

CHOOSE THE RIGHT PATHWAY



Making choices about what to study can often be difficult when faced with so many options, including subjects that may be new to you.

You may want to consider the course content, how it is assessed and which courses combine well. By visiting our website, you will gain more information that may help you decided on a programme.

When planning your programme you should take into account what your GCSE or prior achievement is likely to be, what you are interested in and how studying a subject may prepare or qualify you for what you want to do after leaving college.

We offer different levels of programmes and you will have advice on which suits you best based on your GCSE results. If you enrol onto an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 programme, you will be given advice and guidance to progress internally onto the next level.

Your study programme

The college offers an unrivalled range of courses from Entry Level to Level 3, meaning that we can help find the right programme for you.

The vast majority of student at WQE will enrol onto a Level 3 programme, which may consist of vocational and/or academic courses. It is important to choose a combination of courses that suits your preferred way of study and careers aspirations.

Our programmes of study and individual courses have specific entry criteria; we can give you good advice about the best match for your current abilities, interests and needs.



As a guide, use the table below to identify the level and the programme type that best matches the qualifications with which you expect to enrol at WQE. Within a programme, individual course/subject specific entry requirements apply. These are outlined within this booklet.

Programme	Duration	Entering with
A-Level and Vocational Level 3	2 years	Six GCSEs grade 9–4 including English Language (must include at least two GCSEs at 5 or above for A-Level courses)
Advanced Transition	1 transition year, with up to 2 further years at advanced level	This is a programme solely for students who hold a Level 3 offer, narrowly miss course criteria and who have clear potential to succeed at Advanced Level in due course with support
Progression Support	The College offers a small range of bespoke and ESOL provision to enable advanced level progression. For more information about this and the assessment process, please contact the Admissions Team directly	

A-level courses

We normally expect applicants to have achieved good GCSE passes in at least six subjects, these must:

- demonstrate the suitability for Advanced Level study
- have been achieved at grade 4/C as a minimum
- include two at grade 5/B as a minimum
- include English Language - a minimum of grade 4/C

Mathematics - If not achieved within the scope of above should normally be achieved at a minimum of grade 3 (D). If mathematics is not achieved at grade 4 (C) then it will be a requirement to continue to study at the correct level until a grade 4 is achieved. Subject with a mathematical content will require a higher grade.

Subject entry criteria

Accounting RL3-ALV-ACC	Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and grade 5 in English Language
Art, Fine UL3-ALV-ART	Grade 4 or above in GCSE Art and Design or grade 4 or above in GCSE Design and Technology (Graphic Products or Resistant Materials). In order to fully support students who have gained a Grade 4 in GCSE in an Art and Design or Design Technology subject, or those who have not had the opportunity to study these subjects at GCSE, a short drawing task which must be completed here at the college will form part of the enrolment procedure. This is to ensure applicants can successfully meet the rigours of the course. It would be helpful for students to bring examples of their creative work to this session. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wqecreativearts.myportfolio.com/work
Art, Craft and Design UL3-ALV-ACD	Grade 4 or above in a GCSE Art and Design course or Grade 4 in GCSE Design and Technology (Graphic Products or Resistant Materials). In order to fully support students who have gained a Grade 4 in GCSE in an Art and Design or Design Technology subject, or those who have not had the opportunity to study these subjects at GCSE, a short drawing task which must be completed here at the college will form part of the enrolment procedure. This is to ensure applicants can successfully meet the rigours of the course. It would be helpful for students to bring examples of their creative work to this session. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wqecreativearts.myportfolio.com/work
Biology UL3-ALV-BIO	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics. Grade 6 or above in GCSE Combined Science (Higher Tier) or a minimum of 655 in the separate sciences which should normally include grade 6 in Biology
Business RL3-ALV-BUS	Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics and grade 5 in GCSE English Language

