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Science

Welcome to Science at Edinburgh College

There are fantastic opportunities available in science and maths-related fields, from microbiology, biochemistry and food science, to chemical engineering. The applied sciences courses on offer here at Edinburgh College are designed to equip you with the skills you need to pursue a career in one of these many areas.

The general science qualifications we offer are extremely valuable. They form the foundation needed for a career in the modern science industry. We offer a range of levels, ensuring there's a science course to suit your current needs. So, whether that's Intermediate 2 Biology, Higher Mathematics, or HND Applied Science, you'll find the ideal programme for you. To support you in reaching your career goals, we offer

clear progression routes. This means you're able to progress from NC to HNC Level on our courses, preparing you to then access university degree programmes, or move directly into employment. We also ensure that you'll cover a broad subject matter on our courses, enabling you to progress on to a wide range of areas, such as the engineering sector, including chemical engineering.

To make sure your learning is of the highest standard, our Science department offers substantial laboratory provision which allows you to undertake practical activities in whichever specialist area you choose. We also offer exciting opportunities to enhance your studies, encouraging you to become involved in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) ambassador programme. This is designed

to encourage links between learning and the world of work, to give an understanding of the types of careers out there, as well as to motivate and provide role models in science, engineering, technology, and mathematics.

Now you've seen the opportunities that a general science qualification from Edinburgh College will provide, it's time to choose the course that suits you. If you enjoy science and maths, there's sure to be a course that sparks your interest in the following guide.



Highers Programme

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

You can study 3 or 4 subjects from within the clusters below:

Social Science Options:

- Highers in English, History, Politics, Psychology, Sociology

Maths and Science Options:

- Highers in Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Maths, Physics
- Intermediate 2s in Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Intermediate 1s in Maths, Physics

Please indicate the subjects you're interested in on your application. It may be possible to study Higher English or Maths within either cluster. Please note that subject availability is dependent on sufficient numbers.

How do I get a place?

- Apply through college website
- You should have achieved a minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 5
- It is recommended that you have studied your chosen subjects (or similar) at SCQF Level 5
- Please be prepared to discuss the reason for your subject choices at interview

What will I learn?

- You will have the opportunity to study a variety of topics within each subject, and these will be assessed by internal assessments and by final exams in May or June.

What can I do next?

- HNC programme of your choice within Edinburgh College
- Apply for degree-level studies
- Seek employment

Highers Programme

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

You can study 3 or 4 subjects from within the clusters below:

Social Science Options:

- Highers in English, History, Psychology, Philosophy, Sociology
- Intermediate 2s in English, Psychology

Maths and Science Options:

- Advanced Highers in Maths, Physics
- Highers in Chemistry, Human Biology, Maths, Physics
- Intermediate 2s in Maths
- Intermediate 1s in Maths

Additional Options:

- Advanced Highers in French, Spanish
- Highers in Early Education & Childcare, French, Spanish, ESOL

How do I get a place?

- Please indicate the subjects you're interested in on your application. It may be possible to study Higher English or Maths within either cluster. Please note that subject availability is dependent on sufficient numbers.
- You should have achieved a minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 5. Additional passes at SCQF Level 6 will be expected to study Advanced Highers.
- It is recommended that you have studied your chosen subjects (or similar) at SCQF Level 5
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What will I learn?

You will have the opportunity to study a variety of topics within each subject, and these will be assessed by internal assessments and by final exams in May or June.

What can I do next?

- HNC programme of your choice within Edinburgh College
- Apply for degree-level studies
- Seek employment

Highers Programme

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Part-Time

What is this course about?

You can study 1 or 2 subjects from within the clusters below:

Social Science Options:

- Highers in English, History, Politics, Psychology, Sociology

Maths and Science Options:

- Highers in Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Maths, Physics
- Intermediate 2 in Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Intermediate 1 in Maths, Physics

Please indicate the subjects you're interested in on your application. It may be possible to study Higher English or Maths within either cluster. Please note that subject availability is dependent on sufficient numbers.

How do I get a place?

