

Higher Education at Stratford-upon-Avon College

Studying a higher education (HE) course at Stratford-upon-Avon College is your next step to a successful future. We have a range of HE courses available including Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas, Higher Education Foundation Programmes and Top-up Programmes.

Higher National Diplomas are two-year full-time programmes. These courses are popular with those who have completed their A Levels, BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma or equivalent qualifications at school or college.

Foundation Degrees are two-year vocational qualifications that focus on practical knowledge and skills.

Higher Education Foundation Programmes are preparatory courses that allow students to study for a year and then enter into the first year of some undergraduate courses.

Top-up programmes are one-year courses that offer you the opportunity to 'top-up' your Higher National Diploma, Foundation Degree or equivalent qualification and gain full UK undergraduate honours degree status.

Stratford-upon-Avon
College



Why Us?

Friendly and supportive learning environment

We are proud of our community spirit and supportive learning environment. We focus on developing the individual by supporting, encouraging and providing quality teaching and learning experiences. We ensure our higher education students receive individual attention and support whilst studying with us. We encourage you to be yourself and develop your own individuality throughout your course. Our HE programmes are designed to develop your skills and knowledge to enable you to either progress to other HE courses or to find suitable employment. You could even save money by studying closer to home!

State-of-the-art Facilities

The College has a learning resource centre, an excellent library, lecture theatres, a superb IT centre, media suite, drama studios, laboratories, workshops, training kitchens, a training restaurant and much more. If you want to spend some quiet time studying or working on your own there are plenty of places on campus for you to go. The College has a wireless network which you can use, either on your own laptop or the library has a number of mini notebook computers available for students to borrow.

Training Quality Standard

Stratford-upon-Avon College is the first college in the country to be recognised for its excellence in work with employers by achieving the Training Quality Standard in hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism. Our focus is on the provision of high quality education and training for the region's workforce in the hospitality and catering industry. We are committed to developing, maintaining and sharing the highest standards of good practice in all areas of our business. We work actively with other providers, employers, young people, adults and stakeholders to achieve mutual goals and aspirations.

Investors in People



Stratford-upon-Avon College is registered as an Investor in People. The Investors in People Standard is a business improvement tool designed to advance an organisation's performance through its people. The Standard helps organisations to improve performance and realise objectives through the management and development of their people.

Positive about Disability



Employers who use the disability symbol make five commitments regarding recruitment, training, retention, consultation and disability awareness.

The Matrix Standard



Our Learner Services team has achieved the Matrix standard for the information, advice and guidance they give to our students. Matrix is a unique quality framework for the effective delivery of information, advice and/or guidance on learning and work.

National Skills Academy for Creative & Cultural



As a Founder College of The National Skills Academy for Creative & Cultural, Stratford-upon-Avon College is part of a network of industry specialists in theatre, opera, live music events, festivals, further education colleges and training providers working together to develop, improve and recognise skills - initially for 'backstage' and 'offstage' roles in theatre and live music events. The NSA provides services and standards for training and skills development, endorsed by industry employers and professionals.

Support for Learners

We recognise that all our students are individuals. As an individual you have unique strengths and talents which will help enrich the college community during your time here. Supporting students is as important to us as teaching them. Student welfare is at the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon College. We have an enthusiastic team of staff who work together to provide help and advice for all our students. Whatever your question or problem, you can bring it to us and we will do our best to help you.

The Student Support Office is open to all students who may need financial, personal or health advice. Counselling can be arranged for students who feel they would benefit from it. At the college there are staff who are trained to help students with welfare needs, including liaison with the DSS and external agencies.

Additional Learning Support

Disabled Students' Allowances provide extra financial help if you have a disability or specific learning difficulty like dyslexia. Students with these additional needs should apply for a Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) from Student Finance England or their local authority, which may provide funding for personalised resources. On receipt of this additional learning support is available to help these students improve their English, Mathematics and general study skills. Experienced tutors will work with students individually or in small groups. Our dedicated Study Skills Centre is an informal work area for students to access when required.