Chemistry UL3-ALV-CHE	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics. Grade 66 or above in GCSE Combined Science (Higher Tier) or minimum 655 in individual sciences which should normally include grade 6 or above in Chemistry
Computer Science UL3-ALV-COM	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics and Grade 5 in GCSE English language or English Literature
Drama and Theatre Studies UL3-ALV-DRA	In addition to the standard College entry requirements (see over), it is desirable to have studied Drama, Performing Arts or Dance at GCSE or BTEC level, although in some cases where the subject has not been offered at School, extensive current experience of practical performance work in Theatre or Dance may qualify, students in this circumstance <u>must</u> be referred to the subject advisor for Drama. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wqecreativearts.myportfolio.com/work
Economics RL3-ALV-ECO	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language and Mathematics
Electronics UL3-ALV-ELE	Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics. Minimum grade 55 in GCSE Combined Science with a minimum grade 5 in Physics
English Language UL3-ALV-ELA	Grade 5 in both GCSE English Language and Literature. One grade 5 will be acceptable for students who did not have the option to sit two English GCSEs
English Language and Literature UL3-ALV-ELL	Grade 5 in both GCSE English Language and Literature. One grade 5 will be acceptable for students who did not have the option to sit two English GCSEs
English Literature UL3-ALV-ELI	Grade 5 in both GCSE English Language and Literature. One grade 5 will be acceptable for students who did not have the option to sit two English GCSEs
Fashion and Textiles UL3-ALV-TEX	Grade 4 or above in GCSE Art and Design or grade 4 or above in GCSE Design and Technology (Graphic Products or Resistant Materials) In order to fully support students who have gained a Grade 4 in GCSE in an Art and Design or Design Technology subject, or those who have not had the opportunity to study these subjects at GCSE, a short drawing task which must be completed here at the college will form part of the enrolment procedure. This is to ensure applicants can successfully meet the rigours of the course. It would be helpful for students to bring examples of their creative work to this session. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wqecreativearts.myportfolio.com/work
Film Studies UL3-ALV-FIL	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language

French UL3-ALV-FRE	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language and grade 6 or above in GCSE French
Geography RL3-ALV-GEG	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language and Geography. Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics
German UL3-ALV-GER	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language and grade 6 or above in German
Graphic Communication UL3-ALV-GRA	Grade 4 or above in a GCSE Art and Design course or Grade 4 in GCSE Design and Technology (Graphic Products or Resistant Materials). In order to fully support students who have gained a Grade 4 in GCSE in an Art and Design or Design Technology subject, or those who have not had the opportunity to study these subjects at GCSE, a short drawing task which must be completed here at the college will form part of the enrolment procedure. This is to ensure applicants can successfully meet the rigours of the course. It would be helpful for students to bring examples of their creative work to this session. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wqecreativearts.myportfolio.com/work
History RL3-ALV-HIS	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a minimum grade 5 or above in History (if taken)
History, Ancient RL3-ALV-ANH	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Literature and English Language. A minimum of grade 5 or above in History (if taken)
History, UK/Eur RL3-ALV-HEU	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Literature and English Language. A minimum of grade 5 or above in History (if taken)
History, USA RL3-ALV-HUU	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Literature and English Language. A minimum of grade 5 or above in History (if taken)
Law RL3-ALV-LAW	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Mathematics UL3-ALV-MAT	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics. Students achieving the minimum grade 6 will be required to take an algebra assessment at enrolment to determine their suitability for the course.
Maths, Further UL3-ALV-MF1	Grade 8 or 9 in GCSE Mathematics. Grades 8-9 or A/A* in all subjects normally required. Students will study A level Mathematics, Further Mathematics and two other subjects.
Media Studies UL3-ALV-MED	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language
Music UL3-ALV-MUS	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Music and at least grade 6 standard on an instrument or voice. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wqecreativearts.myportfolio.com/work

Photography UL3-ALV-PHO	Grade 4 or above in a GCSE Art and Design course or Grade 4 in GCSE Design and Technology (Graphic Products or Resistant Materials). Previous photographic experience is useful but not essential. We will consider applications from students who don't have Art GCSE but can show they have had experience of photography. Those students who have not had the opportunity to study GCSE in an Art and Design or Design Technology subject, or at GCSE should do the following photography task: Send in 5 of your own photographs taken on your phone or a camera that show good composition, and then please email them to Daryl.Tebbutt@wqe.ac.uk. Please add your name and enrolment number to the email. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wqecreativearts.myportfolio.com/work
Physical Education UL3-ALV-PES	A minimum of: Grade 55 in Combined Science or if separate sciences taken a grade 5 in Biology, Grade 4 in Maths, Grade 6 in GCSE PE (if taken) or Distinction in Level 2 BTEC/Cambridge Technical Sport (if taken) Students intending to take A level Physical Education should have already attained a high standard of performance in one sport.
Physics UL3-ALV-PHY	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 6 in Mathematics. Grade 66 or above in Combined Science (Higher Tier) or a minimum of 655 in the separate sciences which should normally include grade 6 or above in Physics
Politics RL3-ALV-GPS	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Product Design UL3-ALV-DES	Grade 4 or above in a GCSE Art and Design course or Grade 4 in GCSE Design and Technology (Graphic Products or Resistant Materials). In order to fully support students who have gained a Grade 4 in GCSE in an Art and Design or Design Technology subject, or those who have not had the opportunity to study these subjects at GCSE, a short drawing task which must be completed here at the college will form part of the enrolment procedure. This is to ensure applicants can successfully meet the rigours of the course. It would be helpful for students to bring examples of their creative work to this session. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wqecreativearts.myportfolio.com/work
Psychology UL3-ALV-PSY	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language, grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths and a minimum of two GCSE Sciences at grade 4 or above.
Religious Studies UL3-ALV-PHI	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Sociology UL3-ALV-SOC	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Spanish UL3-ALV-SPA	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish

