

AS and A2 levels



AS and A2 levels are one of the main routes into Higher Education, but are also useful if you want to progress into employment.

Leicester College offers a range of A level subjects. These are organised into learning pathways to provide sensible combinations which will help you to progress on to particular types of degree courses and careers. Three AS or A2 subjects make up a full-time course.

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Luc Tardy, A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Studies, GCSE in Maths



Luc enrolled at Leicester College to take GCSEs and A levels. Luc has now progressed to Leicester University to study Biochemistry and is aiming to work in the medical sector in Pathology.

Luc said: "I'm much more confident in my abilities now. It made me realise I could do a lot better than I thought and that I can do well."

Leicester College is a great environment for learners and you do not feel out of place whatever your age or background.



AS level Art and Design

Location: St Margaret's Campus
Course Code: A0161
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

This course will allow you to gain a qualification in Art and Design and further your career. You must achieve the AS qualification to progress to the A2 level.

What does it involve?

AS level Fine Art includes drawing and painting, life drawing, composition and theme, still life and experimental work, plus two of the following: textiles, graphic design, photography, 3D design (product, interior, jewellery or ceramics) and pastoral support. Functionals skills in English, IT and Maths will be studied at the appropriate level.

Are there exams?

The course has externally set exam themes for project work.

What entry qualifications do I need?

A portfolio of artwork and five GCSEs at grade C and above including English.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress onto an A2 in Art and Design to gain a full A level.

What days and times will I be in College?

15 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

Are there any other things I need to know?

There will be opportunities to take part in day trips and visits at an extra cost. This is a practical course with a supportive written element. You will need to buy your own equipment and materials (approximately £100). Some of the equipment used on the AS fine art is appropriate for the A2.

Where timetabling allows and where it is appropriate to your needs, there is some scope for learners to choose between courses, for example, for an Art and Design learner to choose AS English or History.

We also offer a small range of Modern Foreign Languages in the evening that can be incorporated into your programme. Your choice of subjects will be discussed at interview and confirmed at enrolment.

A2 level Art and Design

Location: St Margaret's Campus
Course Code: A0403
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

This course will allow you to gain a qualification in Art and Design and further your career. You must achieve the AS qualification to progress to the A2 level.

What does it involve?

A2 level Fine Art includes drawing and painting, life drawing, composition and theme, still life and experimental work, plus two of the following subjects: textiles, graphic design, photography, jewellery or ceramics, and pastoral support. You will study Functional Skills in English and maths at the appropriate level where applicable. Each subject meets for 4.5 hours per week. You will also have tutorials and take part in enrichment activities.

Are there exams?

The course has externally set exam themes for project work.

What entry qualifications do I need?

A portfolio of artwork and five GCSEs at grade C and above including English. Plus for the A2 level an AS level in your related subject.

What can I do afterwards?

Pre-Degree Foundation in Art and Design or HND/BA Honours degree course in a related subject.

What days and times will I be in College?

15 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

Are there any other things I need to know?

There will be opportunities to take part in day trips and visits at an extra cost. This is a practical course with a supportive written element.



AS Humanities and Social Science

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A5634
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

A package of related AS subjects chosen from a range including psychology, sociology, history, business studies, English language and literature, biology. Other subjects may be available dependent on demand.

What does it involve?

Each subject meets three times a week for a total of 4.5 hours. There are also subject tutorials where you have an opportunity to see the lecturer on a one-to-one basis. You will have a personal tutor who will support you throughout your course.

Are there exams?

Yes, although each subject may also have a practical or coursework element.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Six GCSEs at grade C including English and maths.

What can I do afterwards?

With AS success at grade D or above you can progress to A2 and beyond into degree level study, or you can use your AS qualifications to enter employment. With an A level package, many learners progress on to degrees in sciences and social sciences, health care training or employment in the public services, for example nursing or social work.

What days and times will I be in College?

Classes run between 9am and 4.30pm. Your days in College will depend on your subject choices.

Are there any other things I need to know?

You will need to attend an interview for this programme. You will need to buy text books as required for each subject.

A2 Humanities and Social Science

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A6289
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

A package of A2 subjects leading to full A level qualifications. Most learners study three A2 or two A2 and one AS subject. Choices are discussed at interview.

What does it involve?

Each subject meets three times a week for a total of 4.5 hours. There are also subject tutorials where you have an opportunity to see the lecturer on a one-to-one basis. You will have a personal tutor who will support you throughout your course. University applications will be a priority in the first term.

Are there exams?

Yes, although each subject may also have a practical or coursework element.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Successful completion of AS units to an appropriate level.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress to degree courses or employment. Employers value A levels. Careers will relate to your subject choices.

What days and times will I be in College?

Classes run between 9am and 4.30pm. Your days in College will depend on your subject choices.

Are there any other things I need to know?

If you wish to join our A2 programme having gained AS level qualifications at another school/college, you will be invited to attend an interview to discuss your subject choices.



AS Science

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A5633
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

A package of related AS subjects chosen from a range including biology, chemistry, maths, physics, psychology, environmental studies and science in society. Other subjects may be available dependent on demand.

What does it involve?

Each subject meets three times a week for a total of 4.5 hours. There are also subject tutorials where you have an opportunity to see the lecturer on a one-to-one basis. You will have a personal tutor who will support you throughout your course.

Are there exams?

Yes, although each subject may also have a practical or coursework element.

What entry qualifications do I need?

A minimum of six GCSEs at grade C or above including maths at grade B and English at grade C. For biology, chemistry and physics, you will need a minimum grade B/B (and preferably A/B) in GCSE science double award or equivalent.

What can I do afterwards?

With an A level package, you can progress on to degrees in sciences and social sciences, health care training or employment in the public services, for example nursing or social work.

What days and times will I be in College?

Classes run between 9am and 4.30pm. Your days in College will depend on your subject choices.

Are there any other things I need to know?

You will need to attend an interview for this programme. You will need to buy text books as required for each subject.

A2 Science

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A6290
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

A package of A2 subjects leading to full A level qualifications. Most learners study three A2 or two A2 and one AS subject. Choices are discussed at interview.

What does it involve?

Each subject meets three times a week for a total of 4.5 hours. There are also subject tutorials where you have an opportunity to see the lecturer on a one-to-one basis. You will have a personal tutor who will support you throughout your course. University applications will be a priority in the first term.

Are there exams?

Yes, although each subject may also have a practical or coursework element.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Successful completion of AS units to an appropriate level.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress to degree courses or employment. Employers value A levels. Careers will relate to your subject choices.

What days and times will I be in College?

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