

Edinburgh College

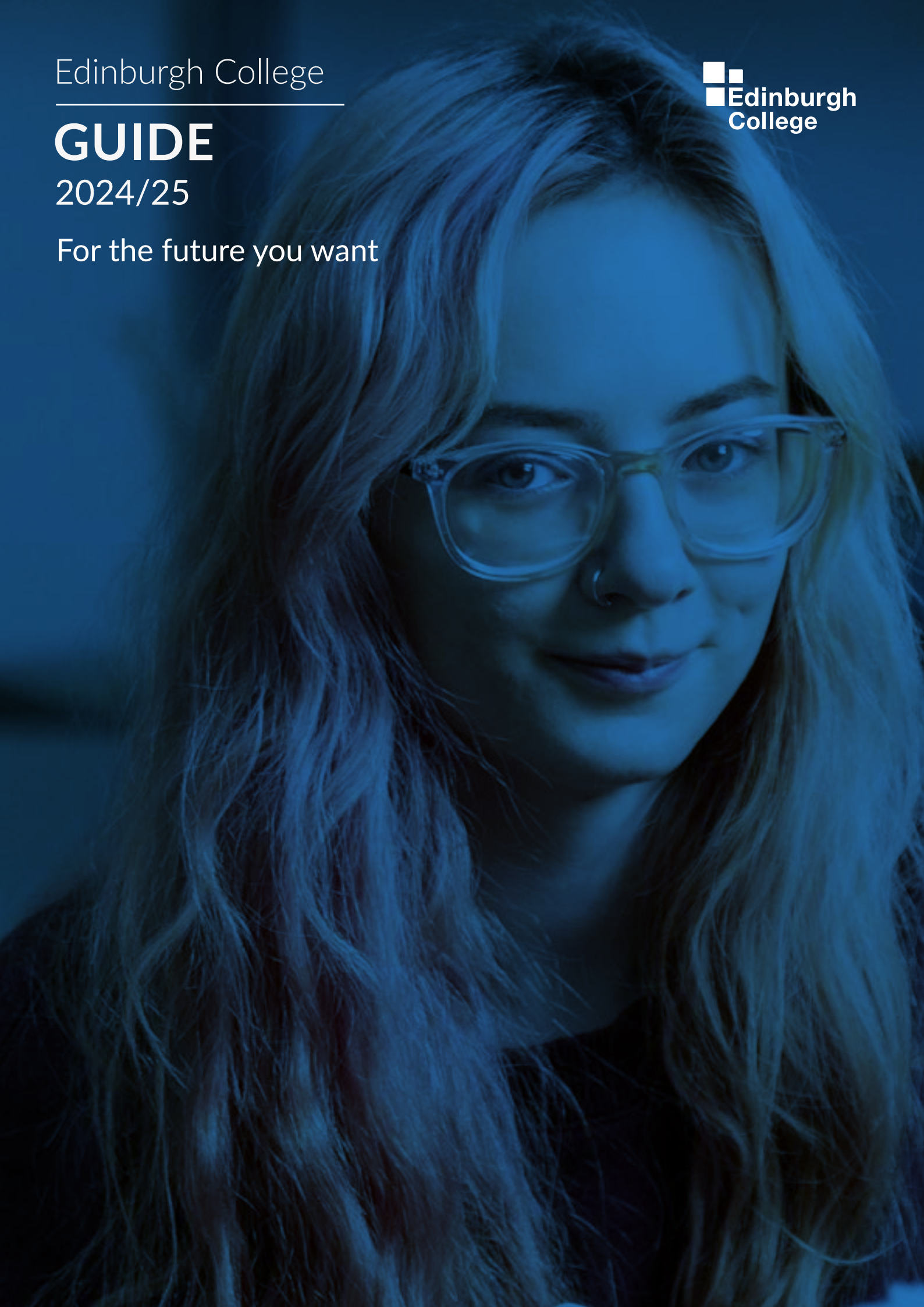
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# GUIDE

2024/25

For the future you want



# Welcome to Edinburgh College

Welcome to Edinburgh College, a secure and inclusive environment that supports the wellbeing of our people and communities for an education that is more than an academic qualification.

We have over 28,000 students studying with us.

We work with more than 2,000 employers every year to provide our students with work experience and industry-aligned courses.

Single biggest provider of Higher Education students to Edinburgh's Universities.

94% of our students are satisfied with their College experience.

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# Take Your Next Step

If you are still considering your next step, we can help find the course that will support you to achieve your career goals and ambitions.

Our courses are created in collaboration with industry, giving you skills and practical experience to ensure you are ready for your next step. You can choose from over 700 courses across 22 curriculum areas with full-time, part-time and evening options available that you can fit around your commitments. We also have a range of open learning courses that can be studied from home.

Campus open days and course information events are held throughout the year where you can meet with teaching staff, discuss funding and meet with our student experience team who can all advise you on making an application for the right course for you.

This guide tells you what we're all about: our state-of-the-art facilities, our wide range of courses available and why studying at Edinburgh College could be the next step for you.

Edinburgh College is committed to equality of opportunity and to a culture that respects difference. We are committed to providing an inclusive ethos and environment, where everyone feels welcome, supported and respected.

We recognise that equality of access to education is crucial in unlocking many significant opportunities in life. We aim to help remove barriers and advance equality for groups who experience disadvantage in our society.

Our students are award winning, receiving national and international accolades for their achievements.

We have students from more than 135 countries.

Our students travel across the world as part of their studies including to Brazil, France, Romania, Slovenia, South Africa and the USA.

Find out more about our upcoming Open Days on the [Open Days section of our website](#).

