

Explore your future

Prospectus 2026/27





Welcome from the Vice Principal: Higher Education

Hello, and welcome. We are delighted that you are considering joining us at University Campus Doncaster (UCDon). This could be the start of an incredible journey for you, one filled with new ideas, experiences, and opportunities for personal growth.



At UCDon, we believe education is about more than lectures and textbooks. It is about discovering what excites you, building your confidence, and setting your sights on a future that inspires you.

Whether you are stepping into higher education for the first time, returning to study, or taking your career in a new direction, we are here to support you every step of the way.

We are proud of our lively community and excellent facilities, from our specialist learning spaces to our welcoming social areas. We want you to feel at home from day one.

With courses designed around real world opportunities, led by

dedicated staff who genuinely care about your success, you will have everything you need to flourish.

No matter where you are starting from or what you are aiming for, UCDon is a place where you can truly belong. Here, you will find the support, community, and inspiration to shape the life and career you want, because it is not just about where you begin but how far you can go.

We can't wait to see what vou'll achieve.

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Daniel Bown
Vice Principal: Higher Education

Doncaster's hub for higher education

Every year, thousands of people change their lives and enhance their career prospects by embarking on a higher education (18+) course. UCDon is a dedicated higher education centre created to bring these opportunities to Doncaster and the surrounding area.

As part of DN Colleges Group, the organisation that also runs Doncaster College, North Lindsey College, and University Campus North Lincolnshire, we combine the best of what we already do. We support people of all ages and stages in their educational journey, while adding a distinctive focus on higher education.

We achieve this by offering courses and partnerships that open the next level of opportunity for learners, helping them to strengthen their career prospects, broaden their skills and knowledge, and gain the confidence and credibility to progress in life.









DN COLLEGES GROUP



Sterling achievements

At UCDon, we are proud to have been awarded a Silver rating in the latest Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) – the second-highest rating possible for teaching quality and student experience. Even better, it is one of the highest TEF rating of any university campus of our size in the South Yorkshire region.

So, what does TEF silver mean for you?

It means you can expect a consistently high-quality academic experience. Our teaching is not only engaging and up-to-date but designed to push you further, helping you develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed in your chosen field.

Whether it is through hands-on learning, real world projects, or employer-led opportunities, you will benefit from a learning environment that is built with your future in mind.

You will receive clear, constructive feedback, be assessed fairly, and have access to tailored academic and wellbeing support. With staff who are passionate about their subjects and your success, you will be encouraged to grow both personally and professionally.

We are especially proud of the way we listen to our students.

Your voice matters here, and it plays a big part in shaping your learning experience.

At UCDon, we are not just about qualifications; we are about helping you realise your potential, build your confidence, and take the next step with pride.





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Our campus

When you join us, you are not just gaining access to brilliant lecturers with real-world industry experience, you are stepping into a learning environment filled with modern equipment, hands-on support from expert technicians, and spaces designed to help you thrive.

With two campuses in excellent locations, you will find everything from lecture theatres and studios to specialist workshops and creative breakout zones, giving you the perfect balance of work, relaxation, and connection.

The Hub

Our main campus, The Hub, is right in the centre of Doncaster, so you are never far from the buzz of the city. It is home to courses in Business, Social Sciences, Creative and Digital Arts, Construction, Engineering, Education, and Health.

Getting here is easy. It is just a short walk from Doncaster Transport Interchange, which includes both bus and train links, making it ideal for commuters from across Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, and Nottinghamshire.

Driving in? No problem. The Hub is only ten minutes from the M18 (Junction 3) and around twenty minutes from the A1 (Junction 38), with plenty of pay-and-display parking nearby, payable using the RingGo app.

Inside, you will find a bright, modern riverside building with all the essentials, including a café, canteen, coffee bar, and restaurant. It is also just a few steps from Doncaster's lively Wool Market and Frenchgate Shopping Centre, perfect for a lunch break or a post-lecture hangout.

Eco-Power Stadium

Love sport? You will love our second campus. Based at the Eco-Power Stadium, within Club Doncaster Sports Park, home to Doncaster Rovers FC, Doncaster Rovers Belles, and The Dons RLFC, this is where our Sport Science and Coaching students train, learn, and get inspired.

You will study in professionalstandard teaching suites, gain hands-on experience in the sports therapy clinic, and have access to fantastic facilities such as the gym, athletics track, and all-weather football cages. It is an inspiring place to learn, train, and be part of a wider sports community from day one.











Study & play: The rugby performance academy

Take your love for rugby to the next level with the Doncaster Knights Academy, in partnership with UCDon. This programme combines elite coaching with academic study, offering a professional pathway to develop your game in a high-performance environment, all while earning your degree.

Train like a pro

By joining the Rugby Performance Academy, you'll train like a Knight at Castle Park, home of the Doncaster Knights. Learning from current and former players through regular, high-quality training sessions and competitive BUCS Academy fixtures across the season, you'll also benefit from personalised strength and conditioning, professional sports therapy, and dedicated performance support to help you stay at your peak.

Beyond the physical side of the game, the programme builds a strong, positive team culture that promotes respect, communication, and collaboration, helping you grow as both a player and a person, on and off the pitch.

Study with flexibility

Balancing high-level rugby with higher education, UCDon provides a wide range of courses, facilities, and support to help you grow academically while developing discipline, resilience, teamwork, and time-management skills, all essential both on and off the field. Your wellbeing is a priority too, with integrated support for mental health, recovery, and personal development throughout your time in the academy.

Proven pathway to success

Over the last 5 years many academy players have progressed into the Doncaster Knights first team, demonstrating the programme's success. You will be part of a supportive network of coaches, lecturers, and

advisors dedicated to helping you grow both as a player and as a student, while enjoying a strong sense of community and camaraderie.

Ready to join?

Whether your goal is a professional rugby career or balancing sport with study, the Doncaster Knights Student-Athlete Programme provides the coaching, resources, and team environment to help you succeed.

Email performance.academies@ dncolleges.ac.uk to find out more about our student-athlete opportunities today.







Student support: With you every step of the way

Life is not always straightforward. That is why, at UCDon, our student support teams are here to help you identify and overcome any barriers you might face, whether at the start of or during your educational journey. Our aim is to ensure you get the most from your learning experience and your time with us.

Support

Transitioning to higher education can be an exciting new chapter, but it may also bring challenges. If you ever find yourself struggling, our dedicated student welfare team are here to provide confidential, tailored pastoral and wellbeing support.

We take a personalised approach to ensure the support you receive meets your individual needs. Whether you need a safe space to talk, guidance on coping strategies, stress management techniques, or help accessing additional health resources, we are committed to helping you stay balanced, focused, and well.

