



**Right here in
West Dorset**

WEYMOUTH COLLEGE
HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

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WELCOME TO THE DORSET EXPERIENCE

West Dorset is a unique environment in which to begin your higher education journey.

From the searing beauty of the Jurassic coastline and the traditional yet vibrant charms of Weymouth's centre and harbour to the wonderful open spaces and thriving arts culture of the towns of Dorchester and Bridport – Dorset will inspire and enhance your studies.

Street markets, food fairs, music and arts festivals, leisure centres, cinemas, excellent pubs and restaurants and the many leisure opportunities available in Weymouth and Portland's stunning Olympic waters – home of the National Sailing Academy – all make Dorset a truly great environment in which to study.

And with good travel connections to Exeter, Bath, Bristol, Southampton, London – and indeed many other parts of the country – at Weymouth College you are well placed to make the most of everything the south and south west have to offer.

HIGHER EDUCATION IN WEST DORSET

Weymouth College offers an ever growing range of HNC, HND, Access to Higher Education and Undergraduate opportunities for those students who would like to study in this beautiful and well-connected part of the country.

We offer:

- Specialist and industry respected teaching staff who bring a wealth of experience to the learning environment
- Strong links with local community and business – ensuring our courses deliver the skills businesses need
- Small class sizes ensuring a high level of personal attention and support
- Lower course fees
- Course approval through the University of Plymouth



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THE WEYMOUTH COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

A STUDENT CENTRED CAMPUS

We believe that inspiring spaces are where creativity blossoms so we have invested in facilities, technology and social spaces to create a learning environment that will bring out the best in our students.

- Wi-Fi enabled campus – so you can always stay connected.
- Specialist Computer Suite – connected to gigabit fibre broadband – so you can access the information you need, when you need it.
- Moodle and Google Classroom – virtual learning environments for students, giving you access to resources and study programme materials direct from home so you can study your way.
- Library and silent study area - helpful and supportive staff are always on hand to help with finding resources, IT queries, enabling computer accounts and printing.
- Higher Education Centre – a dedicated centre where you can work, study and relax.

GET INVOLVED

SPORTS & OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

No matter what you're studying, if you enjoy sport and the outdoors we have amazing facilities and opportunities - to join teams, get fit, stay healthy, learn something new or just have fun – including:

- Competitive team sports and sports academies
- Weymouth and Portland Adventure at the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy
- Campus Sports Centre and Gym
- Redlands Community Sports Hub

As a student, you can also enjoy our wide-range of campus-based facilities including:

- The Bay Theatre
- The Avenue - training restaurant
- Hair and Beauty salons
- Jelly Babies Day Nursery
- Fleet Shop
- The Garden Shop
- Gym and Sports Centre
- Redlands Community Sports Hub
- Onsite café – proud to serve Costa
- College Square – our outdoor performance and social space

OUR PARTNER



WEYMOUTH COLLEGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

The University of Plymouth is renowned for high quality, internationally-leading education, research and innovation.

With a mission to Advance Knowledge and Transform Lives, Plymouth is a top 50 research university* with clusters of world class research across a wide range of disciplines including marine science and engineering, medicine, robotics and psychology. A three-time winner of the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education, the University continues to grow in stature and reputation.

It has a strong track record for teaching and learning excellence, and has one of the highest numbers of National Teaching Fellows of any UK university. With over 19,000 students and a further 13,000 studying for a University of Plymouth degree at partner institutions in the UK and around the world, and over 130,000 alumni pursuing their chosen careers globally, it has a growing global presence.

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** Research Fortnight Research Power League Table 2014*

Please see pages 16-18 for a list of courses awarded by the University of Plymouth.

ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

As a partner college student, you can access online University services, use its library, electronic resources and learning support materials through its web-based student portal (including access to the Careers Service online careers information (myCareer) portal and jobs board).