# College Life

## **Get competitive at a sports or social club**

Joining one of our sports teams or social clubs is a great way to help you settle into College life and meet like-minded people, while also pursuing a passion or hobby. The College and our Students' Association currently run weekly sports sessions, as well as different social clubs and societies.

## **Practice self-care at our fantastic facilities**

As a student, you can also take advantage of our campus training salons, training restaurants and leisure facilities for free or at reduced prices.

## **Celebrate Graduation and Prize Giving**

Our Graduation and Prize Giving ceremonies are highlights of the College year and are the perfect way to mark the end of your College journey and celebrate your success surrounded by your classmates, lecturers, family and friends.

## **Collaborate with your peers**

Are you a gym instructor in need of a photographer or a musician that requires some marketing support? By making connections at College, you can come together with your peers and use your unique skills to help each other as part of your course, or in your life outside of College.

## **Access student discounts**

You can access discounts on food, clothing, books, technology, and more throughout your time as a student using your digital student card via our MyEC app.

## **Grab a bite at Breakfast Club**

Free breakfasts are available across all of our campuses, so catch up with friends over tea or coffee and a bite to eat before class.

## **Get business support**

There's a range of enterprise and business support available to you throughout your time studying with us. We team up with a variety of partners to provide advice and guidance to help you with any business endeavours that you may have.

## **Catch a show or browse an exhibition**

Our PASS Theatre hosts a number of shows throughout the year and our annual Glow Festival takes over venues across the city to showcase the work of our creative students. Showcases include dance and drama performances, art and photography exhibitions, film screenings and fashion shows!

## **Sustainable Education Week**

We hold an annual Sustainable Education Week which engages students and staff across all course areas in Sustainability-themed learning.

# Our Campuses

We have campuses in each corner of the city, giving you flexibility to study wherever suits you. There are a variety of ways to travel, with public transport options available to take you from one side of Edinburgh to the other, meaning no campus is off limits.

All campuses have car parking available. Bike storage is available across all campuses.

You can plan your journey to campus using the Traveline Scotland website [travelinescotland.com](https://www.travelinescotland.com)

Liftshare available for all campuses. For more information about Liftshare visit [liftshare.com](https://www.liftshare.com)

## Granton Campus

- Bus (Lothian) - 8, 14, 16, 24, 27, 29, X29, 38, 47 and 113

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## Sighthill Campus

- Bus (Lothian) - 2, 12, 20, 21, 22, 35 and 300, 400

- Train - Edinburgh Park stop

- Tram - Bankhead Avenue stop

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## Milton Road Campus

- Bus (Lothian) - 5, 44, X44 and 113

- Train - Brunstane stop

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## Midlothian Campus

- Bus (Lothian) - 29, 46, 139, 140, 141 and 139

- Train - Eskbank stop

# 10 Reasons to Choose Edinburgh College

## **1 You can choose a pathway to suit you**

At College you gain a recognised qualification for each year of study, meaning you can take each year at a time.

## **2 We are based in Scotland's capital**

Not only are our campuses based in the four corners of the City, but they are also easily accessible thanks to the city's wide-reaching travel options. No matter where you stay, you can get to our campuses no problem.

## **3 You can study with us AND stay in school**

You can study with us as one of your column choices, which could be the start of your higher education journey, or even the spark that leads you to university.

## **4 Industry seasoned staff**

Our staff are experienced with years of knowledge in their field. They keep close links with their industry to help bring our students the latest skills and developments that will prepare them for their future.

## **5 Close links with universities**

We have close links to universities throughout Scotland and the UK. Our associated degrees allow you to start studying an HNC or HND with the option of then progressing directly to university study. We also have exclusive progression pathways with universities such as Edinburgh Napier University, Queen Margaret University and Heriot Watt University.

## **6 Progress in your career**

We offer a range of qualifications to help you progress professionally. For example, if you are a childcare practitioner, by studying PDA Childhood Practice you could then progress to managerial level. If you work in tech then a qualification in Cisco could help you progress to a new job.

## **7 Get that qualification you never got at school**

If you need grades to get into university, or if you want to change career, our courses are useful for your next steps. You can study National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses in a range of subjects.

## **8 Clear pathways to employment**

We offer a range of courses that have been designed to help you get into employment or make your next career move. 97% of students go on to a positive destination like employment after completing their course.

## **9 Fantastic facilities and learning environments**

From beauty and make-up salons to engineering workshops and responsive hospital environments, we are fully-kitted out so that you can put your skills to the test and prepare for your future career.

## **10 Follow in the footsteps of our famous alumni**

By studying at Edinburgh College, you'll join a long list of graduates who are at the top of their field across the world, including Hollywood actors, Olympians and professional sports stars, celebrity chefs and award-winning musicians.

Find out more about our upcoming Open Days on the [Open Days section of our website](#).

# Our Facilities

Our facilities provide our students with excellent real life working environments, places to study and stay active. We also offer the public access to our high-quality, low-cost restaurants, exercise, leisure, and spa facilities, as well as hair and beauty amenities in their local communities.

## Training Restaurants

**Campus: Granton & Milton Road**

Dine in one of our training restaurants - The Apprentice (Granton) or eh15 (Milton Road). Try top quality dishes prepared by our trainee chefs before they start working in some of the best restaurants in the country.

## Training Salons

**Campus: Granton & Milton Road**

Students can book into our modern on-campus hair, beauty and barbering salons at Milton Road and Granton campuses which offer treatments using well-known brands including Elemis, Wella, Dermalogica and American Crew. Our training salons allow students to practice and gain the valuable skills needed for working in the industry.

