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**“IT’S HONESTLY  
SUCH A GREAT  
ENVIRONMENT  
WITH THE  
FRIENDLIEST  
STUDENTS AND  
STAFF.”**

**Debora Dubinskaite**  
A-Level student

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# WELCOME TO USP COLLEGE



**"OUR MISSION AT USP COLLEGE IS SIMPLE: TO CONNECT YOU WITH EXCITING, ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS."**



We send you out into the world armed with excellent qualifications as well as the skills and work experience to make you stand out against your competitors. Whether you're planning to go to university, become an apprentice or enter the world of work, you'll have the edge to succeed.

Whilst on your USP College journey, you'll get to experience the very latest technology such as immersive spaces and virtual reality. And our state-of-the-art Centre for Digital Technology, opening during the 2020/21 academic year, will offer even more exciting opportunities to get hands-on with the cutting edge technology of tomorrow's world.

Our pioneering approach to digital technology means you can study with a flexible blend of face-to-face and virtual learning, keeping you safe as the world continues to navigate through the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **We focus on careers – not just qualifications**

By making career pathways central to our ethos, we make sure your end goal or career choice is considered from day one. Both our A-Levels and our Professional courses have clear progression routes to university and employment – and we take these routes into account before your studies begin.

Instead of focusing on individual courses picked at random, we cluster qualifications into complimentary groups. We then teach you in ways designed to ensure that the skills you develop in your studies match the skills you'll need for your future.

### **Giving you the skills employers want**

With our career pathways you'll also engage in wider study and professional development, gaining communication, IT and soft skills, career-sector specific insights, plus work-ready attitudes and behaviours.

As a result of extensive research, we know what employers are looking for. We have a good understanding of the kinds of jobs that are out there at a local and national level. And we've established excellent relationships with employers in Essex, which benefit both our students and the local community.

You deserve to start adult life with the skills you need to be a success. And I hope this prospectus shows the exciting options open to you and how we'll help you get that head start – and achieve your full potential.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our Open Evenings, virtually or in person, soon.

**Dan Pearson**  
Principal & CEO

# OUR JOURNEY SO FAR...



## Ofsted monitoring visit 5 June 2019

Concluded that significant progress has been made following the merger, ensuring that the curriculum tackles the skills gaps in the local economy while meeting the needs of employers and learners.

**"Learners have clear routes to employment through their learning programme."**

Ofsted, 2019

# TEN REASONS

## TO CHOOSE USP

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### CAREER PATHWAYS

Our career-focused approach equips you for the high-end career of your choice. You'll gain the work ready skills, industry knowledge, work experience and a great portfolio that will give you a competitive edge when you apply for university or your first job.

2

### FANTASTIC CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

We offer a wide choice of A-Level subjects and combinations - many of these aren't offered anywhere else locally. We also offer Professional courses like BTEC, AAT, UAL, CACHE and OCR, as well as apprenticeships. Our curriculum doesn't stop there as we offer entry level qualifications, adult courses and even degree programmes. You can pick the courses that will help you get where you want and create your own individual study programme.

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### SUCCESS RATE

To put it simply, our students do really well. They go on to jobs in the City and exciting degree courses at their chosen universities. They become bankers, graphic designers, accountants, teachers, software engineers, lawyers, media producers, nurses, medical scientists, marketing professionals and more. They go out into the world and make a difference. And if you join us, you could too.

# WHY CHOOSE USP COLLEGE?

Going to College is a big step. You want to be confident you've made the right choice. So why choose USP College? What makes us different? And what can we give you that other's can't?

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### INDEPENDENCE

Going to College is different to being at school. If you're looking for more freedom and a greater sense of independence, somewhere that will treat you like a young adult but still help you when you need it, this is the place for you.

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### TEACHERS WITH INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE

Our teachers regularly spend a day in industry so they're in touch with the changing world of work and what employers are looking for. They'll pass on this knowledge and understanding to you.

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### WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE ATMOSPHERE

We'll treat you as an individual – not a number. Our relaxed dress code means that, within reason, you can wear what you want! And our staff are friendly and approachable. This is a College where you'll be accepted and can be yourself.

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### TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Our professional development days give you industry insights and the work-ready skills that employers love – for example, the ability to use key IT packages, the confidence to make a presentation, and the communication skills to talk to people at different levels in an organisation.

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### CONTACT WITH EMPLOYERS

Whatever courses you take, you'll be connected to employers in your chosen sector through meaningful professional development days, work experience, voluntary work and/or our College Companies. These offer the chance to work on live projects and meet real deadlines. They could also lead to great references, a holiday job or even full-time employment.

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### INNOVATIVE APPROACH

Everything we do at USP College is rooted in our desire to always look to the future and explore how we can do things better. The result? A lively environment, fun and engaging lessons, and teachers that will push you to do your very best.

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### SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

We know that life can be tough sometimes. If you're struggling, we'll give you the support you need. Our dedicated Wellbeing team will help you build resilience and find ways of coping with stress. We also have Counsellors on campus to guide you through any difficulties, whether inside or outside of college.

**WE  
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# **CAREER-FOCUSED APPROACH**

**"OUR PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
DAYS WILL HELP YOU  
DEVELOP THE SKILLS  
EMPLOYERS ARE  
LOOKING FOR"**

**Learning at USP College is not just about qualifications. It's about taking a unique, career-focused approach. To do this, we offer career pathways designed with your end goal in mind.**

## **Helping you start – and then stand out**

Whether you've made up your mind about what you want to do, or you don't know where to begin, we'll make sure your time at USP College will count. We'll help you choose the courses that are most relevant to your talents and interests, keeping in mind the industry sector you think you'd suit. Then, during your studies, we'll give you the skills, work experience and industry knowledge that will offer you a competitive edge when you move on.

## **Developing your skills to make you great all round**

When you leave USP College, you'll be work-ready. You'll have the communication and social skills needed to work with lots of different people and the confidence to adapt to any working environment. And you'll have an insight into what it's actually like to work in your dream job.

You'll gain these soft skills through a variety of professional development days, working for one of our College Companies (see page 12 for more details), meaningful work experience or volunteering, talks from employers, and weekly one-to-one sessions with your Progress Coach.

This all adds up to everything you need to succeed and move forward – either by continuing your studies or taking the first steps in the career of your choice.

**WE GET  
STUDENTS  
INTO**

# HIGH- END CAREERS

**We specialise in getting students into high-end careers, particularly in the following five industry sectors:**



**FINANCIAL &  
PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES**



**CREATIVE &  
DIGITAL**



**HEALTH, CARE  
& MEDICAL**



**EARLY YEARS,  
CHILDCARE  
& EDUCATION**



**LIFE & SPORTS  
SCIENCES**

We focus on these five sectors because they offer our students incredibly exciting career opportunities. Our research also shows that these areas prove to be the most popular with our students, year in, year out. And as a bonus, they offer the biggest local employment opportunities.

Keeping up-to-date with the changing world of work is a key priority for us. To help us do this, we've set up sector boards for our five chosen industry areas. These consist of local employers and industry experts. Each board meets regularly, updates us on the trends in their sector, and makes sure we're teaching the right skills needed for that particular industry.

We also work closely with the South East Local Enterprise Partnership to identify new opportunities and keep an eye on changing employment patterns. Plus, we stay in regular contact with large employers in the region, using these relationships to give you extra insight and knowledge.

Our focus is to make sure you have the skills that are relevant in today's – and not yesterday's – world.

# OUR CAREER PATHWAYS

Within these five sectors, we've developed 15 aspirational career pathways. These are careers in which we have a lot of expertise, connections and industry knowledge. Our career pathways are:



## Financial & Professional Services sector

- ACCOUNTANT
- INVESTMENT BANKER
- LAWYER
- MARKETING EXECUTIVE



## Creative & Digital sector

- ARCHITECT
- GRAPHIC DESIGNER
- MEDIA PRODUCER
- SOFTWARE ENGINEER



## Health, Care & Medical sector

- MEDICAL SCIENTIST
- NURSE/MIDWIFE
- SOCIAL WORKER



## Early Years, Childcare & Education sector

- EARLY YEARS PROFESSIONAL
- TEACHER



## Life & Sports Sciences sector

- PERSONAL TRAINER
- SPORTS SCIENTIST

When you join us as a student, we'll ask you to choose one of our five broad career sectors. This will guide the additional skills and development that we give you alongside the normal curriculum. We'll also invite you to consider whether you'd like to follow one of our 15 career pathways for an even more bespoke package.

You don't need to follow a career pathway to study at USP College. But if you do want a career in one of these areas, then we can give you more focused and specialist continuing professional development, skills development and career support. This will really help you stand out when it comes to your next steps.

# BUILD YOUR OWN CAREER

1

Start by choosing one of our five industry sectors



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Next, think about whether you want to follow one of our 15 career pathways

(remember, you don't have to follow one of these – choosing one just means we can give you more bespoke support!)

3

Decide which qualifications you want to take

A-LEVELS

PROFESSIONAL

APPRENTICESHIP

4

Pick your subjects (course pages 30-106)

5

Choose your extras

Complete a meaningful work experience placement or volunteering

Work on a live brief through your College Company

Listen to a talk from an employer in your chosen career

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Move forward with confidence when you leave USP College – with a competitive edge that means you really stand out!

OUR  
COLLEGE  
COMPANIES  
WILL

# HELP YOU GET WORK-READY

**Work on live briefs to real-life deadlines. Gain a better understanding of the industry you want to work in. Find out what it's really like to be employed. And give yourself the chance to get a great reference, part-time job, holiday job or even a full-time job offer!**

Our College Companies are a key way for you to become work-ready. They give you the chance to work closely with employers and gain real-world experience. This will look great on your CV and give you a competitive edge when you're looking for a job.

Our eight companies are led by industry professionals (our teachers), who link up with local employers to work on real projects for free. When one of these projects comes in, you and your fellow students work alongside your teacher to respond to the brief and meet the deadline.

If you're studying A-Levels or a Professional qualification, you'll automatically become a trainee in one of our College Companies – and get a flavour for working with clients in both the public and private sector.



JaxPR worked with our Insight students on an event management project:

***"THE STUDENTS PRESENTED EXTREMELY WELL-THOUGHT OUT IDEAS WITH STRONG THEMES OF ENGAGEMENT, PLANNING AND INCLUSIVITY. THE PRESENTATIONS WERE ENGAGING, CONFIDENT AND WELL-PRACTISED."***

JACQUI SWEENEY



### Insight

Aimed at students looking for a career in business, finance and professional services, this company provides services like market research, mystery shopping and event management. Previous students have worked on projects for the local council and police force, as well as an important campaign to coincide with Road Safety Week.

### Live Creative

Aimed at creative arts students, this offers services like branding, filmmaking, photography and design. Previous students have worked on promotional videos and worked with a film company on a TV commercial.

### Orb

Aimed at our media and IT students, Orb gives you the opportunity to work on projects like web design, mobile apps and game design. You might find yourself designing and maintaining a website, setting up and managing a database or working as a trainee IT technician – all of which will look great as part of your portfolio.

### Care Ready

This company is aimed at students on health, care and medical courses. It will give you the chance to gain real world experience with local employers. You'll also have your own dedicated study space which will reflect the workplace as much as possible.

### Early Years

Our Early Years Learning Company works in partnership with Seymour House Early Education and provides a realistic working environment. This partnership enables you to gain valuable work experience and ensures that you leave us career ready.

### Utopia

This is a bit different from our other companies. In order to become part of Utopia, students will be studying the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). We offer our students an opportunity to work with employers to develop projects and from this, outcomes based on live briefs that companies are currently working on in order to improve an area of their work, be it sustainability, working ethics, local outreach etc.

### USP Storm

USP Storm is one of the most successful college sports programmes in the country and is open to all students. You can look forward to a daily training programme, high level coaching and unrivalled sports science support. You'll also have the chance to compete in regional and national competitions. See page 24 for more information.

### Supported Internship Programme

This company is for students up to the age of 25 who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). You'll be closely involved in the life of the College, helping run the SiP café and providing breakfast for students, staff and visitors. This will give you the chance to build your confidence and develop key skills, such as communication, handling money and stock-taking. Plus – you'll learn to cook!



Essex Army Cadet Force worked with our Live Creative students on a recruitment video:

***“AN INNOVATIVE BUNCH OF STUDENTS WHO SHOWED MATURITY IN LISTENING TO IDEAS CLOSELY AND HEARD NOT JUST OUR IDEAS, BUT HOW OUR ORGANISATION WORKS. THE STUDENTS THEN GENERATED SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS THAT THEY PRE-EMPTED AND IDENTIFIED IN RELATION TO OUR ORGANISATION AND OFFERED A RANGE OF SOLUTIONS. THEY WERE METHODOICAL IN PROBLEM SOLVING WHILST STILL BEING CREATIVE.”***

**SSI STEPHEN DAVIS**

**We live in a world that's always changing – and where new ideas appear every day. Where technology is becoming more and more sophisticated. And where employers are always on the hunt for people with exciting, relevant skills.**

# **WE'RE INNOVATIVE**





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Palmer's Campus

Screen 2



***“WE EMBRACE  
THE LATEST  
TECHNOLOGY”***



At USP College, we take an innovative, flexible approach. We need to stay ahead of the curve – to make sure we know what employers are looking for and to understand the best ways of helping you develop those skills.

Now more than ever, this means being open to new ways of doing things. It means embracing the latest technology to deliver online lessons, and it means being curious and asking questions.

We do this in a variety of ways:

### **Immersive classrooms**

Side wall projectors. 84-inch LED screens. Cameras that film both students and teachers, and interactive whiteboards. These are just some of the facilities in our state-of-the-art classrooms. They offer a seamless link between our campuses and allow our teachers to take lots of different approaches in their lessons.

The result is you get to learn in a way that suits you. And when you're done with lessons for the day – and you need to revise or complete coursework – there's dedicated study space nearby.

### **Virtual learning**

Innovative technology and immersive classrooms mean we can continue to deliver great lessons whatever the circumstances. During the Covid-19 pandemic, our teachers have been able to quickly and seamlessly switch between face-to-face classes and virtual lessons, whilst our leading VScene platform and in-classroom cameras and screens mean that self-isolating students can attend lessons from home but feel like they're right there in the classroom.

### **Industry Skill Days**

Some of our teachers have already worked in industry, while others have expertise in different areas. Whatever their background, they take part in regular 'Industry Skill Days'.

These involve spending the day with major employers, finding out about trends and issues impacting the sector, and making sure they're up to date with the skills and qualifications that employers are looking for.

They return with fresh insights and understanding, even better qualified to teach, inspire and pass on their knowledge and thinking to you.

### **Teacher Development**

What makes an outstanding teacher? How do they do things differently? And if you're struggling with something, how can they help? While our teachers are all very well qualified, they're still open to learning new ways of doing things. Through regular training and new initiatives, they get to share best practice, discover new materials and study different approaches, so that you can get the most from your lessons and benefit from all their hard work!

# WE'LL SUPPORT YOU

We understand that things don't always go to plan. So if you have problems - inside or outside of College - we'll be there to support you.





**“WE’LL TREAT YOU  
AS AN INDIVIDUAL,  
NOT A NUMBER.”**

### **Safety and Wellbeing**

We have specialist Wellbeing Advisors and Counsellors who can help if things get too much. Like all our staff, they’ll treat you as an individual, not a number.

Student safety and wellbeing is our top priority and our safeguarding teams are based in Student Services at both campuses. If you are concerned for yourself or a friend you can speak to any member of staff in the first instance because all staff are trained to a high level.

### **Progress Coach**

You’ll also have your own Progress Coach to guide you through your studies. You’ll meet together regularly to discuss progress, agree targets, and make sure you’re getting the support you need.

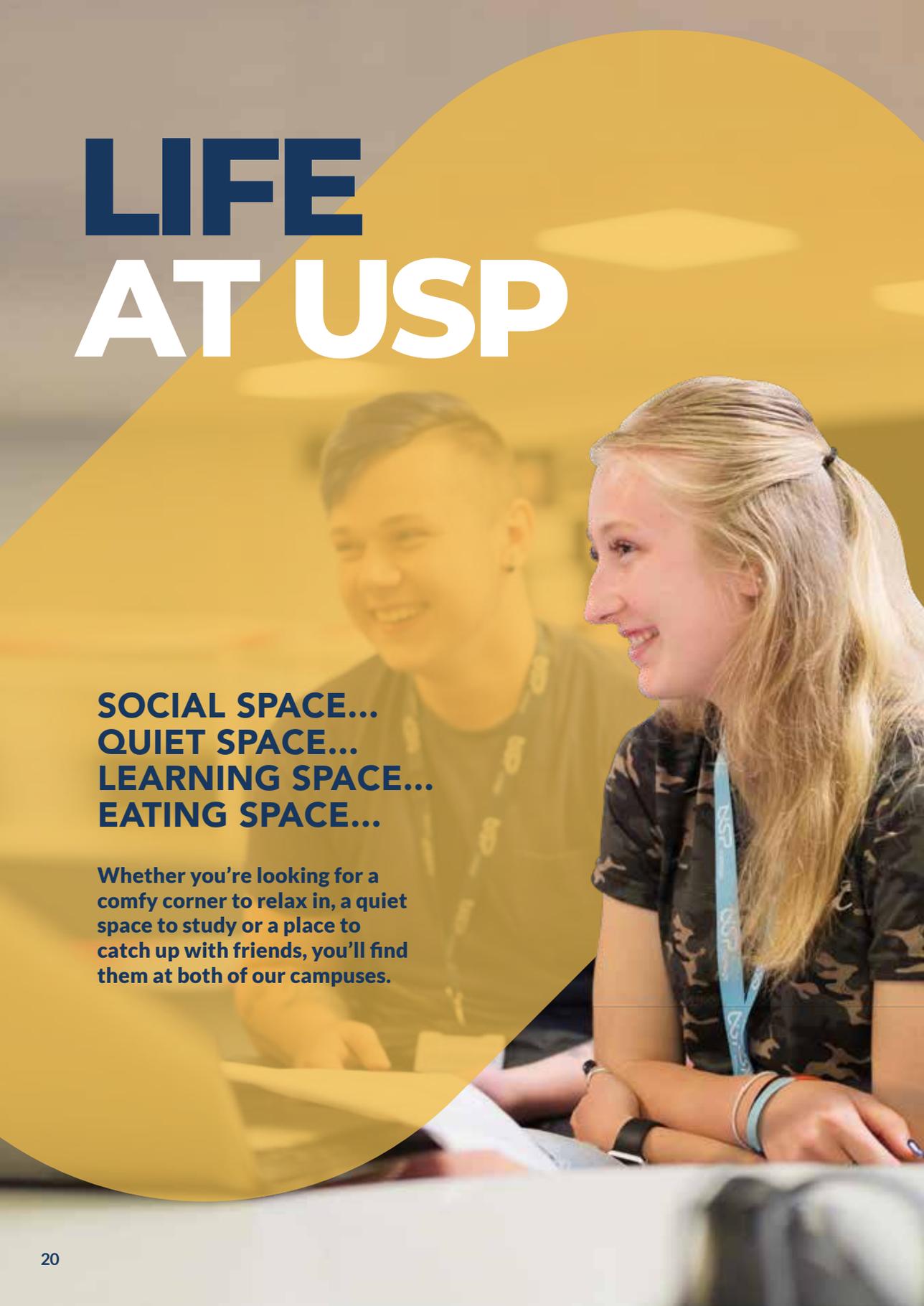
### **Additional Support**

If you have specialist needs, our Learning Plus team at our Seevic Campus and our Study Plus team at our Palmer’s Campus are on hand to help. They can provide in-class support and organise specialist assessments and exam arrangements. They can also help you in your studies, for example by advising you on essay planning, structuring coursework, and managing your time well.