Academic success

We are committed to providing the resources you need to achieve academic success. With smaller teaching groups, you will have ample opportunities to ask questions and interact directly with your lecturers.

If you want to improve your writing, referencing, or time management skills, our Academic Support team are also on hand to ensure you have all the tools needed to earn the best possible qualifications at UCDon.

Financial guidance

Our finance team offers free and confidential support on a wide range of financial matters. Whether you are a current or prospective student, we are here to help before you apply to university and throughout your time with us.

From navigating student loan applications to exploring ways to pay tuition fees, we provide clear, helpful advice every step of the way.

Disability support

If you have a long-term condition or impairment that may affect your studies, our team can provide ongoing support throughout your university experience.

This includes assistance with applications for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA), resources for dyslexia, or help navigating our campus. Our academic support team also offers tailored guidance for students facing specific learning challenges, ensuring you have the tools to succeed.





Learning opportunities

At UCDon, we know that learning goes far beyond our campus walls. That is why each year we offer a growing range of exciting opportunities for you to engage in real world experiences that complement your studies, giving you unique ways to grow, learn, and develop both personally and professionally.

Explore the world

Studying with us opens doors to incredible travel opportunities, whether through short, subject-led study abroad initiatives or impactful volunteer programmes.

Kickstart your career

Gain a competitive edge with work experience and volunteering opportunities that enhance your CV and capture the attention of employers in today's competitive job market.

Uncover your potential

By embracing new experiences, you will discover much more than academic knowledge. You will gain insights into diverse cultures and perspectives, enriching your understanding of the world and yourself. This journey will also help you uncover your passions, clarify your goals, and illuminate the path you wish to pursue in life.











90.36%

of our students were positive about the learning opportunities on their course.

Students reported that they were able to explore ideas, build on existing knowledge, and develop skills necessary for their future.

Our courses

Choosing the right course is a big decision, and we are here to make it as simple as possible. With a wide variety of subjects and study options, we will help you discover your passion and set you on the path to success.

We are proud to work in partnership with leading regional universities and professional awarding bodies, offering an affordable, friendly, and flexible route to earning a certified professional diploma or degree.

Study mode

Full-Time Study FT

With a structured schedule and regular classes, typically two to three days per week, full-time study allows faster course completion and full immersion in student life. It is ideal for those not balancing full-time work or major commitments.

Part-Time Study PT

Part-time study offers flexibility, with fewer weekly classes spread over a longer duration, typically one day per week. It is perfect for those balancing work, family, or other responsibilities while pursuing education at a manageable pace.

Distance Learning DL

Study online from anywhere, with flexible part-time or full-time options, allowing you to learn around your work or personal commitments.

Types of study

Degree Apprenticeships

Work-based degree programmes funded by your employer, combining academic learning with practical, hands-on experience.

Certificate of Higher Education (Cert HE)

A one-year qualification equivalent to the first year of a degree, providing a solid foundation in your subject.

Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ)

A practical, skills-based qualification designed to meet the needs of specific industries, preparing you for employment or further study.

Foundation Degree

A two-year vocational qualification equivalent to the first part of a Bachelor's degree. It offers flexible, work-focused study and can lead directly to employment or be topped up to a full Bachelor's degree.

Bachelor's Degree

A full-time or part-time programme typically lasting three years, often including an optional placement year for practical experience.

Top-Up Degree

A one-year, full-time programme that allows you to build on a foundation degree or HND to progress to a full degree qualification.

Master's Degree

A two-year programme allowing you to specialise in a specific field, enhancing knowledge and skills through coursework, research, and practical applications.

For more details on our courses, including entry requirements, visit ucdon.ac.uk/subject-areas



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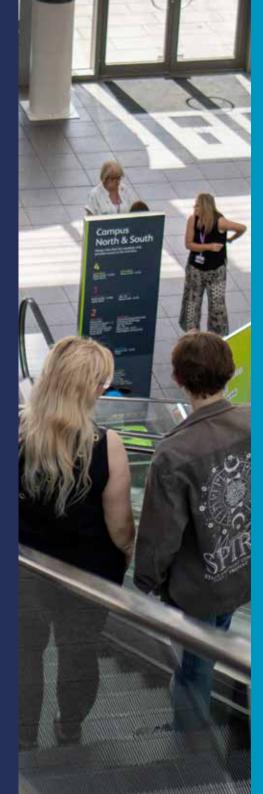












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Qualification, UCAS points & entry requirements

Each of our courses has its own entry requirements based on UCAS tariff points, which vary depending on your chosen subject. Some courses may also require specific grades in certain subjects as part of their entry requirements.

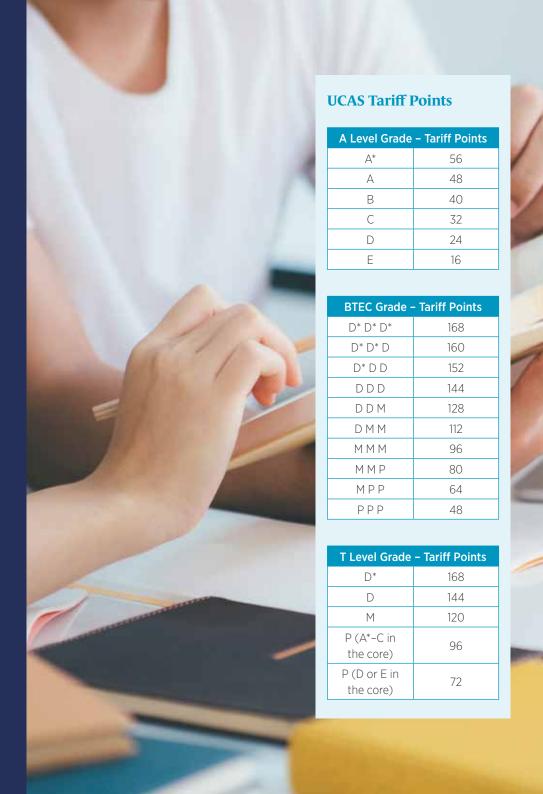
You will usually need a Level 3 qualification (such as A levels or a BTEC) and GCSE English Language or Literature and Maths at grade 4/D or above, or an equivalent qualification such as Level 2 Literacy, Level 2 Numeracy, Key Skills, or an equivalency test.

We believe in giving everyone a fair chance, no matter their background or age. If you have taken a break from education or do not quite meet the usual criteria, your experience, motivation, and potential will be considered. Our enrolment and subject teams can guide you through the process and discuss your options. If you have 12–24 months' work experience in your chosen field, you may still be able to apply for a course in a relevant subject even without all the standard qualifications.