## Waterfront Nursery

**Campus: Granton**

The Waterfront Nursery at our Granton Campus provides quality childcare for children from birth to five years.

## Gyms

**Campus: Granton, Milton Road & Sighthill**

We have three fully equipped gyms that can be used by students. At Milton Road you can take advantage of qualified personal trainers, fitness classes and spa facilities at the Club gym and spa.

## Libraries

**Campus: All**

There are libraries and resource centres on all campuses, which provide you with the use of PCs and a place to study when at college. Moodle, our virtual learning environment, can be accessed anywhere with internet access.

## Catering

**Campus: All**

Coffee shops are located on every campus. You can grab a quick coffee before class or hang out with friends during lunchtimes and have a bite to eat.

There are also a number of local shops and well-known eateries in close proximity of each of our campuses.

## Accommodation

Living on campus in our halls of residence is the ideal way to make new friends and get the full student experience. Our purpose-built halls of residence are based at our Milton Road campus.



# Next Steps

Find out more about the SCQF levels offered by the college. In some subject areas, you can study at Edinburgh College up to degree level.

## Further Education Courses SCQF Level 3-7

Nationals, Highers, Skills for Work & PDAs  
National Certificate (NC)  
National Progression Award (NPA)  
UAL 1, 2 & 3 Diplomas  
UAL Foundation Diploma

These qualifications are a great starting point for anyone who is looking to start building their knowledge within their chosen subject area.

Courses at this level will usually take place over two semesters of the academic year. They are considered as a great stepping stone to higher education and can help you to gain the core skills required to be workplace ready.

## Higher Education Courses SCQF Level 7-8

Higher National Certificate (HNC)  
Higher National Diploma (HND)

You will study an HNC for one academic year. This is usually considered as the equivalent of studying the first year of a university degree, with an HND lasting two years and considered as your first two years of university study. Once you have completed your course at this level, you have the flexibility of using your new qualification to gain employment or enter university in either second or third year.

## Degrees SCQF Level 7+

### Bachelor Degrees

Once you have completed your foundation qualifications, areas in which you can then progress to degree level at Edinburgh College are:

- BA Hons Dance and Drama
- BA Hons Music
- BA Professional Photography
- BA Hons Visual Communication
- BA (Hons) Audio Production
- BA (Hons) Music Business

## Associate Degrees SCQF Level 7+ Bachelor Degree University Route

These courses are agreed between the College and selected universities that guarantee\* students direct continuation of studies to degree level or beyond.

The advantages of these courses are that you complete your first or second year of your degree at college and then progress to the selected university to complete your degree.

For more information on SCQF levels visit [the SCQF website](#).

### We offer HNCs and HNDs in the following areas:

- 3D Animation
- 3D Design
- Acting
- Architectural Technology
- Childhood Practice
- Civil Engineering
- Computing
- Contemporary Art Practice
- Costume
- Dance
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering
- Business & Management
- Graphics
- Hair & Beauty
- Health Professions
- Illustration
- Make-Up Artistry
- Media
- Music & Sound Production
- Musical Theatre
- Professional Cookery & Hospitality
- Retail & Events
- Science
- Social Science
- Social Services
- Sport & Fitness
- Textiles
- Travel & Tourism
- User Experience
- Visual Communications

# Studying to Suit You

## Still at School?

If you are still at school then you can study part-time at college as one of your column choices with a Schools College Partnership (SCP) course or a Foundation Apprenticeship (FAs).

### **Schools College Partnership (SCP)**

You can study an SCP course at college a couple of afternoons a week (typically). Studying at college gives you additional skills and experience to boost your CV, college or university application and employment after leaving school.

### **Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs)**

These courses combine study with real-life work experience with S5/S6 pupils studying as one of their column choices at SCQF level 6. See more on page 28.

## Leaving School?

Whatever level of studying you are at, Edinburgh College has a range of courses designed to get you ready for the world of work.

### **Full-time Courses**

Full-time study generally requires you to attend college for 3.5 days per week (approximately 20 hours) with some variations.

### **Pre-apprenticeship Courses**

These are college courses that help you to build skills and prepare you to apply for a Modern Apprenticeship.

### **Modern Apprenticeships (MAs)**

Edinburgh College is approved by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) to offer Modern Apprenticeships where students study on a block release basis with college tutorials alongside paid employment. Please contact your employer for more details. See more on page 28.

### **Routes into Education or Employment**

These courses aim to help you make the jump from school to college. You will develop your confidence and independence in a supported environment, gain skills and qualifications to move onto another college course, or to enter employment. See more on page 18.

## Returning to Education?

College is for everyone with a wide selection of courses designed to help you reach your goal, whether its employment, further study or university.

### **Part-time and Evening Classes**

Part-time courses are offered as day or evening courses to fit around your lifestyle. Attendance is generally 1–2 sessions per week depending on the type of course you are studying.

### **Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP)**

SWAP courses are designed for students who have been out of education for more than three years and will provide you with skills to prepare for university study.

### **Open Learning**

Open Learning courses provide flexibility for you to study in your own time and at your own pace, from home or at one of our campuses, using our Virtual Learning Environment, Moodle.

## Looking for a Promotion?

There are a range of courses that are specially designed for those in employment that can give you the essential qualifications needed in the workplace to develop knowledge in your sector.

### **Day Release and Block Release**

You can study work-based qualifications including Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs), Professional Development Awards (PDAs) and Modern Apprenticeship (MA) programmes on a block release or day release basis, combining work and college study.

### **Professional Qualifications**

You can study professional qualifications part-time, in the evening or via short (1 or 2 day) courses. We are accredited to deliver professional qualifications for your career including Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), Chartered Management Institute (CMI) and Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM).

