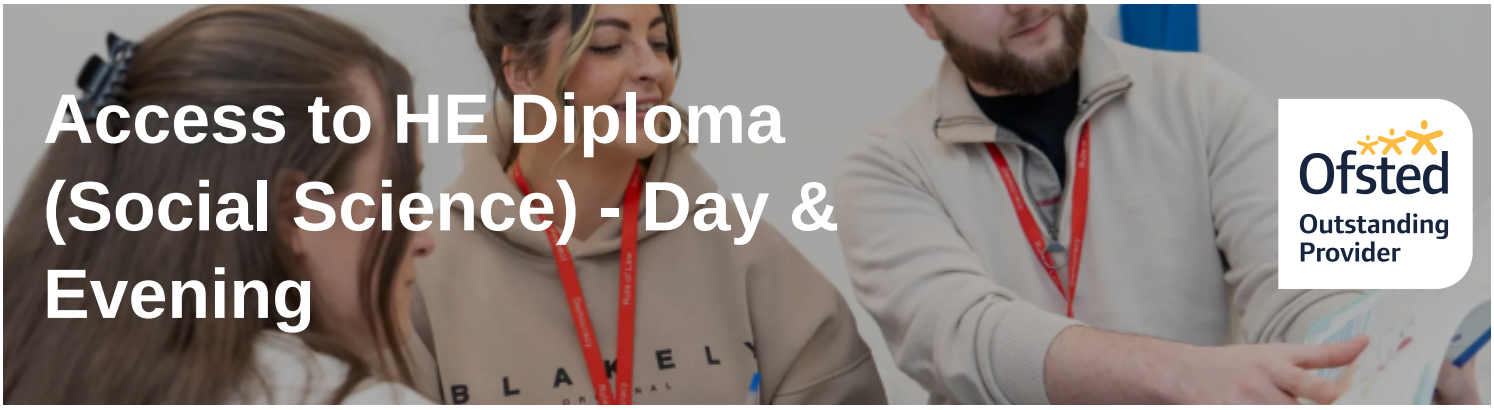


Access to HE Diploma (Social Science) - Day & Evening

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3 | **Campus: Leek** | **Subject Type: Access to Higher Education**

Course Overview:

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The Access to HE Diploma is equivalent to studying three A Levels and supports students in developing the academic knowledge and skills required to begin their journey in to Higher Education. It is important to note that an Access to HE Diploma is a challenging and intense course and students need to be highly motivated, dedicated and have a positive attitude to learning in order to succeed.

Modules studied on Access to HE Diploma (Social Science):

- Psychology - obedience and conformity, mental health, development, relationships, as well as others
- Sociology - social welfare, crime and deviance, the changing family, as well as others
- Related Studies - safeguarding, equal opportunities, research project, as well as others

he course will be delivered through a combination of face to face teaching along with some online learning. You will be expected to attend taught lessons on one day (approx 10:45am-4pm) and 5pm - 9pm on the same evening with the online elements completed independently at a time that suits each learner.

A full induction to the programme will also be provided for two weeks commencing September 2027.

Entry Requirements:

You are required to have a GCSE in English and Maths at a minimum grade 4/c or above, or level 2 functional skills. During the interview process, you will receive an in-depth one to one interview where you will discuss any other qualifications and or industry experience, along with advice and guidance as to the programme best suited for you. It is essential that prepare for your interview by researching the entry requirements for your future degree course as this varies from course to course.

All applicants need to be 18 from the 31st August 2027.

Applicants aged 18 must have already achieved a Grade 4 or higher in both GCSE Maths and English before enrolling on the Access course.

Interview Process:

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As part of the interview process, you will have a detailed one-on-one interview to discuss your qualifications and any relevant industry experience. You will also receive personalized guidance on which programme is best suited to your goals. To prepare, it is crucial that you research the entry requirements for your chosen degree course, as these can vary by programme.

Assessment Information:

You will be assessed through a range of assessment methods such as essays, academic posters, presentations, group work and other types of coursework. Your teachers will guide and support you through each assessment so that you can develop, improve and progress throughout the course.

Fees and Financial Support:

Do not be put off by the cost of the course, as an Advanced Learner Loan is open to anyone aged over 19 studying a Level 3 or above qualification, is not means tested or subject to credit checks and you only start to pay it back when you are earning over £25,000 per year*

If you successfully complete your Access to HE course, progress onto and complete a degree level programme, you do not have to pay back your Advanced Learner Loan. If you are aged 19-23 and studying your first full-time Level 3 programme your course will be completely free. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

If you have any queries with regards to the funding of your course, please contact Charlotte Robertson on 01782 254141 or email charlotte.robertson@nscg.ac.uk

*subject to Student finance adjustments for 27/28

Progression:

Students who successfully complete the Access to HE Diploma go onto higher education level study in a wide range of subjects including adult, child, learning disabilities, mental health nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and other health professions

What else do I need to know?

A student loan may be applied for in order to cover the full cost of the course. On successful completion of the Access to HE Diploma and successful completion of a degree level course at university or higher apprenticeship, this initial student loan will be written off, meaning you will study the course for FREE! Please note there may be additional costs for books, materials or other expenses.
Various delivery models will be available to support work and family commitments. As part of the formal interview process we can discuss this further and decide what is best to meet your individual needs.
This course is validated by the AIM Qualifications Assessment Group.

How do I find out more?

Please contact Melissa Grocott by emailing melissa.grocott@nscg.ac.uk