liaison and ensure work is completed to high quality and safety standards.

With day-release studies at DCG leading to a Higher Technical Qualification, you'll cover vital issues ranging from technical analysis and maintenance planning to process improvement and inspection activities. On completion of the programme, you could continue your studies to achieve a degree-level qualification.

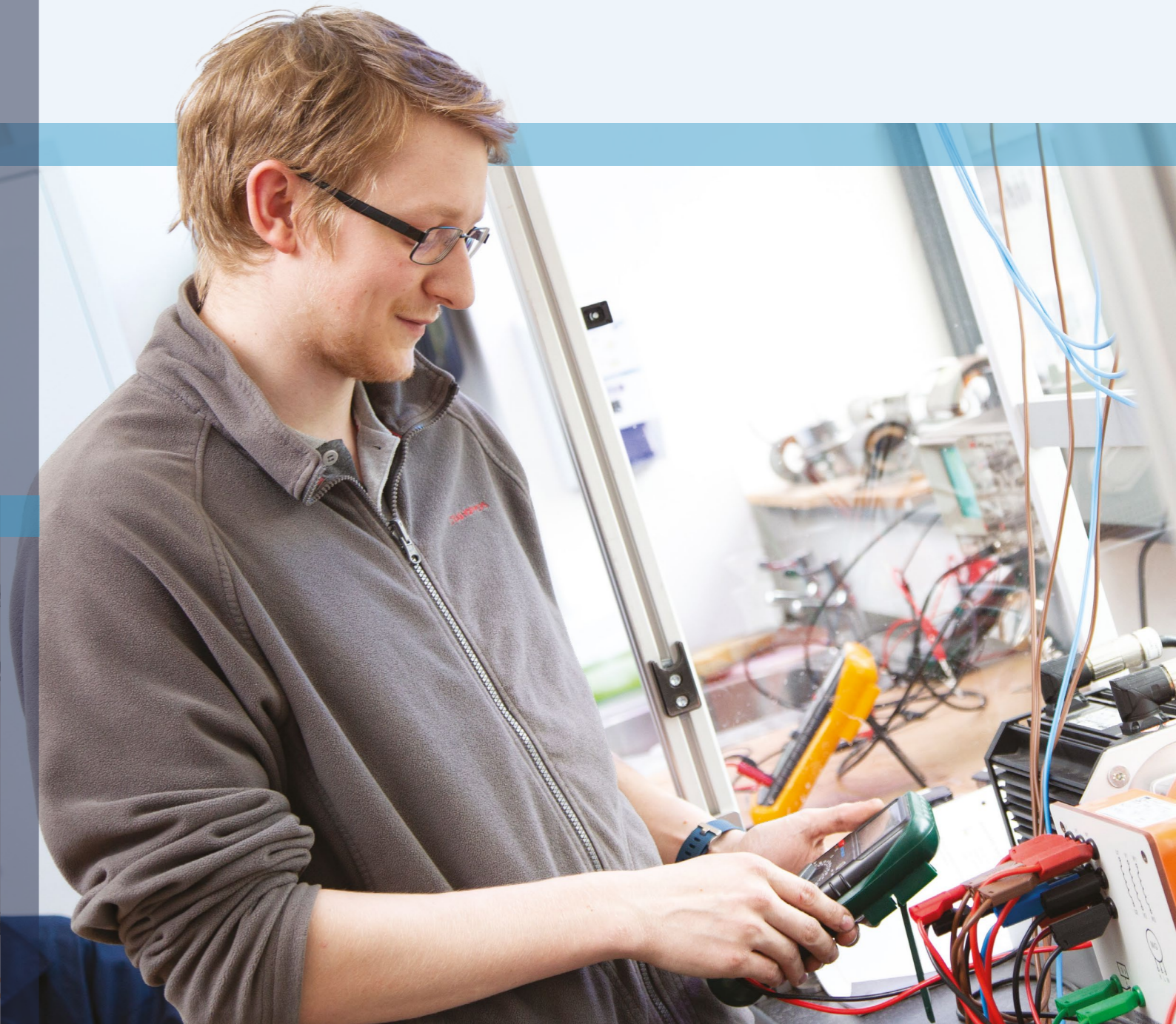
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Equine Science

Keen to pursue a successful career dedicated to horses? With a higher education qualification in Equine Science under your belt, the opportunities are endless.



Why choose DCG?

- **The perfect environment:** our Broomfield Hall equestrian centre boasts 40 stables, an outdoor school, a horse walker, a cross-country schooling field and an indoor school that meets British Show Jumping standards.
- **Firm foundations:** choose our popular Equine Science Foundation Degree as a great starting point for securing more senior roles within the industry or for advancing to further studies.
- **Reach the next level:** our dynamic top-up programme allows you to build on your existing qualifications so you can gain a full Honours Degree with one extra year of full-time study or two years of part-time study.
- **The choice is yours:** thanks to our specialist pathways, you'll be able to concentrate on the areas of equine science that interest you most. There are riding and non-riding options too.

University partnership

The Foundation Degree Equine Science (FdSc) and BSc (Hons) Equine Science (top-up) are delivered in partnership with and awarded by the **University of Derby**.

Students will receive a University of Derby Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.