### **Accessibility**

Most of our College buildings are accessible if you have a physical or sensory impairment. Our main buildings have lift access to each floor and an accessible toilet. We also have a specialist wet room at our Seevic Campus.

# LIFE AT USP



**SOCIAL SPACE...  
QUIET SPACE...  
LEARNING SPACE...  
EATING SPACE...**

Whether you're looking for a comfy corner to relax in, a quiet space to study or a place to catch up with friends, you'll find them at both of our campuses.

### Places to eat...

Grab a quick burger or a refreshing salad. Treat yourself to a piece of cake. Or set yourself up for a full day of studying with a healthy breakfast. Both our restaurants offer lots of choice, no matter what time of day it is. Our Palmer's Campus also has its own Costa coffee bar and our Seevic Campus boasts its own jukebox – perfect for choosing the soundtrack to your downtime.

### Places to learn...

Need to meet a deadline? Want to research something? The Library Resource Centre (LRC) is a welcoming and supportive learning environment. You'll find lots of useful resources, computers and free Wi-Fi, plus staff are on hand if you need a bit of help.

Looking to brainstorm a topic with a few friends? Want to practice your presentation skills? Or just want a quiet place to revise? Then the William Palmer A-Level Centre of Excellence at our Palmer's Campus is a great study area for our A-Level students for group or individual study.

The Network at our Seevic Campus is another great learning space complete with interactive smart boards and creative and professional areas for group study.

### Places to hang out...

Sometimes you need to take a break, hang out between lessons or relax at the end of a long day. The open-plan Hub at our Seevic Campus and Lower Student Centre (LSC) at our Palmer's Campus are great places to chat and meet friends.

### Places to meet new friends...

Our clubs and societies take place during your free time. They include football, self-defence, LGBTQIA+ and choir, to name but a few, and are a great way to meet new people. We are always looking at new opportunities so you can even suggest new clubs.

### Places to find a bit of peace...

Our students and staff come from lots of different ethnic backgrounds, religions and cultures. If you want to pray, meditate or just enjoy some quiet time, our Contemplation Room is the place to be. Come on in!

### Places to catch a show...

Both our campuses have their own in-house theatre. Watch out for some great performances from your fellow students and local drama societies plus some fun charity events!



**“GRAB A  
FRESHLY MADE  
COSTA COFFEE  
AND RELAX.”**



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# “GROW THE **WHOLE** YOU”

Going to College is not just about studying! It's also your chance to expand your mind and find out who you are. You can use your time here to explore new interests and hobbies, keep fit and healthy, discover the wider world and make your voice heard.

# BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS

## Sport

Take up basketball, play football with your mates or let off some steam at the local trampoline park. Whether you love netball or just want to keep fit, our excellent indoor and outdoor facilities are here to meet your sporting needs. You can look forward to well-equipped gyms; all-weather, floodlit football and hockey pitches; tennis, netball and squash courts; an aerobic studio and a fitness suite. Most activities are free to students.

## See more of the world

Try out your language skills in Paris and Amsterdam. Feel awed by the Big Apple. Or scare yourself silly with the rides at Thorpe Park. From days out to London to exciting trips abroad, there are lots of experiences here to widen your horizons.

## Join a society

Fancy improving your debating skills? Enjoy a game of chess? Passionate about LGBTQIA+ and want to make sure everyone's needs are met? Join one of our clubs and societies and connect with people who share your interests and hobbies.

## Get involved with the Student Union

If you want to have your say about life at USP College, the place to start is the Student Union. You'll meet other committed students who want to make sure we hear the student voice when we're making important decisions.



## Be a Student Governor

All Student Union members have the opportunity to apply to be a Student Governor – attending Corporation meetings with College Governors and the senior management team. Your student voice is integral to important decision making at the highest level!



# GO STORM IT!

ONE OF  
ENGLAND'S  
MOST  
SUCCESSFUL  
SPORTS  
PROGRAMMES.

We're the leading sports College in Essex and USP Storm is open to any student as a cross-college enrichment programme. You'll even get the chance to compete nationally at the highest level. You can look forward to elite-level coaching and advice. And we'll make sure that, wherever possible, your academic programme fits alongside your training and competition demands.

Sports on offer include rugby, football, basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, table tennis, trampolining, golf, swimming, athletics and hockey.

### Football

Our Football Academy offers you the chance to receive the very best coaching while also continuing your studies. You'll be able to train four times a week and take part in the Association of Colleges' (AoC) Sports Leagues, National Cups, the English Schools Cup and Essex Cups. The academy is open to both male and female players and has recently been awarded 'ECFA Accredited College' status.

### Basketball

You'll enjoy 13 hours of coaching a week, with individual strength and conditioning sessions. Plus, you'll compete in the Elite Academy Basketball League (EABL), the country's top league for college teams.

### Rugby

You'll compete at the very highest level of College rugby and have your own comprehensive training schedule, including tailored strength and conditioning sessions and video analysis to help you improve all areas of your game.

### Netball

Our Netball Academy is one of the most successful in the country. You'll have regular weekly fixtures and will compete in a range of league and cup competitions including the AoC Sport East Premier League.

### Hockey

Whether you're an experienced player or new to hockey, we'll help you develop your skills and grow both as an individual and a team player whilst giving you the chance to compete in tournaments against other colleges.

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2019-20 Men's Rugby Academy AoC  
Sport Premier League Winners

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2019-20 Men's Football Academy ECFA  
Premier League Play-offs

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2019-20 Women's Football Academy AoC  
East Region Champions (5 years running)

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2019-20 Netball Academy AoC Sport East  
Region Champions



**“WILL YOU  
BE OUR  
NEXT  
CHAMPION?”**

# YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

## Maths and English

We want to make sure you're as confident with numeracy and literacy as possible. If you haven't achieved Grade C/4 or above in Maths or English Language at GCSE, you'll be asked to study both courses – or Functional Skills – alongside your chosen A-Level, Professional, Apprenticeship, Adult or Foundation Learning programme.

## Core Maths

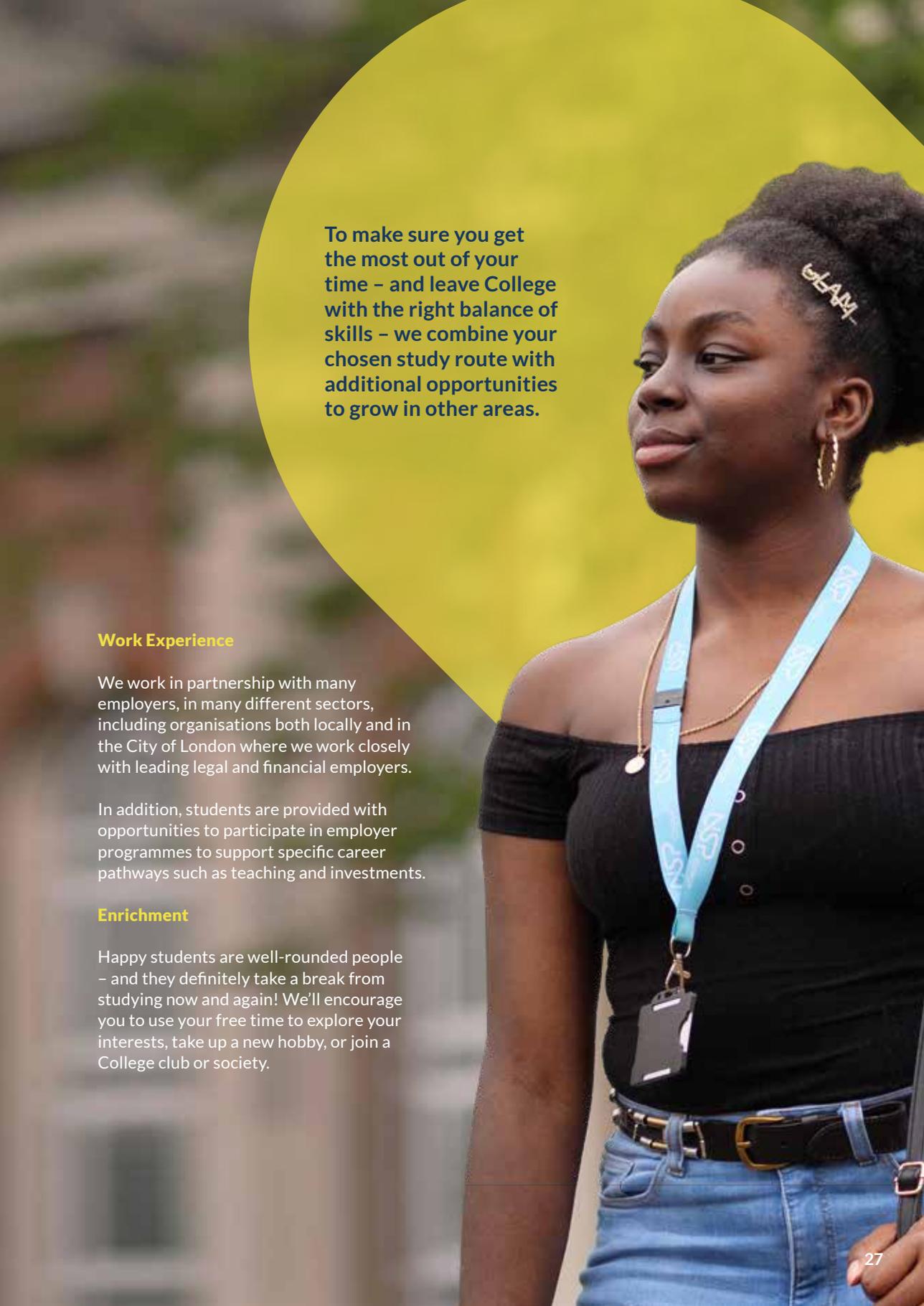
If you've achieved a Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths and want to make sure you can apply your maths skills in your future studies or job, you might want to take Core Maths. It will help you to use mathematics and statistics to address authentic, real-life scenarios drawn from study, work and life. Many roles in the workplace require good budget management and problem-solving skills and Core Maths will help you develop them. It has been endorsed by Russell Group universities and is well regarded by other universities and employers. See page 46 for more information.

## STEP Maths

If you're applying for certain courses at the University of Cambridge or the University of Warwick, you may need to take STEP (Sixth Term Examination Paper). This is a well-established maths examination designed to test you on questions that are similar to those you'll face on an undergraduate maths course. For more information visit [admissionstesting.org/step](http://admissionstesting.org/step).

## Progress Coach

To make sure you're happy, healthy and doing as well as you can, we pair you up with a Progress Coach when you start your studies. They'll keep an eye on you throughout your course. You'll have a tutorial session with them each week where you can discuss any issues you might be having, and set targets to make sure you stay on track.



To make sure you get the most out of your time – and leave College with the right balance of skills – we combine your chosen study route with additional opportunities to grow in other areas.

### Work Experience

We work in partnership with many employers, in many different sectors, including organisations both locally and in the City of London where we work closely with leading legal and financial employers.

In addition, students are provided with opportunities to participate in employer programmes to support specific career pathways such as teaching and investments.

### Enrichment

Happy students are well-rounded people – and they definitely take a break from studying now and again! We'll encourage you to use your free time to explore your interests, take up a new hobby, or join a College club or society.

# DISCOVER OUR COURSES

## A-Levels

A-Levels open so many doors. The chance to study at university. The option of exploring subjects you love. Even if you want to skip higher education and go straight into work, having A-Levels can show you're inquisitive and hard-working. And they're a great way to keep your options open if you're not sure what you want to do.

Most people study three A-Levels over two years. When it comes to choosing your subjects, think about what you're good at and passionate about. A lot of universities also ask for specific subject combinations, and we might encourage you to select certain courses – like Core Maths (see page 46) – if we think it'll boost your chances of getting onto a specific programme.

You may also be able to take the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Take a look at our Academic courses on pages 30-51 for more information.

## Professional

Professional courses are career-focused and practical, and a popular alternative to A-Levels. They're ideal if you know what career or industry you want to work in or if you prefer coursework to exams.

If you decide you want to study at university, a Professional qualification won't hold you back. In fact, many of our courses (AAT, BTEC, UAL and CACHE) are equivalent to A-Levels and are well-regarded by universities. You'll also be able to take subjects like Core Maths (see page 46) to enhance your mathematical knowledge and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) (see page 39) if you want to improve your essay-writing skills.

Alternatively, you could move on to a work-based qualification when you're finished, such as an apprenticeship. Take a look at our Professional courses on pages 52-106 for more information.

# “WHICH COURSE IS RIGHT FOR ME?”

## **Apprenticeships**

We have recently teamed up with ITEC Learning Technologies in Basildon, who have been offering high quality apprenticeships for nearly 30 years.

By working together we are able to offer a wider selection of apprenticeships which combine hands-on training with academic study - great if you want to get ahead in a particular industry. They last between 12 and 18 months, and you can study from Levels 2 to 4.

On a typical apprenticeship, you spend one day a week at the training provider and four in the workplace. You'll be treated like an employee and you'll be expected to treat the placement like a real job – being professional and showing a commitment to improving your skills. In return, you'll get real workplace benefits, such as sick pay, holiday pay and, of course, a wage.

After finishing, you could go on to further training with a higher or degree apprenticeship. Or secure yourself full-time employment like the majority of our students. See page 116 for more information.

## **Foundation Learning**

If you have a recognised learning difficulty or disability – or not many formal qualifications – our Foundation Learning courses are a great stepping-stone. They'll help you get ready for work or prepare you for another course in a supportive environment. For more information take a look at page 108-115.

## **Higher Education**

If you've got a Level 3 qualification, you can stay on at USP College to study for a degree-level course in a range of subjects. These include Art & Design, Business Management, Computing, Early Years and Health Promotion. Plus, we'll guarantee you a place on one of them if you successfully complete your Level 3 course with us beforehand. See page 118 for more information.

## **Adult Education**

Whether you're interested in changing your job, want to improve your career prospects or you want to go onto university, we have a fantastic range of courses suited to adult learners. We have options of both day-time and evening study to work around your schedule. To find out more, turn to page 120.

# A-LEVELS

We offer a wide choice of A-Level subjects and combinations, from Psychology and Classical Civilisation to Law, Further Maths and Textiles & Fashion Design. Many of our courses aren't offered anywhere else in the local area, and every single one is delivered by experienced and highly-skilled specialist teachers.

This isn't the only thing that sets us apart. We're focused on the long term results you want to achieve. This is why our career pathways (see page 10) group certain A-Levels together to meet the requirements for specific jobs and university degrees. By combining the right ingredients at the beginning of your time here, we'll make sure you develop both the academic and real-life skills you need to succeed.

## What can we offer you?

- The opportunity to study a combination of A-Levels and Applied A-Levels with our blended learning offer.
- Full UCAS support programme.
- Established links with Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities.
- Expert guidance on how to get into Oxbridge, other UK-leading universities and Higher Education (HE) courses.
- Core Maths and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) – looked upon favourably by Oxbridge and other top universities.
- Visits from motivational guest speakers.
- Professional development days.

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# 3D DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## GROW YOUR CREATIVITY AND BUILD AN INSPIRING PORTFOLIO



### What will I study?

Learn how design informs everything we do. And develop your creative skills along the way. This hands-on course will teach you the fundamentals of product and architectural design.

You'll develop the practical skills you need to work in the creative arts sector, including sketching, model-making, working to scale and creating floor plans – and you'll also learn how the manufacturing process works. In year one you'll start your coursework, which will help you build a portfolio and develop your own style.

### What can I do next?

If you're thinking about studying a design-led subject at university, taking this A-Level is a great place to start. You could also progress to the Foundation Diploma in Art & Design here at USP College or look for jobs in areas such as architectural design, product design or set design.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject is preferred
- If you haven't taken a GCSE in Art & Design or a Creative Media subject, you can still show a portfolio of work that shows your passion, ability and commitment to this course



We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# ACCOUNTING (AAT)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## OPEN UP EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PROFESSIONAL SECTOR



### What will I study?

This Level 3 course can be studied as part of an A-Level programme. It will give you an excellent grounding in basic accounting and finance. You'll learn important bookkeeping skills including double entry, how to categorise and analyse costs, and how to use Sage software and the basic skills needed to work in accounting and finance.

### What can I do next?

AAT is a nationally recognised quantification that gives you the skills all employers need. This is the perfect way to kick off a career in accounting or bookkeeping. After completing the course, you could progress to the Level 4 AAT Diploma as a part-time evening student, or via an Apprenticeship.

If you're keen to continue studying alongside paid work, some employers will agree to sponsor your part-time evening study for the Level 4 AAT Diploma.

