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Social Science

Welcome to Social Science at Edinburgh College

From psychology, sociology and history, to politics, philosophy, and criminology, Edinburgh College has an exciting and diverse range of programmes to offer you in Social Science.

Courses are available at a range of levels including introductory courses to prepare you for studying in Social Science, NC and HNC level programmes and Highers.

During your course you'll be encouraged to ask questions and challenge assumptions about the world we live in. This, along with the interpersonal skills you'll develop, will

prepare you for further training towards a whole range of careers, including social work, community work, or work with the police.

We're proud of our inspiring teaching staff. They're here to support you and will help you focus on your goals. This will allow you to identify potential career paths and plan the next stage of your education. By choosing to study with us, you'll benefit from our associations and workplace opportunities with other organisations, including successful partnerships with SWAP and

Edinburgh University. The SWAP programme prepares you for entry into Higher Education and can even guarantee you a place at a college or university.

Through both innovative course design and exceptional delivery methods, our Social Science programmes have high pass rates for HNC students - yet another reason to study at Edinburgh College. The following guide will help you choose the right course for you.



Preparation for Study in Social Science

Campus: Granton, Milton Road
Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you're looking to return to education, this course is ideal to kick-start your progression to further studies. You'll study a range of subjects including Communication, Numeracy, IT, Psychology, History, Modern Studies and Sociology.

The course will ensure you are ready to progress to other courses in College.

How do I get a place?

Entrance to the course will be on the basis of an interview.

What will I learn?

- Communication
- Numeracy
- IT
- Psychology
- History
- Sociology

What can I do next?

A variety of SCQF Level 5 programmes.

NC Social Science SCQF Level 5

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

What is this course about?

This course offers you a fantastic opportunity to study a broad range of social science disciplines. You will complete assessments throughout the year, leading to the achievement of a Group Award which can facilitate your progress on to a Level 6 Award. You will study a range of subjects including Sociology, Psychology, Criminology and Politics.

Your lecturers form part of an enthusiastic and accessible team, and are there for you to make sure you progress to reach your academic goals.

How do I get a place?

Minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 4

What will I learn?

- Communication
- Sociology
- Psychology
- IT
- Criminology
- Politics

What can I do next ?

- NC Social Science SCQF Level 6
- Highers

NC Social Science SCQF Level 6

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

What is this course about?

This course is the ideal opportunity to study a range of social science disciplines, including Sociology, Psychology and Politics. The course will provide you with a broad and exciting educational experience. Successful completion of this Level 6 Group Award guarantees you an interview for HNC Social Sciences, and the chance to progress subsequently to a university course.

You will be offered the opportunity to sit higher exams in Psychology and Sociology if you make good progress on the course.

How do I get a place?

Minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 5

What will I learn?

- Sociology
- Psychology
- Politics
- History
- Communication
- Literature

What can I do next?

Progress onto HNC Social Sciences

HNC Social Science

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

What is this course about?

This course offers you the opportunity to study an exciting and diverse range of disciplines from the wide field of social science. You'll study and be assessed in Psychology and Sociology, as well as Politics and Research Methods.

Our lecturers are a passionate and committed group, and offer a fantastic level of support which will help you to succeed in your studies. Many of our past students have gone on to university or found employment in the public sector, social services or the criminal justice system.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum 2 Highers
- Relevant NC pass at SCQF Level 6

What will I learn?

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Politics
- Research Methods

What can I do next ?

Study a wide range of subjects at university including

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Policy
- Politics

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Working with Communities SCQF Level 5

Campus: Midlothian

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This course is ideal if you're looking to build your knowledge and experience of working with community based groups. You'll develop an understanding of community-learning and development through classroom activities and some voluntary work and a work experience placement - valuable practical experience. You'll spend classroom time listening to and taking part in discussions and presentations, and there will be visiting speakers and visits to community based projects and groups.

How do I get a place?

- There are no formal entry requirements.
- Satisfactory references are required and because of the nature of work, a PVG will be undertaken

What will I learn?

- Principles and Values of Community, Learning & Development
- Awareness of Protection and Safeguarding
- Disability Awareness
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Communication
- Numeracy
- IT

What can I do next?

- Progress to further study
- Employment with local council or voluntary sector

Working with Communities SCQF Level 6

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you have some experience of youth and community work and would like to gain an initial qualification, this is the course for you. You'll have the opportunity to learn about the different areas of community work, gain further practical experience and acquire the skills and knowledge you need for work or to undertake further study in this area.

The course is intended for you if you're already working in the community in a paid or voluntary capacity and are interested in enhancing employment prospects in your career in community work.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum 3 passes at SCQF Level 5
- Satisfactory references are required and because of the nature of work, a PVG will be undertaken

What will I learn?