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- **Here to inspire you:** our highly qualified teaching team boasts a wealth of academic and professional experience in a wide range of equine science areas. Group sizes are small so you'll benefit from a high level of individualised support.
- **Enhance your CV:** we offer you the chance to achieve British Horse Society (BHS) qualifications alongside your degree to support your career progression.
- **Never a dull day:** our courses will engage and enthuse you. Hands-on sessions at the equestrian centre, practical laboratory work, fascinating guest lectures on the latest industry insights, work-based learning and field trips – all combine to deliver an immersive learning experience.
- **Broaden your horizons:** there may be exciting opportunities to go behind-the-scenes at major horse trials, take part in charity fundraising, host equine welfare events, join national research conferences, and compete in dressage and show jumping competitions.
- **Essential skills:** alongside your equine science knowledge, you'll gain transferable abilities in areas like communication, research and analysis. Sustainability and digital skills are embedded across the curriculum to boost your professional development.
- **At the heart of the action:** there's always something happening on campus because we're an approved BHS riding establishment running competitions, training clinics and short commercial courses.



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Foundation Degree Equine Science (Rehabilitation and Performance or Riding and Coaching) (FdSc)

Level 5 / Number of years: 2 (full time) or 4 (part time) / Location: Broomfield Hall / UCAS code: D422

If you're fascinated by equine science and seeking a career in equine rehabilitation, performance or coaching, our flexible Foundation Degree gives you the ideal head start.

This Foundation Degree helps you develop an impressive combination of academic knowledge, practical skills and industry experience. It includes engaging lectures, hands-on sessions in the Broomfield laboratories and equestrian centre, plus opportunities for work-based learning.

One element which sets this course apart is its emphasis on entrepreneurship, event management and marketing, including using social media to support business growth in the equine sector. Upon successfully completing the programme, you'll be equipped to pursue or advance a career in roles such as equine rehabilitation and therapy, yard management, coaching and training, event and business management, and self-employment in equine services. You may also choose to progress to the BSc (Hons) top-up degree, which is available at DCG.

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- 64 UCAS points from an Extended Diploma or National Diploma in Equine Management or another relevant subject area such as Animal Management.
- At least two A-levels or AS-levels in science-related subjects, equal to at least 64 UCAS points.
- A GNVQ/NVQ Level 3 in an equine-related subject.
- Relevant and comprehensive industry experience.

You must also hold four GCSEs graded 9-4 (A*-C) or equivalent, including English, Maths and Science. In addition, you'll need to undertake a riding assessment if you have selected the riding option.



Enquire

Enquire about different pathways and full-time/part-time options

BSc (Hons) Equine Science (Biomechanics and Performance or Riding and Coaching (top-up))

Level 6 / Number of years: 1 (full time) or 2 (part time) / Location: Broomfield Hall / UCAS code: D424

With its strong focus on employability, this dynamic top-up degree enables you to build on your Level 5 qualification to advance your academic and professional journey.

Bringing rigorous academic study together with practical, work-based learning, the BSc (Hons) enables you to specialise in the fields of equine science which interest you most, to refine your practice and to prepare for senior roles in the industry.

The Honours Degree opens the doors to a wide range of career progression routes such as owning/running a yard, teaching and coaching, or training and developing horses. You could also consider sales and marketing, product development, and business/operations management roles linked to the equine industry. In addition, there are opportunities to advance to a Masters Degree in Equine Science, Animal Behaviour and related disciplines, plus other professional qualifications such as BHS certifications.

Entry requirements

- A Level 5 qualification in a relevant subject area, which can be animal or equine related.
- Four GCSEs graded 9-4 (A*-C), or equivalent qualifications, which must include English, Maths and Science.

You'll need to undertake a riding assessment if you have selected the riding option.



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Mastering equine studies

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Lucy conducts research at Broomfield