“I thoroughly enjoyed my studies at Edinburgh College, it was an incredibly insightful and rewarding programme. The College has great facilities, incredibly supportive and attentive lecturers, and lovely classmates.” - **Cameron Duthie, Former Student, BA(Hons) Audio Production**

Find out more about our upcoming Open Days on the [Open Days section of our website](#).

# The Faculty of Creative Industries

Our Creative Industries faculty offers a variety of courses which help prepare students to stand out from the crowd in their chosen field, be it art and design, broadcast media, photography, music and sound production, performing arts or computing.

## The School of Art & Design

The School of Art and Design is one of the largest of its kind in the UK, with a strong reputation for progressing students into both degree-level study and employment.

Working with UAL awarding body, Kingston School of Art and industry and university partners enables us to deliver unique creative opportunities for students.

Courses include:

- UAL 1 , 2 & 3 Diplomas
- UAL Foundation Diploma
- Communication & Graphic Design
- 3D Animation
- 3D Design
- Contemporary Art Practice
- Fashion and Textiles
- Graphics
- Illustration
- User Experience
- Visual Communications



## The School of Computing

Expertise in Digital, Computing and Cyber is more in demand than ever before in Scotland.

If you are looking to take the next steps in Cyber Security, Games Development, Software or Network Engineering, Data Science, Web or Digital Design there is a computing course to suit you.

Courses include:

- Cyber Security and Networking infrastructure
- Computer Games Development
- Data Science
- Digital Design and Development
- Software Development

The School of Computing partners with Edinburgh Napier and Heriot Watt Universities to provide progression routes from HND programmes to BEng and BSc courses in Cyber Security, Networking and Web Development.

### **Codespace Software Development Bootcamp** Winner of the Partnership Award at the Herald Higher Education (HE) Awards (2023)

"I've learned so much in six weeks it's incredible. I really enjoyed the course." - Katherine Leyland, former student, Codespace Bootcamp

Find out more about our courses on the [Courses section of our website](#).



## The School of Media, Music & Sound Production

Powering the ambition of our students to innovate and succeed as the next generation of creatives is at the core of our curriculum.

Our course are delivered in collaboration with the industry. All of our students take part in events and placements across the country and work in real creative and technical roles on commercial projects.

Courses include:

- TV & Film
- Audio Production
- Music and Music Production
- Creative Media Production and Technology
- Audio Visual Production
- Music Business
- Digital Journalism and Radio

The feedback we continue to receive from our industry partners is that our facilities are sector leading allowing us to provide unique and real-world experiences to our students.



## The School of Performing Arts & Photography

We are home to Performing Arts Studio Scotland (PASS), one of the largest training centres for the performing arts, recognised for excellence across the sector.

Within PASS you will find a purpose-built theatre and dedicated rehearsal and dance studios. These professional facilities make PASS the perfect place to showcase your talents.

Courses include:

- Acting and Performance
- Costume for Stage and Screen
- Dance and Drama (to BA Hons Degree level)
- Makeup Artistry: TV, Film & Theatre
- Musical Theatre
- Technical Theatre

Our Photography programmes cover digital capture, retouching, studio portraiture, fashion, food, landscape, advertising, corporate, photojournalism and social.

Exhibitions of work are held across the year to showcase the work of students and on campus there is a new centre for students to print their work providing additional workspaces and meeting points.

Courses include:

- Beginners Photography
- Foundation Photography
- HND Photography
- BA (Hons) Professional Photography



# The Faculty of Construction & Engineering

Our Engineering and Construction faculty provides students with an opportunity to learn and develop their craft in realistic working environments, from car garages to an oil production platform simulator.

## The School of Construction

While studying with us you will benefit from the realistic work environments within our facilities. All our courses provide a qualification designed to prepare you for employment, career development or further study.

Courses include:

- Architectural Technology
- Brickwork
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Construction
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical
- Heating & Ventilation
- Painting & Decorating
- Plastering
- Plumbing & Heating
- Railway Engineering
- Roofing
- Trowel Trades



Find out more about our courses on the [Courses section of our website](#).



## The School of Engineering

The School of Engineering has a range of courses available from full time students looking to study Engineering starting from SCQF level 4 progressing to level 6 with opportunities to progress to HNC and HND study.

Students can focus on a specific Engineering discipline such as Electrical Engineering or a multidiscipline course that includes mechanical, electrical and engineering systems. Each course is designed to deliver the practical and theoretical skills needed to progress in their chosen field whether into employment or further study.

Embedded in all our programmes are the skills required for new and future industry, including renewable energy, robotics and automated systems and smart manufacturing.

Courses including:

- Automotive Engineering
- Vehicle Maintenance and Accident Repair
- Engineering Systems
- Energy and Environmental Engineering
- Fabrication and Welding
- Mechanical Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Measurement and Control Engineering



Our Renewables and Energy Efficiency Training Centre contains: ground source heat pumps, air source pumps, solar thermal systems, rainwater and greywater harvesting, SIPS eco panels, underfloor heating systems, and latest gas appliance condensing boiler technology.

“The centre will provide students, apprentices and those within the supply chain with access to a state-of-the-art place to learn new and existing technologies.” - Jon Buglass, Edinburgh College Vice Principal

## The School of Science

We offer a range of courses that will equip you with the skills and knowledge to pursue a variety of career paths in the physical and chemical engineering sector as well as the growing life science industries.

Our science department offers the opportunity to study in purpose-built laboratory facilities, supporting the development of your general and specialist practical skills, whilst enhancing your theoretical understanding of science.

