Level 3 Vocational Business & Finance

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3

Campus: Stafford

Subject Type: Accounting, Business, Travel & Legal

Course Overview:

This is a two-year study programme that combines a BTEC Diploma in Business and the V-Level in Finance and Accounting.

Offering a comprehensive exploration of the dynamic world of finance, business and management. Our Business study programme is designed to provide in-depth knowledge and practical skills, students delve into various aspects such as marketing, finance, human resources, and entrepreneurship.

Through real-world case studies and projects, learners gain a solid understanding of business operations and strategic decision-making that is underpinned by a clear understanding of finance and accounting. With a focus on practical application and critical thinking, graduates are well-prepared for diverse career paths within the business sector or further studies in related disciplines.

What's Covered:

This This two-year course combines to be equivalent to three A Levels. The course is about the practical development of business knowledge and skills.

The 8 units in the BTEC Diploma give learners an introduction to and an understanding of business and include: Exploring Business, Developing a Marketing Campaign, Personal and Business Finance, Managing an Event, Principles of Management, Business Decision Making and International Business.

Within the V-Level in Finance and Accounting that runs seamlessly alongside the BTEC, learners will use financial information to make decisions. Students develop applied skills in interpreting, analysing and communicating financial and accounting information in realistic organisational contexts.

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Understand how to Use financial information to support decisions
- Analyse financial position and performance
- Evaluate financial decision-making
- Communicate financial information
- Develop a marketing campaign
- Be confident in planning and managing an event
- Understand the principals of management
- Pitch to potential investors

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of four or more high grades at GCSE in subjects relevant to the course you'd like to study, including maths and/or English Language at grade 4 or above.

Alternatively, you'll need a Level 2 Certificate with overall Merit in a relevant subject and maths and English at appropriate levels.

An IT qualification such as GCSE or OCR National is also desirable.

100%

pass rate

70.6%

achieved DMM+ in 2026

Assessment Information:

For the BTEC Diploma in Business you are continuously assessed throughout the course. 8 units in total, 3 of which are assessed externally. Learning is through many different methods, including discussion, research and presentation, together with practical skill development where possible. There is a requirement placed on students to work outside of class. In similar fashion, the V-Level in Finance and Accounting incorporates approximately 40% of external assessment and 60% assessed through internal methods.

This course is assessed through coursework activities, external assessment and examinations across both years of the course. There are also opportunities to give presentations and to present work to an invited audience.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):
Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

The Level 3 Vocational Business and Finance course gives you the business skills and knowledge to pursue a career in one of many areas such as Accountancy, Financial Services, Sales and Marketing, Personnel, Retailing, Public Administration, Law and Event Management. With the equivalence of three A-Levels, the route qualifies you with the associated UCAS points to progress to higher education at Higher National Diploma/Certificate or Degree Level.

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can contact the Curriculum Leader, Marie Oriordan, by emailing: marie.oriordan@nscg.ac.uk