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Course Title	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) College of Radiographers (CoR)
Credit Structure ²	360 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits Level 6: 120 Credits
Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Standard Length of Course ³	3 years full-time
Intended Award	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography
Named Exit Awards	CertHE Imaging Studies DipHE Imaging Studies BSc Imaging Studies
Entry Requirements ⁴	Typical Offer: 112 UCAS tariff points or equivalent Hold a minimum of three GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English, Maths and Science (or Level 2 equivalents) Subject to satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and occupational health clearance prior to commencing placement.
Delivering Institution(s)	Ipswich
UCAS Code	B821

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2026-27 academic year⁵.

Course Summary

The BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography course is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to produce high quality medical images across a range of healthcare settings. Students are supported to develop and apply the values and behaviours necessary to provide effective care, which is compassionate, safe and meets the diverse needs of service users.

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2024\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

³ Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

⁴ Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#) and further details about Disclosure and Barring BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography (IHRDIR/IDIRSGLE25)

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Checks (DBS) can be found on the [University's DBS webpage](#).

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

Practice placement is integral to the course, enabling students to apply the theory taught in academic blocks to their interactions with service users in the National Health Service (NHS). Students are prepared for their placements through a structured programme of authentic simulation-based learning in the Imaging Suite on campus. They will observe and participate in the full range of imaging modalities and examinations, participating in the multidisciplinary team and engaging in a range of hospital-wide experiences.

The requirements and recommendations of key stakeholders are recognised and have been embedded within the curriculum to ensure new graduates are fit for contemporary practice. Upon successful completion of the BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography course, students are eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Course Aims

In providing this course, the University and course team aims to support students to develop the:

1. Knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve the level of competence essential for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) for professional practice as a diagnostic radiographer.
2. Intellectual and practical skills for research and enquiry, to develop an analytical, evaluative and reflexive approach to professional practice which will engender a strong foundation for lifelong learning, continuing professional development (CPD) and preparation for postgraduate study.
3. Interpersonal and communication skills, to effectively engage as part of the multidisciplinary team across a range of contexts for the benefit of the diverse needs of the service user.
4. Knowledge, skills and understanding to supervise, develop and motivate others, to foster resilience in their work and to be responsible for themselves and others in their professional practice.
5. Underpinning principles to develop a set of values and beliefs which embrace, reflect and promote the NHS constitution.

⁶ As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2024\)](#)

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Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)⁶.

1. Evidence the requisite knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve the level of competence necessary for professional registration as a diagnostic radiographer.
2. Communicate effectively, work collaboratively and critically reflect upon practice to provide safe and effective, person-centred care.
3. Evidence a comprehensive understanding of and adherence to professional, regulatory, ethical and legal requirements in the delivery of imaging services.
4. Critically evaluate and synthesise evidence from a range of credible sources to deliver high quality, evidence-based practice and encourage service improvement.
5. Promote inclusivity, diversity and non-discriminatory practices in diagnostic imaging.
6. Analyse, synthesise and critically reflect to manage complex situations, demonstrating initiative and autonomous decision-making.
7. Evidence supervision, mentorship and leadership skills.
8. Design and undertake an individual project relevant to diagnostic radiography and effectively communicate the findings and implications for practice.
9. Evidence effective writing, numeracy and digital literacy skills.
10. Demonstrate high standards of personal and professional conduct, and a commitment to lifelong learning and Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmarks / Professional Standards / Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) / College of Radiographers (CoR) / Society of Radiographers (SoR) Competency Frameworks:

- HCPC Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics (HCPC, 2024)
- HCPC Standards of Continuing Professional Development (HCPC, 2017)
- HCPC Standards of Education and Training (HCPC, 2017)
- HCPC Standards of Proficiency – Radiographers (HCPC, 2023)
- CoR Education and Career Framework for the Radiography Workforce (CoR, 2022)
- CoR Research Strategy 2021-26 (CoR, 2020)
- SoR Code of Professional Conduct (SoR, 2013)
- SoR Quality Standards for Practice Placements (2012)

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- QAA The Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (2024)

Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6. Module Specifications for each of these modules are included within the course handbook, available to students online at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 4			
	Foundations of Diagnostic Radiography 1	30	M
	Foundations of Diagnostic Radiography 2	30	M
	Anatomy, Physiology and Acute Care	30	M
	Diagnostic Radiography Practice 1	30	M
Level 5			
	Instrumentation and Application in Imaging	30	M
	Research Methods for Contemporary Healthcare	30	M
	Managing Complexity in Radiographic Care	30	M
	Diagnostic Radiography Practice 2	30	M
Level 6			
	Diagnostic Radiography Project	30	M
	Image Interpretation and Developing Imaging Technology	30	M
	Coaching and Leadership for Radiographers	30	M
	Diagnostic Radiography Practice 3	30	M

Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for an ordinary degree, entitled BSc Imaging Studies, on successful completion of 300 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5, and 60 credits at level 6, a DipHE in Imaging Studies on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5, or a CertHE in Imaging Studies on successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at level 4.

Students achieving an exit award (CertHE / DipHE / BSc Imaging Studies) are *not* eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

⁷ Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#)

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Course Delivery

The course is delivered at the Ipswich campus. Students studying full-time on BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography are likely to have approximately 315 contact hours for level 4, 260 contact hours for level 5 and 190 contact hours for level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of learning activities designed and structured by tutors according to the subject area and intended learning outcomes. This will include traditional lectures, simulation, research supervision, small group tutorials and workshops, as well as asynchronous activities including formative quizzes, guided-reading, multi-media and research tasks. Students will also be required to participate in 14 weeks (30 hours per week) of practice placement at level 4, 16 weeks at level 5 (30 hours per week) and 16 weeks at level 6 (30 hours per week). Placements will be arranged by the University. Students will normally be expected to undertake 600 hours of independent study at level 4, 660 hours at level 5 and 770 hours at level 6 but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each module's intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will be approximately 42% coursework (including case studies, podcasts, journal article critique, research proposal, critical feedback discussion, reflective portfolio and research project), 33% examinations and 25% practical assessments.

Special Features

On successful completion of the BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography course, students are eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute and are registered as diagnostic radiographers with the HCPC.

Course Costs

Students undertaking BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK/EU	£9,535 per year
Part-time UK/EU	Not applicable
Full-time International	£18,870 per year
Part-time International	Not applicable

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Students will be required to pay for their DBS check with a small ID check and processing fee, a full breakdown of fees can be found on our [website](#). Students are likely to incur other costs for learning materials such as printing, books and stationery. Where eligible, students are reimbursed for travel, accommodation and car parking costs whilst on placement; however, these are paid retrospectively.

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Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).