Some courses in Education, Early Childhood Studies, SENDI, and Health may also require an enhanced DBS check. If you have any past convictions, our Safeguarding Team will review your application fairly to ensure the course is right for you. It is best to mention this early so we can support you throughout the process.

For the latest information, check the exact entry requirements for your chosen course on our website ucdon.ac.uk





Animal Welfare Science

If you are passionate about animals and aspire to make a meaningful impact on their lives, our Animal Welfare Science courses are your gateway to a fulfilling career. These programmes blend scientific knowledge with practical experience, preparing you to advocate for animal welfare across diverse settings.

What you'll study

You will delve into the biological and behavioural sciences that underpin animal welfare. Core modules include animal health and nutrition, animal behaviour and welfare, and ecology and conservation.

You will also gain hands-on experience in our purpose-built animal unit, home to a variety of native and exotic species, allowing you to apply theoretical knowledge in real-world contexts.

Future careers

Graduates are well equipped for roles such as Animal Welfare Officer, Animal Technician, or positions within animal charities and conservation organisations.

Completion of the top-up degree opens doors to advanced careers in research, policy making, and education.



Course Highlight

An annual end-of-year expedition that inspires discovery through academic exploration, hands-on conservation, and transformative encounters with some of the planet's most extraordinary wildlife.



Business

Do you want to start your own business, lead a team, or make big things happen in the world of business? Our Business Management courses give you the skills, knowledge, and confidence to thrive in today's fast-moving business landscape. Whether you are passionate about innovation, strategy, or leadership, this programme sets you up to make a real impact.

What you'll study

From your very first year, you will explore the fundamentals of how businesses operate, covering areas such as marketing, finance, management, entrepreneurship, and digital business. You will develop the ability to analyse data, solve real-world business problems, and think strategically.

You will also gain essential soft skills in communication, leadership, and teamwork, all of which are highly valued by employers. There are opportunities for work placements,

live projects, and industry insights to help you apply what you learn in real-world contexts.

Future careers

After graduation, the world is your oyster. You could go on to become a Business Consultant, Marketing Manager, Project Manager, Entrepreneur, Financial Analyst, HR Professional, or Operations Manager.

Want to aim even higher? Further study and top-up degrees at UCDon can lead to senior leadership or specialist roles across corporate, public, and entrepreneurial sectors.





Construction

Are you ready to shape the world around you? Whether you want to become a Construction Manager, Quantity Surveyor, or simply enhance your skills, our Construction courses give you the knowledge and confidence to stand out in a fast-moving, high-demand industry. With towns and cities such as Doncaster continuing to grow and regenerate, skilled construction professionals are more in demand than ever.

What you'll study

Our Higher Apprenticeship and Higher National Certificate (HNC) courses provide a solid foundation in key construction areas such as construction technology, science and materials, management, drawing, surveying, and procurement.

Each year offers specialist options to help you tailor your studies to your career goals. Teaching is practical, collaborative, and industry-focused, with group projects developing research, teamwork, and communication skills that are highly valued by employers.

You will learn from experienced, industry-qualified staff and receive dedicated academic guidance throughout your course, ensuring you have the knowledge, support, and tools to succeed in the construction sector.

Future careers

After graduation, the opportunities are wide open. You could become a Construction Manager, Quantity Surveyor, Civil Engineer, or Site Supervisor. Alternatively, you could use your qualifications to progress into senior management, professional civil engineering, or project management roles. This is a career where you can literally see the impact of your work.







Counselling

Our Counselling and Relationship Studies courses are designed to help you make a real difference. Whether you are just starting out, or looking to develop your existing practice, these courses offer a supportive and inspiring environment to explore human relationships and mental health.

You will join a community of compassionate learners and experienced tutors, gaining both the confidence and practical tools needed to support others through life's challenges. If you are passionate about helping people thrive, we have got a course for you.

What you'll study

Our courses provide a solid foundation in key counselling theories, such as person-centred, psychodynamic, and cognitive behavioural approaches. You will explore topics including ethics, safeguarding, and working with diverse communities, while developing the skills to support individuals, couples, and families.

You will also complete practical placements, applying your learning

in real-world settings, with reflection and personal development built into the curriculum. Postgraduate options provide advanced pathways in areas such as psychosexual therapy and systemic practice.

Future careers

As a UCDon Counselling graduate, you will be ready to embark on a rewarding career in a variety of settings, including schools, the NHS, and charitable organisations, or to establish your own private practice.

Further study can lead to specialisms such as family therapy, psychosexual therapy, or clinical supervision.

Other potential career paths include mental health education, coaching, and mediation.





Criminal Justice

If you are looking to study Criminal Justice, you will be challenged to explore questions such as: Why do people offend? How do we manage the problem of crime? Does the criminal justice system work?

This vibrant and intellectually stimulating degree is both student and employment-centred, exploring criminal behaviour alongside societal and institutional responses. Through engaging debates, interdisciplinary analysis, critical thinking, and a strong sociological and psychological perspective, you will gain a deep understanding of the complex world of crime and justice.

What you'll study

As you progress through the course, you will undertake a work-related learning module designed to directly enhance your understanding of the criminal justice sector. This practical experience provides a solid foundation for professional training in a variety of roles and is also highly relevant for those seeking careers in non-statutory organisations that support welfare

rights, offender care and resettlement, civil liberties, and community services.

Future careers

Graduates from our Criminal Justice courses go on to build rewarding careers across a wide range of sectors. Many work on the front line of justice as Police Officers, Probation Officers, or Youth Justice Workers, while others move into roles such as Crime Analysts, Legal Assistants, or Policy Advisors.

Some students also continue into specialist areas including criminology, law, or forensic psychology. Whether you are supporting rehabilitation, shaping policy, or helping influence the justice system of the future, this course gives you the tools, confidence, and practical experience to make a real difference.

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100% satisfaction, 3 years in a row.

We're proud to be delivering one of the **top-rated** Criminal Justice degrees in the country for teaching and learning (NSS 2023, 2024, 2025). Join a programme where students feel **seen**, **supported**, **and successful**.



Digital Technologies

Step into the future with our Digital Technologies courses, where innovation meets opportunity. Designed in collaboration with industry experts, our Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) offer a practical, employer-led pathway into the dynamic world of digital careers. Whether you are interested in data analytics, cyber security, or software development, our courses provide the skills and experience you need to thrive.

What you'll study

By studying with us, you will blend theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience, preparing you for the real-world challenges faced in industry. Using our brand new specialist computer labs, you will build practical skills through independent projects, workplace scenarios, and research activities.