- Youth Work
- Adult Education
- Health Promotion
- Group Work
- Sociology
- Principles of Community, Learning & Development
- Equal Opportunities

What can I do next?

- HNC Working With Communities
- Employment in community work

PDA in Youth Work

Campus: Milton Road

Mode of Attendance: Evening

What is this course about?

This course is intended for if you have experience of working with young people in a paid or voluntary capacity and are looking to gain formal qualifications in this area. It may also be of interest to you if your job involves frequent contact with young people, such as in the uniformed services.

How do I get a place?

Minimum 2 passes at SCQF Level 5

What will I learn?

- Engaging with Young People
- Understanding and Exploring Youth
- Delivering Youth Work

What can I do next ?

HNC Working with Communities

HNC Working with Communities

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you're working with community based groups, this course is designed to provide you with an opportunity to gain a qualification in community learning and development.

You'll undertake a placement in youth work, adult education, or community work in either the statutory or the voluntary sector to give you valuable practical experience.

In addition, you'll study a wide range of relevant subjects including groupwork, sociology and managing resources, ensuring you'll be well prepared for degree-level study or employment.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum 2 Highers or relevant NC pass at SCQF Level 6
- Satisfactory references are required and because of the nature of work, a PVG will be undertaken

What will I learn?

- Principles and Practice of Community Learning and Development
- Managing Resources
- Group Work
- Sociology
- Learning Approaches
- Adult Education
- Working with Young People
- Health Promotion

What can I do next?

- Progress to university
- Employment in youth work, adult education, or community work

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 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 interview.

Highers Programme

Campus: Milton Road

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

You can study 3 or 4 subjects at Higher from the list below:

- English
- Psychology
- Sociology
- History

Please indicate the subjects you're interested in on your application. 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

What will I learn?

You will have the opportunity to study a variety of topics within each subject. 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
- Highers in Chemistry, Human Biology, Maths, Physics
- Intermediate 2 in Maths
- Intermediate 1 in Maths

Additional Options:

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

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?

- 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
- 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: 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.

What can I do next ?

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

Highers Programme

Campus: Milton Road
Mode of Attendance: Part-Time

What is this course about?

You can study 1 or 2 subjects at Higher from the list below:

- English
- Psychology
- Sociology
- History

Please indicate the subjects you're interested in on your application. 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: 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, Psychology, Philosophy, Sociology
- Intermediate 2s in English, Psychology

Maths and Science Options:

- Advanced Highers in Maths
- 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

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. 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
- 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





University Access to Humanities (SWAP)

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This full-time course is designed to give you intensive academic preparation to allow you to apply to either university or a Higher National level programme.

You'll study a wide range of humanities subjects. Access to Higher Education courses are designed for those people who have been out of full-time education for 3 years or more or may have left school with few or no qualifications.

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

How do I get a place?

- You should have been out of education for at least 3 years
- This programme is not open to those who already hold degrees or HN qualifications
- If selected for an interview you will be asked to complete written assessments in literacy and numeracy to ensure you have the appropriate level of skill and knowledge to meet the requirements of the programme

What will I learn?

- Communication
- Literature
- Numeracy
- IT
- Sociology
- Psychology
- History
- Politics
- Philosophy

You must pass all assessments (including an external Intermediate 2 Maths examination for those applying for primary teaching or some Psychology degrees) in order to achieve the full SWAP Access qualification.

What can I do next?

- Apply to university to study humanities
- Study at HNC level

Access to Arts, Social Science and Primary Teaching (SWAP)

Campus: Milton Road

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

The course is specifically designed to allow you to apply to either university or a Higher National Certificate programme. It offers you the opportunity to study Sociology, Psychology, Politics, Communication, Literature, Creative Writing, Philosophy and Maths. Access to Higher Education courses are designed for those people who have been out of full-time education for 3 years or more or may have left school with few or no qualifications.

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

How do I get a place?

- You must have been out of education for a minimum of three years
- This programme is not open to those who already hold degrees or HN qualifications
- If selected for an interview you'll be asked to complete written assessments in literacy and numeracy to ensure you have the appropriate level of skill and knowledge to meet the requirements of the programme