Advanced Level Vocational Courses

We normally expect applicants to have achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, at grades A*-C/4–9, including English Language, from a mixture of GCSEs and equivalents.

Applicants wishing to study a mixture of A Level and BTEC programme are required to meet the A level standard college requirements.

The A Level 'equivalences' for vocational courses are as follows

Course type and code	'Equivalence'
BTEC National Extended Certificate (BXC)	1 A Level
BTEC National Diploma (BDP)	2 A Levels
BTEC National Extended Diploma (BXD)	3 A Levels
Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate (CXC)	1 A Level
Cambridge Technical Diploma (CDP)	2 A Levels
Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma (CXD)	3 A Levels

Subject entry criteria

Art and Design Level 3 Cambridge Extended Diploma UL3-BXD-ACD	Grade 5 or above in a GCSE Art and Design course or Grade 5 in GCSE Design and Technology (Graphic Products or Resistant Materials). In order to fully support students who have gained a Grade 5 in GCSE in an Art and Design or Design Technology subject, or those who have not had the opportunity to study these subjects at GCSE, a short drawing task, which must be completed here at the college, will form part of the enrolment procedure. This is to ensure applicants can successfully meet the rigours of the course. It would be helpful for students to bring examples of their creative work to this session. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wqecreativearts.myportfolio.com/work
Business Level 3 National Extended Certificate RL3-CXC-BUS	Grade 4 in Maths GCSE
Business Level 3 National Diploma RL3-CDP-BUS	Grade 4 in Maths GCSE
Business Level 3 National Extended Diploma RL3-CXD-BUS	Grade 4 in Maths GCSE
Computing: Application Development Level 3 AAQ National Extended Certificate UL3-CXC-COM	Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics
Criminology Applied Diploma Level 3 (WJEC) UL3-ADP-CMN	Standard College A-Level entry requirements (This is equivalent to ONE A Level Subject)
Health and Social Care Level 3 AAQ BTEC National Extended Certificate RL3-BXC-HSC	Grade 3 in GCSE Science

Health and Social Care Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma RL3-CDP-HSC	Grade 3 in GCSE Science
Health and Social Care Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma RL3-CXD-HSC	Grade 3 in GCSE Science
IT: Data Analytics Level 3 AAQ National Extended Certificate UL3-CXC-ICT	Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics
Law Level 3 Extended Certificate RL3-BXC-LAW	Standard College entry requirements
Media Level 3 Extended Certificate UL3-BXC-MED	Standard College entry requirements. In order to fully support students who have gained a Grade 4 in GCSE in an Art and Design or Design Technology subject, or those who have not had the opportunity to study these subjects at GCSE, a short drawing task which must be completed here at the college will form part of the enrolment procedure. This is to ensure applicants can successfully meet the rigours of the course. It would be helpful for students to bring examples of their creative work to this session. Applicants can find more information and FAQs here: https://wgcreativearts.myportfolio.com/work
Science Level 3 National Extended Certificate UL3-BXC-SCI	Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics and grade 44 or above in GCSE Combined Science, or grade 4 in two of the Separate Sciences, or a minimum of a Pass grade in BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Applied Science
Sport & Physical Activity Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate UL3-CXC-SPO	Grade 44 or above in GCSE Combined Science and either grade 4 or above in GCSE PE or Merit or above in Level 2 BTEC/Cambridge Technical Sport. Leadership/coaching experience is preferable
Sport & Physical Activity Level 3 Cambridge Technical National Diploma RL3-CDP-SPO	Grade 44 or above in GCSE Combined Science and either grade 4 or above in GCSE PE or Merit or above in Level 2 BTEC/Cambridge Technical Sport. Leadership/coaching experience is preferable
Sport & Physical Activity Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma RL3-CXD-SPO	Grade 44 or above in GCSE Combined Science and either grade 4 or above in GCSE PE or Merit or above in Level 2 BTEC/Cambridge Technical Sport. Leadership/coaching experience is preferable

GCSE English and Mathematics Re-Sit

Students who have not achieved a grade 4 or higher in GCSE English Language or Mathematics will need to add this to their full Level 3 programme.