Alternatively, you could apply for a degree in Accounting or Finance, and/or take further professional exams to become a Chartered Accountant.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at grade C/5 or above including English Language and Maths



We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# ART (FINE)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## EXPERIMENT, EXPRESS YOURSELF AND HONE YOUR TECHNICAL SKILLS



### What will I study?

Explore the technical and conceptual possibilities of Fine Art – starting with observational drawing, mark-making and painting. You'll learn how to use a range of fine art media, as well as different processes and techniques. In your second year you'll be introduced to printmaking, animation, conceptual art and installation, alongside your personal project unit.

Assessment is based on sketchbooks, journals and exhibitions showcasing your work.

### What can I do next?

This course sets you up well for the Foundation Diploma or HND in Art & Design, which you can study here at USP College. You could then go on to study at art college or an art-related course at university.

The British art and design industry is respected worldwide – you could follow a career as an artist, architect, or art therapist, or go into model-making, interior design or animation.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject is preferred
- If you haven't taken a GCSE in Art & Design or a Creative Media subject, you can still show a portfolio of work that shows your passion, ability and commitment to this course

# BIOLOGY

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## GET AN EXCITING INSIGHT INTO THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD OF BIOLOGY



### What will I study?

You'll learn about core biological concepts and techniques, including health and diseases, the theory of DNA replication, biochemistry of photosynthesis, and respiration. You'll also discover how you've developed from a single cell to a complex, multi-cellular organism – and how the genetic code has allowed such complexity to thrive on Earth!

Throughout the course, you'll learn how to apply your knowledge, investigate and solve problems and develop your practical skills. You will also explore the impact of biological research on everyday life and study how biology contributes to the success of the economy and society.

### What can I do next?

This is an ideal subject choice if you plan to study other science-based subjects or progress on to higher level science courses at university. Our learners from this course have gone on to study Medical Science, Marine Biology, Biological Science, Sport & Exercise Science, Osteopathy and Environmental Science.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade B/6 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (not equivalents)
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE Maths



You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.



You'll need to buy a lab coat from the College. This will cost approximately £10\*.



We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.



## BUSINESS

CAMPUS P S



### DISCOVER WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS



#### What will I study?

You'll study all the basics of business including managing and motivating staff, marketing, finance, decision-making, strategic planning, operational issues, human resources, and operating at a global level.

You'll also explore real business problems, coming up with potential solutions and looking at why they might not work in the real world. Whether you're planning to set up your own company or just want to understand how business works, this course will give you a solid grounding in business theory and concepts.

#### What can I do next?

If you're thinking of a career in banking, finance, or business management, this is an excellent place to start. It's also great preparation for becoming an entrepreneur and setting up your own successful business.

Alternatively, you can progress onto a business degree course here at USP College or you can go on to university to study subjects such as Business Management, Marketing, Finance, Law or Economics.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE Maths

AS

You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.

+ CORE MATHS

We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# BUSINESS (APPLIED)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE AN ENTREPRENEUR



### What will I study?

You will study the range of business topics from entrepreneurship to globalisation. This includes all aspects of marketing, finance, business ownership, decision making, communication skills, customer service skills and global businesses

The core modules are:

- Exploring Business
- Developing a Marketing Campaign
- Personal and Business Finance
- Investigating Customer Service

### What can I do next?

You can progress on to a business degree course here at USP College or you could go on to university. You'll also be well placed to go directly into work in a range of employment sectors including; investment and retail banking, marketing, financial sector, office administration and events management.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English and Maths
- An interest in Business is essential



This course is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate qualification equivalent to one A-Level and can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

# CHEMISTRY

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## LOOK AT THE WORLD FROM A MOLECULAR PERSPECTIVE



### What will I study?

You'll study the chemistry of living things and the molecular properties of materials and physical phenomena, gaining a broader understanding of the world around you. You'll learn about the organic, inorganic and physical aspects of chemistry, exploring the impact of chemistry on industry and everyday life.

You'll also learn analytical techniques relevant to industrial chemistry including infrared, NMR and mass spectroscopy.

### What can I do next?

Chemistry opens up opportunities in a wide range of careers including Chemical Engineering, Analytical Chemistry, Clinical Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Research and Medicine. It will also help prepare you for a wide range of science degrees – some may even stipulate that you have an A-Level in Chemistry.

Previous students have gone on to take a PhD in Chemistry at Oxford, join the Royal Veterinary College, and get a Higher Apprenticeship with Rolls-Royce.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade B/6 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (not equivalents)
- Grade B/6 or above in GCSE Maths



You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.



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# CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

CAMPUS **S**



## EXPLORE THE ROOTS OF THE MODERN WORLD



### What will I study?

The history, literature and art of ancient Greece and Rome continue to influence artists, politicians and even military strategists today – and on this course you'll find out why. You'll study Greek theatre and religion, and explore the world of the hero.

As part of your studies you may have the opportunity to visit the British Museum and see performances of Greek tragedy or comedy. And in your second year you'll have the chance to visit Rome or Athens.

### What can I do next?

Classical Civilisation opens up opportunities in careers like heritage, teaching, journalism, publishing, or law. Alternatively, you can apply to study the subject at degree level or take a degree in other Arts subjects.

# COMPUTING

CAMPUS **P S**



## DISCOVER COMPUTATIONAL THINKING – AND HOW TO USE IT TO SOLVE REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS



### What will I study?

You'll learn both theory and technical skills on this course, developing your ability to analyse and solve problems using computational thinking. You'll study Principles of Computer Science, IT Systems Security and Encryption, Fundamentals of Computer Systems and Website Development.

### What can I do next?

If you're planning on doing a degree in subjects like Computer Science, Software Engineering, Games Programming, Web Development and Artificial Intelligence, this is a great starting point. It will also help prepare you for entry level jobs as a technician or in areas like programming, systems design and development.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Literature (if taken)/ or another subject demonstrating essay-writing skills

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade B/6 or above in GCSE Maths
- Grade B/6 or above in GCSE English Language



This course is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate qualification equivalent to one A-Level and can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

# CRIMINOLOGY (APPLIED)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## FIND OUT HOW OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WORKS



### What will I study?

If you're interested in why someone becomes a criminal and the ins and outs of our criminal justice system, this is the perfect choice for you. You can study it as part of an A-Level programme to gain the equivalent of one A-Level. If you follow the full Applied Criminal Psychologist route, including Law and Psychology, you'll get the equivalent of three A-Levels.

You'll study criminological theories, changing awareness of crime, the journey from crime scene to courtroom, and crime and punishment.

### What can I do next?

This is a great starting point if you are considering employment within some aspects of the criminal justice system, e.g. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service. Alternatively, you can use it to apply for a degree in a wide range of subjects, for example Sociology and Psychology.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade C/4 in a Humanities/Social Science subject



We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.



This course is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate qualification equivalent to one A-Level and can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

# DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WORLD OF THEATRE



### What will I study?

You'll explore the theory behind creating effective theatre and develop the technical skills needed to create your own powerful drama. You'll study different styles from the point of view of director, designer and performer. You'll also look at the work of influential practitioners, analysing set texts, and evaluating live productions.

There will be plenty of opportunities to gain hands-on experience too. You'll take part in practical workshops and group performances and will perform your own work. Along the way, you'll gain many transferable skills including critical thinking, teamwork, negotiation and collaboration.

### What can I do next?

If you dream of a career in the theatre or arts, this is an excellent foundation. But it's also a good starting point for a career in teaching, law, marketing, public relations, advertising and management.

You could also progress onto one of our Level 4 Creative Diplomas here at USP College or go on to study Drama or a Performing Arts course at university or drama college.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language
- Level 2 Drama or Performing Arts qualification (if taken) – alternatively, you'll need to attend an audition

# ENGINEERING

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## EXPLORE HOW THE WORLD AROUND YOU WORKS



### What will I study?

This is a BTEC Level 3 course which you can study as part of your A-Level programme. You'll learn through a mixture of classroom-based theory and practical assignments based on realistic workplace situations. You'll be assessed solely through coursework.

You'll study electrical and electronic principles, mechanical principles and applications, mathematics for engineering technicians, and health and safety in the engineered workplace. You'll also do your own engineering project.

### What can I do next?

This course will give you crucial academic knowledge and hands-on skills. Engineers are in high demand in many industries so there are lots of opportunities open to you. You could apply for a wide range of engineering degrees. Alternatively, you could progress to a higher level apprenticeship or go straight into the workplace as a technician or technician engineer.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## DISCOVER GREAT WRITERS – AND DO SOME WRITING YOURSELF



### What will I study?

You'll analyse a wide range of texts – from literary texts such as novels, plays and poetry to non-literary texts such as transcripts, memoirs and e-communications.

We'll ask you to analyse and write essays on literary and non-literary texts and take part in discussions and presentations. During the second year, you'll have the chance to try your hand at re-creative and commentary writing using one of the texts you will study.

### What can I do next?

This is an excellent foundation for careers that require you to have a good command of spoken and written English like law, publishing, teaching, journalism and other media roles. It will also prove an asset if you're applying for a degree in humanities or social sciences and can be combined with a wide range of subjects like Linguistics, Drama and Creative Writing. Whatever you choose, you'll have highly transferable skills in analysis and writing.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above
- Grade B/5 or above in GCSE Maths



This course is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate qualification equivalent to one A-Level and can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Literature, English Language and Maths



You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## DELVE INTO A WORLD OF TIMELESS STORIES



### What will I study?

If you love reading, this is a great opportunity to broaden your horizons and immerse yourself in written English. You'll study plays, poems and novels and explore a range of genres and time periods, from Shakespeare to the present day.

In particular, you'll look at the history and development of literary genres – how key themes and techniques have become established over time and how more recent texts have sought to reinvent genres. You'll also look at the social, historical and philosophical context of great literary texts – exploring what was happening when they were written and the ideas that drove the author.

### What can I do next?

English Literature is highly regarded by leading universities and will be very useful if you are applying for any Humanities or Social Sciences degree. It's also an excellent foundation for careers that require you to have a good command of spoken and written English like law, publishing, teaching, journalism and other media roles. Whatever route you take, you'll have the independent research skills that are vital to success in both higher education and many careers.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Literature, English Language and Maths

**AS**

You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.

# EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS IN RESEARCH AND ESSAY WRITING



### What will I study?

You'll research and write a 5,000-word essay on a topic that you've picked yourself. There are many different ways you could approach this – for example, you could produce a formal, research-based report or write a more literary essay. You'll then give a short presentation about your work.

We'll give you study skills lessons and you'll also meet regularly with a supervisor. But otherwise you'll work independently on your project. This is a great way to practise the skills you'll need to hit the ground running when you go to university. And, as you'll be studying a subject that really interests you, it's fun and interesting too. Plus you'll end up with a qualification that provides you with additional UCAS points.

### What can I do next?

This course is specifically designed to help you develop the skills you'll need to succeed in both higher education and the workplace. Selective universities like Oxford and Cambridge look on it favourably and it will also help you stand out from the crowd when applying for popular degree courses like Medicine.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language
- This course is only open to second-year students – you'll be able to apply for it when you're at the College



## FILM STUDIES

CAMPUS **P** **S**



### DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF FILM



#### What will I study?

If you love watching films and would like to work in this area, this course is the ideal option. You will study British, American and European films, consider how these reflect changes within society, and how they represent the filmmakers understanding of people, places and events. In particular, you will learn how to interpret meaning within films. You may also have the chance to write a script and make your own short film whilst exploring film practice throughout history.

#### What can I do next?

This course will give you a mix of academic and practical skills and is an excellent foundation for our Higher National Diploma in Media (Broadcasting). It will help prepare you for a wide range of university degrees, including subjects like Media and English. And it's also a good stepping stone to jobs like Broadcast Engineer/Presenter, Location Manager or Researcher.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language
- Ideally, you'll have Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE

# FINANCIAL STUDIES (LIBF)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FINANCE



### What will I study?

If you dream of a career in finance, this course could be the perfect starting point. You'll learn about financial products and services and find out how customers and service providers make decisions. You'll also look at financial sustainability within the wider financial services system and the long-term impact of debt.

Along the way, you'll learn how to manage your own money better too, picking up tips on borrowing, saving and other elements of personal financial planning.

You can study this Level 3 course as part of your A-Level programme, gaining a Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS) at the end of your first year and a Diploma in Financial Studies (DipFS) at the end of your second year.

### What can I do next?

This course will fast-track you to a career in finance. Options include going to university to study subjects like Finance, Banking, Accountancy and Business, for example at The London Institute of Banking & Finance. Alternatively, you could go on to an apprenticeship or enter the workplace as a trainee.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language

# GEOGRAPHY

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## GET TO KNOW THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN



### What will I study?

Geography is a hugely diverse and dynamic subject that will open your eyes to environmental and political issues around the world – from climate change to migration and globalisation.

You'll study urban environments; coastal systems and landscapes; water and carbon cycles; places that are rapidly changing; and the global systems in place to measure and control environmental changes. You'll also carry out fieldwork to build on the knowledge you've acquired in the classroom.

### What can I do next?

If you'd like to go to university, Geography is a good choice whatever you're planning to study – it's highly regarded by top universities as an entry subject. If you decide to continue your Geography studies, a number of interesting careers will be open to you including meteorology, town planning, surveying, conservation, leisure, tourism and environment-based careers.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths
- Grade B/6 or above in GCSE Geography (if taken)

**AS**

You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.

**+ CORE MATHS**

We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# GRAPHIC DESIGN

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE IDEAS VISUALLY



### What will I study?

This is a highly creative and practical subject. If you're interested in how design can be used to communicate complex ideas and build a company or individual's image, it's an excellent choice.

You'll develop the skills used to create exciting design for advertising, branding, illustration, motion graphics and design for film and television. You'll spend your first year learning the core principles of graphic design and how to manipulate images and typography. In your second year you'll develop and apply these skills, discovering your own individual style.

### What can I do next?

This course is a great starting point if you're considering a career as a graphic designer, advertising art director, illustrator or printmaker. You may be able to find a trainee role or apprenticeship in one of these areas. Alternatively, you could progress to the Foundation Diploma in Art & Design here at USP College, or a range of art-related degrees at university.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject is preferable
- If you don't have a GCSE in Art & Design or a Creative Media subject, you can still show a portfolio of work that shows your passion, ability and commitment to this course



We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# HISTORY

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## TRAVEL BACK IN TIME AND LEARN WHAT SHAPED OUR WORLD



### What will I study?

Empires and espionage. Dictators and dynasties. History A-Level looks back at the defining moments of the modern world. Focus on German history, from its unification to the east-west split. Follow the rise of the Third Reich to the fall of the Berlin Wall. And examine Britain during the Wars of the Roses to the reign of Richard III.

It's ideal for anyone who likes to question and analyse. As you polish your critical and communication skills, we'll encourage you to dig deeper with a personal study – a topic that particularly intrigues you.

### What can I do next?

Being able to explore lots of different sources, analyse complex information, and communicate in a clear and engaging way opens the door to a huge number of careers. As well as a historian, you could work in archaeology, with museums or in the heritage sector. Law, publishing, journalism and teaching employers value History highly too.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE History (if taken) or another subject that demonstrates strong essay writing skills



We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# HUMAN BIOLOGY (APPLIED)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## THE SCIENCE THAT MAKES US, US



### What will I study?

Explore how we're built as human beings. By covering cells, tissues and microbiology on this hands-on course, you'll gain a solid grounding in key biological principles. You'll study core units such as practical microbiology and health issues, and you can choose to branch out into other areas like functional physiology, genetics, human reproduction and fertility. You'll also develop the research skills needed for the health science sector.

### What can I do next?

Applied Human Biology opens the door to a huge range of careers in fields as diverse as life sciences, clinical biomedicine, health and physiological sciences. So, you could go onto study a science-related or vocational degree before becoming a nurse, doctor or midwife. Or you could consider lab-based roles, occupational therapy or paramedic science.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (not equivalents)



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# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## STUDY AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF COMPUTER TECH



### What will I study?

See yourself as an app developer, website designer or animator? This wide-ranging course introduces you to core tech modules: Computer and Information Systems, Skills for IT, and Communication and Employability. After that, you can choose specific units based on what sparks your interest.

You could study 2D Animation Production, master Spreadsheet Modelling or learn about Security E-Commerce. Other optional strands include Database Managing Networks, Organisational Systems and Computer Networks too.

### What can I do next?

You could go on to a host of higher education courses: multimedia, computing, interactive media, games design, 3D graphics and animation. Or your next step could be an ICT apprenticeship. It'll also stand you in good stead for job roles needing high-level IT skills.

You could also progress on to our HNC Computing course here at USP College or an IT apprenticeship run by our partner, ITEC.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths



This course is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate qualification equivalent to one A-Level and can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.



# LAW

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## LEARN WHAT BRINGS ORDER TO OUR WORLD



### What will I study?

Find out about law-makers (and breakers) with this introduction to the legal system, criminal law and tort principles. We'll teach you how to communicate judgement through well-crafted essays about legal processes, people and principles. And we'll demonstrate applications of the law, sharpening your problem-solving skills at every step.

Along the way, you'll find you can memorise large amounts of information – legal terms, case names and key facts. Ultimately, you'll develop the skills you need for a degree and a potential career in law.

### What can I do next?

Many USP students have gone on to study both Law degrees and a range of other subjects at the UK's top universities. Or, you could begin your career right away, working as a legal executive or within banking and insurance firms. With extra training, you could become a solicitor or a barrister.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language
- Grade C/5 or above in a Humanities subject

**AS**

You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.

**+ CORE MATHS**

We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# LAW (APPLIED)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## READ THE LETTER OF THE LAW



### What will I study?

Get to the heart of the English democratic legal system with this wide-ranging course. You'll gain knowledge of a variety of legal aspects, cases and applications.

Modules include Civil Law Dispute Solving, where we cover negligence, precedents, advice and funding – and Contract Law. Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law & the Legal System, an introduction to the people who make laws, focusing also on non-fatal offences and sentences. While in Applying the Law, we'll examine property offences, homicide and police powers.

### What can I do next?

Your next step could be higher education, studying law, criminology or similar. However, some students go straight into employment in law firms, or begin a legal apprenticeship.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade C/4 or above in a Humanities subject



This course is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate qualification equivalent to one A-Level and can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.



