What our students say

> As an adult, I was originally interested in software programming, but my Access course was a great introduction to other aspects of computing. I discovered my real passion was for the technologies that power the web. I am now studying a degree in this subject and look forward to working within the web industry as a career

Richard Skowron
Access to Computing

> I succeeded on the Access Humanities course, it allowed me to study whilst also looking after three children, all aged under 10. I am now completing a primary school teaching degree course

Carolanne Jordan
Access Humanities

> I am now studying a BA Hons Business and Marketing degree at the University Centre, Wakefield College, having spent 10 years out of education. The Access to Business course gave me the skills, knowledge and self-confidence to study for a degree.

Sarah-Jayne Winter
Access: Business

> The Access to HE Computing course more than provided me with skills and knowledge I needed to do my Higher National Diploma at the University Centre, Wakefield College. After the HND I hope to go into the RAF, in a job that's got something to do with computing or robotics.

Mcauley Grice
Computing now doing HND

Top 6 reasons to study an Access course

1. They're a great option if you've been out of education for some time, or you're looking for a career change

2. You'll benefit from smaller class sizes and personal tuition

3. It's a brilliant stepping stone to getting to university, especially if you don't have traditional qualifications like A Levels

4. Most courses run over just three days so that you still have time for part-time work and family life

5. If you take out an Advanced Learner Loan for your course, it'll be written off when you graduate – so your course will essentially be free

6. Graduates earn on average £10K more than people without a degree (Graduate Labour Market Statistics 2018, Department for Education)

Skills for Access to HE

This FREE 8 week course is designed to help you get prepared for an access to HE qualification. Suited to adults who have been out of education for some time and who need to re-learn how to study at a higher level before progressing onto the intensive Access programme.

What you will study:
Critical thinking
Communication information
Data handling

Access to Higher Education

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Call the Course Information Team on 01924 789111 or visit www.wakefield.ac.uk

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About Access to Higher Education

Our specialist one-year Access to Higher Education courses will provide you with the knowledge and skills you'll need for university study. They're particularly suitable for those who haven't studied A Levels, or who want to return to education and successfully complete a degree.
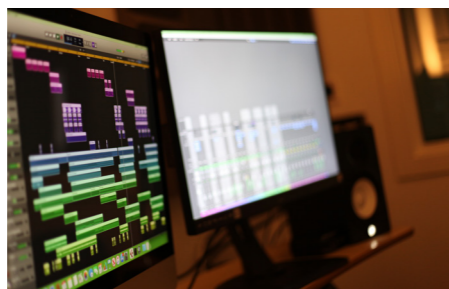
They're a vital stepping stone to help anyone over 19 progress into Higher Education and professional occupations. There's no such thing as a typical student, and our courses are taken by students of all ages and backgrounds.

You can choose different pathways depending on the degree you're looking to study, whether it's one in our University Centre or elsewhere. We offer a wide range of subjects.

Many of our students go on to achieve graduate jobs in areas such as:

- Computing
- Creative and digital
- Management
- Nursing
- Primary teaching
- Social work
- ...and many more!

We offer a range of services to guide and support you on your learning journey, including 1:1 tutorials, additional learning support, counselling services, careers guidance and welfare and financial support.

" From Wakefield College to the University of Cambridge

I had been out of education for few years, but I always wanted to get a university education. As a mature learner, the Access to Higher Education programme at Wakefield College was the perfect platform to allow me to realise this ambition. I thoroughly enjoyed my time here and the support and encouragement I received has been a huge help "

Robert Murphy
studying social sciences at the University of Cambridge

Courses available

Animal Studies

What you'll study can include:
- Introduction to Science
- Science of Life
- Bioscience
- Animal Science and Welfare
- Animal Management and Behaviour
- Land-based Industry Research Project
- Work Experience

Art and Design

What you'll study can include:
- 3D design
- History of Art
- Mixed media
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Final Major Project exhibition

Business Management

What you'll study can include:
- Introduction to Business Research
- Research Project or Dissertation
- Understanding Business Organisations
- Introduction to Marketing
- Financial Awareness
- Managing People
- Law

Childcare

What you'll study can include:
- Children's Holistic Development
- Curriculum Frameworks
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Practical Childcare Skills
- Safeguarding
- Working in Partnership

Computing

What you'll study can include:
- Maths for Computing
- Computer Science Basics
- Introduction to Computer Programming
- Introduction to Web Technologies
- Introduction to Systems Analysis
- Computer Networks
- Databases
- Introduction to C# Programming

Construction

What you'll study can include:
- Mathematics for Construction
- Engineering/Construction Drawing / CAD
- Mechanical Principles
- Materials Science
- Research Project
- Construction Technology & Design

Creative Arts (Performing Arts)

What you'll study can include:
- Acting styles
- Singing skills for performers
- Developing dance skills
- Devising new material
- Performer skills training

Creative and Digital

What you'll study can include:
- Introductory Design Principles
- Digital Imaging
- Building a Portfolio for the Creative & Digital Industries
- Self-Elected Project
- Creative & Digital Case Study
- Final Major Project

Courses available

Digital Marketing and Social Media

What you'll study can include:
- Reflective Practices
- Principles of Social Media Advertising
- Marketing Principles
- Website Design & Creation
- Market Research & Marketing Strategy
- Self-Elected Project

Engineering

What you'll study can include:
- Mathematics for Engineering
- Engineering/Construction Drawing/ CAD
- Mechanical Principles
- Materials Science
- Research Project
- Electrical/ Electronic Principles
- Selecting and Using Programmable Controllers

Healthcare Professions

What you'll study can include:
- Introduction to Psycho-Social Methods
- Psycho-Social aspects of Health
- Core Biology
- Human Biology
- Counselling Skills

Humanities and Social Sciences

What you'll study can include:
- Social Science and Humanities
- Research Methods
- Research Project or Dissertation
Plus, a mix of three optional units:
- English Language
- History
- Psychology
- Sociology

Law and Criminology

What you'll study can include:
- The English Legal system
- Murder and Manslaughter
- Law
- Property Law
- Criminology: Offender Profiling
- Sociology: Crime and Deviance

Music Technology

What you'll study can include:
- Digital Composition
- Listening Skills
- Marketing and Promotion within the Music Industry
- MIDI Sequencing
- Operating Live Sound
- Sampling Techniques
- Studio Production

Science

What you'll study can include:
- Maths for Scientists
- Science Research Project
Plus, a mix of three optional units:
- Core Biology
- Chemistry
- Human Biology
- Mathematics
- Physics

Full list of courses
www.wakefield.ac.uk/access