Equality and Diversity

Stratford-upon-Avon College is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all learners and staff. We aim to eliminate all discrimination and harassment against students, regardless of disability, ethnic heritage, gender, age, belief, sexual orientation or social standing. We recognise that promoting equality will improve opportunities for everyone. Our aim, therefore, is to ensure that equality is a central part of the way the College works by putting it at the core of policy making and service delivery.

Students with Disabilities

Stratford-upon-Avon College is committed to promoting equality of opportunity between disabled and other students. In order to do this we will work towards eliminating all discrimination and harassment against disabled students. At all times the College will promote positive attitudes to and from disabled students and take steps to meet their needs. This may mean that disabled students require more favourable treatment than other students. Disabilities could include: physical impairment, sensory impairment, social, emotional or mental health conditions, learning difficulties or disabilities or long standing illness.

Faith Room

The College has a designated worship room. It is accessible throughout the college day and is available for all students as a place of worship and reflection. For further information, please contact the International Office on 01789 414036.

Student Accommodation

We help all our students to find a secure and happy place to live while they study with us. We offer campus accommodation in purpose-built self-catering apartments, built and managed in association with Cosmopolitan Housing Group. All study bedrooms have en-suite facilities and telephone and internet access.

Homestay accommodation can also be arranged where you will have your own study bedroom and share a bathroom and other facilities with household members.

If you require accommodation to enable you to study at the College, or for further information, please contact the Accommodation Office on 01789 414275 or email accommodation@stratford.ac.uk

Exploring Stratford-upon-Avon

Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, is one of England's most historic and vibrant towns. Each year the town welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world. Here you can walk the streets where Shakespeare spent his childhood, visit the Birthplace Museum and of course attend a performance at one of the Royal Shakespeare Company's theatres.

Stratford-upon-Avon's popularity does not just rely on its historical connections. Students will find a lively, modern community with high quality shops and a range of evening entertainment. There are theatres, bars, clubs, cafés and restaurants to suit every taste and all within walking distance of the college. The town also boasts a cinema and a modern leisure centre with a wide range of sports facilities.



How to Apply

For entry requirements please see individual course details. Awarding bodies usually specify minimum qualifications. However, these may be waived by the Principal in exceptional circumstances. Apart from an interview you may be invited to audition and your experience may also be taken into consideration.

Please contact Learner Services on 01789 266245 if you are unsure as to whether you have the entry qualifications for the course you wish to join.

Unless otherwise stated to apply for one of our HE courses you will need to go through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Course codes are given where appropriate.

Stratford-upon-Avon College's UCAS institution code is: S74.

Enquiries regarding UCAS applications should be made to Learner Services on 01789 266245. Further details and electronic application forms can be obtained from www.ucas.com. If you have any questions you can contact the UCAS application helpline on 0870 1122211.

Enquiries regarding higher education courses not within the UCAS scheme should be made to Learner Services at the College on 01789 266245. If you are unsure about how to apply for your chosen course, please contact Learner Services on the number above and the team will be happy to help.

Financing your Course

Eligible students attending a Higher Education course at Stratford-upon-Avon College must apply to their own local education authority (LEA) for help with tuition fees and to access student loan information.

All full-time students from the UK or other EU countries will be liable for a contribution to their fees from the student loan company. However, you will be able to apply for a variable fee loan based on the actual fee charged by the institution*.

*This loan is repayable once you have graduated.

Full-time international (non-EU) students who wish to study on a HE programme will be required to pay the full academic fee.

Please contact the International Office on +44 (0) 1789 414036 or international@heia.co.uk for more information. Fees are subject to change so please confirm before you apply.

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Student Loans

If you are a UK full-time student you will be able to apply for a student loan. This will have to be repaid after you graduate according to how much you are earning. Repayment will be collected by employers on behalf of HM Revenue and Customs. The amount you are able to apply for will be dependent on the year of your course, your income, your parents' or your spouse's income and where you live.



Full details about the funding available for higher education can be found on the DCSF website: www.studentsupportdirect.co.uk.

We suggest you make an application to your LEA as soon as possible to ensure that you will be able to have your student loan cheque at the beginning of term.

If you have any queries about fees please contact the Admissions team at the College on 01789 266245.