

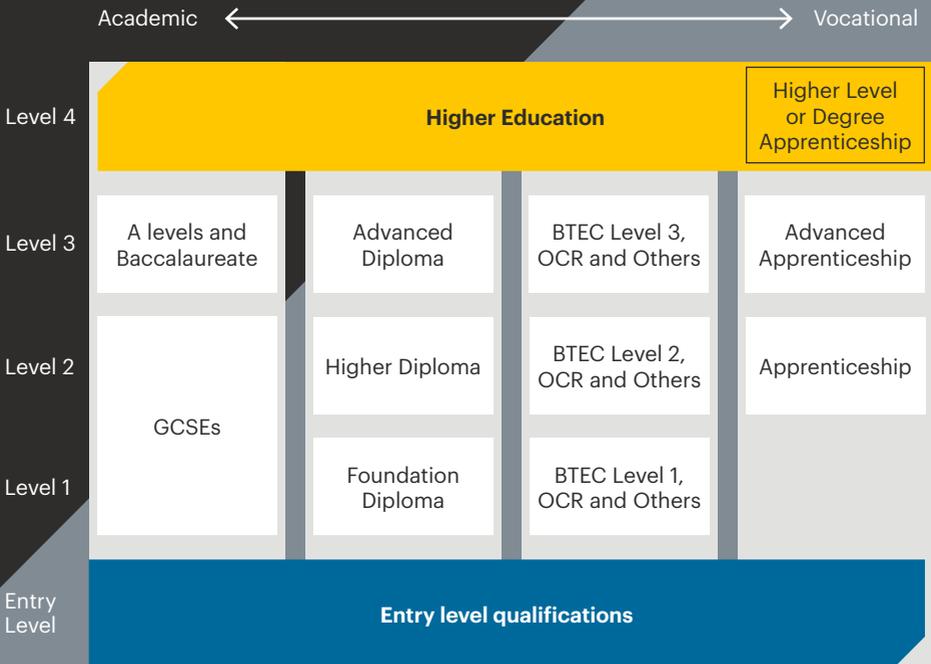
WHY GO TO UNIVERSITY?

WHAT IS HIGHER EDUCATION?

Higher Education (HE) is level 4+ study.

You can study HE at universities and some colleges.

There are a variety of routes that will allow you to progress into HE, e.g. A Levels or BTECs.



“UNIVERSITY SOUNDS BORING. I’VE HAD ENOUGH OF SCHOOL”

Studying HE is very different from school and college:

- The learning is much more independent. You choose to study in a way that works for you.
- Directed learning time is varied; you may have lectures (large groups), seminars (small groups) or tutorials (one-to-one tuition with your lecturer).
- You choose a course that interests and inspires you.
- You work with academics who are just as enthusiastic about your subject as you are.
- There are opportunities to carry out your own research project, spend time abroad and undertake a work placement.



“I’VE HEARD IT COSTS LOADS OF MONEY TO GO TO UNIVERSITY”

- Tuition fees are £9,250* per year, but you will not pay anything upfront as this amount can be loaned to you by the government.
- Loan repayments start once you are earning over £21,000.
- What you pay back goes up as your earnings rise. On a salary of £25,000 you pay £30 a month.
- If you stop working, then you will stop paying. If you never earn £21,000 then you will not pay anything back.
- Additional support is also available for your living costs at university.
- Any outstanding loan 30 years after graduation is written off.

These figures are for 2017/18 entry.

To find out more visit:

www.gov.uk/studentfinance

94%

Graduates are in employment or further study**

Graduates earn an average of

60%

more in their lifetime compared to non-graduates

*The fee increase represents inflation of 2.8%. This is applied where higher education providers achieve a rating of 'meets expectations' under the teaching excellence framework.

**DLHE (Destination of Leavers from Higher Education) survey 2015

“I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I WANT TO DO FOR A JOB”

That’s perfectly fine. You should choose to study a course that really interests you.

A degree programme equips you with a range of skills that relate to a variety of careers. Many employers look for people with a degree in any subject.

Transferable skills are communication, organisation and time management; these are developed on all of the courses at the University of Suffolk.

The University of Suffolk Careers and Employability Service

This service helps students to make the most of their time here, including developing networking skills, advise with CV writing and applying for jobs, and support in getting relevant work experience.

Other support available through the Student Services department includes:

- pre-arrival tips
- health and wellbeing
- disability and learning difficulty support
- study skills support
- counselling services
- student finance advice





“I DON'T WANT TO MOVE AWAY FROM HOME”

Whether you move away from home or study locally, university will develop your independence. Lots of students studying at the University of Suffolk come from our local area and many choose to stay living at home rather than move into university accommodation.

If you do choose to live away from home, there is plenty of excellent accommodation available at the University of Suffolk.

Contact the Accommodation Office for information on our Accredited Accommodation Scheme and on-campus accommodation.

Find out more

uos.ac.uk/accommodation
01473 338833

Benefits of staying at home

- Lower cost than moving away
- Easy to stay in touch with family and friends
- Still have the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends
- Familiar surroundings, you already know the area

"I AM WORRIED I WON'T FIT IN"

There are lots of opportunities to meet people with similar interests.

Here are just some of the societies currently on offer at the University of Suffolk:

- Gaming Society
- Pirate Society
- Spanish Society
- Men's Football Club
- Women's Netball Club
- LGBT+ Society
- Assassins Guild
- African-Caribbean Society

Our Students' Union organises and runs:

- Freshers' Week
- Sports clubs
- Peer Mentor Scheme
- Multi-faith Chaplaincy
- Societies
- Social events

These are for all University of Suffolk students, whether they stay on campus or live at home.

Find out more

www.uosunion.org



VISIT US AT AN OPEN EVENT

If you want to find out more about courses, finance, careers and what the University of Suffolk can offer you then come along to one of our Open Events.

Visit us

uos.ac.uk/openevents