Courses include:

- Applied Science
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Life Sciences
- SWAP Access to Medical Studies



# The Faculty of Health, Wellbeing & Social Science

Our Health, Wellbeing and Social Science faculty offers a wide variety of courses available at different levels enabling students to develop their skills at any point in life whether making the jump from school to college, returning to education as an adult or looking to develop professionally.

## Routes into Education or Employment

Routes into Education or Employment (REE) courses are offered on a part time and full-time basis and are designed to help you to move on to further learning or employment.

REE courses aim to help you to return to education as an adult, make the jump from school to college, become more independent, gain skills and qualifications, and plan your next steps.

Courses include:

- Introduction to Caring Services
- Introduction to Computing and Digital Media
- Introduction to Sport
- Introduction to College
- Skills for Independence
- Prince's Trust
- Project SEARCH

Find out more about our courses on the [Courses section of our website](#).



## The School of Childhood Practice

Our range of childhood practice courses will provide you with the skills and practical work experience you need to step into a career working with children. With exceptional opportunities for employment in Childhood Practice, there has never been a better time to enter the sector.

Courses include:

- Childhood Practice Level 5
- Childhood Practice with ESOL
- NC Childhood Practice
- PDA Education Support Assistance
- HNC Childhood Practice
- PDA Level 8 Childhood Practice
- PDA Level 9 Childhood Practice
- SVQ Playwork
- SVQ Social Services, Children and Young People
- Part-time CPL courses



## The School of Health Professions & Social Services

If you are looking to develop your knowledge in the areas of health, dental nursing or pharmacy, our Digital Care Hub, in partnership with the University of Edinburgh, is designed to equip students with the transferable skills with an emphasis on technology enabled care required within the health sector.

Courses Include:

- Healthcare Practice (HNC)
- Practical Caring Skills for Health
- Dental & Oral Healthcare
- Pharmacy Services
- Preparation for University Access to Nursing
- SWAP University Access to Nursing



Our Digital Care Hubs, located at Milton Road and Sighthill Campuses, equip students with the transferrable skills required to develop a successful career in areas including Health and Social Care and Dental and Pharmacy, with a particular emphasis on technology-enabled care.

The Hubs focus on building students' digital and practical skills using state-of-the-art equipment, supporting experiential learning in a purpose-built setting.

If you are driven to make a difference in people's lives and to work with others then a career within social services or community learning may be worth considering.

Our courses from level 5 onwards in social services, counselling and community learning include practical and skills activities for sector priorities in our Digital Care Hub.

Courses include:

- Counselling
- Social Care
- Social Services
- Working with Communities



## The School of Sport & Fitness

If you are looking to build a career in Sport, Sports Rehabilitation, Fitness or Physical Activity, our programmes will equip you with the leadership, communication and teamwork skills needed to succeed in this sector.

Courses include:

- Fitness, Health and Exercise
- Sports Coaching
- Sports Therapy
- Gym Instructor and Personal Trainer
- Army Preparation
- Developing Sporting Performance



## The School of Social Science

Social science qualifications provide an excellent background for a wide range of careers.

Opportunities can be found across all sectors and in a number of occupations within the criminal justice system, social services, local/national government, teaching, academia, social work and politics.

Courses include:

- SWAP Access to Arts, Humanities and Social Science and Primary Teaching
- HNC Social Science
- Social Science Level 5 & 6
- Social Science Level 4 with NPA Criminology

Topics of study include:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- History
- Politics
- Social Anthropology
- Research and Methodology



# The Faculty of Tourism, Hospitality & Business

Our Tourism, Hospitality and Business faculty works closely with industry to ensure all students receive up-to-date, relevant and recognised training. As well as two student-led restaurants – eh15 and The Apprentice – the faculty manages our on-campus hair and beauty salons, and our mock aircraft. These facilities allow students to practice and gain skills in real-life environments.

## The School of Enterprise & Commerce

We offer accredited programmes ranging from levels 4-8 to prepare you for the ever-changing world of business with many of our programmes offering clear progression routes to university, modern or graduate apprenticeships or employment.

Courses include:

- Accounting
- Business
- Digital Marketing
- Enterprise & Entrepreneurial Skill
- Information Technology
- Digital Marketing
- Legal & Police Studies
- Medical Administration

Our courses provide the opportunity to learn using live projects, and develop the meta skills you require to be workplace ready. Our courses work closely with industry, who provide work placements for Edinburgh College students.

Find out more about our courses on the [Courses section of our website](#).



## ESOL (College Based)

We offer English courses for speakers of other languages (ESOL). ESOL courses are full time, part-time or in the evening. Our classes cover all levels from beginners to SCQF Level 6.

Students study language skills, employability and citizenship, to provide the skills for life and work in Scotland. Students can study for Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) ESOL qualifications, or for other language tests, such as IELTS and Cambridge certificates.

Teacher Training courses (TESOL) are also available for anyone wanting to start to develop their career in teaching English to speakers for other languages.

- Introduction to TESOL with grammar awareness
- Certificate in English Language teaching to Adults (CELTA)



## ESOL (Community Based)

If your first language is not English you can study ESOL courses with us. We teach language skills to live, work and study in the UK. Classes take place all around the city in community-based venues.

We welcome applications from students from all backgrounds. We will assess your level of English to find the right class for you, from beginners to Higher level.

Courses include:

- General ESOL for Schools (Level 3 -6)
- Reading & Writing ESOL workshops
- Adult ESOL classes
- Training and support for ESOL volunteers to work with students
- SQA ESOL Qualifications

ESOL courses will allow you to improve your employability skills, studying at a time and place to fit in with other commitments.



## The School of Hairdressing & Beauty

If you are looking for a career in Hairdressing, Barbering, Beauty, Make Up or Spa, our hair and beauty courses will provide you with the skills you need to succeed.