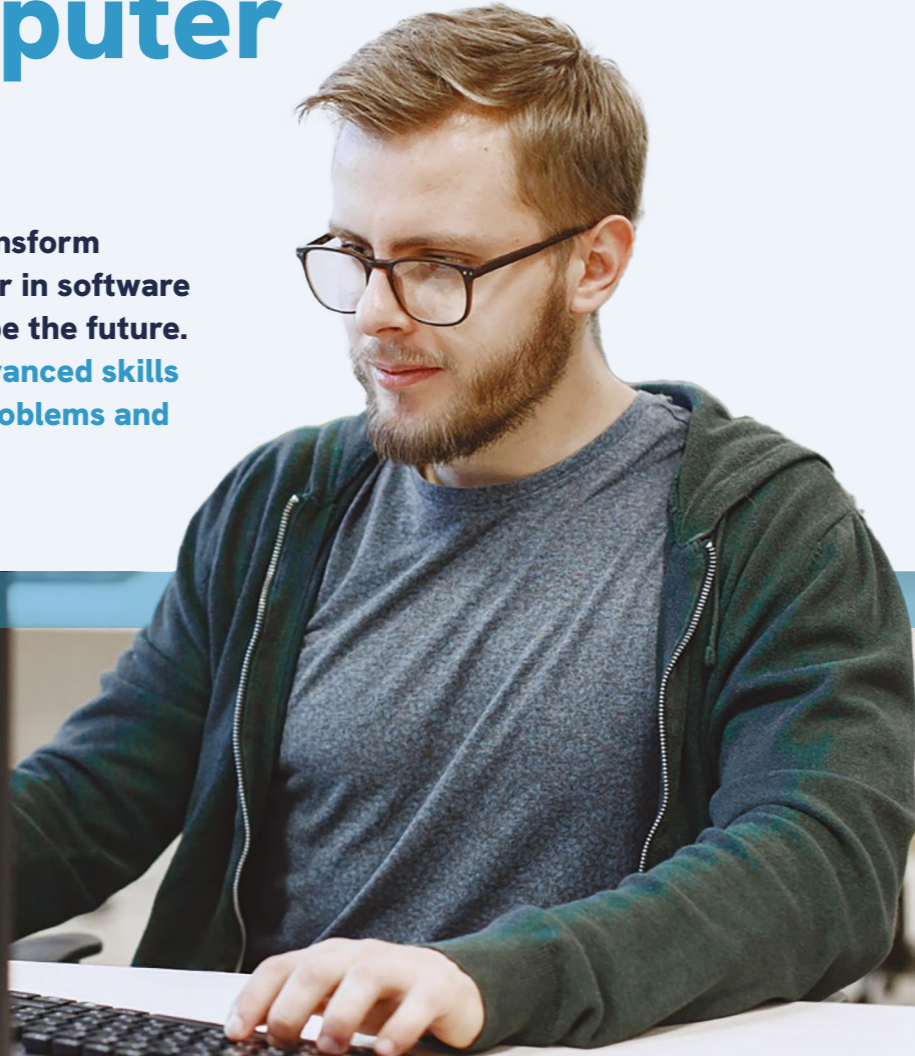
After gaining Level 3 and Honours Degree qualifications at Broomfield Hall, **Lucy Bell** has qualified as a veterinary physiotherapist - and has even returned to the campus to undertake research.

Lucy, who is now completing her MSc in Veterinary Physiotherapy, was welcomed back to DCG's Equestrian Centre to investigate the application of cryotherapy techniques, a study where the results may lead to time and cost benefits for horse owners.

She said: **"I thoroughly enjoyed my time as a student at DCG thanks to the amazing horses, staff and facilities. I made lots of long-lasting memories during my time there. This made it a no brainer to come back to the College to collect data for my MSc dissertation. It was lovely to see a lot of the horses I spent so much time with."**

IT, Digital Skills and Computer Science

As technology continues to transform society at a rapid pace, a career in software development will help you shape the future. DCG can help you build the advanced skills you need to solve real-world problems and bring exciting ideas to life.



Why choose DCG?

- **A future-ready career:** we're dedicated to fostering versatile, forward-thinking software development professionals, capable of making a real and lasting impact in diverse industries.
- **Workplace scenarios:** your learning will be grounded in the kind of challenges you'll encounter in industry, so that you can hit the ground running in a new job and strengthen your career and promotion prospects.
- **Academic credibility:** our Foundation Degree is offered in collaboration with the University of Derby and has been approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) because it meets standards set by employers.
- **Advanced facilities:** you'll be based in the new East Midlands Institute of Technology premises at our Roundhouse campus, an interactive learning environment that mirrors the connected workplaces of the future. The computer laboratories are equipped with latest hardware and software that meet software industry expectations.
- **Draw on our expertise:** you'll be taught by higher education lecturers who can call upon extensive industry experience working with latest digital technologies. It means your learning will be up to date, relevant and engaging.
- **Employer links:** we offer opportunities for you to gain industry perspectives from leading professionals who are succeeding in the world of computing and who can provide valuable insights into career opportunities.
- **New experiences:** industry visits are usually provided as part of your study programme. As a University of Derby affiliate, you can also access the same inspiring events and activities that are enjoyed by students there.

University partnership

The Foundation Degree Software Development (FdSc) is delivered in partnership with and awarded by the **University of Derby**.

Students will receive a University of Derby Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.

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Foundation Degree Software Development (FdSc) (HTQ)

Level 5 / Number of years: 2 / Location: The Roundhouse / UCAS code: F200



Want to take your software development skills to the next level? Our Foundation Degree could be your passport to career success in the fast-moving digital sector.

Quality marked as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), this programme enables you to review all aspects of software design - with modules covering topics such as programming, computational mathematics, data management, scripting and web technologies, data driven systems, and IT product design.

You'll be expected to undertake a relevant work placement or meaningful employer engagement each academic year to support your studies. You'll also complete work-based and team projects to broaden your understanding of how the industry operates.

The Foundation Degree provides the perfect progression platform for further 'top-up' study so that you achieve a full Honours Degree. Alternatively, you could progress directly into employment as a software developer or in any ICVT related profession.

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- 48 UCAS points, with at least 32 preferably coming from a related subject such as ICT or Computer Sciences.
- Access to HE qualifications.

You'll also need:

- GCSE English graded 9-4 (A*-C).
- An appropriate competency in maths for higher level study.



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Professional Construction

Choose DCG for your Professional Construction course and you'll be joining a team which has won national recognition for its high-quality, industry-relevant training.



Why choose DCG?