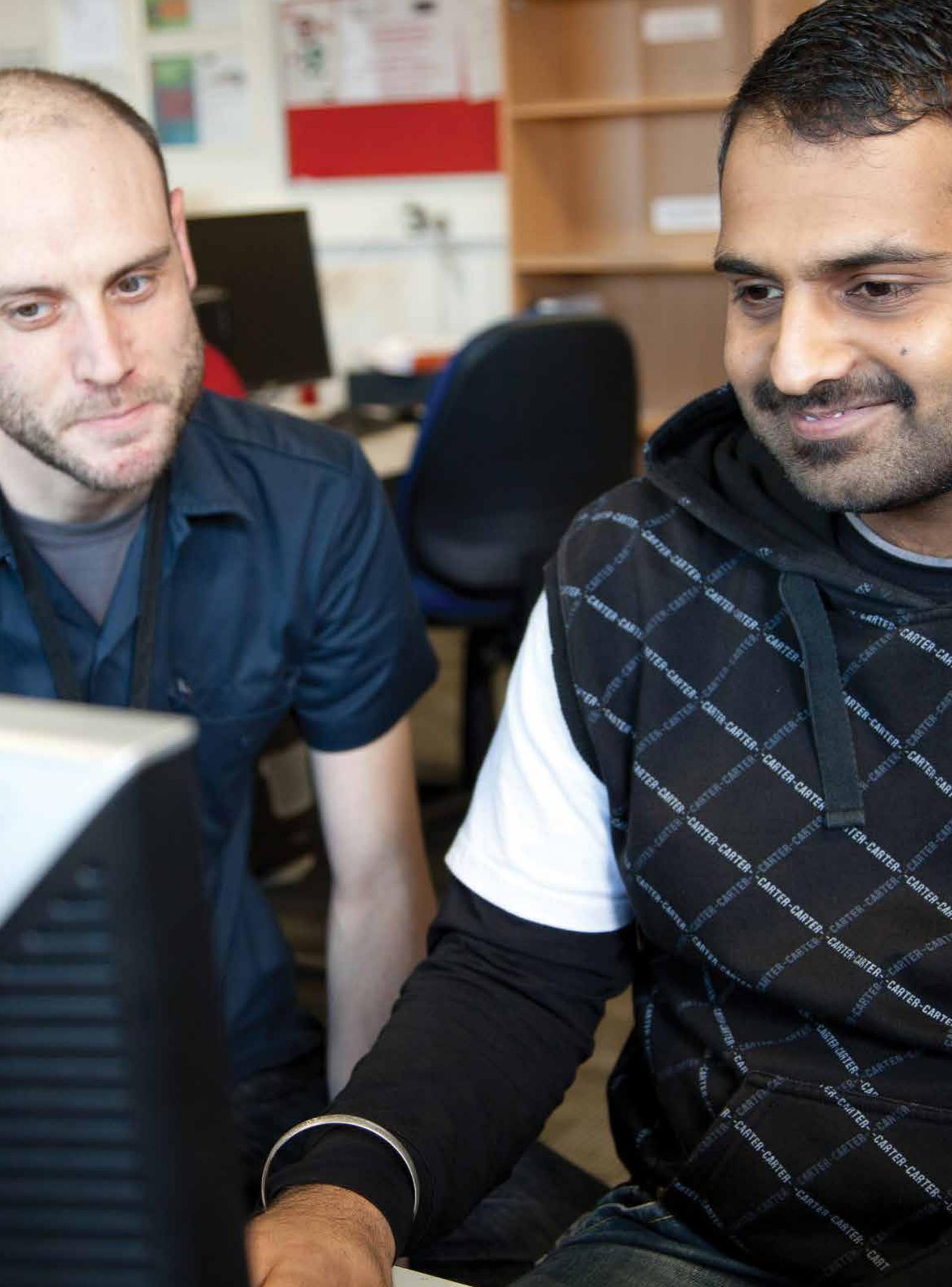
What will I learn?

- Sociology
- Psychology
- Politics
- Communication
- Literature
- Creative Writing
- Philosophy
- Maths

You must pass all assessments (including an external Intermediate 2 Maths examination for those applying for primary teaching) in order to achieve the full SWAP Access qualification.

What can I do next?

- Apply to university to study arts, social science or primary teaching
- Study at HNC level



HNC Creative Industries: Media and Communication

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you're looking for a route to employment or further study in the creative industries, this course is ideal.

You'll gain the practical experience that's essential for success, covering a broad range of topics, from desktop publishing to creative writing, advertising to film theory – the course is very diverse. Such a variety will help you to decide where your strengths and your future career lie, opening up your opportunities in a wealth of different creative areas.

You'll develop the ability to communicate with a range of people, through a variety of mediums, and will build knowledge and understanding of how to handle the media of communication. These areas really are crucial for a wide variety of careers. That's why many of our previous students have found employment directly in journalism, the media, advertising, public relations, marketing and related industries.

This course will make sure you're well prepared for a role in a creative job or progress to further study.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum 2 Highers or relevant NC pass at SCQF Level 6
- Mature applicants with appropriate experience may be considered

What will I learn?

- Writing for the Media
- The Advertising Industry
- Narrative in Fiction and Film
- Media Analysis
- Communication using IT and DTP
- Creative Writing for Vocational Purposes
- Interviewing Skills

What can I do next?

- Progress to university
- Employment





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