You will also develop industry-relevant behaviours such as professionalism, adaptability, and initiative, through our practical assessment methods. Finally, you will gain transferable skills essential for both higher education and the workplace, including teamwork, problem-solving, communication, and analytical thinking.

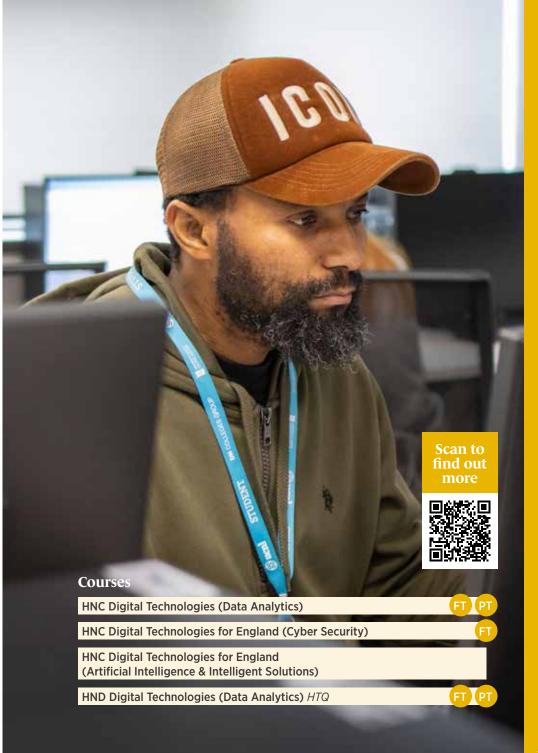


Future careers

A qualification in Digital Technologies can lead to exciting roles such as Software or Web Developer, Data Scientist, Cyber Security Analyst, UX/UI Designer, or Cloud Architect. These indemand careers offer excellent salary potential and opportunities for growth.

Our courses provide the essential skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to succeed in today's fast evolving digital industry.





Education and Early Childhood Studies

Education and early childhood cover a vital period of rapid development where highly skilled practitioners can make a lasting difference to children's lives. Our on-campus and distance learning courses explore a broad range of critical and contemporary theories that shape today's practice in education and early years. You will gain the knowledge and confidence to support children's learning and development from birth to 18 years old, preparing you for a rewarding and meaningful career.

What you'll study

You will explore key areas including child development, early childhood education, curriculum design, and educational psychology. Modules also cover language and literacy development, social and emotional learning, inclusive education, and supporting diverse learning needs.

Each course helps you build professional skills while giving you a solid understanding of contemporary educational theory and practice. Through practical placements and work-based learning, you'll get hands-on experience in real-world educational settings. Flexible oncampus and distance learning options also mean you can study in a way

that fits your lifestyle, so you can balance your education with work, sport, or other commitments.

Future careers

Graduates progress into a wide range of roles, including Early Years Educator, Primary Teacher, Education Officer, Family Support Worker, or Special Educational Needs (SEN) Practitioner. Many go on to further study or training to become Educational Psychologists, Policy Advisors, or leaders in education.

Whatever path you choose, you will leave equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and young people.



Engineering

If you are fascinated by innovation and problem-solving and want to shape the future of technology, our Engineering courses provide a strong foundation for a rewarding technical career. These programmes blend theoretical study with practical, hands-on experience, preparing you to work confidently across a wide range of engineering disciplines.

What you'll study

Depending on your chosen specialism, you will explore key areas such as mechanical, electrical, and automation engineering. Core modules include systems design, manufacturing processes, electronics, and engineering mathematics, all designed to build the essential skills demanded by industry.

You will gain extensive practical experience through lab work, project-based learning, and access to our cutting-edge South Yorkshire Institute of Technology (SYIoT) facilities. Working with industry-standard software and equipment, you will develop the technical expertise and confidence to tackle complex engineering challenges head-on.

Future careers

Engineering opens the door to a wide variety of career opportunities. Graduates progress into roles within manufacturing, power and energy, automation, design, maintenance, and beyond. With strong demand

for skilled engineers regionally and nationally, these courses provide a clear route into highly valued and future-focused careers.









South Yorkshire Institute of Technology (SYIOT)

As a lead provider for the South Yorkshire Institute of Technology (SYIoT), we're proud to be part of a national network of Institutes of Technology delivering employer-led, high-level training across STEM, creative, and digital industries.

Our courses are designed in collaboration with businesses to give you hands-on experience, technical expertise, and the confidence to thrive in today's fast-changing job market.

Launched in September 2023, the SYIoT is a partnership between University Campus Doncaster, Sheffield Hallam University, the University of Sheffield AMRC Training Centre, The Sheffield College, Barnsley College, and RNN Group. Supported by a £290 million government investment, it offers cuttingedge facilities, industry-standard equipment, and career-focused programmes.

From renewable energy training to WorldSkills UK qualification rounds, our SYIoT hub continues to grow, connecting learners with real-world opportunities and helping employers build skilled, diverse, and innovative teams.

Whether you're starting out, upskilling, or changing direction, the SYIoT is your launchpad to learn, create, and grow.













Fine Art & Craft

If you are driven by creativity and a love for making, our Fine Art and Craft degree gives you the space, tools, and guidance to turn your passion into a professional practice. You will explore the connection between art, design, and craftsmanship, learning how to transform ideas into distinctive, handcrafted works that combine creative expression with technical precision.

Working in our specialist studios and workshops, you will be supported by practising artists and designers who will help you develop your own visual language and creative identity.

What you'll study

Your studies will span both traditional and contemporary craft disciplines, with opportunities to experiment and specialise as you progress. You will explore areas such as ceramics, textiles, metalwork, woodworking, mixed media, and sculptural design, supported by modules in craft theory, digital fabrication, and surface decoration.

Alongside developing your practical skills, you will deepen your understanding of artistic concepts, materials, and cultural contexts. Through hands-on studio practice, collaborative projects, and engagement with Doncaster's thriving local arts scene, you will gain real-world experience and build a professional portfolio that showcases your talent.

Future careers

Graduates from the Fine Art and Craft course progress into diverse and fulfilling creative careers. You could work as a Studio Artist, Craft Designer, or Gallery Curator, or within artisan workshops, cultural organisations, and creative enterprises.

Many graduates establish independent studios or pursue further study in areas such as art education, curation, or design innovation. Whatever path you choose, you will graduate with the artistic confidence, craftsmanship, and professional insight to thrive in today's creative industries.