- Apply through college website
- You should have achieved a minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 5
- It is recommended that you have studied your chosen subjects (or similar) at SCQF Level 5
- Please be prepared to discuss the reason for your subject choices at your interview

What will I learn?

You will have the opportunity to study a variety of topics within each subject, and these will be assessed by internal assessments and by final exams in May or June.

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- HNC programme of your choice within Edinburgh College
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Highers Programme

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Part-Time

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Social Science Options:

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- Intermediate 2s in English, Psychology

Maths and Science Options:

- Advanced Highers in Maths, Physics
- Highers in Chemistry, Human Biology, Maths, Physics
- Intermediate 2s in Maths
- Intermediate 1s in Maths

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Higher Mathematics

Campus:

Mode of Attendance: Evening

What is this course about?

Higher Mathematics aims to build upon and extend your mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding in a way that recognises problem solving as an essential skill. The course will enable you to integrate your knowledge of different aspects of the subject.

When you complete a Higher Mathematics course successfully, you'll gain competence and confidence in applying mathematical techniques, manipulating symbolic expressions and communicating with mathematical correctness in the solution of problems.

How do I get a place?

- You must have attained a National 5 Mathematics at grade A, Mathematics (Intermediate 2) at grade A (including Mathematics unit 3 at Int 2) or a Standard Grade Credit award, or equivalent within the last four years.
- If you gained one of these qualifications, or equivalent, more than four years ago, you will be required to take a diagnostic test to ensure that you are still adequately prepared for the course.

What will I learn?

The course consists of three units: Mathematics 1 (Higher), Mathematics 2 (Higher) and Mathematics 3 (Higher). To gain the award of the course Mathematics (Higher), you must pass all three unit

assessments as well as an external exam. The grade of the award will be determined by the external exam.

The topics you will study include:

Mathematics 1 (Higher)

- Properties of the straight line
- Functions and graphs
- Basic differentiation
- Recurrence relations

Mathematics 2 (Higher)

- The Factor/Remainder Theorem and quadratic theory
- Basic integration
- Trigonometric equations and formulæ
- The equation of the circle

Mathematics 3 (Higher)

- Vectors in three dimensions
- Further differentiation and integration
- Logarithmic and exponential functions
- Further trigonometric relationships

What can I do next?

- The course has obvious relevance for candidates with interests in fields such as commerce, engineering and science where the mathematics learned will be put to direct use.
- For other candidates, the course can be an important component of a group award or used to gain entry to a Higher Education institution.

Higher Human Biology

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Evening

What is this course about?

This course is ideal for you if you're aiming to extend and build upon your existing knowledge of biology. You'll explore three main areas of biology: cell biology, biology of organ systems and behavioural & population biology. You'll also build upon problem solving skills in biology. The course aims to integrate several different aspects of the biology of the human body.

When you complete the Higher Human Biology course successfully, you'll gain confidence in understanding biology at the molecular level and will be able to extrapolate that knowledge to understanding the function of humans at the level of organ systems and populations.

How do I get a place?

- You must have recently attained a National 5 Biology at grade A or Intermediate 2 Biology at grade A or a Standard Grade Credit award, or equivalent
- Prior to being offered a place, you may be required to take a diagnostic test(s) to ensure that you are still adequately prepared for the course, especially if your qualifications are more than four years old

What will I learn?

Cell Function and Inheritance

- Enzymes and proteins
- DNA and RNA
- Cell structure and function
- Inheritance and genetics

The Continuation of Life

- Reproduction and development
- Transport mechanisms
- Regulation of body systems

Behaviour, Populations and the Environment

- Nervous system and memory
- Behaviour
- Population growth and the environment

To gain the award of the course Higher Human Biology, you must pass all three unit assessments as well as an external exam. The grade of the award will be determined by the external exam.

What can I do next?

- The course has relevance for candidates with interests in fields such as science, health, food & agriculture, nursing & medicine where the biology learned will be put to direct use
- The course can be also be an important component of a group award or can be used to gain entry to a Higher Education institution



NC Applied Sciences

Campus: Granton, Sighthill
Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

Students will study a range of topics including Biology, Chemistry and Physics. You'll also develop skills including essential laboratory skills and learning about career opportunities.

