University Education Guide
2022/23

Where your degree unlocks your future
Degrees on your doorstep to unlock your future

From our world class facilities to worldwide industries - our degrees give access to a world of possibilities and careers.

Degrees are now more affordable at around £6,600 a year, with loans available.
Find a course to match your career goals from our range of professional/technical subjects that can be studied full or part-time.

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Excellent Teaching

We hold the QAA quality mark from the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and were commended for the enhancement of learning opportunities.

Chartered Status

Furness College has achieved Chartered Status for the high quality of education by demonstrating quality across the board in areas including teaching and learning, governance, finance and engagement with the local community and employers.
Progress with us

Furness College is the largest provider of Higher Education in South Cumbria with more than 30 years’ experience of delivering university-level programmes.

The college offers a wide choice of university-accredited HE qualifications and degrees and has more than 500 students on its HE courses at the Channelside campus.

Our University education qualifications include:

- Higher National Certificates (HNC)
- Higher National Diplomas (HND)
- Foundation Degrees
- Degrees (BSc, BA or BEng with Honours)
- Higher Apprenticeships
- Degree Apprenticeships

In 2021, more than 150 students graduated with Furness College
Fees information

• Full-time degree courses for £6,666 a year
• Furness College bursary available
• Part-time fees also available
• Ørsted full fees scholarship available (see below)

More information at www.furness.ac.uk/university-education

Ørsted

Ørsted Scholarship is now in its sixth year at Furness College with up to £40,000 available to fund students through engineering courses at the Channelside campus.

Ørsted, the global leader in offshore wind has set aside the money through its Walney Extension Community Fund to help aspiring engineers get the education they need to progress in their dream careers in engineering.

It pays student fees for a range of courses in electrical and mechanical engineering – from a national diploma and HNC through to degrees and Honours degrees – to support those who may not otherwise be able to finance themselves through qualifications.

Email student.services@furness.ac.uk for information about student loans.

Full course fee details are available on the website www.furness.ac.uk

Ørsted Scholarship
James Tracey

COMPANY: Furness Engineering and Technology Ltd (FETL)
JOB TITLE: Senior CE&I Draughtsman
COURSE: BEng (Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

"The Ørsted scholarship has allowed me to pursue my education without relying on my employer to fund it but with their full support."
Gain a degree from one of the UK’s top universities, all without the added financial costs of living away from home.

Over 30 years’ experience of high quality teaching in Barrow.

Learn while you work, reducing costs and loans.

Accredited by industry organisations including iMech.

Small group sizes, which are friendly and supportive.

Courses which fit around the workplace and a busy home life.

Reduced transport costs.

Network of support including personal tutors and additional support.

Excellent training resources which meet industrial/commercial standards.

All our HE courses are supported by materials in a virtual learning environment.

96 percent of our HE students go into employment or further study.
Fit study around your work

We know from experience that it takes determination, tenacity and the support of friends and family while balancing the demands of everyday life. Our students have proved that it is not only possible but enjoyable and rewarding.

Furness has great links with over 800 employers

- Work placements
- Work-based projects
- Honours degree projects/dissertations
- Higher Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships

Colin Nash
Siemens Energy in Ulverston

“Studying at Furness College on Construction and the Built Environment has provided me with knowledge on various parts of project management including schedules, computer aided design, writing and review project specifications and so on that I practice in my daily at BAE which allows me to excel in my role. As well as this, it has also given me a good understanding around the technical side of construction, sustainability of building and how to select the best building methods on projects.”

Aaron Townsend (above centre)
Recipient of Frank Cairns Award for Outstanding Commitment in Construction
HNC Construction and the Built Environment

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The support given from tutors was the main benefit I found when working towards my degree. When compared to courses carried out at universities where the class sizes are much larger, I found the smaller class sizes useful as it allowed me to have more one to one discussions with tutors and assistance when needed. It was a part-time course, allowing me to work in industry gaining practical experience, but also further my academic knowledge as a part-time student.

Furness College also offers a range of professional qualifications including the popular APM-accredited project management qualifications.

Lianne Morley
COMPANY: Sellafield Ltd
JOB TITLE: E&I Maintenance Support
COURSE: BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Higher Education Business

Awarding body: Pearson

- Higher National Certificate progressing to Higher National Diploma

This qualification offers:

- An exciting and informative study programme that stimulates and challenges students
- Simple structure that enables students to take the Higher National Certificate and then build on it with the Higher National Diploma, with optional units linked to business management or human resources

The course offers a mixture of lectures, tutorials and practical classes to help students learn.