Game Development



Step into the fast-paced world of game creation with our Game Development courses. Whether your passion lies in design, 3D art, animation, or audio, each course equips you with the skills, experience, and industry insight to turn your ideas into playable experiences.

You'll work in our state-of-the-art Gaming Hub, recently enhanced by a £300,000 investment from the Department for Education's Skills Injection Fund. The space features professional game engines, high-spec PCs, and collaborative studios designed to bring your ideas to life. Guided by industry-active tutors, you'll develop your creativity, build a standout portfolio, and shape a professional identity ready to launch your career in the games industry.

What you'll study

You will explore the full game development pipeline, including game design, programming (Unity, Unreal Engine), 3D modelling, animation, and interactive media. Modules cover gameplay mechanics, artificial intelligence (AI), user interface (UI) design, and game production, blending creativity with technical precision.

Through hands-on, project-based learning, you will develop prototypes, take part in game jams, and collaborate with external partners

through the Game Republic network. This practical experience helps you gain the confidence and expertise to contribute effectively to every stage of the development process.

Future careers

Graduates from Game Development progress into a variety of exciting roles within game studios, tech companies, and independent teams. Career paths include Game Programmer, Level Designer, Animator, Technical Artist, and QA Tester.

There are also opportunities in virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) development, production management, and interactive media design. Many graduates go on to launch their own indie projects or pursue further study in game design, VFX, or digital innovation.

This course provides the skills, creativity, and experience needed to succeed in one of the world's most dynamic and rapidly evolving industries.



Graphic Design

If you are passionate about visual storytelling and aspire to create compelling designs that communicate messages effectively, our Graphic Design courses provide the skills, knowledge, and experience for a creative and impactful career.

This programme combines artistic principles with technical expertise, preparing you to design across a wide range of media and platforms. You will develop your creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while building a professional portfolio that showcases your unique design identity.

What you'll study

You will explore exciting areas such as typography, layout design, branding, digital illustration, user interface (UI) design, and the innovative use of artificial intelligence (AI) in design practice. Through modules in colour theory, visual hierarchy, print and digital media, and motion graphics, you'll develop both your creative vision and practical skills for the modern design landscape.

Throughout your studies, you will take part in hands-on design projects,



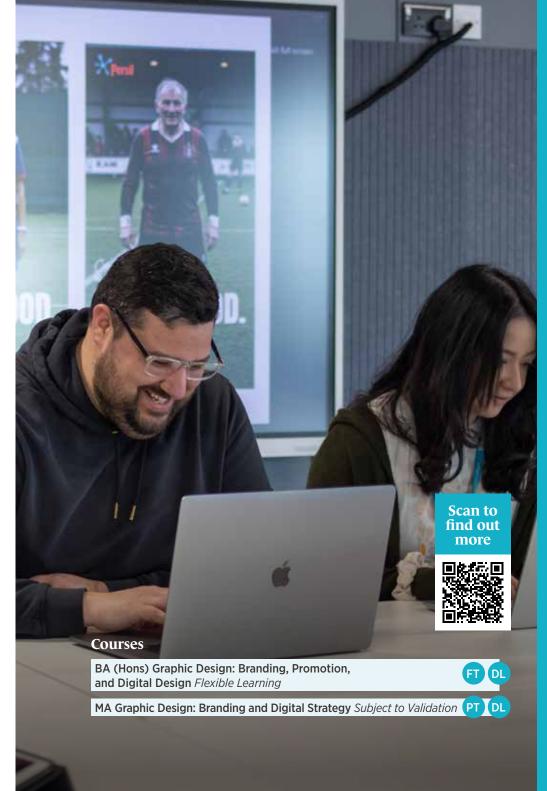
collaborative briefs, and industry-led assignments that mirror real-world practice. The course emphasises the development of a strong, professional portfolio that reflects your creativity and technical skill.

Future careers

Graduates from Graphic Design progress into diverse creative roles, including Graphic Designer, Brand Identity Designer, UI/UX Designer, and Art Director, with opportunities in design studios, advertising agencies, and corporate marketing teams.

Further study can lead to specialisms in motion graphics, web development, or design education. Whichever direction you take, you will graduate with the creative confidence, strategic insight, and industry-ready skills to thrive in the world of professional design.





Health & Social Care

Ready to make a real difference? Our Health and Social Care courses prepare you for a rewarding career supporting individuals, families, and communities. Whether you are just starting out or building on existing experience, you will learn from experienced lecturers, healthcare professionals, and service users.

Developed in collaboration with Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH) and Sheffield Hallam University, our programmes give you the knowledge, values, and confidence to thrive in today's evolving healthcare sector.

What you'll study

You will gain a solid grounding in key areas such as health and social policy, leadership in care, safeguarding, mental health, and community support. Modules emphasise person-centred care, communication, and ethical decision-making, helping you work effectively within multi-disciplinary teams.

You will also take part in practical placements across hospitals, care homes, and community settings, where you will apply your learning, develop empathy, and grow as a reflective practitioner ready to meet real-world challenges.

Future careers

Graduates can pursue roles such as Health Care Assistant, Support Worker, Assistant Practitioner, or Community Outreach Coordinator. With further experience or study, you could progress into specialist or leadership positions within nursing, social work, mental health, or healthcare management.

This course equips you with the skills, confidence, and compassionate mindset to make a lasting impact on people's lives across a range of rewarding health and social care careers.





Adult Nursing *Sheffield Hallam University*

Do you want to become a fully qualified adult nurse while balancing other commitments? This part-time degree, delivered at University Campus Doncaster (UCDon) by the Sheffield Hallam University (SHU) lecturing team, combines academic study with hands-on learning in our purpose-built Health and Social Care Nursing Suite.

Approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), this four-year course qualifies you to register as a nurse in the UK. With excellent clinical placements and strong staff support, you will develop the skills, confidence, and practical experience to succeed in a variety of healthcare settings.

What you'll study

Across each year, you will blend theory with practice to build a strong professional foundation. Early modules cover nursing practice, biological sciences, and collaborative wellbeing, while later years focus on complex care, evidence-based practice, leadership, and transition to registration.

Learning takes place through simulation labs, mock wards, and real clinical placements, giving you the opportunity to apply theory in authentic healthcare environments. Assessments include exams, practical assessments, reflective writing, and group projects, ensuring you develop a well-rounded professional skillset.

Future careers

Graduates can work as Registered Adult Nurses in hospitals, community care, primary care, or private and voluntary services. With experience, you could progress into leadership, advanced practice, education, or clinical research roles.

This course equips you with professional registration, handson experience, and real-world confidence to build a meaningful, rewarding career in healthcare.