Our salons are state-of-the-art designed to provide students with the best training, real work experiences working with top industry brands including Elemis, Dermalogica, Wella and American Crew to ensure they are fully competent and delivering industry standard services.

Courses include:

- Spa Therapies
- Beauty Make Up Aesthetics
- Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing
- Barbering

Our hair and beauty training salons are designed to give our students a realistic working experience, preparing them to the highest standard for industry.

Students participate in our Employability Salons performing the latest treatments and using industry leading products on real clients.



## The School of Modern Languages

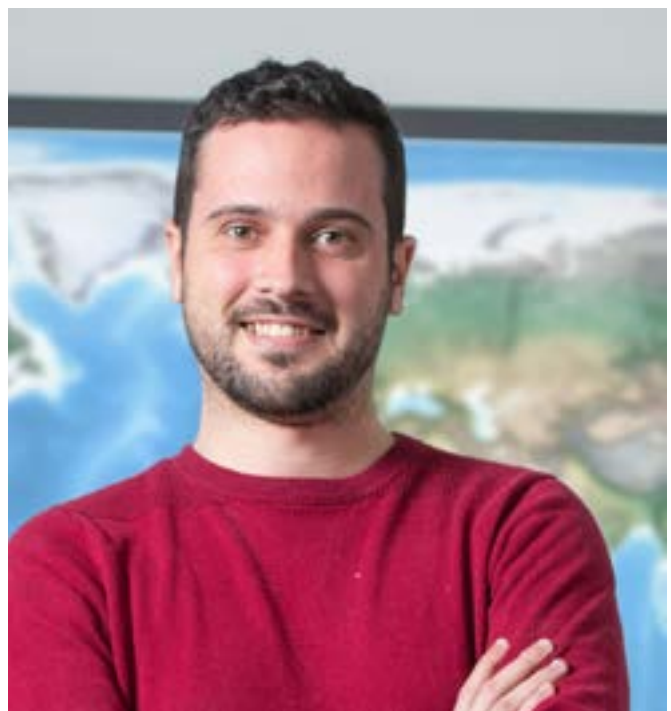
Learning a modern language will prepare you for further academic study, as well as exciting professional opportunities in tourism, international business, government and teaching.

At Edinburgh College, you can study French, Spanish, Italian, German and British Sign Language (BSL). Our courses offer the opportunity to study these languages at various levels from SCQF Level 5 to SCQF Level 7.

We also offer international qualifications (Spanish DELE).

You can study languages from beginner level on our full-time SWAP Access to Languages programmes in order to gain entry to university degrees in a range of subjects.

Many of our courses are delivered online or in a blended model for greater flexibility.





## The School of Professional Cookery, Hospitality & Events

If you are looking for a career within the professional cookery or hospitality industry then our courses will give you the opportunity to train in professional industry-standard kitchens and serve front of house in our training restaurants and many industry events our students support throughout the year.

Courses include:

- Professional Cookery
- Bakery
- Hospitality
- Professional Training
- Events



## The School of Travel & Tourism

We offers full-time Travel and Tourism courses from SCQF Level 5 to Higher National Certificate (HNC) level 7.

Courses topics include:

- Tour Guiding
- Resort Representation
- Marketing
- Air Travel
- Visitor Attraction Operations
- Customer Care
- International Tourist Destinations
- Cabin Crew and Airport Operations
- Tour Guiding and Resort Representation
- Business Communication
- Scottish Tourism Product

Our mock aircraft allows students to hone their cabin crew skills in a realistic working environment.

**“The lecturers prepare you for your interviews, how to dress and everything. It’s just a wee stepping stone into that industry.”**  
- Sarah Hamilton, former student, Cabin Crew and Airport Operations



Find out more  
about our

**Courses**



# Learning Facilities

## Granton

- Renewables and Energy Efficiency Training Centre
- Performing Arts Studio Scotland (PASS)
- Mock Aircraft
- Apprentice Training restaurant
- Hair & Beauty Salons
- Barbering Shop
- Art & Design Studios



## Milton Road

- Digital Care Hub
- Sound Production Suites
- Theatre
- EH15 Training Restaurant



## Sighthill

- Photography Studios
- Digital Care Hub
- Automotive Engineering workshops
- Music Box
- Dental Nursing Facilities



## Midlothian

- Automation Lab
- Automotive Engineering workshops
- Oil Production Platform Simulator
- Specialist and Instrumentation and Control engineering workshops

# Edinburgh College Students' Association

As soon as you enrol at Edinburgh College you automatically become a member of Edinburgh College Students' Association (ECSA).

The Students' Association is here to speak up for all Edinburgh College students. The Association is run by three full-time student officers who are elected by an all-student vote. That means you get to set out what they work on throughout the year.

They make sure your voice is heard through the class rep system, allowing you to put your ideas across to the College at all levels. This means you can make a real difference to both your course and to how the college is run.

The Students' Association also runs the Go Green project, which consists of free community fridges to reduce food waste, as well as Swap Shops to pick up or give away some pre-loved clothes.

They are here to support you with any aspect of your college life such as funding, bursaries or academic problems, but also as friends, confidants and a friendly face to speak to. No matter what the issue - whether it's funding, housing, or just a random rant - the Students' Association are here to help!



# Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great way of getting valuable work experience while gaining a qualification. Edinburgh College offers a range of apprenticeship options in partnership with Skills Development Scotland (SDS) that will prepare you for employment.