HNC Level 4 Subjects include

- Business and the Business Environment
- Marketing Processes and Planning
- Human Resource Management
- Leadership and Management
- Accounting Principles
- Managing a Successful Business Project
- Business Law
- Digital Business in Practice

Hannah Menzler
Project Management

“I live in Ulverston, so the college isn’t too far away. The course is run of an evening two nights per week, so fits in perfectly with my busy life. The resources are great and the campus is easy to navigate, coffee machines on every level is a total godsend. I know what I want now, and I’m confident that I am enough to achieve it! Telling people that at 27 years old, two kids and numerous dead end jobs later that I’m now a uni student is the best. I have new prospects, and doors are opening for me that I didn’t even know existed.”
Computing

Awarding body: UCLAN

• BSc (Hons) in Computing

Do you enjoy problem-solving? Our challenging and practical computing course enables you to look at application of innovative technology to solve commercial and industrial computing problems. Advances in technology and innovation mean the future will bring jobs that haven’t yet been invented and there is an increasing demand for employees with essential computing skills to bridge the growing digital skills gap. Our knowledgeable staff will help you develop essential computing skills before specialising in routes including networking, business, security, Internet and Cloud or software development.

Ben Wilson
BSc Hons in Computing

“The biggest preconception is that the HE qualification from Furness College is not equivalent to that of a university, this is not the case. I also assumed that this was the case as well, as Furness College is not a university despite having a campus. In fact, I am studying a UCLan degree at Furness College, the qualification is the exact same, and is also marked by UCLan tutors as well. The only difference is I am attending labs and lectures at Furness College rather than having to commute a long distance to Lancaster.”

The course offers a mixture of lectures, tutorials and practical classes to help students learn.

Subjects include

• Networking
• Programming
• Systems Analysis and Database Design
• Interactive Applications
• Computer Systems/Security
• Internet Application Development
• Wireless and Mobile Networking
• Modelling
• Games for the Internet
• Project
Construction

Awarding body: Pearson

- Higher National Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment

Do you want to advance your construction career? Our professionally-recognised construction management qualification is delivered by industry specialists and covers various aspects of construction that are key to enhancing employability at a more senior level. This qualification has been designed with employers and offers the relevant skills you need to succeed so you can graduate career-ready. It leads to careers in areas including site management, project management and building control.

The course offers a mixture of lectures, tutorials and practical classes to help students learn. Formal assessment is through practical and written coursework, and time-constrained examinations.

Subjects include

- Construction Technology
- Science and Materials
- Practice and Management
- Legal and Statutory responsibilities
- Drawing, detailing, specification
- Surveying, measuring and setting out
- Site supervision and operations

Emma Lafferty

COMPANY: Doosan Babcock
JOB TITLE: Assistant Technician
COURSE: HNC in Construction and the Built Environment & Construction Site Supervisor Apprenticeship

“The tutors are amazing, friendly and always happy to help. The college is really at the forefront in terms of technology and equipment for apprentices to learn on which makes it more realistic when getting a job in the ‘real world’.”

Construction graduates from 2021
Education and Teacher Training
(Post-16)
Awarding body: UCLAN

- Foundation Degree in Children, Young People and their Services
- BA (Hons) Education and Professional Studies
- Certificate in Education (Education and Training)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Post Compulsory Education (PGCE)

Do you dream of a job where you can make a difference? Our education programmes enable students to advance their interest in education to degree level and study education in a broad range of contexts. You will look at the role of education across a range of sectors. Areas of study include teaching and learning, policy and practice, learning theory and education as a tool for social inclusion. This will give opportunities to advance your existing career and/or moving onto teaching as a career in the future.

As experienced educators we are very conscious that our teaching and learning strategies emphasise the role of the learner. There will be lectures, seminars, tutorials and group work to enable active participation in the learning process.

Jess Merrell
COMPANY: Croftlands Infant and Nursery School
JOB TITLE: Senior Teaching Assistant
COURSE: Foundation Degree in Children, Young People and their Services

“Studying at Furness College is fantastic. You have access to a fantastic facility, full of resources that are yours to use. There are various professional, experienced tutors that are on hand to help you whenever you need it. The college staff are helpful, caring and put the students first.

My career goal is to become a fully qualified primary school teacher. I have a passion for working with children of all abilities. I want to inspire, impact, and change children’s lives and give them the best start to life.

Studying at Furness College is helping me to achieve my dream goal of becoming a teacher. Once I have completed the degree I will further complete my BA Honours at University and be on my way to achieving my dream goal.”
Engineering

Awarding body: Lancaster University

- Higher National Certificate (HNC) Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Mechanical and CAE
- BEng (Hons) Electrical Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering

Do you want to be at the forefront of engineering innovation? Our qualifications cover the essentials of mechanical, electronic and electrical engineering, ensuring you will develop a range of practical and professional skills. Nearly every industry sector requires engineering and this is a chance to learn from industry experts in a thriving £47m campus environment in a town renowned world-wide for its engineering traditions and expertise.

