

CHOOSING A COURSE

What to consider?

There are lots of factors to consider when picking a university-level course. Even courses with the same name can look very different at different universities and colleges. Look at information about the modules each course covers to get a better idea of the topics you'll be studying. Visit open events or get in touch with universities and colleges for more information about how you'll be taught.

What type of qualification do you want to do?

There are also lots of different types of university-level qualifications available. From one-year HNCs to full Bachelor's Degrees, and everything in between. You might choose a route where you study your qualification in one go, or it might be that you get your qualification in multiple 'chunks' where you have multiple points to choose whether to step off, or continue to the next level (E.g. doing a Foundation Degree, and then 'topping up' to a Bachelor's Degree). You can find more information about the different types of qualification we offer on page 6 of our prospectus.

What kind of university or college will suit you?

There are a huge range of places to study. From huge universities with tens of thousands of students, to small colleges and university centres with a couple of hundred students, and everything in between. Do your research and find out more about where you will be studying – What's it like? What sort of support is available? Will you be in a small group or a huge cohort? How easy will it be to get in touch with staff if you need help? What is the wider student experience like, beyond the course?

How will the course fit around your life?

When you're thinking about full-time vs. part-time study, it's important to also consider when you'll be required to be on-campus and how you will fit that around the rest of your life. For example, some 'full-time' courses at Yeovil College University Centre only require you to be in College for one day a week, whereas others are spread over multiple days. Some part-time courses only require you to attend in the evenings, whereas with others you'll be coming in during the daytime.

How do I find out more?

Go to Open Evenings and Open Days – this will allow you to meet the staff, chat to current students, and really get a feel for the university or college.

Read prospectuses, visit provider websites and get in touch – universities, colleges and university centres will all have contact information so you can ring or email to find out more about courses, facilities and support available.

Use websites like Discover Uni to find out more about courses available, The Student Room to find out more about life as a student, and UCAS for lots of useful information about university-level study. UCAS also have a [helpful guide](#) to help navigate the jargon when researching courses.

What about careers?

Do your research - if you are undertaking university-level study because there is a particular job you want to do at the end then it's important to do your research and check that the qualification you're choosing to study will actually help you to get the job you want. You can also get in touch with universities and colleges to find out about what previous students (often called 'alumni'), have gone on to do.

Get In Touch!

If you are interested in a Yeovil College University Centre course, not quite sure what you want to study, or are trying to figure out if one of our programmes is right for you, please get in touch and we will gladly talk to you about your options – university.centre@yeovil.ac.uk or 01935745454.