

Social Studies - Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diploma

If you would like to study Humanities and Social Sciences subjects (African and Caribbean Studies, Anthropology, Art History, English Literature, 20th Century World History, Politics, Psychology and Sociology) at university but left school without the qualifications you need, then this Access to HE course could be for you.

The Humanities and Social Science Diploma is the most suitable programme to go on to study a degree in subjects such as: History, Politics, International Relations, Sociology and Psychology or a related course, at university.

You will learn study skills such as note taking, essay writing, reading and research, preparation for exams and oral presentation.

You will be supported throughout the course by a personal tutor who will also give you guidance in applying for Higher Education courses.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Students will need to study 3 of the topics listed below:

Anthropology

- Anthropological Perspectives,
- Introduction to Anthropology,
- Medical Anthropology,
- Fieldwork and Research Methods in Anthropology,
- Anthropology of Ritual and Rites of Passage.

African and Caribbean Studies

- Debunking Eurocentric Narratives of Africa,
- Neo Colonialism and Resistance,
- Introduction to Africa and African Studies,
- Windrush and the Notting Hill Riots

Art History

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- Introduction to European Art History
- Modernism: Influences and Practices
- Art in Contemporary Britain

20th Century World History

- Imperialism and Decolonisation
- Israel and Palestine
- History of Immigration and Race Relations in Britain

Politics

- Civil Liberties in Britain
- Introduction to Political Concepts
- Political Parties and Pressure Groups

Psychology

- Approaches to Psychology
- Social Research Methods for Psychosocial Studies
- Aspects of Social Psychology
- Atypical Development and Abnormal Behaviour
- Cognitive Psychology
- Mental Health and Illness

Sociology

- Introduction to Sociology
- Culture and Identity
- Poverty and Social Exclusion
- Social Inequality

WHAT WILL I NEED?

You will need:

- To be aged 19 or older
- GCSE English and Maths at grade 4 or above (or A*-C); however, you will be considered for the course if you have one GCSE at grade A*-C in Maths or English with the offer of GCSE classes in addition to the course

All applicants must have an interview to confirm that the course is suitable for them.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

This course is assessed through coursework assignments, tests and examinations throughout the course, which are set and marked by your teachers and externally moderated by OCN London.

Assessment is continuous over the whole year and is based on a number of set pieces of work such as essays, projects, presentations and tests.

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WHAT WILL IT COST?

ADULTS - ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

If you will be aged 19 to 23 prior to the start date of your course, and do not already have a full Level 3 qualification, you may be eligible for a Level 3 entitlement, in which case your study with us will be free. Otherwise, you will have to pay the fees yourself or apply for an [Advanced Learner Loan](#).

Please see [here](#) for the documents you will need to show us.

Some courses will have other associated costs, such as for specialist materials and trips. Many of our students are eligible for financial support, see [here](#) for details.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

Once you have completed your Access to HE course, you can progress to a Higher Education degree at a university or college.

You should check requirements for specific degree courses - different Higher Education institutions may have different entry requirements for similar courses.

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