- **A strong reputation:** DCG has just been chosen as one of the country's first Construction Technical Excellence Colleges (CTECs), setting new national standards to ensure students and apprentices gain the advanced skills they need.
 - **Huge potential:** in a fast-paced global industry worth £90 billion annually to the UK economy, there's enormous scope for well-qualified, forward-thinking managers. This is the perfect time to add a higher education qualification to your CV.
 - **At the cutting edge:** our superb new Institute of Technology facilities feature latest learning technologies, including a fully interactive simulation space where you can step inside the projects you design, plan and build.
 - **Take your choice:** our portfolio offers multiple options whether you want to specialise in construction management, site supervision, architectural technology, building services engineering, quantity surveying, or modern construction methods.
- **Flexibility and quality:** our HNCs can be studied as standalone qualifications or as part of a Higher Apprenticeship. They've also been approved as Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) which means they meet employers' expectations.
 - **Professional status:** we work closely with the leading industry bodies so your HNC could help you achieve the educational requirements for Technician status.
 - **Industry collaborations:** our courses are co-designed and co-delivered with employers, ensuring they're highly relevant and up to date. Guest lectures will give you the latest industry perspectives too.
 - **Showcase your versatility:** our 'learn by doing' approach gives you the chance to investigate workplace scenarios, respond to client briefs and undertake group projects. You'll also build transferable skills in areas like research, communication and problem-solving.
 - **In tune with change:** via access to the Construction Information Service (CIS), you'll keep abreast of latest regulations, technical advice and industry news. We also focus on Net Zero strategies so you'll learn how to implement low-carbon, sustainable construction projects in efficient, cost-effective ways.

“ There are people on the HNC who have been in the construction industry for some time. It's great to learn from their experiences.

Omar Ahmed
HNC in Construction Management



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HNC in Architectural Technology for England (HTQ)

Level 4 / Number of years: 2 / Location: The Roundhouse



This HNC/HTQ course equips you with the skills to perform key architectural technology tasks, understand processes and operations, and work effectively within the industry.

Approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), the programme paves the way to employment in roles such as assistant architectural technologist, construction design and build technician, BIM technician, digital design technician and housing design technician.

Attending the College one day a week, you can study the HNC/HTQ as a standalone qualification or as part of the Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship for Design and Build Technicians. You'll gain a broad introduction to construction and architectural technology functions, with modules covering everything from the principles of refurbishment to BIM and digital applications.

As well as helping you to secure roles carrying greater responsibility, the HNC/HTQ acts as a springboard to further study at HND level or on a BSc (Hons) in subjects like Architectural or Construction Technology.

Entry requirements

You need to be working in the construction industry and should have at least one of the following:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Five years of full-time relevant work/industrial experience (with a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2).



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HNC in Construction Management for England (HTQ)

Level 4 / Number of years: 1 (full time) or 2 (part time) / Location: The Roundhouse



Offering both full-time and part-time pathways for maximum flexibility, this HNC/HTQ is the ideal way to move your career forward into construction management roles.

With this qualification on your CV, you can take your next step towards roles such as assistant construction site supervisor, assistant project manager and assistant health and safety manager. Approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), the programme is designed to meet employer demands for high-calibre professionals who can take on some leadership responsibilities.

Exploring vital themes including financial management and business practices as well as site supervision and operations, you can study the HNC/HTQ as a standalone qualification or as part of a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship.

Drawing on the broad knowledge base you'll gain from this course, you could boost your career prospects further still by progressing to a HND at Level 5, a BSc/BEng (Hons) degree or a Degree Apprenticeship in a related discipline.

Entry requirements

You need to be working in the construction industry and should have at least one of the following:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Five years of full-time relevant work/industrial experience (with a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2).



Full Time



Part Time



HNC in Modern Methods of Construction for England (HTQ)

Level 4 / Number of years: 2 / Location: The Roundhouse



The construction industry is changing at a rapid pace - and this HNC/HTQ will prepare you to take the latest developments in your stride.

Featuring themes such as the principles of alternative energy and off-site construction, this HNC/HTQ gives you crucial insights into today's modern methods of construction.

The qualification places you in the perfect position to secure roles such as construction design and build technician, assistant off-site construction manager, BIM technician or digital design technician. It can also pave the way to HND studies, a BSc/BEng (Hons) qualification or a Degree Apprenticeship.

Approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), the course involves attendance at the College for one day a week. It can be studied on a standalone basis or as part of the Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship for Design and Build Technicians.

Entry requirements

You need to be working in the construction industry and should have at least one of the following:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Five years of full-time relevant work/industrial experience (with a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2).



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HNC in Quantity Surveying for England (HTQ)

Level 4 / Number of years: 2 / Location: The Roundhouse



If you're working as a construction quantity surveying technician, this HNC/HTQ will help you set your sights on more senior roles offering greater professional responsibility.

Approved as a Higher Education Qualification (HTQ), our Quantity Surveying HNC equips you with all the skills you need to ensure construction projects run smoothly, stay on budget and meet timescales.

Studied on a standalone basis or as part of a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship for Construction Quantity Surveying Technicians, the programme will improve your capabilities in areas such as measurement and estimating, tender and procurement, construction economics and sustainability, and legal frameworks. You'll attend the College on one day a week.

