



Retail

Being the single biggest employer in the private sector, Retail forms a crucial part of the UK economy.

Recognising this, Leicester College takes its Retail training provision seriously, and is proud to be home to the Retail Skills Centre Leicester. Officially opened in February 2010, the centre is a dedicated Retail training facility in the heart of the city's shopping district.

"We like this flexible course which helps to apply our work experience to assignments, thus enhancing our knowledge of the retail sector and our businesses.

"The timetable is great and is planned well around the busy times at work. The support we receive from our tutors is outstanding, especially as we are not in class very often. We are looking forward to completing this year and moving into our second year of study and beyond."

The centre is a founder member of the National Skills Academy for Retail – a government-backed network of training centres designed to increase productivity in the sector. This means you can be confident you will have access to consistent, high quality training.

Our HE provision is for learners who are already employed in the industry, with aspirations of progressing their career.

Foundation Degree in Retailing

This course is a flexible award delivered by the Retail Skills Centre at Leicester College. It is suitable for those in their first management role through to senior store managers.

Part-time

Course Code	A6808
Course Starts	August
Course Length	Two years
Location	Retail Skills Centre Leicester

Those undertaking this course will learn a range of skills and develop their knowledge in a number of Retail disciplines. The course is work-based and is mainly completed online with tutorial support.

There are six study days per year when learners will attend workshops at the Retail Skills Centre Leicester. These days are timetabled around the Retail calendar to avoid any disruption to the store during busy periods.

Subjects include:

- consumer behaviour
- personal development
- retail operations
- managing information
- in-store consumer marketing
- retail law
- managing and developing people.

What do I need to start?

GCSE English grade C or equivalent is required and without this you will be asked to complete a short literacy test.

You will also need to be IT literate and have the use of a computer with internet access in order to complete this course.

You will need to be employed in the Retail sector and be working in a management or supervisory/team leading role.

An interview is required prior to being accepted on to the programme.

We welcome applications from learners with Advanced Apprenticeships and those adult learners who do not match the standard entry requirements but who can demonstrate a willingness and commitment to studying this subject at level 4 and 5, and who can evidence academic, professional or vocational experience in a related field.

How long is the course?

Two years, part-time.

How will I be assessed?

Exams and continuous assessment throughout the course.

What is the fee?

The fee is currently under evaluation and yet to be confirmed. Please call 0116 224 2240 for the latest fee information.

Who is the awarding body?

De Montfort University. Please see Associate Universities page 126.

What else do I need to know?

As an employer-embedded qualification, a high level of independent study is expected. Formal visits to the retail sector or trade shows take place. It is anticipated that independently arranged visits of this nature will inform your coursework.

What can I do next?

Successful learners can progress to a related Honours Degree programme by applying to universities who offer "top-up" qualifications.

Career progression can be made very quickly within the Retail sector, particularly for those who hold a management qualification.

How do I apply?

Please apply to Leicester College. Call 0116 224 2240 for further information.