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH STUDENTS' UNION (UPSU)

As a student on a University of Plymouth course, you are part of a wider community of 13,000 Plymouth students studying off campus at one of 32 partner institutions.

You are automatically a member of UPSU with access to sports clubs, societies, the advice service, volunteering opportunities, student representation and University sports facilities.

Student-led and democratic, UPSU seeks to represent all students studying at the University and its partner colleges by offering strong links and support via a dedicated outreach team.

Alternatively, you can join the National Union of Students (NUS) directly through Weymouth College.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY PROGRAMME FOR YOU

Our higher education study programmes range from HNCs and HNDs through to Foundation and Honours degrees.

FOUNDATION DEGREES (FdA/FdSC)

Foundation Degrees – delivered in partnership with degree awarding bodies, sector skills councils and employers – are modern qualifications designed to increase access to and widen participation in higher education and are one of the quickest and most convenient routes, particularly for students who prefer to study locally.

On successful completion of your Foundation Degree, you may be able to apply for a further year of study to top up your qualification to an **Honours Degree**, either at the University of Plymouth or at another higher education institution (subject to deadline dates and availability of places). From September 2020, students enrolling on the BSc (Hons) Professional Studies (Health and Community) will be able to complete the full Honours Degree at Weymouth College.

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATES (HNC) AND HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMAS (HND)

HNCs (Higher National Certificates) and HNDs (Higher National Diplomas) are work-related (vocational) higher education qualifications. They are highly valued by employers both in the UK and overseas, and can also count towards membership of professional bodies and other employer organisations. HNCs can take one year to complete full-time and two years part-time (or in other situations such as distance learning). HNDs take two years full-time and can also be taken part-time (which takes longer).

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Access to Higher Education normally acts as entry onto the first year of an Honours Degree or Foundation Degree course. This is a one year, two day a week course, nationally validated through Ascentis Awards. This education programme is designed for students aged 19+ to gain entry to higher education across a range of subjects.



WHAT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS WILL YOU NEED FOR YOUR COURSE?

We welcome applicants with a wide range of qualifications and experience. Enthusiasm, commitment and a desire to learn are also very important. All prospective students will be invited to interview. You will find the main academic requirements for each study level are listed here.

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (HNC)

- 5 GCSEs at Grade 4/C (or equivalent) or above including English and maths
- 1 subject-specific Level 3 Award – A Level / National Award / National Diploma / Access to Higher Education Award / work-based NVQ or Advanced Apprenticeship

HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA (HND)

- 5 GCSEs at Grade 4/C (or equivalent) or above including English and maths
- 1 subject-specific Level 3 Award – A Level / National Award / National Diploma / Access to Higher Education Award / work-based NVQ or Advanced Apprenticeship

FOUNDATION DEGREE LEVEL 4/5

- 5 GCSEs at Grade 4/C (or equivalent) or above including English and maths
- At least 2 A levels, Level 3 or Access to Higher Education Award
- An accredited record of using these skills in employment (mature students only)

BSc (HONOURS) DEGREE

Applicants should normally have studied previously to Level 5 in a related subject. All applicants will be required to attend an interview. For the BSc (Hons) Professional Studies (Health and Community) applicants will be required to supply / undergo an enhanced DBS check.

Please note that this information is for guidance only and may change. Visit weymouth.ac.uk/level-of-study/university-level for complete details of the precise entry requirements for each of our courses.

FEES AND FUNDING

Higher education students will have two main costs while studying: tuition fees and living costs. Student finance is available to help with both.

TUITION FEE LOAN

Full and part-time UK undergraduate students may take out a loan to contribute towards their annual tuition fee. UK residents should apply through Student Finance Direct: www.gov.uk/student-finance. The tuition fee loan is paid direct to the College by the Student Loans Company. Tuition fee loans are only paid back when you are earning over £25,000 a year and the payments will be at 9% of the income above £25,000 – for example, at an income level of £25,000 a year the repayments will typically be around £7 a week.