Accreditation

This course is approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). Graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the NMC, which is required to practise as a nurse in the UK.

Sheffield Hallam University Nursing & Midwifery Council

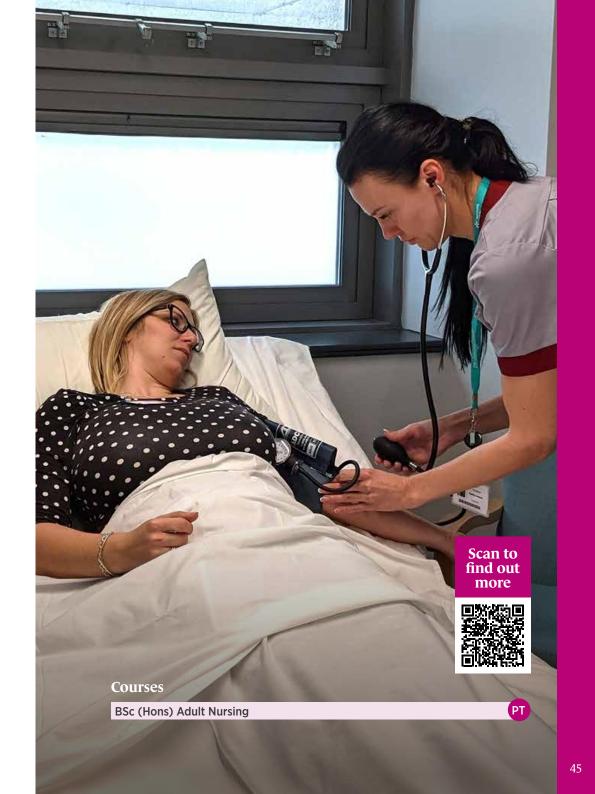


Illustration & Concept Art

If you are passionate about visual storytelling and love creating imaginative worlds, characters, and narratives, our Illustration and Concept Art degree offers a creative pathway into the entertainment and creative industries. This course blends traditional artistry with cutting-edge digital techniques, giving you the creative and technical skills to bring ideas to life across a range of media.

What you'll study

You will explore core areas such as character design, environment design, visual storytelling, and digital painting. Modules include anatomy for artists, perspective drawing, conceptual development, and portfolio creation.

Emphasis is placed on developing your personal visual style, mastering industry-standard software, and understanding the creative process from concept through to final artwork. You will build a professional portfolio that demonstrates your ability to communicate visually and think like a creative problem solver.

Future careers

Graduates are well-prepared for roles such as Concept Artist, Character Designer, Environment Artist, Visual Development Artist, or positions within animation studios, game development companies, and publishing houses. Further study can lead to careers in art direction, 3D modelling, or teaching within the creative arts. Whatever direction you take, this course equips you with the skills, portfolio, and professional insight to thrive in today's fastgrowing creative industries.





Medical Bioscience

Are you fascinated by medicine, science, and health? Do topics such as genetic engineering, infectious diseases, or medical research spark your curiosity? Our Medical Bioscience course gives you the chance to explore these areas in depth, combining practical lab work with scientific theory to develop the knowledge and skills needed for a wide range of careers in healthcare, research, and life sciences.

What you'll study

This foundation degree focuses on hands-on, industry-relevant practical lessons in scientific and clinical settings. You will develop essential laboratory and analytical skills, working with advanced equipment and real-world techniques. Modules cover areas such as microbiology, biochemistry, genetics, and laboratory practices, giving you the expertise and confidence to apply your knowledge across multiple roles in healthcare, research, and laboratory science.

Future careers

Graduates can pursue careers including Laboratory Analyst, Microbiology Support Scientist, Technical Specialist, Quality Control Assistant, and Pharmaceutical Development roles. Other opportunities exist in medical writing, teaching, research, and healthcare support. The course equips you with the practical skills, scientific understanding, and professional confidence to succeed in the fast-evolving fields of Biomedical Science, Healthcare, and Life Sciences.





Special Eductional Needs, Disability, and Inclusion (SENDI)

If you are committed to supporting children and young people aged 0–25 and their families with diverse learning needs, and aspire to make a meaningful impact in education, our SENDI courses provide a pathway into one of the most rewarding sectors. This range of courses combines academic knowledge with professional practice, preparing you to foster inclusion and improve outcomes for learners with special educational needs.

What you'll study

You will explore key topics including theories of development and learning, safeguarding, multi-agency working, and global perspectives in SENDI. Modules also focus on supporting families, promoting inclusive practices, and understanding the challenges faced by learners with diverse needs. From day one, you will apply your learning through real-world scenarios and professional placements, ensuring that the knowledge and skills you gain make a direct, practical impact on your future professional practice.

Future careers

Graduates are well-equipped for roles such as Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), Learning Support Assistant, Inclusion Officer, or positions within educational and social care settings. Further study can lead to careers in teaching, educational leadership, policy development, or specialist SEND consultancy.





Sport Science, PE, & Coaching

If you are passionate about human performance and aspire to inspire athletes at all levels, our Sport, Exercise and Health Science or Physical Education and Sport Coaching courses provide a comprehensive foundation for a rewarding career in sports. Each course blends scientific principles with practical techniques, preparing you to enhance athletic performance and wellbeing.

What you'll study

You will explore core areas such as exercise physiology, biomechanics, motor control, sport psychology, and coaching methodologies. Modules cover topics including strength and conditioning, performance analysis, injury prevention, and athlete development. Emphasis is placed on evidence-based practice, allowing you to apply your new knowledge to real-world scenarios. Practical experience is gained through placements and hands-on projects,

ensuring you develop both theoretical understanding and practical skills.

Future careers

Graduates are well-equipped for roles such as Sports Coach, Strength and Conditioning Coach, Performance Analyst, or positions within professional sports teams, fitness centres, and rehabilitation clinics. Further study can lead to careers in Sports Science research, Sports Psychology, or highperformance coaching at elite levels.







The High Performance Centre (HPC)

The High Performance Centre (HPC) goes beyond being a training facility; it's a dynamic environment where learning is put into action. Sport, Exercise and Health Science, and Physical Education and Sport Coaching students gain hands-on experience with professional athletes, applying sports science, therapy, and coaching techniques that directly enhance performance and recovery.

Equipped with state-of-theart technology and supported by elite partnerships, the HPC offers an unparalleled setting to develop practical skills, build industry connections, and prepare for a successful career at the forefront of sport.

Learn by doing

At the HPC, you'll dive straight into the action. From performance analysis to sports therapy and rehabilitation, every session develops the critical skills you need for a successful career in sports science.