We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# MATHS

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## SEE THE WORLD IN NUMBERS AND TRAIN YOUR MATHEMATICAL BRAIN



### What will I study?

A-Level Maths builds on what you learnt at GCSE level. We'll be introducing you to new ideas and skills including the application of calculus, as well as trigonometry, coordinate geometry and algebraic techniques.

You then use these skills within the applied topics of Statistics and Mechanics. In Statistics you'll learn how to use analytical methods to draw conclusions about what the data shows. Mechanics gives you a good grounding in how physical objects interact, crossing over into the realm of physics as we look at velocity, acceleration, force and mass.

### What can I do next?

You could progress onto university. Maths is often a required subject for scientific, engineering and mathematical degrees at university and it's an excellent subject to combine with other disciplines. Alternatively you could go straight into the workplace as Maths is highly valued by employers.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade A/7 or above in GCSE Maths. Grade B/6 will be considered in exceptional circumstances



You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.



You will need a Graphic Display Calculator – the Casio fx-9750G would be ideal.

## MATHS (CORE)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



### STRENGTHEN YOUR MATHS SKILLS



#### What will I study?

If you're thinking of studying a subject at university that has a mathematical or statistical element – like Business, Psychology or Science then Core Maths is a really useful qualification to have. It's also a good alternative if you're not taking A-Level Maths. And if you'd like to enhance your GCSE Maths grade or boost your UCAS points, it's well worth considering.

The main focus of this course is on using and applying maths and statistics to address problems and scenarios in everyday life. It'll help you build key skills for the workplace, including problem-solving and budget management skills, and prepare you for further study at university.

#### What can I do next?

Maths (Core) is a one-year course equivalent to half an A-Level, giving you additional UCAS points, so once you've completed it it'll form part of your qualifications when applying for university courses or jobs.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above, including Maths



Employers and universities, including Russell Group universities, look favourably on Core Maths as a qualification.



You will need a Casio Classwiz fx-991EX calculator.

## MATHS (FURTHER)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



### TAKE THINGS TO THE NEXT LEVEL



#### What will I study?

This course takes the ideas learned in GCSE Maths and A-Level Maths, and pushes it further. You'll build on your Algebra and Calculus skills, and we'll introduce you to complex numbers, matrices and fundamental mathematical ideas.

You'll be looking at concepts central to Engineering, Physical Sciences and Computing, alongside in-depth study of Statistics, Mechanics and Decision Maths.

#### What can I do next?

Further Maths is great for anyone wanting to study Maths, Physics or Engineering at university. It's also a requirement for many maths-based courses at university, particularly if you're planning to apply to Oxford or Cambridge.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade A/8 or above in GCSE Maths. A Grade A/7 will be considered in exceptional circumstances

**AS**

You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.

**2**

This A-Level counts for two subject choices.



You will need a Graphic Display Calculator – the Casio fx-9750G would be ideal.

# MEDIA STUDIES

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## DISCOVER HOW THE MEDIA INFORMS AND ENTERTAINS



### What will I study?

Pop culture is hugely relevant to our lives – as is the media that carries it. Film, TV, marketing and everything in-between affects human behaviour – and can be held up for criticism and analysis.

Over the two years you'll be looking at how media informs and entertains, via theoretical discussions and practical demonstrations of the key concepts. Your first year coursework takes the form of a music magazine, which you'll create and evaluate. And exams will involve analysing all kinds of media, both printed and digital.

### What can I do next?

Media Studies is a great A-Level to take if you plan for a career in journalism or entertainment. It's also a good step towards a media-related course at university, and it combines well with the Arts and Humanities.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language

# PHOTOGRAPHY

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## SEE LIFE THROUGH A LENS



### What will I study?

Editorial shoots. Documentary studies. Fine art imagery. A-Level Photography will see you producing original creative work. We'll challenge and inspire you to work artistically and innovatively through a variety of briefs covering street photography, portraiture, montage and more. Plus we'll encourage you to experiment with depth, dimension and narrative – as well as graphic and mixed-media work.

With a range of technologies at your fingertips, you'll come away with skills and techniques to tell stories through visual media – both digitally and in print. Put simply, you'll know precisely when to click and how to edit to make the most powerful impact.

### What can I do next?

This is a great launchpad to further study. You could go on to take the Level 4 Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise or the Art & Design Foundation Diploma at USP College (see page 120) or work towards a variety of creative university degrees. The course provides an excellent introduction to the most important aspects of Photography and its various career opportunities.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject is preferred
- If you haven't taken a GCSE in Art & Design or a Creative Media subject, you can still show a portfolio of work that shows your passion, ability and commitment to this course

# PHYSICS

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## FIND ANSWERS TO THE WORLD'S BIGGEST QUESTIONS



### What will I study?

How do things work? How vast is the universe? And how can science solve our biggest challenges? Physics tackles the fundamentals of how our world works – from the latest thinking around atomic particles and space to centuries-old scientific theories. This wide-ranging course will spark your interest in how the world works.

It blends theoretical study with hands-on experiments. So you'll think conceptually and work practically, building knowledge, confidence and technical skills. Ultimately, you'll examine the same questions, mysteries and issues that scientists across the globe are tackling, right now.

### What can I do next?

If your sights are set on the UK's top universities, A-Level Physics will stand you in excellent stead. It's useful for a career as a doctor, vet, dentist, computer scientist or even architect. And it's a great foundation for working in engineering or electronics. Some of the biggest names in finance and business often look for Physics when recruiting for training schemes, too.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade A/7 or above in GCSE Maths
- Grade B/6 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (not equivalents)
- To also study A-Level Maths, alongside your Physics course



You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.



You'll need to buy a lab coat from the College. This will cost approximately £10\*.

# POLITICS

CAMPUS **S**



## GET TO GRIPS WITH THE ISSUES OCCUPYING TODAY'S WORLD LEADERS



### What will I study?

Politics is front-page news, day after day, minute by minute. So you'll be keeping up-to-date with current affairs, mastering news analysis and learning contemporary communication techniques, including political blogging. Examining policies and governments at home and abroad, you'll dig deep into both UK and global politics – and the universal political ideas that have shaped the world.

While there's no coursework, we'll help you develop essay-writing techniques to prepare for the three written exams at the end of year two.

### What can I do next?

You could go on to a university degree in International Politics, Law or Combined Politics. That could then put you on the path to a career in the Civil Service or local and central government. Or you could become a lawyer, teacher or journalist – through further specialist courses.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above
- Grade C/5 or above in a Humanities based GCSE subject



We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# PSYCHOLOGY

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## LEARN WHAT LIES AT THE HEART OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR



### What will I study?

The perfect course for critical thinkers, this A-Level will help you develop a scientific understanding of human behaviour. You'll be looking at key theoretical concepts and approaches to psychology, as well as the impact of childhood experiences, psychological disorders, memory and psychopathology.

You'll also be introduced to the thinking that exists around psychology as a subject, including research methods, ethical debates and psychology in context.

### What can I do next?

Psychology is a great way to advance your insight into human behaviour. It also provides good opportunities if you want to progress to higher education – and you can combine it with either arts or sciences for a well-rounded university application.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE Maths
- Grade C/5 or above in any GCSE Science

**AS**

You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.

**+ CORE MATHS**

Core Maths must be taken alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# PSYCHOLOGY (APPLIED)

CAMPUS **P** **S**



## UNTANGLE THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE HUMAN MIND



### What will I study?

Turn psychological principles into practical treatment. And gain clinical skills for use in criminal cases.

In year one you'll broadly look at the applications and research of psychology – putting theory into action. Year two covers health psychology plus one other unit, based on your interests. As part of the Applied Criminal Psychologist pathway, you could get an excellent grounding in Law and Criminology too. Taking that route means you'll finish your two-year course with the equivalent of three A-Levels.

### What can I do next?

You could go on to study a whole range of degrees with an Applied Psychology A-Level. And because we've created this course along with employers, its focus is on giving you knowledge and skills to embark on a career in psychology. It's also an excellent foundation for teaching.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in a Humanities/Social Science GCSE subject

**BTEC L3**

This course is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate qualification equivalent to one A-Level and can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

**+ CORE MATHS**

We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# SOCIOLOGY

CAMPUS **P** **S**



**SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE WHEN IT COMES TO SOCIETY**



## What will I study?

Expand your knowledge across borders and cultures, and get an insight into what makes communities tick.

We'll start the course by introducing you to key sociological theories like Marxism and Functionalism. This will give you a good basis to explore the theories and methods behind education, crime, and family life. After this, you can choose where to focus your study, from Beliefs in Society to The Media, to Global Development.

## What can I do next?

A good understanding of Sociology will take you far – not just in terms of a university application, but as an employee in the professional world. You'll gain useful insights into society that will give you the edge in careers like business, journalism and PR, education, health and welfare, and the police.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths
- Grade C/5 or above in a GCSE Humanities subject

**AS**

You will have the opportunity to sit an AS exam at the end of Year 1.

**+ CORE MATHS**

We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course. See page 46 for more information.

# SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE

CAMPUS **P** **S**



**FIND OUT WHAT MAKES US TICK – FROM THE THEORY TO THE ACTION**



## What will I study?

Take your Sports Science knowledge to the next level with this varied course. Build up your knowledge of the theoretical side to exercise, as well as the practical elements.

As a sports student, you'll look at how the body works and responds to exercise. We'll teach you about human anatomy, the psychology of sport and exercise, and we'll give you the basic skills you need to become a coach.

This Level 3 course can be studied as part of an A-Level programme; you'll also have the option of completing your UK Sports Leaders Qualification (Levels 2 and 3). And alongside studying, you'll be given the opportunity to progress your athletic career in the Storm Sports Academy.

## What can I do next?

This course will suit anyone wishing to go to university to study subjects like Strength & Conditioning, Sports Coaching, Personal Training, Teaching and Sports Therapy. You could also progress on to study a Sports Science & Coaching degree at USP College.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths

**BTEC L3**

This course is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate qualification equivalent to one A-Level and can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

# TEXTILES & FASHION DESIGN

CAMPUS **S**



**EXPAND YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND DEVELOP YOUR OWN STYLE**



## What will I study?

This is a practical course, taught in the Textile Studio and on location. Regular technique workshops will help you establish a style of your own, and you'll be encouraged to get involved in fashion shows and exhibitions. Assessment is based on a practical exam, and your second-year coursework is an individual creative project.

## What can I do next?

This is the perfect course if you're interested in studying textiles, fashion, interiors or costume at university. You can progress on to the Level 4 Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise or the Foundation Diploma in Art & Design at USP College once you finish your A-Levels. See page 120.

## What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject is preferred
- If you haven't taken a GCSE in Art & Design or a Creative Media subject, you can still show a portfolio of work that shows your passion, ability and commitment to this course

# THEATRICAL & MEDIA MAKE-UP

CAMPUS **S**



**STUDY EVERYTHING FROM SFX PROSTHETICS TO MAKE-UP FOR FILM, TV AND THEATRE.**



## What will I study?

The core focus of this course is the application of make-up and its creative uses in performance. You'll take workshops that focus on topics like period make-up, mask-making and prosthetic casting and sculpting, as well as studying the theory and context of make-up in the entertainment industry.

## What can I do next?

This is a great course to take if you're keen to work with cosmetics, or in a specialist make-up school. Or you might want to follow a career in the entertainment industry, doing make-up and special effects for the stage and screen.

## What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject is preferred
- If you haven't taken a GCSE in Art & Design or a Creative Media subject, you can still show a portfolio of work that shows your passion, ability and commitment to this course



This course is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate qualification equivalent to one A-Level and can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

# COURSES

# BTEC

**Professional courses give you a more career-focused route into the world of work.**

Each of our Professional programmes (including AAT, BTEC, CACHE and UAL) focuses on a particular subject area – from Accounting and IT to Music, Photography and Public Services. So they're ideal for getting an insight into a particular industry.

You'll gain valuable practical skills, the theoretical knowledge to back these up, as well as the chance to go on off-site visits and trips. Many of the courses also let you build connections with local employers, so you can put your ideas to the test in the real world.

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## OUR PROFESSIONAL COURSES

### KEY

**P** Palmer's Campus    **S** Seevic Campus

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AS A CAREER,  
THIS COURSE  
WILL GIVE YOU  
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**Financial &  
Professional Services**  
career sector.

See page 10 for more information.

# ACCOUNTING

## ACCOUNTING

### LEVEL 2

#### CAMPUS **P** **S**

Accountants are a vital part of any successful business. So, if you're thinking of accountancy as a career, this course will give you the start you need. You'll learn the basics of accounting and bookkeeping, including how to record, analyse, present and forecast data. You'll also be well-prepared to study for a Level 3 Accounting Apprenticeship or a Level 3 Diploma in Accounting as part of an A-Level programme.

#### What will I study?

In year one you'll study core units such as:

- Bookkeeping transactions
- Bookkeeping controls
- Elements of costing
- Introduction to payroll
- Working effectively in accounts and finance
- Introduction to business and company law

In year two you will study units such as:

- Advanced bookkeeping
- Final accounts preparation
- Indirect tax
- Ethics for accountants

#### What can I do next?

If you successfully complete Level 2, you could progress to the Level 3 AAT Diploma as a part-time evening student or as part of an Apprenticeship (see page 116). Alternatively, you can study an Accounting/Finance based degree or take further professional exams leading to Chartered Accountant status.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths



# ANIMAL CARE



**“TURN YOUR  
LOVE OF  
ANIMALS  
INTO A  
REWARDING  
JOB.”**



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**Life & Sports Sciences**  
career sector.

See page 10 for more information.

## ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 1 BTEC INTRODUCTORY CERTIFICATE

CAMPUS **S**

On this hands-on course, you'll develop the knowledge, skills and understanding you need to turn your love of animals into a rewarding job. Off-site visits give you the chance to learn about farm animal health and what it's like to work outdoors.

### What will I study?

As well as developing key skills, such as learning how to be organised at work, you'll focus on:

- Caring for and feeding animals
- Moving and accommodating animals
- Developing a personal progression plan

### What can I do next?

Once you've finished, you could progress to the Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Animal Care, or begin an apprenticeship, traineeship or Supported Internship programme depending on what career you'd like to follow.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths
- You'll need to show an enthusiasm for the course as well as a genuine love of animals

### Additional information

Due to the outdoor nature of the course, it can be physically demanding at times.

# ANIMAL CARE

## LEVEL 2 BTEC DIPLOMA

### CAMPUS **S**

Have you always dreamed of working with animals? Would you like to learn the skills to make this a reality? If the answer's 'yes,' then this practical course is ideal for you. You'll learn about all areas of animal care and build your confidence working in outdoor and indoor environments, including at a local farm.

#### What will I study?

Along with key areas of animal care, such as feeding and accommodation, you'll study a range of units, including:

- Animal health
- Animal welfare
- Animal biology
- Animal behaviour assessment and safe handling
- Feeding, accommodating and moving animals

You'll also take a closer look at specific types of animals and the types of care they need, including how to nurse them properly. This is ideal for a range of jobs with domestic animals, in agriculture or in environmental organisations.

#### What can I do next?

You could move onto the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management. Alternatively, there are lots of jobs you could apply for at zoos, pet shops and kennels.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at grade D/3 or above including English Language and Maths
- At least one GCSE needs to be at grade C/4 or above

# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT WITH SCIENCE

## LEVEL 3 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA

### CAMPUS **P S**

Zoo keeper. Veterinary nurse. Animal welfare officer. Feed scientist. These are just some of the jobs you could apply for once you've finished this stimulating Level 3 course. It combines caring for animals with up-to-date science, and can help you develop the skills, confidence and knowledge you need for a career in this popular industry.

#### What will I study?

Core units will cover all aspects of animal care, while science-based modules will encourage you to look more deeply into the subject. They include:

- Animal biology
- Animal breeding and genetics
- Animal welfare and ethics
- Animal behaviour
- Practical animal husbandry

Along with off-site visits and relevant work experience, you'll also have the chance to carry out independent research projects in an area that interests you.

#### What can I do next?

You could apply for a range of higher and further education courses to help you specialise – such as Veterinary Nursing. Alternatively, you could apply for jobs at a pet shop, kennels or a zoo.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths
  - Grade C/4 or above in any GCSE Science (or equivalent)
- or
- Level 2 BTEC Diploma or above and GCSE English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or above
  - Grade C/4 or above in any GCSE Science (or equivalent)



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career sector.

See page 10 for more information.

# ART & DESIGN

# ART, DESIGN & MEDIA

## LEVEL 1 BTEC

CAMPUS **P S**

This practical course will help you develop your talents. You'll learn about a range of art and design techniques, materials and processes.

### What will I study?

You'll focus on a range of topics including:

- Introduction to materials and processes
- Introduction to skills in art, design and media
- 2D and 3D design
- Research skills

Your teachers will support you every step of the way and help you understand what level you're working at. We'll also encourage you to demonstrate your understanding of the creative process through written work and a design and media project.

### What can I do next?

You'll be able to progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design or the Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths
- You'll be asked to show us examples of your art, design or media work before you start so we know you're interested in working creatively

# ART & DESIGN

## LEVEL 2 UAL AWARD & DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P S**

Explore the endless possibilities of a subject that encourages you to express – and be – yourself. This Level 2 course in Art & Design will help you develop the skills you have and introduce you to new artistic techniques. And it's the ideal stepping-stone to more challenging art and design courses once you've finished.

### What will I study?

You'll work in our modern studios and computer suites on a range of different projects, learning about:

- Graphic design and digital processes
- Fine art
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Photography

Though this is a practical course, we'll also make sure you focus on your written and research skills to prepare you for further study or job applications. Your teachers will give you regular feedback and encourage you to evaluate your own work, so you know how to improve.

### What can I do next?

You could apply for a range of Art & Design or Media BTEC courses, such as the Level 3 UAL Extended Diploma in Art & Design here at USP College.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at Grade D/3 or above including English Language or Maths
- At least one GCSE needs to be at Grade C/4 or above
- We'll also ask to see a portfolio of your art & design work as part of the interview process

# ART & DESIGN

UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

Learn how to make a visual impact. Develop your artistic potential. And pick up practical skills along the way.