Our university engineering provision is based in the Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Centre with classroom space upstairs and an industrial workshop below so ideas can go swiftly from design to creation using a range of state-of-the-art machinery.

The course is taught through a mixture of formal lectures, seminars, tutorials, group work, practical work and self-study.

“"To anyone thinking about doing a degree through Furness College, I’d say go for it. I turned 40 this year, this shows that you’re never too old advance your career, and Furness College has the expertise and staff that can help you along your journey."
Health and Social Care

Awarding body: UCLAN

• Foundation Degree in Health & Social Care

Do you care for the wellbeing of others? Our Foundation Degree in Health & Social Care is a step into a meaningful role in the healthcare sector? It can lead to a wide range of careers including pre-registration adult nursing, child nursing, mental health nursing, midwifery, counselling and psychotherapy. Other specialisms include occupational therapy, paramedic and social work.

This course is for people with a passion for Health and Social Care who want the necessary knowledge, skills and graduate attributes to work confidently throughout the sector and make their mark in a positive way.

You will learn through a mixture of taught sessions, seminars, tutorials, self-study and work placements.

Year One Modules
• Personal Development Planning
• Body in Balance
• Workplace Contexts
• Practitioner Values
• Relationships & Care
• Approaches to Social Care

Year Two Modules
• Managing Self & Others
• Social Care Policy
• Social Inclusion
• Communication & Collaborative Working
• Evidence Based Practice
• Clinical Skills

Hayley Taylor
Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care

“I chose this course because I want to work in healthcare but I wasn’t entirely sure what area and this course covered a broad range of subjects. I am a mature student and had an eight-month-old baby when I started the course. I worked in a veterinary practice and wanted a career change and the pandemic and the prospect of returning to work following maternity leave made me realise this.”
Access course

Do you want to open the door to a degree?
Our one-year Access to University programme has helped hundreds of students to secure a place at university. Popular career routes include nursing, midwifery and paramedic science, social work, humanities subjects or law-related roles and our new business pathway that can lead to a degree or degree apprenticeship with a local employer. Study at the Channelside campus with support from our specialist tutors and it could be you graduating soon! Financial support is available.

How long is the course?
As a full-time student on this programme you will be attending classes at College for approximately 12 hours per week, over a period of 30 weeks.

How will I learn?
The course is designed to give students an opportunity to return to learning and introduce students to a subject area in a non-threatening, supportive environment. Students will develop an understanding of the subject area and the study skills necessary for entry to university education. You will be encouraged to draw upon your own experiences and knowledge to contribute to class sessions and will be offered guidance in improving study skills. Classes are attended by a variety of students, many of whom may not have studied for some time. Learning methods will include a mixture of discussion, group work, workshops and tutorials.

What subjects will I study?
On the Access to HE diploma you will choose to study two subject sets at Level 3. These include a combination of two subject sets from:

- Human Physiology (this science option will be needed for future progression into careers including nursing, midwifery and other health careers)
- Sociology
- Law
- Business

You will attend a total of 5 hours of class sessions per week (for each of your two subject sets) from September until June. There are a further mandatory subject set of study skills units that form the final part of the course. These help you through the process of applying to university and provide you with the necessary academic skills to succeed on the course. You will attend a two hour study skill session a week from September to June.

How will I be assessed?
Assessment is by a mixture of coursework assignments, presentations and in class assessment/practical.

Are there any additional costs?
Most subjects require the purchase of a course text book. Course fees are usually payable.

Eithne Phizacklea
Access

“I previously studied both sociology and law at Sixth Form; I really wanted to complete my goal of applying successfully to university – something I had wanted to do for a long time and seemed impossible before I took this course. After leaving my A-levels only two months before my exams due to my mental health, I felt as though I was in a rut and would not progress academically. This course has genuinely changed my life for the better. After I dropped out of A-levels, I thought that university and a level 3 qualification were out of the question. It made me so unmotivated feeling as though I’d messed up the one opportunity I had to get into higher education – finding out about this course in a building so local gave me the means and resources to feel academically progressive and has opened so many doors for me.”
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For more details or to apply to join us log onto our website: www.furness.ac.uk/university-education

For course enquiries:
Email: info@furness.ac.uk or Call: 01229 825017

Furness College is dedicated to providing high quality HE provision to all. The College has an excellent reputation for widening access to higher education. The College is also required to publish policies and statements of intent on access and participation, student protection, tuition fees, refunds and freedom of speech.

All documents can be accessed on our website www.furness.ac.uk