GCSE English Language	UL2-GCS-ELA
GCSE Mathematics	UL2-GCS-MAT

Advanced Transition

This is a programme solely for students who hold a Level 3 offer, narrowly miss course criteria and who have clear potential to succeed at Advanced Level in due course with support.

All students will complete their core programme of English and/or Maths GCSEs alongside our Young Professionals Unit, which has been designed to prepare students for the demands of Level 3 study and includes completion of Higher Project Qualification (**UL2-EXT-HPQ**).

Alongside the core programme, students will also be able to choose subjects from one of these pathways.

Business	Business Level 2 Certificate - RL2-CXC-BUS Psychology GCSE - UL2-GCS-PSY Citizenship GCSE - RL2-GCS-CIT
Technical Business	Business Level 2 Certificate - RL2-CXC-BUS ICT Level 2 Certificate - UL2-CXC-ICT
Contemporary World	Psychology GCSE - UL2-GCS-PSY Citizenship GCSE - RL2-GCS-CIT Sociology GCSE - UL2-GCS-SOC Film Studies GCSE - UL2-GCS-FIL
Engineering	ICT Level 2 Certificate - UL2-CXC-ICT Higher Maths GCSE - UL2-GCS-MAH Electronics GCSE - UL2-GCS-ELE
Science	Chemistry GCSE - UL2-GCS-CHE Biology GCSE - UL2-GCS-BIO Psychology GCSE - UL2-GCS-PSY Higher Maths GCSE - UL2-GCS-MAH
Science & Health	Biology GCSE - UL2-GCS-BIO Psychology GCSE - UL2-GCS-PSY Sociology GCSE - UL2-GCS-SOC Health and Social Care Level 2 - RL2-CXC-HSC
Sports	Sports Level 2 - RL2-CXC-SPO Biology GCSE - UL2-GCS-BIO Psychology GCSE - UL2-GCS-PSY
Visual Arts	Graphics GCSE - UL2-GCS-GRA Photography GCSE - UL2-GCS-PHO Fine Art GCSE - UL2-GCS-ART Film Studies GCSE - UL2-GCS-FIL

ESOL Progression Support

The College offers a small range of bespoke and ESOL provision to enable advanced level progression.

Level 1 Courses

All Level 1 students study a programme, which includes English, Maths, ICT and Employability.

Business Level 1 Certificate in Employability RL1-EMP-BUS	Standard College entry requirements
Health Level 1 Certificate in Employability RL1-EMP-HSC	Standard College entry requirements

Entry Level Courses

Students who enrol at the College with no qualifications will study an ESOL programme.

Entry Level 1 - (by assessment)	English Lang (BACA), FS E1 (1Y) - BE1-FSK-ELA English Lang (ESOL), FS E1 (1Y) - RE1-FSK-ESL ICT (BACA), FS E1 (1Y) - BE1-FSK-ICT ICT (ESOL), FS E1 (1Y) - UE1-FSK-ICT Maths (BACA), FS E1 (1Y) - BE1-FSK-MAT
Entry Level 2 - (by assessment)	English Lang (BACA), FS E2 (1Y) - BE2-FSK-ELA English Lang (ESOL), FS E2 (1Y) - RE2-FSK-ESL ICT (BACA), FS E1 (1Y) - BE2-FSK-ICT ICT (ESOL), FS E1 (1Y) - UE2-FSK-ICT
Entry Level 3 - (by assessment)	English Lang (ESOL), FS E3 (1Y) - RE3-FSK-ESL ICT (ESOL), FS E3 (1Y) - UE3-FSK-ICT
Level 1 - (by assessment)	ICT (ESOL), FS L1 (1Y) - UL1-FSK-ICT Maths (ESOL), NCFE L1 (1Y) - RL1-FSK-MAE Maths, Cert L1 (1Y) - RL1-FSK-MAT



The full Admissions Policy is available on the College website www.wqe.ac.uk

For further information regarding applying to WQE please contact our Admissions Team:

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Please note all information is correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change.