MAINTENANCE LOAN FOR LIVING COSTS

Both full-time and part-time students can now get a repayable Maintenance Loan for their living costs. The maximum maintenance loan for new students studying outside London in September 2019 was £8,944 if you live away from home and £7,529 if you live at home. These loans are paid into your bank account at the start of each term, once you have registered on your course. Please see www.gov.uk/student-finance for full details.

For further information and advice on fees and loans please contact the fees and funding support team.

EXTRA HELP AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Depending upon your circumstances you may also be able to apply for grants, including:

- Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Childcare Grant
- Parents' Learning Allowance
- Adult Dependants' Grant

You can also find full details on available grants and how to apply for them at: www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

At Weymouth College we provide coach and minibus services including:

- coaches for students who travel from East Dorset
- minibus services for students who live north of Dorchester
- dedicated bus service for students travelling from Beaminster and Bridport.

For full information on our travel routes please visit: www.weymouth.ac.uk/studying-with-us/travel-transport. Students who wish to park in the campus car park will need to purchase a parking permit – currently £20 per academic year.

We have extensive travel links. Our students travel from:



The details are correct at time of printing and may be subject to change.

The Weymouth
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code is W66

YOUR NEXT STEPS AND HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

Have a look through our course pages, compare the subjects available and get a feel for what appeals to you.

Once you've decided on a subject, you can find out more information and gain an understanding of exactly what you'll be studying on that study programme by visiting the dedicated study programme pages on our website. Come along to one of our Open Events to speak to current students and staff and see where you could be studying.

This is a great opportunity to ask lots of questions about the study programme to people who are actually teaching and studying it.

Apply online – once you have decided on the study programme, you can apply online, either at home or come into college if you need help or support.

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Don't forget if you have any questions or would like any advice or guidance, just call:

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OUR HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

**OVERALL SATISFACTION RATE OF OVER
91% FOR WEYMOUTH COLLEGE IN
NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY 2019**

We are particularly pleased that the 2019 National Student Survey recorded an overall satisfaction rate of 91.4% from our Higher Education students – well above the national average of 83.5% for the UK as a whole.

Our students scored the college particularly highly for 'the teaching of my course' and 'learning opportunities' which both received a satisfaction rating of over 93%.

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT AND IT

Working in business, management or IT offers fast-paced and vibrant careers across a range of industries that are crucial to everyday life. Our study programmes cover areas including marketing, finance, operations, digital art, human resources and administration – all more important now than ever, whether you want to work within business or set up your own.

COURSES

- AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) Diploma (awarding body: Association of Accounting Technicians)
- Business and Management Higher National Certificate (awarding body: EDEXCEL)
- Business Management Higher National Diploma (awarding body: EDEXCEL)
- Computing Higher National Diploma (awarding body: EDEXCEL)

CARE STUDIES

There is a huge demand both locally and nationally for qualified carers. Jobs within this sector offer long-term employment prospects with great opportunities for promotion and progression. The industry includes a variety of roles and covers those working in early years, children and young people's services and those working in social care for children and adults.

COURSES

- BSc (Hons) Professional Studies (Health and Community) – subject to approval (awarding body: University of Plymouth)
- Health and Social Care Foundation Degree (awarding body: University of Plymouth)

(All students will need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service application to attend work placements)

CREATIVE ARTS AND DIGITAL INDUSTRIES

The creative arts and digital industries have grown rapidly and encompass art, design, media, film and photography. The industry is considered to be the most dynamic emerging sector in Europe to work in and the most important driver of innovation in other sectors. Studying at Weymouth College, you'll have access to state-of-the-art facilities (including a dedicated digital production suite), be taught by award winning staff and work on live projects to gain the valuable industry experience crucial to a career in this field.