## **Pre-apprenticeship Courses**

### **College Learning + Employment Preparation**

Pre-apprenticeship courses are a great option if you are looking to boost your qualifications to get into a Modern Apprenticeship. Courses are available across a range of disciplines and are suitable for adults of all ages. They provide an entry route into the trades, helping students to develop their skills and build contacts for future apprenticeship opportunities.

## **Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs)**

### **College Learning + Work Experience + Qualifications**

Foundation Apprenticeships (SCQF Level 6) are specially designed for senior phase school pupils and they combine college learning, qualifications and work experience. It's a great opportunity to try out a career while you are still at school. Whether you are looking to go straight into employment, join a Modern Apprenticeship (MA), or progress to college or university, a Foundation Apprenticeship can set you apart from your classmates.

## **Modern Apprenticeships (MAs)**

### **College Learning + Employment + Qualifications**

Designed for any age from school leaver onwards, a Modern Apprenticeship can give you real-life skills for work by combining paid employment, college training and an industry recognised qualification.

You must be employed to start a Modern Apprenticeship as your college training gives you the knowledge and qualifications to develop further in your workplace.

Find out more about our apprenticeships on the [Apprenticeship section of our website](#).

# Pathways to University

Higher Education (HE) courses don't always have to be studied at a university. You can start your degree at college, or in some cases while you are still at school. Colleges offer many of the subject areas you would expect from a university, and also offer full honours degrees in a number of areas.

Colleges also offer a wide range of practical, vocational courses, such as Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) and Associate Student Degrees. These courses are mainly run in partnership with a university, and can enable students to progress to university with entry at year 2 or 3.

College provides a very high level of teaching and learning support for students on higher education programmes and provides a more nurturing study environment.

There are many benefits to studying your course at college, including:

- smaller class sizes
- flexible study options, including part-time
- more class contact hours and individual study support
- progression pathways to degree courses

If you are planning to study at university, it can be a good idea to consider college as a pathway. One or two years studying at college can help prepare you to succeed at university and you will also learn the practical hands-on skills employers are looking for.

For more information about full time college pathways contact Course Information on **0131 297 8300** (lines are open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm).

## Useful links

### Pathways

The Pathways website can help you research the best pathway to university using a college Higher National Certificate (HNC) or Higher National Diploma (HND) qualification.

Visit the [Pathways website](#) to find out more.

### Edinburgh College Career Coach

Online career and course matching portal that enables you to make informed course and career choices.

Visit the [Career Coach section](#) on our website to find out more.

### Apprenticeships

Information on Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships and current vacancies.

Visit the [Apprenticeships website](#) to find out more

### My World of Work

Career information and advice. Visit the [My World of Work website](#) to find out more.

### The Guarantee

Job and apprenticeship vacancies for young people. Visit [The Guarantee website](#) to find out more.

### Developing the Young Workforce

Support and resources to assist you in all aspects of the Developing the Young Workforce programme. Visit the [DYW website](#) to find out more.

# Student Experience

We welcome students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. We understand that some students may require additional support with their learning to get the best out of their time at college.

## Next Steps

Our Guidance staff and Learning Development Tutors (LDTs) at each campus are here to help you with your next steps after college. Our Guidance team are experts on CV preparation and interview skills. Our staff will help you register for UCAS and support you to complete your university application. Please note, the deadline for UCAS applications via the College may be earlier than stated by UCAS.

## Guidance

We have Guidance staff at each campus helping you throughout your time at college. You can get help with:

- Student finance and funding
- Budgeting
- Accommodation
- Finding part-time work
- CV preparation or interview skills
- UCAS applications

Our Guidance team are experts on CV preparation and interview skills. Our staff will help you register for UCAS and support you to complete your university application. Please note, the deadline for UCAS applications via the College may be earlier than stated by UCAS.

If you would like to find out more about the support available to you as a student please email:

[guidanceteam@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:guidanceteam@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)

## Wellbeing and Counselling

Our Wellbeing Team gives information and advice on self-management approaches for issues such as anxiety, depression, stress and sleep difficulties. You can meet with one of our Wellbeing Advisers to talk in a confidential space.

Counselling gives you the opportunity to talk about what is difficult for you in a confidential and therapeutic space. Our Counselling team can offer six to eight sessions with a qualified Counsellor and this service is available on all four campuses and on Microsoft Teams. We also have a range of resources on our Wellbeing Hub, including NHS approved apps.

To find out more about our Wellbeing and Counselling services, please contact:

[wellbeing@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeing@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)

## Learning Development Tutors

Your Learning Development Tutor (LDT) will act as the main point of contact for most full time students. LDTs meet with students regularly and play a key supporting role, guiding students through their studies and advising on any issues you may have.

Visit the [Support section](#) of our website to find out more.

# Learning Support Process

If you have a disability or additional support need, please get in touch with the learning support team at [learning.support@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:learning.support@edinburghcollege.ac.uk) after you have accepted your course offer. Find out more about the learning support process below.

1.

**Include your disability or additional support need on your course application. Examples:**

- Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)
- A specific learning difficulty (SpLD) such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia or ADHD
- Physical impairment or mobility issues
- Visual or hearing impairment
- A mental health condition such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder
- A long-standing illness or health condition
- A specific learning difficulty such as Down's syndrome

2.

**You will be asked to share your additional support needs records or we can provide advice and support with gathering this. Examples:**

- Letters from your school/health professional/GP etc. which confirm your additional support need
- Certificates
- Dyslexia screening report
- Educational psychologist report

3.

**Our Learning Support team will contact you to arrange a meeting using your preferred communication method.**

4.

**Your learning support adviser will support you in accessing reasonable adjustments across teaching, learning and assessment.** They will work with you to agree a personal learning support plan, and help communicate your needs, along with recommendations of reasonable adjustments across teaching, learning and assessment, to those directly involved in your college experience, such as lecturers and learning development tutors.