Train with cuttingedge technology

Our centre is equipped with tools that rival professional sports facilities, including:

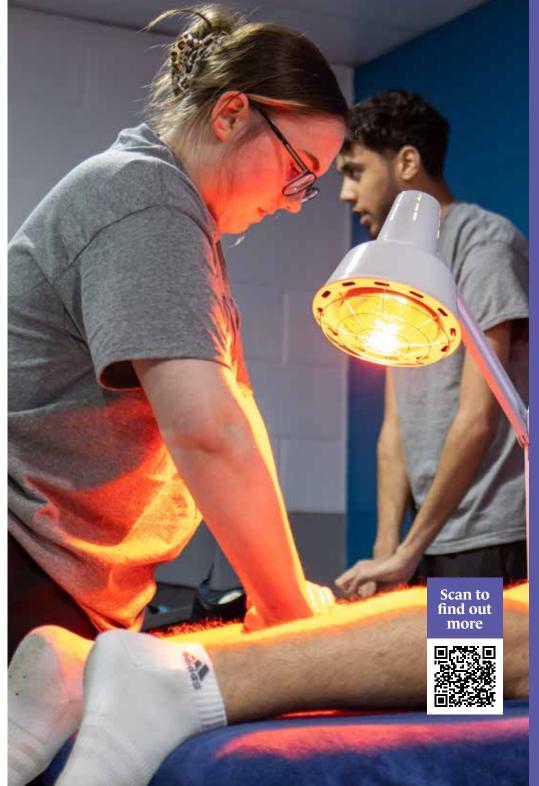
• VALD systems: Precision force plates and speed gates for performance tracking

- Cryotherapy chambers: Fast-track recovery and reduce inflammation
- Normatec compression gear: Boost circulation and muscle repair
- **Ultrasound therapy:** Advanced injury diagnosis and rehabilitation
- Isokinetic testing machines: Evaluate strength and muscle function

Connect with elite teams

HPC students gain exposure to top-tier athletes and teams, from the Samoan Rugby League squad in the 2022 World Cup to Doncaster Rovers, Doncaster Knights RFC, and British Triathlon. These partnerships offer a front-row seat to highlevel performance while building invaluable industry connections.





Teacher Training

If you have a passion for a subject and enjoy working with young people or adults, teaching in post-16 further or higher education could be the perfect career path for you. Our programmes provide opportunities for both new and experienced practitioners to begin or advance a career in the post-compulsory education sector.

Whether you already hold a degree or are looking to build on existing qualifiactions or work-based experience, our courses will help you develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to become a qualified teacher in FE or HE settings.*

What you'll study

You will explore the core principles of teaching and learning, including pedagogical theory, curriculum design, assessment, and inclusive practice, while developing your own professional teaching style.

Practice-based learning is at the heart of every course. You will gain meaningful, hands-on experience through teaching placements that bring theory to life. Throughout your journey, you will be supported by dedicated subject-specialist mentors and guided by expert Teacher Educators from the University of Huddersfield, each helping you grow in confidence, skill, and purpose as you prepare for your teaching career.

Courses are tailored to your current qualifications and experience, ranging from the Certificate in Education (Level 5) to the Professional Graduate Certificate in Education and Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Levels 6 and 7).

Future careers

Graduates progress into teaching roles across further and higher education, working with a wide range of learners in colleges, adult education centres, and training environments.

Successful completion of our programmes supports applications for Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status through the Society for Education and Training.

Trainees go on to become lecturers, tutors, trainers, and education officers, with opportunities to progress into senior teaching, leadership, or specialist roles within the post-16 education sector.

*Please note: these programmes are not for primary or secondary school teacher training.



Access to HE & Foundation Diplomas

Are you ready to take the next step towards university or a new career? Our Level 2 and Level 3 Diplomas offer adult learners flexible, supportive routes into higher education, with no traditional qualifications required.

Level 2 Foundation Diplomas

Not quite ready for Level 3? Our foundation courses will help you build your study skills and subject knowledge.

Health Science Professions

Develop essential knowledge and skills in health and biological sciences. Ideal for progressing towards a career in one of the health science professions.

Level 3 Access to HE Diplomas

Our one-year Access to HE Diplomas are nationally recognised and designed to prepare you for university-level study.

Art and Design

Experiment with a variety of media and bring your ideas to life, while also preparing for further study and careers in art therapy, set design, jewellery, portraiture, and more.

Health Science Professions

Build a strong foundation in health and biological sciences, providing perfect preparation for degrees in Nursing, Midwifery, and Allied Health.

Humanities & Social Sciences (Social Work & Criminal Justice)

Explore sociology, criminology, and law. An excellent route into Social Work, Youth Work, and Criminal Justice professions.

Science

Studying Biology, Chemistry, and Medical Physics, this course is the ideal stepping stone to careers in Biomedical Science, Pharmacy, Forensics, Optometry, Dietetics, and more.

Psychology

Examine human behaviour, cognitive science, and mental health. Ideal for careers in Psychology, Counselling, and Education.



Higher Apprenticeships

UCDon and DN Colleges Group (DNCG) are the largest providers of apprenticeships in the Doncaster area and a top choice for employers and individuals seeking practical, workbased learning. Our higher apprenticeships combine academic study with hands-on experience, helping you gain the skills needed to progress in your chosen career.

Flexible start dates

With our roll-on, roll-off model, apprenticeships can begin at any time of the year. This flexibility means new opportunities are always available, whether you have just finished school, are studying at college, or are already enrolled on a college programme.

Apprenticeship pathways

We offer higher apprenticeships across a range of sectors, including Business, HR, Management, Construction, Engineering, and Health. Each programme develops the skills, knowledge, and qualifications needed for real-world success.

Employer benefits

Employers gain a cost-effective way to develop a skilled workforce tailored to their business needs. Our dedicated support ensures apprentices integrate smoothly into teams and contribute effectively from day one.

Start your apprenticeship

Whether you are beginning your career or advancing in your current role, UCDon can help you find the right higher apprenticeship. We are committed to supporting both individuals and employers to achieve their goals and build a skilled, confident workforce for the future.

Find out more by visiting ucdon.ac.uk/ higher-educationapprenticeships







Fees and funding

At UCDon, we make funding your education easy, flexible, and affordable. With a range of financial options and personalised support, we will help you make the most of your student experience. Let us take care of the financial side, so you can focus on learning, making friends, and building your future.

Financial support

We believe higher education is within reach for everyone. By planning ahead for tuition, living costs, and other expenses, you can study with confidence.

Students in England can apply for a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan to cover study and living costs. Students from Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland have funding arrangements through their regional governments.