COURSES

- Contemporary Fine Art Practice Foundation Degree (awarding body: University of Plymouth)
- Contemporary Photography Practice Foundation Degree (awarding body: University of Plymouth)
- Creative Media (Visual Effects) Higher National Diploma (awarding body: EDEXCEL)
- Creative Media Production Foundation Degree (awarding body: University of Plymouth)
- Computing Higher National Diploma (awarding body: EDEXCEL)

Find out more details about each study programme by visiting our website: weymouth.ac.uk

Register to attend an open event: weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day

Apply online

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS – BAY STUDIOS

The South West's exciting centre for professional industry experience and study in the performing arts, Bay Studios is a dynamic, vibrant and above all highly creative place to study music, music technology, dance, acting and musical theatre. With access to incredible industry standard specialist facilities – including a 220 seat campus-based theatre – whether you are looking for a career in live performance, composition, theatre, dance or music recording, the Bay Studios staff will expertly guide you towards your goal.

COURSES

- Performing Arts Higher National Diploma (awarding body: EDEXCEL)
- Theatre and Media Performance Foundation Degree (awarding body: University of Plymouth)
- Music – Session Musician Higher National Diploma (awarding body: EDEXCEL)

SPORT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Working in the sports and public services industry offers a fast-paced, dynamic and thriving career with an ever-increasing demand for qualified staff. At Weymouth College we have access to some of the very best facilities around – an on-site gym (with sports halls and outdoor pitches), an off-site gym (sport hall, outdoor pitches, dance studio, squash courts) plus an outdoor centre based at the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy. Our Sport and Public Services Team was awarded the 2016/17 National AoC Beacon Award for Sport in the Curriculum.

COURSES

- Sport Coaching, Health and Fitness Foundation Degree (awarding body: University of Plymouth)
- Public Services Foundation Degree (awarding body: University of Plymouth)

PLUS...

- Access to Higher Education – Humanities
- Access to Higher Education – Science
- Access to Higher Education – Health and Social Care
- HNC Engineering (General Engineering)
- Diploma in Education and Training
- Training Assessment Quality Assurance
- Art & Design Foundation Diploma (UAL Level 3/4)
- HNC Construction and the Built Environment (Construction)



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SUPPORTING YOU

We want you to enjoy your experience with us and we offer support to help you to achieve your full potential.

Our Student Support team can provide information, advice, help and support sensitively and in confidence. We offer:

INFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE (IAG)

We offer free impartial information, advice and guidance to those thinking about studying at any level. We can help you make decisions about the future and access the right information to plan your next steps including: careers, further higher education, employment, apprenticeships and gap years.

ADDITIONAL LEARNER SUPPORT

If you are offered a place at Weymouth College and have a supporting need, it is vital that you contact us as soon as possible so we can assess the support you will require prior to you commencing your studies.

SAFEGUARDING

A safeguarding culture is actively promoted at Weymouth College; incidents of bullying, intimidation and harassment will be acted upon immediately. The College has a senior member of staff who leads on safeguarding along with a team of trained Safeguarding Officers. Immediate access to a Safeguarding Officer is available to all students and staff at College. The College ensures that safe recruitment practices are followed when employing staff and volunteers.

COUNSELLING AND MULTI-FAITH CHAPLAINCY

Counselling is a confidential service available to all students at the College, whether full-time or part-time. Experienced counsellors are available for one-to-one confidential appointments and the College Chaplaincy team are also available

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

We welcome people with additional learning needs and/or disabilities and those from diverse backgrounds in all minority groups within the community, ensuring students receive fair treatment when studying at the College. Copies of our Equality and Diversity policy can be found on our website.

WANT TO KNOW A BIT MORE?

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OPEN DAYS AND PERSONAL VISITS

We encourage our applicants to visit us and are very happy to arrange a personal visit.

If you would like to arrange a visit to discuss your options, or just want to know more, simply contact Roz Osborne on 01305 764733 or email Roz_Osborne@weymouth.ac.uk

OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 4th February 2020

Saturday 6th June 2020

Register to attend an open event:
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