You'll be ready to progress your studies further, as well as being prepared to seek employment as, for example, a lab assistant.

Please note, the course at Sighthill has more of a focus on Biology, compared to the course delivered at Granton which focuses on Chemistry and Physics.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 5
- Interview
- References

What will I learn?

Chemistry Units:

- Acids, Bases and Metals
- Building Blocks
- Carbon Compounds

Biology Units:

- Animal Physiology
- Environmental Biology and Genetics
- Living Cells

Physics Units:

- Electricity and Electronics
- Mechanics and Heat
- Radioactivity
- Waves and Optics

Other Units:

- Science and Technology in Society
- Science Investigation Skills
- Science Practical Skills
- Maths
- IT
- Communication

What can I do next ?

- Study Highers
- NC Higher Applied Science
- Modern Apprenticeship
- Relevant employment

Applied Environmental Science

Campus: Sighthill
Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you're fascinated by the science of the world we live in, Applied Environmental Science is the ideal course for you.

The course incorporates aspects of the traditional Sciences with Geography. You'll engage with a real-life setting, developing practical techniques and investigation skills relating to the changing environment, human interactions with the environment and the consequences involved.

Your class work will be reinforced with access to community projects, independent research and working within the environment.

How do I get a place?

- Entry to this course is open to anyone who has completed National 3 level courses within Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science or Geography
- Candidates with previous experience within Managing Environmental Resources (MER) and N4 Rural Skills will have an ideal knowledge base for study on this course

What will I learn?

- This course consists of two major components, Environmental Science and Geography. The two disciplines support each other in helping students to realise how the natural, physical and man-made environments impact your region, country, the whole world and the populations contained within each environment
- Environmental Science focusses upon the Living Environment, Earths Resources and Sustainability Geography focusses on the Physical Environments, Human Environments and Global Issues
- Students will learn practical skills within science and gain valuable field work experience based on true to life experience

What can I do next ?

- Environmental Science is an exciting and expanding area of Science
- Further study within Edinburgh College can gain students access to university degree programs within Environmental Science or to discrete specialist scientific subjects

NC Applied Sciences (Physical)

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

Students will study a range of topics including Biology, Chemistry and Physics. You'll also develop skills including essential laboratory skills and learning about career opportunities.

You'll be ready to progress your studies further, as well as being prepared to seek employment as, for example, a lab assistant.

Please note, the course at Sighthill has more of a focus on Biology, compared to the course delivered at Granton which focuses on Chemistry and Physics.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 5

What will I learn?

- National Certificate Applied Science

What can I do next ?

- Study Highers
- NC Higher Applied Science
- Modern Apprenticeship
- Relevant employment

SWAP Access to University: Sciences

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

You are never too old to learn! If you have been out of work, in work for years, or lack formal education, this course is the first step for you to enter into Higher Education. This course will develop an understanding in areas such as Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths.

For more information on SWAP courses please go to www.scottishwideraccess.org

How do I get a place?

- Minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 5
- Attitude and aptitude
- Personal statement
- Interview
- References

What will I learn?

- SQA National Units at Intermediate 2 and Higher Level
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Higher Communication
- Higher Preparation

What can I do next?

- A large range of degree courses offered by universities are open to you.
- For Physical Science students, this course can lead on to a range of Maths, Engineering, Physics and Physical Science degree options at university.
- For Biological Science students, this course can lead on to a range of degree options including Biochemistry, Cell Biology and Microbiology.

SWAP Access to Physical Science

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you have few or no formal qualifications and have been out of full-time education for at least 3 years, this SWAP Access course is the ideal route back into higher education.

The course is designed to give you intensive academic preparation, as well as the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence required for entry into higher education through recognised progression routes at colleges or universities in Scotland.

This course will develop your knowledge and understanding of subjects such as Physics, Chemistry and Maths.

For more information on SWAP courses, please go to <http://www.scottishwideraccess.org/>

How do I get a place?