As well as securing a more senior position in the industry, you could harness the skills and knowledge you gain to advance to a HND or to a BA/BSc (Hons) in Quantity Surveying.

Entry requirements

You need to be working in the construction industry and should have at least one of the following:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Five years of full-time relevant work/industrial experience (with a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2).



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Higher Apprenticeship: Building Services Engineering Senior Technician

Level 4 / Number of years: 3 / Location: The Roundhouse

Enhance your career potential by completing a specialist HNC as part of this Higher Apprenticeship.

Combining work-based learning and studying at the College to complete a HNC, this Higher Apprenticeship will help you develop the scientific, theoretical and technical know-how to devise solutions to a wide range of engineering problems.

You'll be able to apply advanced techniques, procedures and methods when measuring, testing, designing, installing, commissioning, maintaining or operating building services engineering systems.

The HNC is approved by the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers as meeting the educational requirements for Engineering Technician status. It will smooth your career progression in roles which involve designing and installing heating, cooling and acoustics systems as well as broader engineering functions. You could also consider a relevant HND, BSc (Hons) or BEng (Hons) qualification.

Entry requirements

You need to be working in the construction industry and should have at least one of the following:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Five years of full-time relevant work/industrial experience (with a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2).



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Higher Apprenticeship: Construction Design and Build Technician

Level 4 / Number of years: 3 / Location: The Roundhouse

If your job role entails co-ordinating design information on construction projects, you can make real headway in your career with the help of this Higher Apprenticeship.

Our programme provides pathways to either a HNC in Architectural Technology or a HNC in Modern Methods of Construction. It also includes the knowledge, skills and behaviours typically required to achieve Technician status with the industry's recognised professional bodies.

Combining work-based learning with part-time study at the College, it primes you for securing more senior positions such as design and build co-ordinator, construction design manager, project manager or contracts manager.

There are opportunities to progress to a Degree Apprenticeship, a HND or a BSc/BEng (Hons) degree. The apprenticeship could also lead to you gaining Chartered status, with the potential for moving into a project director role.

Entry requirements

You need to be working in the construction industry and should have at least one of the following:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Five years of full-time relevant work/industrial experience (with a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2).



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Higher Apprenticeship: Construction Quantity Surveying Technician

Level 4 / Number of years: 3 / Location: The Roundhouse

Hone your skills in monitoring and controlling costs and contracts on construction projects – with a Higher Apprenticeship designed specifically for quantity surveyors.

Covering everything from cost control and financial reporting to contracts and procurement, this programme leads to a highly regarded HNC qualification. It also meets the educational requirements for Technician status set by the industry's recognised professional bodies.

You'll learn on the job with the help of an assessor and attend the College on a part-time basis as you work towards the HNC.

Apprentices following this programme can look forward to career success in roles such as quantity surveyor, construction surveyor, cost engineer or cost analyst. They can also consider studying at HND, BSc (Hons) or BEng (Hons) level to add substance to their CV.

Entry requirements

You need to be working in the construction industry and should have at least one of the following:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Five years of full-time relevant work/industrial experience (with a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2).



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Higher Apprenticeship: Construction Site Supervisor

Level 4 / Number of years: 3 / Location: The Roundhouse

Does your job role involve supervising specialist contractors and workers on construction projects? This Higher Apprenticeship will help you take another step up the career ladder.

Build your understanding of the project management lifecycle, the importance of cost control and how to monitor quality standards: this Higher Apprenticeship equips you to excel in a supervisory role.

Through work-based learning and studying at the College on a part-time basis, you'll work towards a HNC in Construction Management. The qualification includes the knowledge, skills and behaviours typically required to achieve Technician status with the industry's recognised professional bodies.

You'll gain a solid basis for promotion to positions including site supervisor, site manager or project manager. You could also go on to pursue a HND, BSc (Hons), BEng (Hons) or Degree Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements

You need to be working in the construction industry and should have at least one of the following:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification with an overall grade equivalent of Merit.
- Five years of full-time relevant work/industrial experience (with a minimum proficiency in Maths and English at Level 2).



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Public Services, Security and Offender Management

Make a real difference to society. Higher education studies with DCG will help you prepare for a rewarding future tackling crime, promoting justice and keeping our communities safe.



Why choose DCG?

- **Ready for a challenge:** whether you're considering the police, probation and prison services, security work or victim support, our courses equip you for some of the most demanding and worthwhile professions of all.
- **Intriguing topics:** you'll gain an in-depth understanding of criminal justice in practice, looking at everything from offender rehabilitation to security arrangements, sexual exploitation to substance misuse.
- **Academic validation:** our courses are run in partnership with the University of Derby to meet exacting academic standards and provide you with a thorough theoretical grounding.
- **Enhance your employability:** skills like critical thinking, research, analysis, communication, problem-solving, presentations, teamwork and leadership will form an important part of your

studies.