5.

**The Learning Support team will help you throughout your time at college by providing you with a main point of contact across the academic year for everything relating to reasonable adjustment recommendations and support requirements.**



# English Language Support

If English is not your first language, you may want some extra support. The English Language Support team will:

- Assess your language level before you start your course (referrals for testing will be made by your subject team)
- Help you plan and prepare for oral and written assignments
- Offer ways of improving your English, for example, spelling, pronunciation, grammar and using specialist vocabulary all within the context of English for Academic Purposes
- Improve time management study and referencing skills and other essential independent learning strategies
- Provide curated English language self-access websites to practice in your own time

For more information on English Language Support contact the team:

**Amy Champion-MacLean (ESOL and English Language Centre Assistant)**

[amy.champion-maclean@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:amy.champion-maclean@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)

Telephone

[0131 297 8336](tel:01312978336)

# Core Skills

Your college course will develop your specific subject knowledge. In addition, we will equip you with other vital skills to ensure you have the best opportunities after you leave us.

All college courses give you opportunities to develop skills for life, including problem solving, teamwork, study skills and your own personal development and wellbeing. If you are studying full-time, you will develop three core skills: Communication, Information and Communication Technology, and Numeracy. You can gain units within each of these skills which will be tailored to your course subject.

## Communication

- Core Skills – Levels 3 - 6
- Literacy
- NC Communication Level 5
- NC Communication Level 6 and Literature 1
- HN Communication
- Academic Study Skills
- National 5 English (Evening Class)
- Higher English (Evening Class)

## Information and Communication Technology

- Core Skills – Levels 3 – 6
- Digital Literacy – Levels 3, 4 and 5
- Digital Skills linked to your subject area
- Data Science
- Cyber Security
- Cyber resilience skills

## Numeracy

- Core Skills – Levels 3 - 5
- Numeracy National 4/5
- Maths Levels 4 - 7
- National 5 Maths
- National 5 Applications of Maths (Evening Class)
- Higher Maths (Evening Class)

# How to Apply

## 1. Browse Our Courses

Find the course that's right for you. Make sure you meet the entry requirements.

If a course is closed then you will have the opportunity to register your interest so you can receive email updates. If you want to find out if a course is the right one for you, check the website for open events to meet with teaching staff.

## 2. Apply Online

Press the "Apply Now" button on the course page to begin your application. If you have not applied before you will need to register your details and set up your account. You can save your application and return to it at a later date if you do not manage to complete.

Remember courses can fill up quickly so please apply as soon as possible for your best chance of securing a place.

Contact our Course Information team: [courseinformation@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:courseinformation@edinburghcollege.ac.uk) 0131 669 4400

## 3. Course Offer or Interview Offer

You will receive emails regarding the status of your application from application submission to a course place offer. Some courses require an interview, audition, assessment, or portfolio submission before an offer can be made.

There are two types of offer - unconditional or conditional:

- An unconditional offer means you have been accepted and are guaranteed a place on your course.
- A conditional offer means you must achieve further qualifications or meet certain criteria before you are accepted onto the course.

## 4. Accept Course Offer

If you are happy with your course offer, you should log into your college account set up when applying and accept your offer. This will secure your place on the course. If the offer is conditional, this place will be dependent on the outcome of your exam results.

If you are unsuccessful in securing a place, you will be considered for a suitable alternative course. You should apply for funding as soon as you receive a course offer (see page 46 for details). If you require learning support please contact us (see page 40 for details). If you have stated this on your application form we will contact you to discuss arrangements.

## 5. Enrolment

After you have accepted your course offer: You will receive your course start date and timetable via email. You will be sent a link to enrol for your course online. You will receive an EC Welcome induction to introduce you to your studies.

## 6. Begin Studies

You have made it! Time to focus on your studies and achieve your career goals.

### **New Applicants**

You can only apply for one full-time course or up to three part-time courses per academic year. If you are unsuccessful with your course application, our Course Information team will contact you to find an appropriate alternative option for you.

### **Current Students**

Please contact your Learning Development Tutor (LDT) if you wish to progress onto another college course.

Visit the [Application Advice section](#) of our website to find out more.

# Funding & Fees

When you are thinking about starting college, one of the most important things to consider is funding and how you intend to pay for some of the costs that come with being a student.

You will need to consider two things:

- How you will pay for your tuition fees (course cost)
- How you will pay for your other living costs including travel, food, and accommodation

## Funding Options

There are several funding options based on the type of course you are studying at college. These include:

- Bursary (full-time students only)
- Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
- Childcare Funding
- Discretionary Funding
- Care Experienced Bursary
- Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) (HE only)

Visit the Funding Tool for more information on funding and whether or not you may be eligible.

## Fees

To pay for your tuition fees, there are options available depending on the course you are studying. These include:

- Fee waiver
- Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) (HE only)
- Home or international tuition fees

For full information on tuition fees and whether or not you may be eligible, visit our website.

Applications for funding should be made as soon as possible. Applications are dealt with on a first-come-first-served basis. Applications for EMA, FE bursary and childcare funding are made via the College's online application system. HE students should apply to SAAS funding for HE bursary, HE fees and student loans through the SAAS website. Discretionary Fund applications open at the start of the course and are dealt with at Student Services, both on campus and via the virtual drop-in service.

\*Please note this information is correct at time of writing but is subject to change due to Britain leaving the European Union. Please check our website or contact our Funding team to confirm up-to-date information.

Call our Funding team on  
**0131 669 4400**

Email the Funding team at  
[studentfunding@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)

Visit the [Funding section](#) of our website to find out more.

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