- This Access programme is NOT intended for recent school leavers
- If you have been out of full-time education for 3 years or more, this course is particularly suited to you as you can register with SWAP and receive additional support with your application and progression to university
- No formal qualifications are required for entry to an Access course
- All candidates are interviewed to ensure that the appropriate course is chosen and that the applicant can cope with the amount of work involved
- Entry by informal interview and a short entry exam

What will I learn?

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Maths
- Information Technology
- Higher Communications
- Higher Preparation

What can I do next?

- For Physical Science students, this course can lead on to a range of Maths, Engineering, Physics and Physical Science degree options at university
- Further study, employment and/or training

NC Higher Applied Sciences

Campus: Granton, Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you're looking to progress to science-related higher education programmes, including the HNC in Applied Sciences, this is the ideal course for you. It's also been developed to allow you to gain a coherent qualification that is understood by industry.

You'll develop a wide range of practical laboratory skills, and will study all the key areas of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics.

Please note, the course at Sighthill has more of a focus on Biology, compared to the course delivered at Granton which focuses on Chemistry and Physics.

How do I get a place?

- NC in Applied Sciences (Level 5)
- Other suitable NC programmes at Level 5
- A minimum of three Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade subjects (two of which must be a science at Grade A or Credit Level 1) and Standard Grade Mathematics (Credit 1) or Intermediate 2 Mathematics (Grade A)
- Interview
- References

What will I learn?

- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physics
- Mathematics

What can I do next?

- SQA Higher external exams
- HNC Applied Science
- Modern Apprenticeship
- Relevant employment

NC Higher Applied Sciences (Physical)

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What will I learn?

- Chemistry

- Biology
- Physics
- Mathematics

What can I do next ?

- SQA Higher external exams
- HNC Applied Science
- Modern Apprenticeship
- Relevant employment

HNC Applied Sciences

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This course is ideal if you're looking to develop a career requiring a practical knowledge of the sciences. You'll study a very wide range of topics, including the Human Body, Cell Biology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Environmental Biology, and Chemistry.

The course is designed to be both sufficiently varied and in-depth to allow you to progress onto university studies, as well as preparing you for employment which relies on a knowledge of applied sciences.

Please note, the course at Sighthill has more of a focus on Biology, compared to the course delivered at Granton which focuses on Chemistry and Physics.

We welcome applications from International Students

The course is available to international students. International students will be entered for the Higher National Certificate (HNC) at the end of the academic year.

International students require an English language level of IELTS 5.5 in each component band, or equivalent.

How do I get a place?

- Higher Chemistry and one other Higher including Maths, Physics, Biology, MER, Human Biology and English
- Standard Grades/ Intermediate 2 grades can also be used as supporting evidence

What will I learn?

You'll study a range of topics from all three sciences, Chemistry, Biology and Physics.

What can I do next?

- Progress onto Year 1 or 2 at university on a range of science-related courses
- Employment, for example as a lab technician

HNC Applied Sciences (Physical)

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- Human Body
- Cell Biology
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Physics

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Medical Terminology

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

Medical Terminology is the ideal course for you if you're looking for an introduction to the language of medicine.

It's a great course for medical secretaries, paramedical personnel, nurses and others working in a health care setting. It is also suitable for you if you're a 6th year secondary school pupils and you're considering applying for medicine or nursing.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum 2 passes at SCQF Level 4
- Other considerations: attitude and aptitude, personal statement

What will I learn?

- How medical terms are formed
- Terminology relating to disease of specific body systems
- Terminology medical procedures and surgery
- Medical abbreviations
- Terminology relating to drugs

What can I do next?

If you have office skills, this course allows you to apply for employment as a Medical Secretary.



IOSH Managing Safely

Campus: Midlothian

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This four day course aims to show how safety and health can and should be treated as an integral part of a manager's responsibilities:

- To give managers an understanding of why incidents involving injury or damage occur
- To give managers a basic understanding of risk assessment procedures and control and monitoring strategies
- To ensure managers appreciate the significance of attitudes to risk, and of physical and psychological limitations in the causation of incidents leading to injuries or damage

How do I get a place?