- **Practical solutions:** through independent research and community projects, you'll come up with fresh ideas to tackle the real-world challenges facing criminal justice professionals today.
- **An experienced teaching team:** our lecturers have served within the uniformed public sector such as the police, prison and probation services and can introduce you to diverse workplace scenarios.
- **Work experience:** there's nothing like on-the-job experience to shape your career plans. Employers help design and deliver our courses and we've built a thriving network of contacts across all aspects of the criminal justice sector who can offer you placement opportunities.
- **Broaden your outlook:** trips and visits will help bring your studies to life. Our students have, for example, travelled to London to see the Royal Courts of Justice and the Old Bailey in action.
- **Vital advice:** the criminal justice sector provides endless career scope so it's important that you explore all the options out there. DCG offers nationally recognised careers advice to inform your decisions.

University partnership

The Foundation Degree Criminal Justice (Security and Offender Management) (FdSc) and the BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management (top-up) are delivered in partnership with and awarded by the **University of Derby**.

Students will receive a University of Derby Certificate and will have the opportunity to join the University's Alumni Network on completion of their programme.

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Foundation Degree Criminal Justice (Security and Offender Management)

Level 5 / Number of years: 2 / Location: Broomfield Hall / UCAS code: L313

Keen to take your next step into a career in the police, prison service, probation service or other front-line criminal justice agencies? Then this Foundation Degree is for you.

This is a supported degree programme where you'll graduate from the University of Derby. You'll cover broad-ranging themes – from victimology to youth crime, offender management to policing – which will serve you well in a fulfilling career. Your studies will be underpinned by a solid foundation in criminological theory, principles and practices, applied research skills and insights into the role and function of criminal justice professionals.

On completing the Foundation Degree, you may wish to apply for roles within the criminal justice sector, the third-party sector or charitable organisations that support the work of criminal justice professionals. Alternatively, you could continue your studies on our final-year BA (Hons) which will help you achieve an Honours Degree from the University of Derby.

Entry requirements

You need one of the following:

- 64 UCAS points, with at least 32 preferably coming from an appropriate subject (other qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis).
- An Access to HE qualification.

You'll also need GCSE English graded 9-4 (A*-C) or the equivalent and an appropriate competency in maths for higher level study.



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BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management (top-up)

Level 6 / Number of years: 1 / Location: Broomfield Hall / UCAS code: L312

Build on your existing qualifications to gain a highly respected Honours Degree. It will improve your specialist knowledge and skills and help you achieve higher levels of professionalism in your chosen career.

This top-up degree is a supported final year where you'll graduate from the University of Derby. It responds to the expanding, dynamic nature of work in the criminal justice system, considering issues such as how to manage violent, sexual and neurodivergent offenders and the most effective ways to reduce re-offending. You'll also complete a dissertation focussed on the role or function of the criminal justice system.

Your BA (Hons) qualification will meet the criteria for the degree holder route for the police, prison and probation services. It could also lead to roles in social work, youth offending agencies, or the voluntary/third sector in areas like victim support and offender rehabilitation. Some of these fields may require further study. In addition, you could consider postgraduate studies.

Entry requirements

You need one of the following:

- A Foundation Degree in a relevant subject such as Criminal Justice or Public Services – students must have attained 120 credits at Level 5.
- A HND in Public Services or the equivalent.

You'll also need GCSE English graded 9-4 (A*-C) or the equivalent and an appropriate competency in maths for higher level study.



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Leading by example

“ I really enjoyed the fitness training side and leadership elements of my DCG courses. They prepare students well for a life in the public and uniformed services.

Marek Piontkowski

Inspiring a new generation of students

After six years of studying all the way to degree level with DCG, **Marek Piontkowski** now teaches the students who are following in his footsteps at Broomfield Hall.

Marek originally enrolled on the Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services before progressing to the Foundation Degree and BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management.

After graduating, Marek was offered sessional work at Broomfield and now teaches entry level learners as well as tutoring more advanced students. He said: **“Every day brings its own challenges – this job is never repetitive like some jobs I’ve done in the past. I see my main role as encouraging the students and guiding them to do their best.”**

Sport

High-calibre coaches and educators are needed at every level of sporting participation. Team up with DCG and you can **achieve your personal best in this action-packed arena.**



Why choose DCG?

- **Just the job:** our Foundation Degree will equip you to become an effective professional coach, ready to make an impact in sports clubs, schools, councils and national governing bodies. It also paves the way to roles in sport analysis and teaching.
- **An ideal setting:** you can analyse sporting performance in our well-resourced laboratories and experiment with coaching/teaching regimes in the sports centre and extensive playing fields at Broomfield Hall.
- **Learn from the experts:** the teaching staff in our Sport Academy boast excellent academic and practical backgrounds in coaching, teaching and analysis: you'll gain plenty of motivation and encouragement.
- **Real-world experience:** there are inspiring opportunities to gain coaching/teaching practice thanks to our extensive links with sports centres, fitness clubs, recreation centres and schools. Your studies will be based around experiential learning.
- **A wider view:** we offer fascinating field trips to broaden your perspective. Previous cohorts have visited a physiotherapy and rehabilitation centre, a biomechanics lab and professional sports clubs.
- **Tailored to you:** whatever your sport of interest – and whether you want to concentrate on grassroots or elite level coaching, teaching or analysis – you can focus your studies to pursue your individual passions and reflect your career plans.