Repayments are simple and stress free. The Student Loans Company collects repayments gradually through the tax system, and you will only start once you are earning enough to repay comfortably.

We also offer a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and support packages, many of which you may be automatically considered for when you apply or during your studies.

For more information, visit ucdon. ac.uk/study-with-us/financial-help

For loan repayment details, visit gov.uk/student-finance



2026/27 tuition fees

Full-time UCDon tuition fees may vary depending on your prior qualifications and are subject to annual increases in line with inflation and government-set maximum fees.

Check course-specific fees by visiting ucdon.ac.uk/ study-with-us/course-fees

Repayments

UK student loan repayments are based on your income, not the total amount borrowed. You will only start repaying once your income exceeds a set threshold. This means repayments are small, gradual, and realistic, making your education an investment in your future, not a financial burden.

For Plan 5 loans (from August 2023 onwards):

- You repay 9% of earnings over £25,000 per year.
- Interest rates vary by plan, linked to inflation and income.
- Loans are written off after a set period, depending on your plan.

Example:

If your monthly income is £2,500, your repayment would be £37.47 per month, roughly the cost of three or four takeaway coffees a week, keeping repayments manageable once you're earning enough to live comfortably.

Current Plan 5 interest rate: 4.3% (Source: gov.uk)

University tuition fees in England will increase every year in line with inflation from 2026 onwards.



How to apply

Once you have found the course that is right for you, applying to UCDon is simple. We encourage you to apply as early as possible, either directly through our website or via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

Direct applications

If UCDon is your first choice, applying directly through our website is quick, easy, and completely free.

You will avoid UCAS fees and lengthy personal statements, and we aim to respond to direct applications within 48 hours.

This route is perfect if you are confident in your choice and want to tailor your application specifically to your chosen course. Just make sure you meet the entry requirements for your course of interest.

Find out more or start your application by scanning the QR code or visiting ucdon.ac.uk/study-with-us/apply-directly-through-our-website



If you would like to apply to more than one university or course, UCAS is the ideal option. You can apply to up to five institutions or courses with a single application, giving you flexibility and choice.

UCAS provides a central platform to manage your applications and track your progress easily. UCAS code: N64

Campus code: D (University Campus Doncaster)

Mature students

If you are returning to education and UCDon is your preferred place to study, applying directly may be the best option for you. However, applications through UCAS are also welcome, whichever route works best, we'll support you every step of the appliction process.

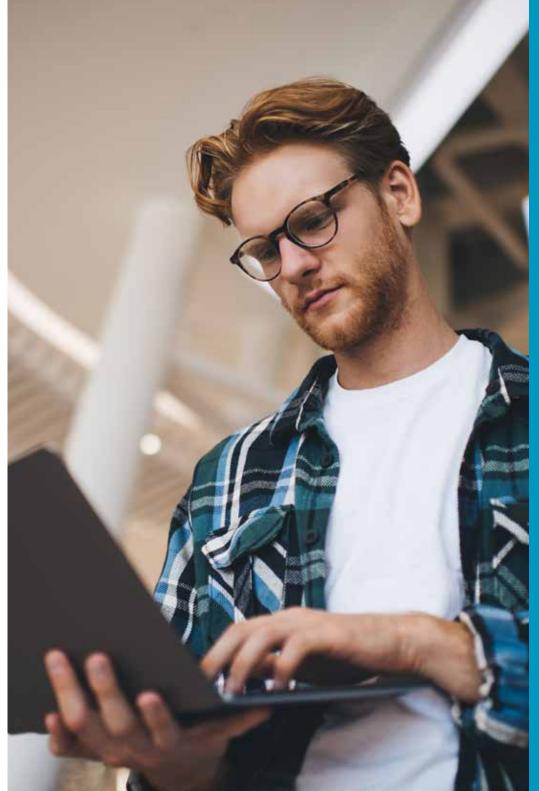
Don't worry if you don't have traditional qualifications; we recognise the value of life experience and professional experience, which may help you meet our entry requirements.

International students

If you are applying from outside the UK, our team is here to help you every step of the way.

For detailed guidance on how to apply as an international student, please contact us at ucdonenquiries@don.ac.uk

Learn more about the application process here ucdon.ac.uk/ study-with-us/how-to-apply



Commuting to campus

Live in Doncaster or the surrounding areas? You do not have to move out to make the most of student life. Commuting to campus allows you to enjoy the best of both worlds: the comfort of home and the energy of university life. It also provides the flexibility to balance your studies with work, family, or other commitments.

At UCDon, we ensure every student, whether commuting or living locally, feels part of our community. From clubs and societies to events and study groups, there are plenty of opportunities to meet new people, get involved, and make lasting connections. It is all about finding the balance that works for you.

A Great Option for Mature Learners

For many of our students, whether coming straight from college or sixth form, or returning to education as a mature learner (over 21), commuting is a popular choice. It allows you to balance work, personal responsibilities, parenting, or caring commitments while

studying close to home. Commuting is also ideal if you prefer not to move away from your home city or town and want to save on the cost of student accommodation.

You will still have full access to everything our campus offers, including support services, social activities, and academic resources, while staying rooted in your own community.

We recognise that every student journey is different, and we are here to support yours. Whether you are 18 or 60, you will find people from all walks of life at UCDon, and a welcoming, flexible environment where you can thrive.



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Open events & campus visits

Join us for one of our 2025/26 open events for a warm welcome and an exciting opportunity to explore life at UCDon. Meet our passionate academic teams, speak with current students, discover our career-focused courses, and gain a real sense of what it is like to study here.

2025/26 Open events

Tuesday 11th **November 2025** *4.30pm - 6.30pm*

Tuesday 13th **January 2026** *4.30pm - 6.30pm*

Tuesday 12th May 2026 4.30pm - 6.30pm We also host individual subject open events and taster sessions throughout the academic year, providing even more opportunities to experience our campus and courses first-hand.

Visit ucdon.ac.uk/
events to view all
upcoming events and
secure your place.





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Our courses are regularly reviewed to meet student and employer needs, reflect national standards, develop essential skills, remain relevant, and satisfy regulatory or professional accreditation requirements.

Course details are correct at the time of printing in October 2025 but may change before you start. For the latest information, please visit the relevant course pages on our website or contact our admissions team at ucdonenquiries@don.ac.uk

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For up-to-date course, fee, and campus information, please check our website at **ucdon.ac.uk** or visit us at an open event.

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Got a Question?

You're bound to have lots of questions about studying with UCDon. Whatever you need to know, our course enquiries team is here to help.

You can contact the team at ucdonenquiries@don.ac.uk or via ucdon.ac.uk/contact-us

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