## What will I study?

With a focus on building your practical skills, we'll encourage you to think critically about the role art and design plays in modern society.

You'll explore subjects like:

- Graphics
- Printing
- Painting and sculpture
- Advertising, marketing and branding
- Illustration
- Public artwork

You'll work individually and as a group to build your communication and teamwork skills. You'll also complete work-based learning and respond to live briefs from local employers.

## What can I do next?

You'll be able to progress internally to the Level 4 Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise, HND Art & Design, HND Creative Digital Media, or the Foundation Diploma in Art & Design (see page 118). You will be given thorough support and advice on the most appropriate progression route for you from your tutors.

You could also look for entry level jobs in the creative sector.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma or above and GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above
- Grade C/4 or above in an Art, Design or Media based GCSE is preferred

#### Additional information

When you attend your interview, you'll be asked to present a portfolio of work that shows your commitment and potential.

# ILLUSTRATION & GRAPHIC ART

UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

This course is perfect for budding animators, cartoonists, concept artists, illustrators and graphic novelists. Explore your potential and develop your skills (both digital and traditional) on this practical course. Hone your skills in your chosen area of expertise and get support to build a portfolio that showcases your talent. It will also allow you to develop your drawing skills suitable for a tattoo art portfolio.

## What will I study?

Throughout the course you'll study the following units:

- Visual language in art and design
- Research skills
- Developing a project
- Preparation for progression
- 2D/3D problem solving
- Engaging with an audience
- Project proposal and realisation

## What can I do next?

You'll be able to progress internally to the Level 4 Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise, HND Art & Design, HND Creative Digital Media or the Foundation Diploma in Art & Design (see page 118). Or you could apply for entry level jobs in the visual design field.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma or above in a relevant creative subject and GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above

#### Additional information

When you attend your interview, you'll be asked to present a portfolio of work that shows your commitment and potential.

# VISUAL DESIGN

## UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

### CAMPUS **S**

Visual Design is ideal for people who think in pictures: artistic types, out-of-the-box thinkers and visual communicators. You'll work on your drawing skills, and learn about typography, logo design and brochure layout. You will develop a varied and sophisticated portfolio of work that you can take on either to employment or to further education.

#### What will I study?

You'll study a bit of everything and you'll also fine tune your technical skills (both digital and traditional).

Some of the topics you might cover include:

- Typographical or illustrative posters
- Packaging and book cover design
- Photography
- Advertising
- Animation drawing
- Textiles and fashion marketing

#### What can I do next?

You'll be able to progress internally to the Level 4 Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise, HND Art & Design, HND Creative Digital Media, or the Foundation Diploma in Art & Design (see page 118). You will be given thorough support and advice on the most appropriate progression route for you from your tutors. Or you could apply for jobs at a design agency, publishing house, interior design studio or fashion magazine.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma or above and GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above
- GCSE grade C/4 or above in an Art, Design or Media subject is preferred

#### Additional information

When you attend your interview, you'll be asked to present a portfolio of work that shows your commitment and potential.



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GROUNDING IN  
FINANCE AND THE  
MODERN BUSINESS  
ENVIRONMENT."**

# BUSINESS & FINANCE



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**Financial &  
Professional Services**  
career sector.

See page 10 for more information.

# BUSINESS

## LEVEL 1 BTEC

### CAMPUS **S**

Build your knowledge, transferable skills and confidence with our Level 1 Business BTEC. The course will introduce you to the world of business and how different organisations work. Plus, we'll help you plan your career and prepare you for the next stage in your life – whether that's further study or looking for jobs.

#### What will I study?

- Self-reflection
- Career planning
- Vocational units such as retail and event management

#### What can I do next?

Once you've passed your Level 1 BTEC in Business you'll have lots of options. You could move to the Level 2 in Business. Or you may decide it's time to go out to work. You'll be well placed to apply for apprenticeships or the Supported Internship here at USP College.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths

# BUSINESS

## LEVEL 2 BTEC CERTIFICATE

### CAMPUS **P S**

If you've got what it takes to succeed in business, then this course is an ideal start. There's a good balance of study and practical work. Visits to and from local entrepreneurs, managers and owners give you insights into what it takes to run a successful business. Plus, we'll bring the subject to life by including lots of real-world experiences.

#### What will I study?

You'll develop your business knowledge and a range of skills by studying topics such as:

- Enterprise in the business world
- Principles of marketing
- Finance for business
- Promoting a brand
- Business online
- Building successful teams
- Visual marketing in retail business

#### What can I do next?

Once you've completed your Level 2, you'll be well placed to start a job or apprenticeship. Or, you may decide to continue your BTEC studies. Many Level 2 students continue to Level 3. From there you could go on to study for a business-related university degree, such as Business Management.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at Grade D/3 or above including English Language or Maths
- One of your GCSEs must be Grade C/4 or above
- Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language or a Foundation Learning course in a related area along with Level 1 in English for Functional Skills

# BUSINESS

## LEVEL 3 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P S**

This is an advanced two-year course led by a team of dedicated business professionals. You will study a programme that looks into the modern business environment, helping you develop a strong set of vocational business skills that will prepare you for entry in to the changing and exhilarating business world. The course can also lead into a wide range of professional and higher education opportunities. In year two you will be given the opportunity of following different curriculum pathways to develop specialist skills and knowledge.

### What will I study?

The core modules are:

- Exploring business
- Developing a marketing campaign
- Personal and business finance
- Managing an event
- International business
- Principles of management
- Business decision making

### What can I do next?

Many of our students go directly to work in dynamic sectors such as banking and financial services, marketing and retail. You'll also be qualified for a wide range of university degree programmes if you decide you want to take your studies to the next level and you could progress internally to the Foundation Diploma in Business Management or the HND in Business (see page 118).

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- or
- Level 2 BTEC Diploma or above plus GCSE English Language or Maths at Grade C/4 or above



This course is part of our USP Career College Professional & Financial Services programme. See page 126 for more information.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## LEVEL 3 BTEC AND LIBF DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P S**

You'll be introduced to all aspects of financial products and services, studying, for example, how customers and service providers make their decisions. You'll also develop invaluable skills for managing your own finances.

### What will I study?

This Level 3 course is a combination of two separate qualifications:

- The BTEC Extended Diploma in Business, broadly equivalent to three A-Levels, and
- The Diploma in Financial Studies from the London Institute of Banking and Finance (LIBF) similar to an A-Level

### What can I do next?

You could go on to study for a university degree in subjects such as banking, financial services, marketing, events management, accounting, business management or law. You could also progress internally to the Foundation Diploma in Business Management or the HND in Business (see page 118).

You'll also be well qualified to go into full-time employment in professional sectors like banking and financial services, marketing, retail management, office administration and public services.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above
  - Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths
- or
- Level 2 BTEC Diploma or above and GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade C/5 or above



A-LEVELS

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# CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

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**"PLAY A BIG  
ROLE IN  
SHAPING  
YOUNG  
FUTURES."**

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& Education**  
career sector.

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# EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER

## LEVEL 2 CACHE

CAMPUS **P S**

Play a big role in shaping young futures with this Level 2 course in Childcare. It'll help prepare you for a rewarding career working with children and encourage you to take responsibility for your own learning.

### What will I study?

Along with the core modules, you'll study:

- The key roles and responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner
- Health and safety of babies and young children in the early years setting
- Equality, diversity and inclusive practice in an early years setting

### What can I do next?

With a Level 2, you'll be well qualified for a wide range of jobs, including a nursery assistant. Or you could progress to the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care or Level 3 in Childcare and Education.

After that you might decide to go to university and take a subject such as Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedic Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Forensic Science and Teaching.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Three GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- A Level 1 qualification in a related field

#### Additional information

You'll need a satisfactory DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.

# CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

## LEVEL 3 CACHE

CAMPUS **P S**

There are so many great reasons to work in childcare and education. Use your creativity to make learning fun. Build long-lasting and rewarding relationships. And make a difference to young people's lives. On this course you'll develop a thorough understanding of childcare and education, not just in the classroom, but through work experience in a variety of childcare settings.

### What will I study?

You'll study:

- Child development from conception to 7 years
- Children's health and wellbeing
- Providing safe environments for children
- Child health
- Play and learning
- Children's additional needs
- Observation, assessment and planning

### What can I do next?

You'll be qualified to apply for supervised job roles – as a home-based child carer, for example, or as a pre-school worker. These can be in the public, voluntary or private sectors.

You could also continue your studies to become a nursery assistant or nursery supervisor. And if you want to go to university, courses in primary education or a foundation degree in Early Years would be the ideal next step.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma and GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above

#### Additional information

You'll need a satisfactory DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.

# ENGINEERING



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**Creative & Digital**  
career sector.

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## ENGINEERING

### LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTORY CERTIFICATE

#### CAMPUS **S**

Begin to explore the exciting world of engineering. This Level 1 course is a great way into the industry, offering a mix of theory and practical work. It can be physically demanding at times, but it's an excellent grounding for further study or applying for jobs.

#### What will I study?

- Organisational skills
- Producing engineering drawings using CAD
- Using a welding process to join materials
- Manufacturing a component using machining processes

#### What can I do next?

Once you've passed this course you could apply for an apprenticeship, traineeship or Supported Internship programme. Or you may want to progress to the Level 2 Engineering course.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths
- As well as your qualifications, we'll expect you to demonstrate a genuine interest in engineering through your interests or experiences

# ENGINEERING

## LEVEL 2 BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

### CAMPUS **S**

Are you good at solving problems? Are you considering a career in one of the many different areas of engineering? This Level 2 course will give you the practical skills you need. There's also a strong emphasis on increasing your mathematical knowledge to get you ready for employment or further study.

#### What will I study?

You'll develop both academic and hands-on skills including:

- Maths
- Health and safety
- Electronic principles
- Welding, fabrication, machining and maintenance techniques

#### What can I do next?

Many of our students have progressed on to the Level 3 course. Some are currently at university studying Engineering. And other students have gone straight on to engineering apprenticeships. You'll have plenty of options!

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at Grade D/3 or above including English Language or Maths
- At least one GCSE must be at Grade 4 or above

# ENGINEERING

## LEVEL 3 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA

### CAMPUS **P S**

Explore how the world works with this practical and stimulating course. It will enable you to develop hands-on skills and a good level of academic knowledge related to engineering. We teach this course through a mixture of classroom-based theory and practical work. You'll get to complete projects and assignments based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands.

#### What will I study?

There are seven core units for this course:

- Engineering principles
- Delivery of engineering processes safely as a team
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- Applied commercial and quality principles in engineering
- Microcontroller systems for engineers
- Calculus to solve engineering problems
- Specialist engineering project

#### What can I do next?

Once you've passed your Level 3 Extended Diploma, you could take a HNC/HND in Engineering, or you may decide you want to go to university, where you can study a wide range of engineering degrees.

If you'd prefer to go out to work, you'll be well qualified to apply for higher level apprenticeships and jobs such as Engineering Operative and Manufacturing Operative.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language
- Grade C/5 or above in GCSE Maths



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IN A JOB THAT  
INVOLVES CARING  
FOR AND HELPING  
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# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTORY CERTIFICATE

CAMPUS **P** **S**

This course will help you understand how sick and vulnerable people are supported in medical centres and the community. And you'll also get an insight into early years education and how you can make sure young people get the best start in life.

### What will I study?

Along with focusing on key skills to help you get ready for work – such as organisational skills and working with others – you'll also develop practical skills in caring, effective methods of communication, how to meet individual needs and how to promote the rights of service users.

### What can I do next?

Many of our students move on to a Level 2 course, or you can progress to work based training such as a pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship or employment.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths

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**“COLLEGE HAS DEVELOPED ME AS A PERSON AND I FEEL READY FOR THE NEXT STEPS IN MY CAREER.”**

**James Brotherton  
Student in the Health,  
Care & Medical sector**

# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

## LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE

CAMPUS **P S**

On this Level 2 course, you'll develop the care and communication skills you need to work with people who have a range of social and medical needs. You'll also learn how to promote the rights of people who use health and social care services.

### What will I study?

Along with core modules in effective communication, you'll also focus on:

- Human lifespan development
- The core values of health and social care
- Healthy living

We'll also encourage you to learn as independently as possible, so that you're prepared for further study or jobs in the health and social care sector.

### What can I do next?

Many students progress on to Level 3 qualifications, specifically the Health & Social Care or Early Years courses, or you can progress to work based training such as an apprenticeship or employment.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Three GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- A Level 1 qualification in a related field

### Additional information

You'll need a satisfactory DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.

# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

## LEVEL 3 NATIONAL FOUNDATION DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P S**

This course will help you develop the knowledge and practical skills you need to work in health and social care, such as the NHS, mental health or the community.

While studying the academic theory at College, you'll have the chance to do work experience in local hospitals and care homes. Plus, you'll get to learn about the industry from real-life midwives, paramedics and social workers.

### What will I study?

Core modules will focus on areas like the principles of safe practice in health and social care. You'll also learn about:

- Human lifespan development
- Meeting individual care and support needs
- Sociological perspectives
- Psychological perspectives

### What can I do next?

Go to university to specialise in an area of health and social care, such as nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, social work or occupational therapy. Or study a related subject like psychology, sociology, health studies or public health.

You could also start work as a care worker, occupational therapy assistant, medical laboratory assistant, social care assistant or phlebotomist.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma or above and GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above

### Additional information

Some health-related degree courses also require Grade C/4 or above in GCSEs Maths and/or Science.

You'll need a satisfactory DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTORY CERTIFICATE

### CAMPUS **S**

If you're thinking of working with computers and would like them to be more than a hobby, then this course is an excellent place to start. It will help you build the practical skills and theoretical knowledge you need to work in IT. You'll also be able to continue to a Level 2 qualification in IT once you finish.

#### What will I study?

Along with core modules that focus on your organisation skills and developing a personal progression plan, you'll study:

- Using digital communication technologies
- Solving technical IT problems
- Creating websites
- Creating digital animated graphics

#### What can I do next?

You could go onto the Level 2 Certificate in IT at USP College. Or you could start an apprenticeship, traineeship or Supported Internship programme.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths
- A genuine interest in IT

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# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## LEVEL 2 OCR CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL

### CAMPUS 5

If you love everything about computers and information technology and would like to make them into a career, this is the perfect course for you. You'll build the practical skills and knowledge you need to work in the IT sector. It will also help you progress into further work-related training or onto a Level 3 ICT course.

#### What will I study?

The course covers a broad range of IT areas, including:

- Animation techniques
- Spreadsheet modelling
- Computer graphics
- Communicating in the IT industry
- Presenting information using IT
- Developing programme solutions
- Databases

You'll do a lot of practical work using computers and other hardware, and you'll gain valuable teamwork experience from group work and projects.

We'll also encourage you to find out about exciting new developments in IT and build work-related skills such as organisation and time management.

#### What can I do next?

After finishing this course, you could progress to the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in IT. There's also the option of doing an apprenticeship in the IT sector (see page 116).

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at Grade D/3 or above including English Language or Maths
- At least one GCSE at Grade C/4 or above



# INFORMATION & CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

LEVEL 2 BTEC FIRST CERTIFICATE

CAMPUS **P**

This is the perfect course for you if you are interested in a career as an IT practitioner or technician. You'll gain a broad knowledge and the practical skills you need to work in the IT sector. It will also help you progress into further work-related training or onto a Level 3 ICT course.

## What will I study?

The course covers a broad range of IT areas, including:

- The online world
- Technology systems
- Digital portfolio
- Mobile app development
- Software development
- Website development

You'll create an online digital portfolio that encompasses all of the units studied to showcase your work, which will be extremely useful when looking for apprenticeships or employment.

You'll also develop work related skills such as time management and team working skills.

## What can I do next?

After finishing this course, you could progress to the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in IT. There's also the option of doing an apprenticeship in the IT sector (see page 116).

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at grade D/3 or above including English Language or Maths
- At least one GCSE at grade C/4 or above

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P S**

This course will help you develop the problem-solving and communication skills needed to thrive in this exciting sector.

Along with teaching you how computer and information systems operate, it will give you an insight into how information and data is used effectively in the workplace. You'll also get to work on real-life briefs with local employers as part of work experience placements.

## What will I study?

As part of the course, you'll take core modules including:

- Information technology systems
- Creating systems to manage information
- Using social media in business
- Programming

As well as optional modules such as:

- Data modelling
- Website development
- Computer games development
- Mobile app development

## What can I do next?

You could either complete a higher-level IT qualification at College or go on to study an IT related subject at university, such as computer science, network engineering, web design and coding.

Former students have also gone on to use their practical skills in apprenticeships and entry-level jobs with local and London-based companies.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths
- or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma and GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade C/4 or above



This course is part of our USP Career College Digital Technologies programme. See page 126 for more information.



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# MEDIA & GAMES DEVELOPMENT

## CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION

LEVEL 2 UAL DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

Want to see your name in the credits at the end of a movie? If so, this is a great place to start. This one year course will introduce you to the many jobs within TV and Film production – from screenwriting, producing, directing, editing and cinematography to starting roles as a runner.

### What will I study?

This course covers the theoretical, practical, creative and technical sides of digital media. We'll be looking broadly at:

- Moving image
- Audio production
- Graphic design
- Research, planning and pitching

### What can I do next?

You can move on to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology course at USP. Or look at courses for games and web development. Alternatively, you could get stuck straight into work in a media field – maybe on a TV or film set.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at grade D/3 or above including English Language and Maths
- At least one GCSE Grade C/4 or above
- GCSE Grade D/3 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media subject is preferred

### Additional information

If you haven't taken a GCSE in Art & Design or a Creative Media subject, you can still show a portfolio of work that shows your passion, ability and commitment to this course.

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# CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION & TECHNOLOGY

LEVEL 3 UAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

This course takes you deeper into the digital media industry. You'll meet media professionals and work on real, client-prepared briefs. There's also the opportunity to visit working media studios.

## What will I study?

During the course you'll look at:

- Characteristics and contexts in media and communication
- Engaging with an audience
- Preparing for progression in creative media production
- Specialist study in creative media production

You'll also complete a final major project in creative media production, which includes a showcase.