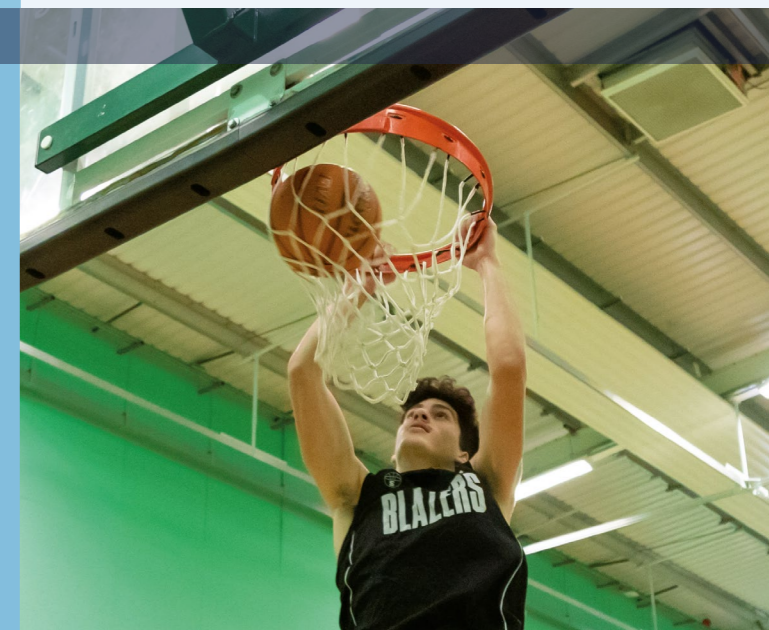
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University partnership

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Foundation Degree Sports Coaching – Performance and Education (FdA)

Level 5 / Number of years: 2 / Location: Broomfield Hall / UCAS code: C810

Personalise your studies to match your interests and career ambitions. Our Foundation Degree gives you ample scope for coaching and teaching different sports at different levels.

Your studies will focus on developing progressive coaching/teaching practices to help you encourage sporting potential and prepare athletes at all levels for competition. You'll also learn how to analyse scientific data and convert it into effective training regimes.

We offer exciting opportunities for you to work with sports clubs and schools in the local community, and to undertake work experience delivering coaching/teaching in a variety of settings.

On successfully completing the Foundation Degree after two years of study at DCG, you could choose to 'top up' your qualification at the University of Derby and achieve a full Honours Degree in Sport Coaching and Development, Sport and Education, or Analysis and Coaching Performance. You could also consider teaching qualifications – particularly for primary education – or setting up your own coaching company.

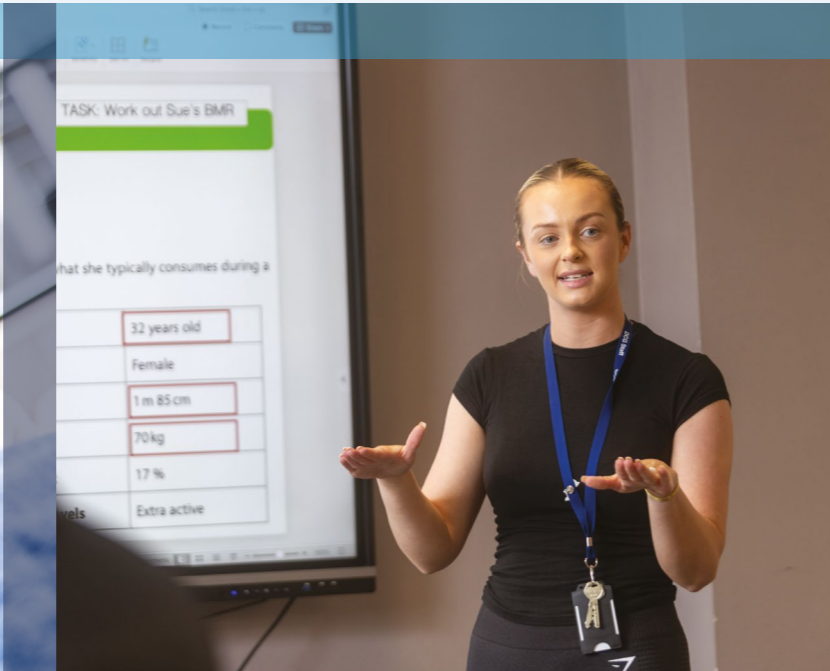
Entry requirements

You'll need:

- 64 UCAS points.
- GCSE English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or above.



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Teacher Training and Learning Support

Already working in education and looking to gain a full teaching qualification or develop more specialist skills in a support role? Studying with DCG will help you shape your learners' futures – what career could be more important?



Why choose DCG?

- **High standards:** we pride ourselves on delivering inclusive, relevant and up-to-date training. You'll gain highly respected qualifications that meet the latest educational standards.
- **Professional credibility:** our Cert Ed and PGCE programmes – along with the Learning and Skills Teacher Higher Apprenticeship – will set you on the pathway to Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status.
- **Boost your employability:** we have a great track record for producing outstanding practitioners. Most of our trainees secure relevant teaching or educational support jobs or progress to more senior roles within the sector.
- **Strategies for success:** our courses are delivered using innovative learning methods, technology-enhanced resources and one-to-one observations. You'll be encouraged to apply theory to your own practice throughout.