Contact liam.conway@edinburghcollege.ac.uk or 0131 535 4800

What will I learn?

On successful completion of the IOSH Managing Safely course, participants will have demonstrated the ability to:

- Understand the main legal responsibilities of employers and managers
- Apply basic management principles and practices to health and safety issues
- Recognise health and safety hazards and control measures
- Set practicable health and safety objectives
- Take account of risks arising from human error
- Communicate effectively on health and safety issues with superiors, work people and health and safety professionals

What can I do next?

Not applicable

NEBOSH Certificate

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Day Release, Distance Learning

What is this course about?

The NEBOSH National General Certificate course will provide a sound general foundation in hazard identification and the management of safety based on the NEBOSH syllabus. It will provide full preparation for entry to the NEBOSH Certificate examinations.

This course is designed for personnel who are supervisors or managers in medium to high risk environments. It is suitable for anyone who requires a basic knowledge of occupational safety and health to operate more effectively in the workplace with respect to health and safety. It is also the first step towards a career in occupational safety and health.

On successful completion of the course, participants will have passed the examinations necessary for the NEBOSH Certificate award and will have demonstrated ability to:

- Identify typical hazards encountered in a full range of work environments
- Describe methods of controlling risk
- Communicate effectively on health and safety matters in the workplace
- Recognise the importance of accident investigation and record keeping
- Describe the requirements of health, safety and welfare legislation
- Carry out competently and prepare a suitable written report on a workplace inspection
- Musculoskeletal hazards and risk control

How do I get a place?

- There are no qualification barriers for entry to the certificate
- NEBOSH recommends that candidates undertaking this qualification should reach a minimum standard of English equivalent to an International English Language Testing System score of 7.0 or higher in IELTS tests in order to be accepted onto a National Diploma programme

What will I learn?

The course is divided into three units:-

- NGC1: Management of health and safety
- Foundations in health and safety
- Policy
- Organising
- Planning
- Measuring, audit and review
- GC2: Controlling workplace hazards
- Workplace hazards and risk control
- Transport hazards and risk control
- Electrical safety
- Fire safety
- Chemical and biological health hazards and risk control
- Physical and psychological health hazards and risk control
- NGC3: Health and safety practical application

NEBOSH Diploma

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Block Release

What can I do next?

The NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health is the entry requirement for the NEBOSH Diploma for those who want to forward their career as a health and safety professional. The certificate is on a unit basis so once a unit is obtained it can be used to complete parts of other certificate courses. NGC1: Management of health and safety is common to the National Certificate in Construction and the National Certificate in Fire Safety and Risk Management. GC2: Controlling workplace hazards is common to the international certificate.

What is this course about?

The NEBOSH National Diploma is the flagship NEBOSH qualification and is the first UK vocational qualification to be developed specifically for health and safety professionals. Since its introduction in 1988, the National Diploma has become established as the most popular professional qualification for safety and health practitioners in the UK, with over 10,000 candidates having achieved the qualification.

The NEBOSH National Diploma is the qualification for aspiring health and safety professionals, building directly upon the foundation of knowledge provided by the NEBOSH National General Certificate. It is designed to provide students with the expertise required to undertake a career as a safety and health practitioner and also provides a sound basis for progression to postgraduate study.

How do I get a place?

The NEBOSH National Diploma syllabus assumes that candidates will have a knowledge of health and safety equivalent to that provided by the NEBOSH National General Certificate (NGC). NEBOSH recommends that candidates undertaking this qualification should reach a minimum standard of English equivalent to an International English Language Testing System score of 7.0 or higher in IELTS tests in order to be accepted onto a National Diploma programme. Contact liam.conway@edinburghcollege.ac.uk or 0131 535 4800

What will I learn?

- Managing Health and Safety
- Hazardous Agents in the Workplace
- Workplace and Work Equipment Safety
- Practical Application of Health and Safety Theory

What can I do next?

The diploma provides a sound basis for progression to postgraduate study.

NEBOSH Diploma Distance Learning

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Other Open Learning

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