## What can I do next?

After the course you can go on to university to study a media field like radio broadcasting, animation or advertising. Start an apprenticeship – or find work in a field like media production, marketing or public relations.

You could also progress internally to the Level 4 Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise, HND Art & Design, HND Creative Digital Media or Foundation Diploma in Art & Design (see page 118).

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma or above and GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above

# GAMES DEVELOPMENT

LEVEL 3 UAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **S**

The gaming industry is big business – and growing fast. From mobile games to consoles to online multiplayer, there's huge scope to work within a niche that you love. This course will teach you the practical skills you need to generate ideas for games, and then build them using various software.

## What will I study?

You'll cover all areas of game development, including what it takes to make the gameplay enjoyable. We run a work experience programme alongside classroom learning to give you the chance to work on live projects. You'll finish the course with a varied portfolio of work that shows off your creative and technical skills.

## What can I do next?

If you want to take your study further, you can do a degree in games design, or go down a more specialised route like digital animation. Alternatively, you can apply for jobs in the computer games industry, as well as TV, advertising and special effects.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Art, Media or ICT is preferable



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# MUSIC



# MUSIC PERFORMANCE & PRODUCTION

LEVEL 2 UAL

CAMPUS **P**

Is music your passion? Here's your chance to explore it further in a really hands-on environment. Our course helps you build on your performance and production techniques. Plus, our teachers will help you to develop your written work, as well as the personal qualities and attitudes you'll need for a successful career in the music industry.

## What will I study?

You'll focus on a variety of projects that cover:

- Music performance and technology
- Skills and techniques
- Live performance
- Mixing and mastering

The course also includes trips and visits to exhibitions, galleries and performances designed to help you appreciate the historical development and contemporary trends within the music industry.

## What can I do next?

Once you have your Level 2 qualification, you can progress to a Level 3 Diploma here at USP College. This could be in Media, Art and Design, or Performing Arts. You might decide you want to work as an apprentice, and you'll be in a great position to do just that.

## What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at Grade D/3 including English Language or Maths
- Grade D/3 in a music subject or independent music grades preferred

## Additional information

You may be asked to attend an audition as part of the interview process.

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# MUSIC PERFORMANCE & PRODUCTION

UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P**

Are you keen to work in the music industry? Do you learn best through experience and doing practical exercises? This course is designed for all music lovers who are serious about turning their passion into a career. You'll build on your talents as a musician and develop both the practical and written skills needed to get a head start.

## What will I study?

You'll study a wide range of areas related to music and media, including:

- Mixing
- Mastering
- Singing
- Playing an instrument
- Recording an EP
- Live performances

## What can I do next?

You could apply for an apprenticeship, or progress into employment such as a music tutor, sound engineer, composer or musician.

You could also progress internally to one of our Level 4 Creative Diploma courses (see page 118) or university.

## What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts or GCSE Drama at grade C/4 or above
- Grade C/4 or above in English Language or Maths

## Additional information

You may be asked to attend an audition as part of the interview process.





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# PERFORMING ARTS

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# PERFORMING & PRODUCTION ARTS

## UAL LEVEL 2 AWARD AND DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

This practical course puts you centre-stage. You'll develop your performing skills and techniques, as well as the personal qualities and attitudes that are so important for a successful career in the performing arts industry.

### What will I study?

This one year course is made up of five individual projects in the areas of:

- Acting skill and technique
- Scripted work
- Devising theatre

Your skills will be assessed through a range of practical and theory-based assignments, workshops and discussions. You'll also keep a logbook to show the creative process you have followed for each of your five projects.

### What can I do next?

This course is a great stepping-stone if you're ready to study Performing Arts or a related subject at Level 3. Or you could look for entry level jobs in the entertainment industry.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at grade D/3 or above including English Language or Maths
- At least one GCSE must be at grade C/4 or above

### Additional information

Depending upon experience, you may be asked to attend an audition as part of the interview process.

# PERFORMING & PRODUCTION ARTS

## UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

If you're a natural-born performer and want to work in the performing arts industry, this course is for you. It will give you an extended opportunity to develop a huge range of acting skills and techniques, as well as your dancing and singing ability.

### What will I study?

Throughout the course you'll learn from experience-based and practical exercises. You'll also develop your reflective, critical and evaluative writing skills so that you develop fully as a performer. Topics covered will include:

- Performing scripted plays
- Improvisation
- Scriptwriting
- Directing
- Contemporary and classical acting techniques
- Performance skills
- Preparing for auditions

### What can I do next?

You could progress internally to a Level 4 Diploma. You could also apply for entry-level jobs in the performance industry so you can get real-world experience and begin to develop your career.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts or GCSE Drama at grade C/4 or above
  - GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above

### Additional information

You may be asked to attend an audition as part of the interview process.

# PHOTOGRAPHY



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# PHOTOGRAPHY

## UAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

This creative, cutting-edge course will introduce you to all aspects of photography. By the time you've finished, you'll have your own professional portfolio, ideal for job interviews or continued study.

### What will I study?

You'll gain a unique insight into individual areas of photography such as:

- How to compile stylish, independent imagery
- Digital animation
- Fine art installation
- Self-published books
- Photoshop editing
- Darkroom wet processes and techniques

You'll also become a part of our College Company, Live Creative (see page 12). This will give you the chance to carry out assignments that could be published by local companies and businesses.

### What can I do next?

Once you've completed a Level 3 course, you'll be in a great position to apply for apprenticeships and jobs in areas such as advertising, publishing, print and media. You could also continue your studies at USP College with a Foundation Diploma or HND in Art & Design (see page 118). You'll also have the option of applying to university or a specialist arts college.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
- or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma and GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above
  - Grade C/4 or above in an Art, Design or Media based GCSE is preferred

### Additional information

When you attend your interview, you'll be asked to present a portfolio of work that shows your commitment and potential.

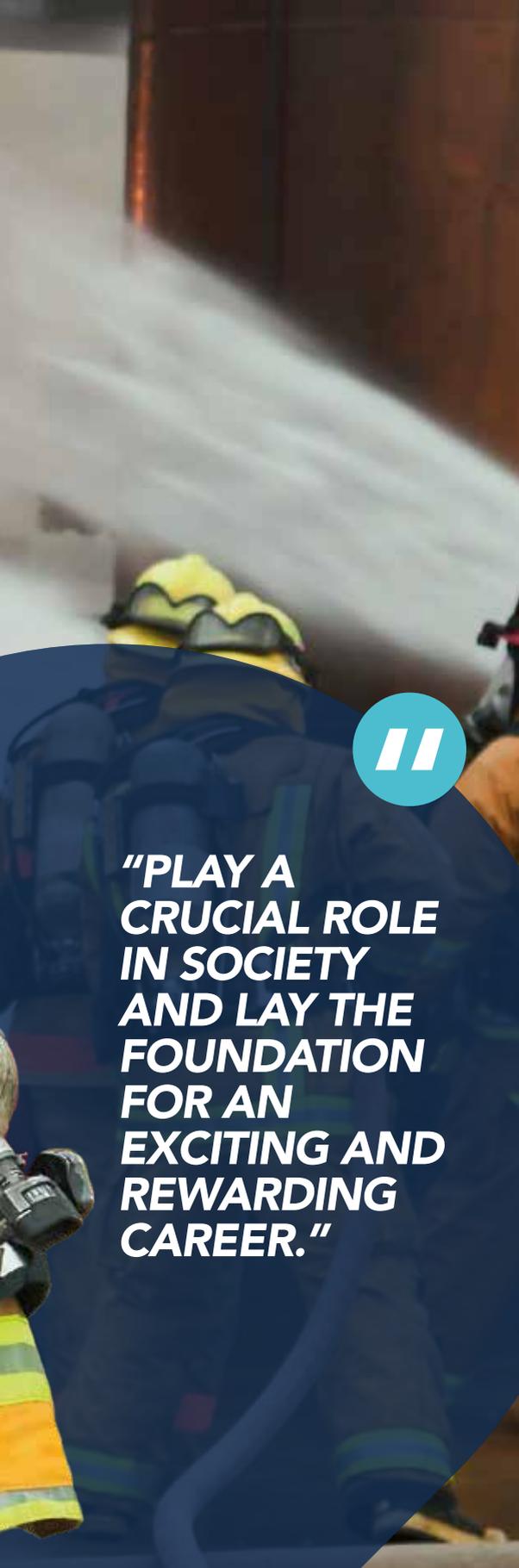
# PUBLIC SERVICES



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IN SOCIETY  
AND LAY THE  
FOUNDATION  
FOR AN  
EXCITING AND  
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CAREER.”**

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### LEVEL 3 BTEC DIPLOMA

#### CAMPUS **S**

This Level 3 Diploma will build on the practical skills needed to work in Public Services such as the police force, emergency services and the armed forces. It will also cover relevant theoretical issues – from understanding the impact of war through to citizenship and diversity.

#### What will I study?

Core modules include:

- Government public services policy
- Leadership and teamwork
- Understanding the impact of war, conflict and terrorism
- Land-based outdoor skills
- Discipline in the uniformed services
- Fitness testing and training

#### What can I do next?

You'll be very well placed to apply for jobs in the public and emergency services sector as well as related civilian organisations. There are also plenty of higher education and university courses you could consider, especially if you want to work in government or the Civil Service.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma and GCSE English Language or Maths at Grade C/4 or above

#### Additional information

You have the option to study Applied Criminology alongside this course. See page 37 for more information on the Applied Criminology course.

# SCIENCE



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# APPLIED SCIENCE

## LEVEL 2 AWARD

CAMPUS **P** **S**

A great choice if you're a budding scientist, this course will broaden your practical and investigative skills and give you a strong grounding in biology, chemistry and physics.

### What will I study?

Working in the classroom and laboratory, you'll study units like:

- Applications of chemical substances
- Applications of physical science
- Health applications of life science
- Core scientific skills

### What can I do next?

This course prepares you for our Level 3 Science courses in Biomedical Science or Forensic and Analytical Science. These are equivalent to A-Levels and will take you closer to university study or jobs in the science sector.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at Grade D/3 or above and one GCSE at Grade C/4
- Grade D/3 or above in Science
- Grade D/3 or above in GCSE Maths
- Grade D/3 or above in GCSE English Language

# BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

LEVEL 3 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

This highly practical Level 3 course is ideal if you want to pursue a career in the medical field, including medical science, nursing, radiography or one of the many other fields in the NHS.

## What will I study?

You'll gain a broad understanding of scientific principles including practical microbiological skills, health and diseases, chemical analysis, genetics and genetic engineering. You'll study all three science disciplines, with a focus towards the biomedical field and is ideal for those who thrive in a hands-on style of learning. Topics you will study include:

- Principles and Applications of Science
- Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
- Microbiology and Microbiological Techniques
- Diseases and Infections
- Medical Physics

## What can I do next?

This will prepare you well for a career in science, particularly in the NHS and other biomedical fields. Alternatively, you could apply for a degree in subjects like Pharmacy, Biomedicine, Forensics and Zoology.

# FORENSIC & ANALYTICAL SCIENCE

LEVEL 3 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

Learn how science applies to criminal and legal investigations on this fascinating course. It's the perfect foundation if you're interested in a career as a scene of crime officer, analytical scientist, toxicologist or laboratory technician.

You'll develop the required practical techniques as well as a deeper knowledge of the biology, chemistry and physics that underpins modern forensics.

## What will I study?

Year one focuses on building your scientific skills. In year two you'll be able to specialise in a particular area of forensics by choosing from a range of optional units. Topics include:

- Principles and applications of science
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques
- Forensic evidence collection and analysis
- Applications of organic chemistry
- Genetics and genetic engineering

## What can I do next?

After USP College, many students choose to study Forensic Science at university. You can also branch out into biochemistry, analytical sciences and degree apprenticeships.

## What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (not equivalents)



You'll need to buy a lab coat from the College. This will cost approximately £10\*.

## What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Grade C/4 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (or equivalent)



You'll need to buy a lab coat from the College. This will cost approximately £10\*.



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# SECRETARIAL

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# LEGAL SECRETARY/ PERSONAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

## LEVEL 2 CILEX CERTIFICATE

CAMPUS **P** **S**

This course is ideal if you are interested in seeking employment within a legal environment as a legal secretary, but is equally suitable for anyone who wishes to work within a business environment as an Administrative Assistant, Team Secretary or Personal Assistant.

### What will I study?

In year one you'll complete the Level 2 CILEX Certificate for Legal Secretaries, moving on to the Level 3 course in year two. The modules over both years include:

- Level 2 legal text processing
- Level 2 legal audio processing
- Working in the legal environment
- Speed keying
- Proofreading in the legal environment.
- English skills

### What can I do next?

You can progress on to the Level 3 CILEX Certificate which will put you in great position to apply for work in the legal, banking and insurance sectors, as well as fashion, publishing, marketing, media, architecture, design, event management and government.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs (minimum) Grade D/3 or above including English Language. At least one GCSE needs to be at grade C/4 or above.
- Students will be accepted with Level 2 BTEC Diploma (or equivalent) at Pass level and English Language at Level D/3.

# LEGAL SECRETARY/ PERSONAL ASSISTANT DIPLOMA

## LEVEL 3 CILEX DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

With a CILEX Diploma you'll feel confident in applying for jobs such as legal secretary, administrative assistant, personal assistant or team secretary. You'll have the administrative skills to work your way up in a range of fast-paced professional sectors.

### What will I study?

In year one you'll complete the Level 2 CILEX Diploma for Legal Secretaries, moving on to the Level 3 course in year two. The modules over both years include:

- Level 3 legal text processing
- Level 3 legal audio processing
- Working in the legal environment
- Speed keying
- Proofreading in the legal environment.
- Legal spreadsheet processing
- Legal presentation techniques

### What can I do next?

A CILEX Diploma at Level 3 puts you in prime position to apply for work in the legal, banking and insurance sectors, as well as fashion, publishing, marketing, media, architecture, design, event management and government. Or you might choose to continue your studies and qualify as a legal executive or licensed conveyancer.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4, including English Language
- Students will be accepted with Level 2 BTEC Diploma (or equivalent) at Merit Level and English Language at Grade C/4



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EXCITING AND FAST-  
GROWING INDUSTRY."**

# SPORT



# ADVANCED PERSONAL TRAINER

## LEVEL 3 ACTIVE IQ DIPLOMA

### CAMPUS **S**

If you have an interest in fitness, sport, strength and conditioning and active leisure, this two year diploma will give you the skills and knowledge to make your passion your profession. You'll be able to explore careers across a wide range of sports and health clubs. Or you could even set up your own business – for example, as a personal trainer. You will also benefit from weekly work experience, increasing employment prospects at the end of the course.

#### What will I study?

- Principles of anatomy
- Physiology and fitness
- Planning and instructing gym-based exercise
- Principles of customer care
- Working in active leisure facilities
- Technology in sport and exercise
- Programme design for personal training

#### What can I do next?

With this diploma you'll qualify for the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPs), giving you the chance to become a gym instructor, personal trainer, leisure assistant or leisure duty manager.

Or, if you want to take your studies to the next level, you could study for a degree such as our BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Performance, run in partnership with Writtle University College (see page 118).

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
  - Grade C/4 or above in any GCSE Science
- or
- A BTEC Diploma at Level 2 or above and GCSE English Language or Maths at Grade C/4 or above

# SPORT

## LEVEL 1 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA

### CAMPUS **S**

If you love to stay active and see yourself working in the exciting world of sport and leisure, this course is a great first step. You'll explore the main concepts within sport and learn about key areas such as human anatomy and how it relates to sport, nutrition and sports psychology.

#### What will I study?

You'll study various aspects of the sport and leisure industry and:

- Take part in a range of exercise and fitness modules
- Learn how to improve your own fitness
- Discover job opportunities in sport and active leisure
- UK Sports Leaders Level 2 Qualification in Sports Leadership

You'll also develop the functional skills you'll need in the workplace, such as English and Maths.

#### What can I do next?

You could progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Sport or you may like to transfer to a higher level of our Health and Social Care pathway. You could also apply for an apprenticeship, traineeship or our Supported Internship programme if you'd like to get work experience.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths

# SPORT

## LEVEL 2 BTEC CERTIFICATE

CAMPUS **P** **S**

Develop the practical skills and theoretical knowledge you'll need to thrive in the fast-moving sports and leisure industry. You'll learn about human anatomy and how it relates to sport, plus a range of practical topics including fitness, training, testing and how to lead sports activities.

### What will I study?

Core modules will include:

- Fitness for sport and exercise
- Practical sports performance
- Human anatomy and physiology
- UK Sports Leaders Level 2 Qualification in Sports Leadership

You'll also focus on building functional skills like Maths and English and develop the communication and presentation skills needed for this customer-facing sector.

### What can I do next?

Once you've completed your Level 2 BTEC you could apply for a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science or the Level 3 Advanced Personal Trainer. Alternatively, you might decide you want to apply for an apprenticeship or full-time work within the Sports and Leisure industry.

# SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE

## LEVEL 3 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAMPUS **P** **S**

A blended approach of practical and theory, this advanced course will teach you about health and fitness, coaching, nutrition and sport research. As a student athlete, you'll also be able to combine your studies with full-time training in our USP Storm Academy (see page 24).

### What will I study?

Core modules will focus on:

- Functional anatomy
- Applied sport and exercise psychology
- Sport and exercise physiology
- Field and lab-based fitness testing
- Research methods
- Coaching for performance and fitness
- Nutrition for sport and exercise performance
- UK Sports Leaders Level 2 and Level 3 Qualification in Sports Leadership, Maths and English

### What can I do next?

Move on to university and study a sports-related degree in Strength and Conditioning, Sport and Exercise Science, Sports Therapy or PE Teaching. Or you could progress internally to the BSc (Hons) Degree in Sport Science & Coaching (see page 118). Or you could set up your own business as a personal trainer, become a coach or work in a gym or health studio.

### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at grade D/3 or above including English Language, Maths and/or any Science would also be an advantage
- At least one GCSE must be grade C/4 or above
- Grade D/3 or above in any sport-related GCSE

### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths
  - Grade C/4 or above in any Science GCSE
- or
- A Level 2 BTEC Diploma and GCSE English Language or Maths at Grade C/4 or above
  - Grade C/4 or above in any Science GCSE



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# TRAVEL & TOURISM

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## LEVEL 2 BTEC

### CAMPUS **S**

If you love travel and learning about different places, our Level 2 BTEC will open up a whole world of possibilities. You'll learn about customer service, world-wide destinations, and the impact of different time zones. Plus, you'll have the chance to get a UK travel industry-accredited certificate.

#### What will I study?

This one year course combines role-plays, map work and teamwork, and focuses on areas including:

- UK travel and tourism industry
- Travel and tourism business environments
- UK destinations
- Customer service experience
- Airports and airlines
- International travel and tourism study visit
- Organising a travel and tourism study visit
- Holiday representatives

#### What can I do next?

Take your studies to the next level with a Level 3 Extended Diploma. Or, if you feel you're ready to get your career started, you'll have a fantastic qualification on your CV and a great chance to secure a job in the travel and tourism sector.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Four GCSEs at Grade D/3 or above including English Language and Maths
- At least one GCSE must be Grade C/4 or above
- You should be able to show an interest in the travel industry and a desire to learn about different destinations

# TRAVEL & TOURISM

## LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

### CAMPUS **S**

With this Extended Diploma, you'll create opportunities for an exciting career which will help you develop a huge range of transferable skills – and may even get you travelling around the world!

#### What will I study?

Core units include:

- World of travel and tourism
- Global destinations
- Managing the customer experience in travel and tourism
- Travel and tourism enterprises

Additional units include:

- Working overseas
- Work experience in travel and tourism
- Specialist tourism
- Sustainable tourism
- The airport experience
- Events, conferences and exhibitions

#### What can I do next?

You could apply for jobs in retail and business, travel or hospitality and airport operations. For example, you could become a holiday representative, cruise reservation agent or cabin crew member.

Further study is also an excellent option. This diploma allows you to go to university to study a range of travel and tourism-related degrees, such as Aviation Management, Event Management or Travel and Tourism Management.

#### What do I need to study this course?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths or
- A Level 2 BTEC and GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above





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– IT’S ABOUT  
GETTING READY TO  
LIVE A FULL AND  
HAPPY LIFE.”**

Our College and work-based Foundation Learning courses are designed to help you build the skills, knowledge and confidence to live and work independently. They’re ideal for students with a recognised learning difficulty or disability who learn best with a bit of extra support.

Class sizes are kept small so teachers can give everyone the attention they need. And because we’ve got strong links with secondary and specialist schools in the area, we can make sure your move from school to College is as smooth as possible.

You’ll get to study a range of subjects while doing work experience placements, so you’ll be ready to apply for other courses at College or jobs when you finish. You can choose to take additional study programmes, such as Functional Maths and English and Personal & Social Development. Plus, you’ll have the chance to go on exciting trips, make friends and have inspiring new experiences.

# FOUNDATION

## OUR FOUNDATION COURSES

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# PATHWAYS

CAMPUS **P S**

Maybe you want to continue your studies but think you'll need a bit of extra support because you have a recognised learning difficulty or disability. Or perhaps you want to start a career – but aren't sure how. Either way, Pathways will help you develop the all important independent learning and living skills you'll need. You'll study in a supported environment and we'll help you make decisions about what you want to do next.

## What will I study?

You'll get to study a wide range of subjects so you can find out what you like and what you're good at. The vocational modules include:

- Creative
- Business and enterprise
- Digital media and ICT
- Hospitality
- Land management
- Life and sport

The course is a mixture of study in classrooms and practical sessions on and off site, with regular trips to help you boost your confidence and social skills. You will also study Functional Skills or GCSEs in English and Maths to give your CV a boost.

## What can I do next?

A lot of people who finish Pathways go on to other courses at USP College in subjects like Animal Care, Sport, Media or Health & Social Care. You could also do the Supported Internship, which is a work-based learning course.

### What do I need to study this course?

You don't need any formal qualifications to do this programme. It's designed for young people with a recognised learning difficulty and/or disability. If you're 19+, you'll need an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP) before you start.

# SKILLS TO EMPLOYMENT PROGRESSION (STEP)

CAMPUS **S**

STEP is a full-time work-based study programme that helps you boost your problem-solving and teamwork skills so that you'll be ready to apply for a job. It will also give you the chance to improve your Maths and English at all levels. This breaks down these subjects into smaller units so you can study at your own pace.

## What will I study?

This course is a mixture of classroom study and work experience placements, which aim to build your practical skills. The core modules focus on subjects such as:

- How to be employable - interview skills, job searching and writing the best CV
- Developing Maths and English
- Confidence and team-building

Throughout the course you'll also build a portfolio to show how much progress you've made.

## What can I do next?

Once finished, you'll be well set to look for paid employment or apply for an apprenticeship in an area that interests you.

### What do I need to study this course?

You don't need any formal qualifications, just enthusiasm and good attendance and be ready to work.

# SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

CAMPUS **P S**

We know that going out into the world of work can be daunting. That's why we offer a one year Supported Internship to all students up to the age of 25 with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). It's designed to help you learn new skills, gain confidence, and feel ready to live independently and apply for your first job.

## What will I study?

You'll work towards getting a qualification in English and Maths and Employability, or another Personal Social Development (PSD) award. You'll spend up to three days doing voluntary work with a local employer. At College, you'll spend your time:

- Improving your English and Maths
- Learning to solve problems
- Completing job application forms
- Getting ready for interviews
- Studying health and safety at work

An experienced job coach will support you throughout the course at College and at your work placement.

## What can I do next?

You could do an apprenticeship in a subject like business and administration. Voluntary work in the community or possibly gain employment.

# LEVEL 1 IN VOCATIONAL STUDIES

CAMPUS **P S**

The Level 1 in Vocational Studies will help you make a really positive start to your studies and give you the confidence to carry on with a subject that you enjoy. And it's not all hard work. As part of this programme, you'll have some fantastic opportunities to see new places and learn new skills. You could go on trips to places like Colchester Zoo.

## What will I study?

The course's core modules focus on key skills like learning how to be organised. There are other units you can study which look at:

- Planning and promoting events
- Healthy lifestyles
- Art
- Designing a product

As part of this course, you'll hear from professionals who work in varied career sectors like recruitment, social work and sport.

## What can I do next?

Many of our students go on to a Level 2 course, such as BTECs in Health & Social Care, Business or Childcare & Early Years. You could also take our STEP course (Skills to Employment Progression) or apply for apprenticeships.

## What do I need to study this course?

This Supported Internship is designed for young people with a recognised learning difficulty and/or a disability who are eager to continue their studies and prepare them for adulthood.

You'll also need:

- Good attendance and commitment
- An Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

## What do I need to study this course?

You don't need any formal qualifications. Build the skills you need to get the most out of College – and have fun along the way!



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# LEVEL 1 PRINCE'S TRUST ACHIEVE PROGRAMME

## CAMPUS **S**

This Access to College course will give you the confidence you need to go on to further study or the workplace. You'll be able to try out new activities, develop your talents – and you'll gain a recognised Prince's Trust qualification to put on your CV.

### What will I study?

As part of the programme, you'll:

- Work in small groups, meet new people and make new friends
- Put your entrepreneurial skills to the test
- Understand your finances and how to budget
- Create a strong CV and get interview practice
- Develop your communication and teamwork skills on a community project
- Improve your Maths and English skills

### What can I do next?

You could progress to a Level 1 BTEC in Health and Social Care, Animal Care, Sport, Media and Business. Or you could get yourself ready for employment with an apprenticeship or a course like STEP (Skills to Progression Employment).



**Prince's Trust**

### What do I need to study this course?

You don't need any formal qualifications.

# LEVEL 1 PRINCE'S TRUST TEAM PROGRAMME

## CAMPUS **B**

The Prince's Trust Team Programme is a 12 week personal development course. Ideal for people aged 16 to 25, it's designed to improve your confidence, motivation and the skills you'll need for work. It's also completely free and won't affect your Jobseeker's Allowance. You'll finish the course with a Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills.

### What will I study?

When you come on board, you'll:

- Take on your own group community project, making a positive difference to the place where you live
- Take part in an action-packed residential trip
- Get two weeks' work experience in something you're interested in
- Develop your English and Maths skills

As part of the course, we also spend time developing your interview skills and CV to make sure you are confident and ready to apply for jobs.

### What can I do next?

You could go into the world of work, apply for an apprenticeship or consider taking further courses here at USP College.

### What do I need to study this course?

You don't need any formal qualifications.

# APPRENTICESHIPS



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LEARN”**

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ITEC has been running apprenticeships for over 35 years and has an outstanding pass rate, making it a great place to take the first steps into your career.

Lasting between 12 and 24 months, each apprenticeship is designed to help you develop the skills employers want. They're flexible, too – with many working on a roll-on, roll-off contract basis, you're able to start at any time of the year. And you'll gain a nationally-recognised qualification when you finish.

#### **What can I study?**

- Accounting (AAT)
- Business Administration
- Childcare
- Infrastructure Technician
- Network Engineer
- Teaching Assistant

#### **What does it involve?**

You'll be in the workplace four days a week and will be paid a minimum of £3.90 per hour\*. During this time, you'll be working alongside experienced specialists so this is a great chance to learn relevant skills.

On the other day, you'll be learning the theory behind the latest thinking and developments in your chosen industry.

#### **Why choose an apprenticeship?**

- Earn a salary and receive paid holiday
- Learn at your own pace
- Work with industry-standard facilities and resources
- Be taught by teachers with industry experience
- Develop transferable skills, such as time management and organisation

#### **What can I do next?**

- Progress on to a higher or degree apprenticeship or related professional qualification
- Continue your studies at university
- Secure a full-time job

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HE COURSES"**

**£1,000 Bursary per year for  
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who progress on to the  
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Years, Health Promotion &  
Social Care or Sport Science  
degree courses.**

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If you've successfully completed a Level 3 qualification, we have a range of higher education programmes you could progress onto. From Sport Science & Coaching to Creative Digital Media, these stimulating courses will equip you with degree-level skills and knowledge, ideal for applying for jobs or further study.

#### **Why study Higher Education at USP College?**

- Inspiring university-level courses on your doorstep
- Small class sizes
- Outstanding support
- Save thousands of pounds on living and accommodation costs.

#### **Guaranteed place**

What's more, if you've completed your relevant Level 3 course with us and you meet our entry requirements, you'll be guaranteed a place on your higher education course of choice.

#### **Student finance**

If you're not sure how you'll fund your studies, don't worry. There are a number of options available that could help you pay, including tuition fee loans and maintenance grants. For more information, visit [gov.uk/student-finance](http://gov.uk/student-finance), email [yourfuture@uspcollege.ac.uk](mailto:yourfuture@uspcollege.ac.uk) or call 01268 882 666.

Find out more at  
**[uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk)**

#### **Choose from:**

- **Art & Design**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND
- **Business**>  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND
- **Business Management\***  
Level 4/5 Foundation Diploma
- **Computing**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND
- **Creative Digital Media**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND
- **Early Years\***  
Level 4/5 Foundation Degree
- **Education Studies & Early Years\***  
Level 6 BA (Hons) Degree (Top-up)
- **Health Promotion & Social Care\***  
Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree
- **Sport Science & Coaching+**  
Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree

\* Validated by the University of Hertfordshire

> Validated by the Oxford Business College

+ Validated by Writtle University College

# ADULT EDUCATION



**IF YOU'VE NOT COMPLETED A LEVEL 2 OR 3 COURSE ALREADY, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO STUDY FOR FREE!\***

Find out more at  
**uspcollege.ac.uk**



\* Subject to funding, call 01268 882 618 for more information. For example for Access to HE if you are aged 19-24 and have not previously completed a Level 3 course, you could study for free. If not, the Advanced Learner Loan is likely to cover the course costs as above.

+ Visit our website to find out more.

We believe learning should be for everybody, whatever your age, qualifications or experience. So, whether you want to return to education, go to university, or simply refresh your qualifications, our adult courses will help you get started.

If you're 19 or over and studying an eligible Level 3 or 4 course, you could qualify for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your studies+. You won't have to start paying back the loan until you're earning £26,575 or more. Plus, if you study an Access to Higher Education Level 3 course and go on to complete a degree, your loan will be written off by the government.

**Advanced Learner Loan**



### Helping you fund your studies

We might be able to offer you help with course-related costs through our Discretionary Learner or Childcare Support Funds. To find out which options could apply to you, visit [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk) or contact Admissions on 01268 882 618.

### Our courses include:

- GCSE English Language Level 2
- GCSE Maths Level 2
- Accounting (AAT) Level 2
- Accounting (AAT) Level 3
- Accounting (AAT) Level 4

### Access to Higher Education Level 3:

For those aged 19+ who would like to go on to study at degree level but don't yet have the entry qualifications (you need GCSE English or Maths to start):

- Business
- Criminology & Social Science
- Health Professionals
- Law & Business
- Social Care & Social Work
- Social Science & Humanities
- Teaching & Education

### Education & Training Level 5 Diploma

### Support for Teaching & Learning Level 3 NCFE Diploma

### UAL Level 3-4 Diplomas:

- Level 3-4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
- Level 4 Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise

# WORK EXPERIENCE

**Find a career you'll love and strengthen your CV with exciting and meaningful work experience opportunities.**

**Our dedicated teams are here to help you find them.**

We work in partnership with many employers, in many different sectors, including organisations both locally and in the City of London where we work closely with leading legal and financial employers.

In addition, students are provided with opportunities to participate in employer programmes to support specific career pathways such as Teaching and Investments.

## **Why do it?**

Nowadays, all employers – from the multinational to small businesses – value candidates who have work experience. It's a fantastic way to:

- Develop skills like problem-solving, communication and team work.
- Learn how to prioritise your time as you balance studies with everyday responsibilities.
- Connect with people in your chosen industry and create a network for future jobs.

It will also look great on job, apprenticeship or university applications. Students have been offered holiday work and even part-time jobs. Some are offered full-time jobs by their placement provider for when they finish College. Everyone gets some kind of feedback or reference from their employer.

# WORK



**“WE ENGAGE WITH MORE THAN 1750 EMPLOYERS IN RELATION TO WORK PLACEMENTS, INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS AND RECRUITMENT FOR TRAINEE PROGRAMMES.”**

**I'm studying for a Professional qualification – do I have to do work experience?**

Yes! A big part of taking a Professional route is building your confidence in the workplace. You'll need to:

- Do at least 30 hours of work experience placements per year – this could be a block week placement, or a whole day each week, depending on your timetable.
- Be prepared to pay for some aspects of your placement, if they apply – for example, transport costs to/from your placement. Talk to Student Services if you think you may be eligible for a bursary (see page 132 for more bursary information).

Some of our professional courses, such as Health & Social Care, Early Years and Animal Care include extended placements. These involve working one or two days a week for a longer period of time.

**What if I'm doing A-Levels?**

You can of course still do a placement if it fits in with your studies. Simply talk to our Work Experience team in the library at the Seevic or Palmer's Campus. They'll find out more about what you're interested in and help you to find suitable opportunities.



**“I REALLY ENJOYED  
THE NEW  
EXPERIENCES AND  
OPPORTUNITIES  
AT COLLEGE AND  
GAINED REAL LIFE  
SKILLS HERE.”**

**Sam Wildish  
Former Student**

# USP FUTURES

**Give something back to your community. Gain valuable skills you can't get in the classroom. And have fun along the way. Our USP Futures coaches can help you find some inspiring opportunities.**

## **Why volunteer?**

Like work experience, voluntary service offers you the chance to build your skills and get a taste of different professional sectors – ideal if you're not sure about what career you'd like to do.

It's also a great way to look beyond College and see that there's more to life than just getting good grades. By helping others, you can find out more about the world, understand the difficulties people face, and be part of an important community.

## **USP Volunteers**

Our USP Futures programme runs from September to May. During this time:

- You will need to commit to a minimum of 30 hours within an agreed timescale. It could be a couple of hours a week, a morning, an afternoon, or a whole day a week, or a week during College holidays, or a combination - whenever you have free time on your timetable. You can also choose to undertake more than one placement in an academic year.
- You will need to complete a work readiness check prior to the start of your placement.
- Your USP Futures coach will provide you with ongoing support during your placement and help you create a LinkedIn profile. You will also receive a certificate of achievement on the successful completion of each placement.

# CAREER COLLEGES

**"WE WILL  
EQUIP YOU  
WITH THE  
SKILLS YOU  
NEED TO  
SUCCEED."**



**Career  
Colleges®**

**USP College has teamed up with Career Colleges to deliver industry led qualifications and education in Professional & Financial Services and Digital Technologies.**

We can help you take the next step to a fulfilling career by equipping you with the skills and experience you need to succeed, by combining academic and vocational studies.

Our Career Colleges courses have been specifically designed with employers, so you can be sure that you'll leave us equipped with the skills they are looking for. You can get involved in real life industry projects and gain invaluable experience through an enhanced work placement with a relevant employer in the sector.

**Courses on offer:**

## **USP Career College Professional & Financial Services**

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### **Business**

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma  
(see page 66)

## **USP Career College Digital Technologies**

.....

### **Information Technology**

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma  
(see page 79)



**"TO HELP YOU GAIN THE SKILLS YOU NEED FOR THE JOB AND CAREER YOU WANT, IT MAKES SENSE THAT YOUR COURSES ARE DESIGNED WITH EMPLOYERS."**



# YOUR NEXT STEPS

**You deserve to leave College feeling ready for the wider world. That's why, whatever stage you're at in planning for your future, we'll give you the support and guidance you need to make informed decisions.**

If you'd like to go straight into the workplace, our experienced Careers Advisors will help you explore your options. We've got excellent connections with regional employers and run careers fairs attended by national employers and training providers. We can also advise on apprenticeships.

Alternatively, perhaps you've got your heart set on going to university. Or maybe you think you'd like to go but are not sure what to study. Our Careers Advisors will help you every step of the way, from choosing the right course and university to completing your UCAS application form.

You can look forward to advice on how to write a good personal statement, talks about different careers, and trips to look around different universities.