- **Excellent tuition:** our experienced and highly qualified teaching team is dedicated to delivering first-rate lessons, support and feedback as well as continuous professional development. They'll support you to experiment with different teaching and learning support techniques in your own classroom.
- **Wide-ranging support:** you'll benefit from high-quality resources, library and career development services. There's also comprehensive support to help you develop your academic writing and research skills.
- **Shared insights:** you'll learn alongside a diverse range of professionals working in secondary education, further education and non-mainstream provision. Your learning will be enriched by looking at teaching and educational support from different perspectives.
- **Ofsted praise:** Ofsted inspectors have rated the University of Derby's Further Education and Skills teacher training provision – in which DCG is a main partner – as 'outstanding'.

University partnership

The Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (Cert Ed) and the Postgraduate Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (PGCE) are delivered in partnership with and awarded by the **University of Derby**.

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Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (Cert Ed)

Level 5 / Number of years: 2 / Location: The Roundhouse

Keen to become a fully qualified teacher in the FE and Skills sector? Then this course will help you realise your ambitions.

If you're already working with a college, sixth form, prison or training provider, our Cert Ed provides an excellent in-service part-time route to a full teacher qualification.

The programme develops your skills, knowledge and professional behaviours so that you become a highly effective teacher. You'll improve your understanding of how people learn, how to plan engaging teaching sessions, and how to assess learners. The course includes the opportunity to take a specialist pathway module in SEND.

Achieving the Cert Ed enables you to apply for professional formation (QTLS) which is equated with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Some students choose to pursue an assessor qualification too, especially for teaching apprentices or undertaking workplace training.

Entry requirements

- At least a Level 3 qualification in a subject relevant to what you teach.
- ETF-recognised Level 2 qualifications in English and Maths.
- Access to a minimum of 75 hours teaching (in a full teaching role) each year.



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Postgraduate Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (PGCE)

Level 7 / Number of years: 2 / Location: The Roundhouse

If you are a graduate aspiring to become a fully qualified teacher in post-14 education, this course offers the ideal 'earn as you learn' route - plus a stepping stone to Masters level study.

Aimed at Honours Degrees holders, this flexible in-service PGCE equips you to become a creative and innovative teaching practitioner in the FE and Skills sector. Exploring issues such as applied learning theories and curriculum design, you'll continuously improve your professional practice. We also offer a specialist pathway module in SEND.

The PGCE enables you to apply for professional formation (QTLS) - equated with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) - and to secure a qualified teacher role in the post-14 sector. With further experience you can progress into educational management and leadership. The qualification also provides a platform for further study: with the PGCE, you'll have already achieved 60 credits towards a Masters degree at the University of Derby.

Entry requirements

- An Honours Degree (class 2:2 or above) in a subject relevant to what you teach.
- ETF-recognised Level 2 qualifications in English and Maths.
- Access to a minimum of 75 hours teaching per year (in a full teaching role).



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Higher Apprenticeship: Learning and Skills Teacher

Level 5 / Number of years: 2 /w Location: The Roundhouse

Our Higher Apprenticeship is an innovative and supportive route to help you qualify as a teacher within the Post-16 sector.

This programme is well suited to someone already working as an unqualified teacher or vocational trainer with responsibility for delivering group sessions in classroom/workshop settings.

It enables you to explore the role of the teacher in the FE and Skills sector and to plan creative teaching, learning and assessment approaches. You'll cover themes such as learning theories, classroom management and curriculum design.

On completing the programme, you can achieve professional formation (QTLS) for the FE and Skills sector and secure a permanent position as a teacher in settings such as sixth forms, colleges, training providers and prison education services. Depending on your prior qualifications, you could also opt for further study on a BA (Hons) Education Studies or a Masters in Education.

Entry requirements

- Teaching hours (for a minimum of two years).
- At least a Level 3 qualification in your own subject-specialism.
- Approved Level 2 qualifications in English Language and Maths (or a commitment to achieve these).
- A mentor in your organisation to support your development.
- Weekly 'off-the-job' time for study.



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Higher Apprenticeship: Specialist Teaching Assistant

Level 5 / Number of years: 1 / Location: The Roundhouse

Designed for experienced support staff already working in education, this new Higher Apprenticeship will help you deepen your expertise and specialist knowledge.

Are you employed as a teaching assistant, learning mentor, pastoral worker or intervention support worker in an educational environment? Would you like to specialise in supporting learners in areas like SEND, social and emotional wellbeing, early reading or languages?

This Higher Apprenticeship programme will help you build skills in planning, implementing and adapting activities to provide specialist support and in establishing relationships with learners, families, other professionals and external agencies. You'll learn via a combination of online and in-person taught sessions, research projects, workplace activities and placement observations.

On completion of the Higher Apprenticeship, you can progress in your current job role, develop a career in teaching or work towards additional Higher Education qualifications, including the flexible options on offer at DCG.

Entry requirements

- Employment and experience in a teaching assistant, learning or pastoral support role - part time or full time - within a school or provider setting.
- A recognised Level 3 qualification in a relevant area, such as supporting teaching and learning, early years, health and social care.
- Usually at least a grade C/4 in GCSE English and Maths.



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