

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS EXPLAINED

What are Entry Requirements?

All of our courses have a selection of entry requirements which can be found on our website. Entry Requirements are just one part of the admissions process. We also interview applicants to ensure we're getting the full picture of someone's suitability for the course.

Are Entry Requirements Different for People Aged 21+?

Yes! For many of our courses, we will gladly accept applications from people who will be aged 21+ when their course starts, who might not hold the formal qualifications we'd normally ask for, but have alternative relevant experience. If you're over 21 and are interested in applying, but are unsure whether you've got the right qualifications or experience, we'd warmly encourage you to get in touch via universitycentre@yeovil.ac.uk or 01935845454.

What About GCSE English & Maths?

Lots of our courses require you to hold GCSE English & Maths, or equivalent. When we say 'or equivalent' that might be something like a Functional Skills Level 2 qualification. For some courses, these GCSEs are desirable, but not essential. If the GCSEs are a barrier, please do get in touch. We offer both GCSE and Functional Skills courses at the College, so it might be that we can support you to get your GCSE (or equivalent) before your programme starts. In many cases, you are able to study the GCSEs free of charge, if you don't already have them.

What are UCAS Tariff Points?

The UCAS Tariff is a system which converts all sorts of different qualifications into a certain number of 'points'. This system helps to make things straightforward across a range of qualification types and is especially useful when applicants have a range of different qualifications themselves. Rather than having to write a 3-page list of all of the different combinations of qualifications which might be accepted, universities and colleges can just put a number. For example, 48 UCAS Tariff Points is the same as 'EEE' at A Level, 'DD' at A Level, or 'PPP' in a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma. To convert your qualifications into UCAS Tariff Points, use the UCAS Tariff Calculator.

What if I'm still studying and don't have the qualifications yet?

Provided you are due to have completed your qualifications before your course starts you are very welcome to apply. Many people apply to university-level courses each year before they know for sure what grades they'll get. If successful, we will make you a 'conditional offer' – this means that your offer will be based on you then completing the qualification before your Yeovil College University Centre course begins. If you're not going to have completed your current qualification before your course starts (e.g. you're currently in your first year of studying A Levels), then you'll need to wait and apply in a future year.

Can I apply if I've done an Apprenticeship?

It will depend on the course you're applying for and the level and subject of your apprenticeship. Please get in touch with universitycentre@yeovil.ac.uk to find out more, and to figure out if the apprenticeship you've done will meet the entry requirements for your chosen course. We do admit a range of students every year who have completed Advanced Apprenticeships.

I want to apply, but I don't meet the entry criteria or have relevant alternative experience (if 21+)?

Please do get in touch – there might be an alternative course which you can study at the College which will then make you ready for a degree. We have a range of 'Access to HE' courses, which are specifically designed as an alternative route into university-level study, most of which take one year to complete.

What are the requirements for international students?

If you are non-native English speaker, you will need to provide evidence of your English language skills. This could be IELTS exam results, or it could be that you hold a GCSE English (or equivalent), or that you have recently completed a Level 3 qualification taught and assessed in English. Please get in touch for more information, especially if you need to know more about required IELTS scores. If you have international qualifications which will form part of your entry offer (e.g. international equivalents to A Levels), you may need to get these professionally translated. Please contact universitycentre@yeovil.ac.uk for more information.