Previous students have gone on to top universities including the University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University of Bath, University of Exeter and Loughborough University. If you dream of following in their footsteps, we'll do everything we can to help you make it happen.



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**"SUPPORTING  
YOU EVERY  
STEP OF  
THE WAY."**

# JOINING USP COLLEGE

**“NOT SURE  
WHAT TO  
STUDY?  
GET ADVICE  
FROM OUR  
CAREERS  
ADVISORS”**



**We've made applying to USP College as straightforward as possible. Simply complete our online application form at**

**[uspcollege.ac.uk](https://uspcollege.ac.uk)**

## **Choosing the right course**

Whether you plan to go to university, get an apprenticeship, or find a job, it's really important to choose courses that will help you achieve your ambitions.

If you're not sure which courses to take, come along to one of our Open Evenings (see page 142). Alternatively, book a careers interview with one of our fully-qualified Careers Advisors. You can reach them via email at [careers@uspcollege.ac.uk](mailto:careers@uspcollege.ac.uk), or by phoning Seevic Campus on 01268 756 111 or Palmer's Campus on 01375 370 121.

## **Tuition fees**

If you are a UK citizen and have lived in the UK for the past three years, are under 19 on 31 August 2021 at the start of your course and are taking your first 'full width' Level 3 qualification, you won't have to pay tuition fees.

If you are an EU citizen please contact our Admissions team at [admissions@uspcollege.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@uspcollege.ac.uk) for further information regarding tuition fees.

For information on the fees for our Adult Education and Higher Education courses, please visit our website at [uspcollege.ac.uk](https://uspcollege.ac.uk).

## **Resource and course costs**

With some of our courses – for example, Art & Design – we'll charge you for some of the resources you use. You will also go on some exciting trips as part of your course (e.g. theatre trips for Performing Arts students) which you will have to pay for.

However, if you have low household income you may be eligible for assistance with these costs. Please see our Bursary guidance on page 132.

We also charge all students a book fee; we'll give you more information about this when you enrol.

# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

1

## Application

As soon as we've received your application, we'll email or write to you to let you know it's arrived safely. Our Admissions team will then process it.

2

## Application meeting

Next, we'll invite you for an informal chat, either in person or virtually, about your application. This is a chance to discuss your options and course choices and tell us about any support you might need. We'll tell you there and then whether we're able to offer you a place and what courses you can take.

3

## Offer

After your application meeting, we'll send you an offer in writing.

4

## Welcome Day\*

We'll invite you into College at the start of July to find out more about the course(s) you've chosen. You'll be able to look around, explore our College facilities, and ask questions.

5

## Enrolment\*

If your course starts in September, we'll send you details of when you need to enrol during the summer. Enrolment starts from the day GCSE results are released, normally the third week in August. Please be aware of this when planning your holidays.

\* Depending on the Covid-19 situation and government advice at the time, these events may take place virtually.

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

## Vulnerable Bursary

Young people who are under the age of 19 on 31 August 2021 and are:

- In care
- Care leavers
- In receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name
- Disabled young people in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance (ESA) (or Universal Credit in place of ESA) and either Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in their name

## Discretionary Bursary

If you're from a low-income household and are aged between 16 and 18, on 31 August 2021, you may be eligible for our Discretionary Bursary. This will give you financial support towards:

- Course costs such as equipment and trips
- Transport costs
- Childcare costs
- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) costs (if required for your course)

You can apply for a Discretionary Bursary when you enrol.

## Free meals

If you're eligible for either the Vulnerable Bursary or the Discretionary Bursary, you'll also be entitled to receive free College meals for any day that you are timetabled for three hours or more.



**"IF YOUR FAMILY IS ON A LOW INCOME, WE'LL GIVE YOU A HELPING HAND"**

**We can offer you a wide range of financial support depending on your individual circumstances.**

## Further information

You can also find out more about the financial support we offer and whether you're eligible for one of our bursaries or other help by visiting [uspcollege.ac.uk](https://www.uspcollege.ac.uk) or calling our Admissions team on **01268 882 618**.

# FAQS

## **Where do USP College students come from?**

Students join us from more than 100 schools across South Essex and London.

## **Can I study a subject if I haven't taken it at GCSE?**

Yes, you can study some subjects without any previous knowledge or experience. However, other subjects require a certain GCSE level.

## **I'm in Year 12. Can I complete my A-Levels at USP College?**

Please contact our Admissions Team on 01268 882 618 or [admissions@uspcollege.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@uspcollege.ac.uk) to discuss your options.

## **Can I choose any combination of A-Level subjects?**

Most students are able to study the combination of courses they want. However, in some circumstances, we may advise you to reconsider your choices. For example, you may want to study subjects that we feel are best not studied together. If you have a particular career in mind, our career pathways will help you choose. See page 10 for more information.

Once you've applied, we'll ask you to come for an informal application meeting so that we can talk about your choices.

## **How will my lessons take place if we go back into lockdown due to Covid-19?**

If the College or individual classes or curriculum bubbles have to close or self-isolate due to Covid-19, lessons will be delivered online using a blend of immersive and virtual classrooms and the College's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

## **I can't decide what courses to write on my application form – what should I do?**

Don't worry – what you write on your form doesn't have to be your final choice! You can change your courses when you come for your application meeting. You can even change your mind after you've received your GCSE results. We'll discuss any changes you want to make before you start your course.

## **Can I get more information about the courses you offer?**

Yes. The course pages on our website offer detailed information, including the modules that you'll study.

## **What happens if you offer me a place but I don't get the grades I need?**

If you don't get the GCSE results you wanted, stay calm. We'll be here to discuss your options and give you advice about the best way forward.

## **Do you offer careers advice?**

Yes. We have dedicated Careers Advisors who can give you one-to-one advice and support. To book an appointment, simply email [careers@uspcollege.ac.uk](mailto:careers@uspcollege.ac.uk) or call 01268 882 666.

## **How and when should I apply?**

There's no formal deadline but we suggest you apply as early as possible by completing our online application form at [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk). For help and guidance on how to do this, see page 130.

## HOW TO GET TO OUR

# SEEVIC CAMPUS

**OUR SEEVIC  
CAMPUS IS IN  
BENFLEET, JUST  
OFF THE A13.**

### By car

You can easily access the campus from the A127 or A13. Please use the postcode SS7 1TW on your satnav. We offer free parking but can't guarantee every student a space.

### By bike

You're very welcome to cycle to our Seevic Campus. There are covered shelters for locking up your bike.

### By bus

The following buses currently serve our Seevic Campus:

Arriva - 1

First - 21, 25B, 27, 27A, 28

We recommend you contact the local bus companies for further information, as routes and prices are subject to change. We also offer our own bus service - see page 136.

### By train

Benfleet station, on the Fenchurch Street line, and Rayleigh station, on the Liverpool Street line, are the nearest stations to the College.

Discounted student season tickets are available on the Southend to Fenchurch Street line.

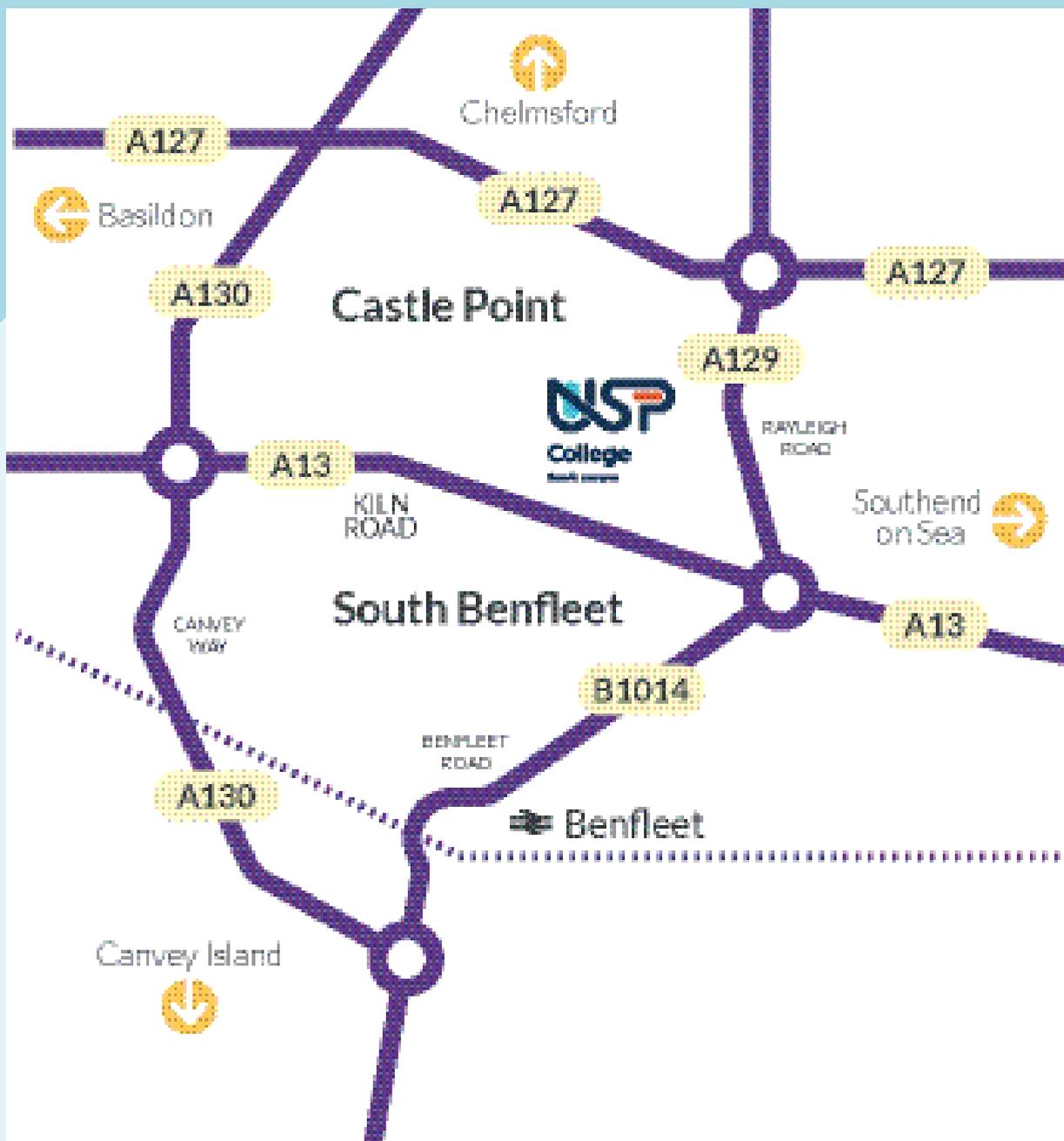
Students can register online for a c2c Smartcard at [c2c-online.co.uk](http://c2c-online.co.uk) and follow the instructions to save a third off rail travel to College.

Please note that these stations are not within reasonable walking distance of the College and will require further transport.

### Useful websites

[c2c-online.co.uk](http://c2c-online.co.uk)  
[abelliogreateranglia.co.uk](http://abelliogreateranglia.co.uk)  
[arrivabus.co.uk](http://arrivabus.co.uk)  
[firstgroup.com](http://firstgroup.com)

\* Correct at time of going to print



**Our Seevic Campus bus is often cheaper than public transport and Essex County Council's Post 16 Transport assistance.**

Please note: Seevic Campus bus routes are subject to sufficient demand. The information on this map is accurate at the time of going to print, but can be subject to change. We constantly review our routes – so please let us know if our buses don't currently cover your area. If you would like more information or have any queries regarding transport, including how to find out if you are eligible for financial support, please contact our Student Advisors on 01268 882 666.



\*It is recommended that you contact the bus companies for further information, as routes are subject to change.

# HOW TO GET TO OUR PALMER'S CAMPUS

**OUR PALMER'S  
CAMPUS IS IN  
GRAYS, JUST  
OFF THE A13.**

## **By car**

You can easily access the campus from the A13. Please use the postcode RM17 5TD on your satnav. We offer free parking but can't guarantee every student a space.

## **By bike**

You're very welcome to cycle to our Palmer's Campus. There are covered shelters for locking up your bike.

## **By bus**

Ensignbus Company and First Bus both offer affordable travel for students. We recommend that you contact these companies direct for further information, as routes and prices are subject to change.

Buses from Rainham and Upminster are contracted by the College and run twice a day. An annual ticket costs £495\* (this price may be subject to change).

## **By train**

The nearest stations are Grays and Tilbury, both on the Fenchurch Street line. Discounted student season tickets are available. Register online for a c2c Smartcard at [www.c2c-online.co.uk](http://www.c2c-online.co.uk) and follow the instructions to save a third off your rail travel to College.

We recommend that you contact the local transport companies for further information, as routes and prices are subject to change.

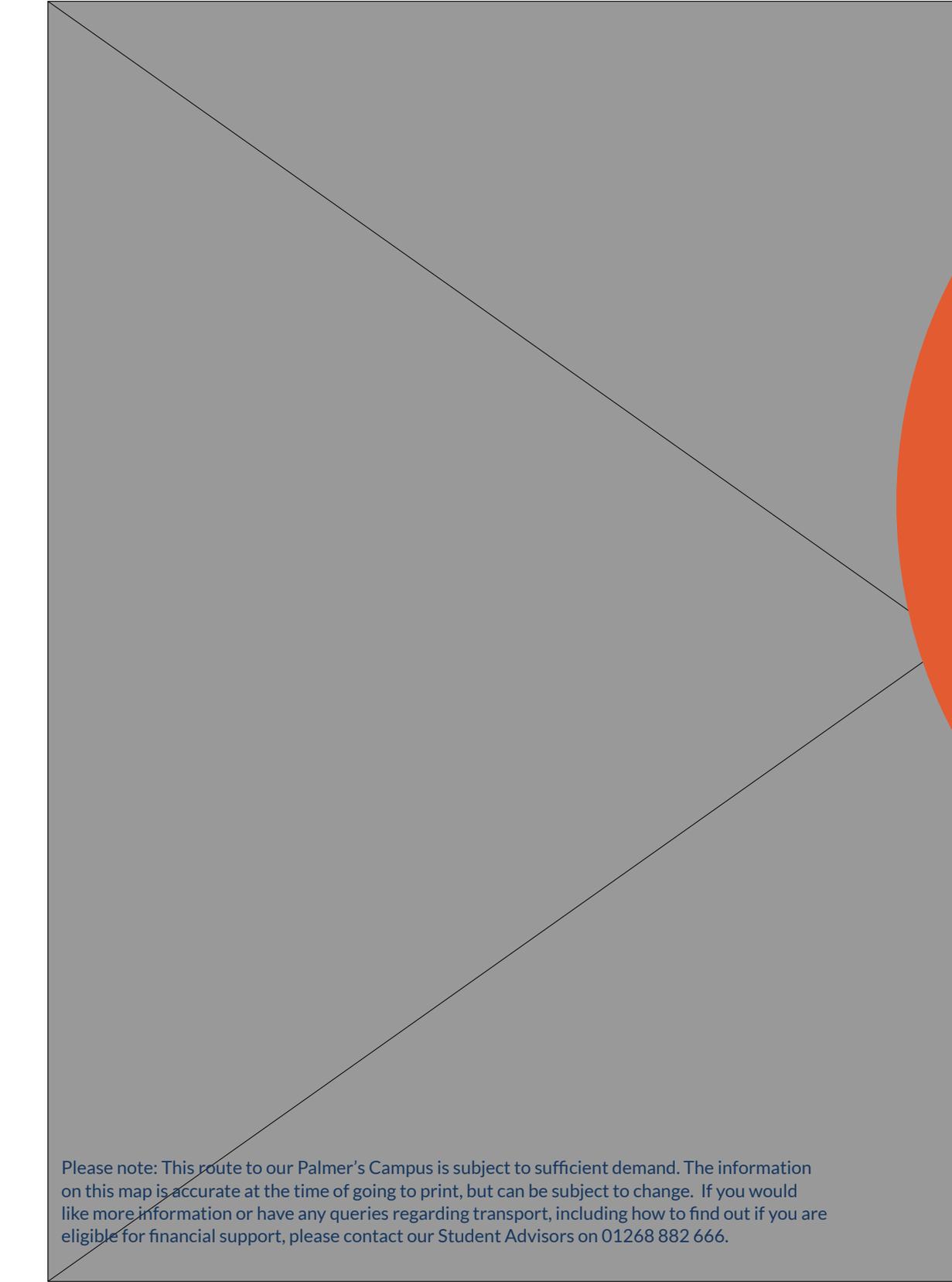
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[www.ensignbus.com](http://www.ensignbus.com)  
[www.firstgroup.com](http://www.firstgroup.com)

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**“PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS HAVE REALLY BENEFITTED ME AS THEY HAVE HELPED ME REALISE WHAT IT IS THAT I WANT TO DO AND WHAT I NEED TO DO TO GET THERE.”**

**Ellie Taylor**  
**Student in the Life & Sport Sciences sector**

**GET THE  
MOST  
OUT OF  
OUR**

# **OPEN EVENINGS**

We know that going to College is a really important step – and that you need all the information you can get before you make a decision. Our Open Evenings are a chance to see USP College for yourself and ask any questions you have.

**When are our Open Evenings?**

**We hold Open Evenings at both our campuses. They run from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. The dates are:**

**Virtual Open Evening  
for both campuses**

**Tuesday 17 November 2020**

**Palmer's Campus**

**Thursday 28 January 2021\***

**Seevic Campus**

**Thursday 4 February 2021\***

**\*Please note that depending on the Covid-19 situation and government advice at the time of these events, then they may take place virtually. Please check our website and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to keep up-to-date with the latest situation.**

# Your golden opportunity

Here are our five top tips for getting the most out of your Open Evening.

1

## Choose a date

Pick a date that suits you and your parents (if they're coming too).

2

## Book your place

Pre-book online at [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk)

3

## Plan in advance

Think about what you want to get out of the evening. What do you want to know? Write down your questions.

4

## Ask questions

Ask about everything you want to know. Our friendly staff will do their best to help. Talk to our student ambassadors too. They can give you first-hand info on life at USP College.

5

## Take notes

It's a good idea to take some notes on the day so you don't forget anything important. Then, if you've still got questions, you can follow up by email or phone.



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