

HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDE

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COLLEGE



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**WE ARE THE
SHAPERS
OF CULTURE,
MAKERS
OF CHANGE,
DREAMERS
OF DREAMS.**

We're delighted that you're considering a Higher Education programme at Coventry College.

We're fiercely proud to be able to offer a great range of university-level programmes that'll help you make your mark on the world. Whether you're dreaming of an ambitious career, want to make a difference in your current role or simply want to realise your full potential – **you can make it possible at Coventry College.**



This guide has plenty of information to give you a taste of what studying your Higher Education programme at Coventry College will be like. We've also included all the essential information you'll need about fees, student finance, support services and how to apply.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Carol Thomas
Principal and CEO of Coventry College



HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Our Higher Education programmes will elevate your learning – helping you to achieve greatness, maximise your opportunities, realise your ambitions and truly make a difference to your future.

We offer an exciting range of programmes that are designed with you in mind. We know it isn't always easy to study and balance other commitments, so our programmes are flexible to help suit your individual needs.

We believe that you deserve the highest standards of learning, so our teaching staff are all specialists in their chosen areas and have both academic and vocational experience to support their teaching.

Plus, smaller class sizes means you'll receive more contact time with your tutor and support when you need it.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Our entry requirements vary depending on which programme you choose. Usually, you should have already achieved, or be working towards A-Levels, a BTEC or equivalent qualifications.

You can check the entry requirements for the programme you're interested in at:

www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/higher-education

APPLY FOR A HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Visit: **www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/higher-education**

Select the course you'd like to apply for and click the **Apply Now button**. You'll then be directed to the UCAS website to make your application.

Ideally you should **apply by 15 January** to have the best chance of being offered a place. However, we can accept applications after this date.

If you have any questions about our **entry requirements** or **application process**, please email: **hello@coventrycollege.ac.uk**

You can browse all our **Higher Education programmes** at: **www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/higher-education**



LEARNER SUCCESS

Leigh was stuck in a job he really didn't enjoy and knew he needed to change his career. But he was worried about the financial implications of quitting his job, re-training and the impact his decision would have on his family.

After lots of research he made the decision to apply for a **university-level programme at Coventry College** and now couldn't be happier.

Since completing the course Leigh signed up to the **Frontline Social Work programme, a graduate programme which trains social workers via direct on-the-job training.** He's also studying for a master's degree.



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ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION



If you've been away from education for some time or didn't quite achieve your college qualifications, an Access to Higher Education programme will give you the confidence and skills to take that next step to start a degree or equivalent university-level programme.

You'll receive ongoing support to help you achieve your goals and depending on your circumstances, may be entitled to an Advanced Learner Loan to help towards the cost of your programme.

You can browse our Access to Higher Education programmes online.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You'll need a good level of English and will usually need your **GCSE maths and English qualifications**. However, if you don't meet these requirements, during your interview we can discuss your options.

APPLY FOR AN ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Visit: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/access-higher-education select the course you'd like to apply for and click the **Apply Now button**.



LEARNER SUCCESS



ACCESS

Mum of two, **Muna Omar** successfully completed an **Access to Higher Education Business programme** and went on to study a **Degree in Economics at Aston University in Birmingham.**



ACCESS

Herba Rama's journey started when she enrolled onto an ESOL programme. She progressed through the Level 1 and 2 Business programmes and went on to complete an **Access to Higher Education programme.** Herba went on to study a **Degree in International Business at Warwick University.**





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Zara Khan's journey at Coventry College started with completing her maths and English qualifications, alongside an Applied Science programme. Zara progressed onto an **Access to Science programme**, and then on to an **Applied Biosciences degree at Coventry University**.

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Jessica Howlett studied a **HND in Business at Coventry College** and then progressed onto a **top-up degree**. Jessica's aim was to continue her studies with a **Teaching qualification and eventually become a Business teacher**.



OUR CAMPUS



Located in the heart of the city centre, our campus is a vibrant hive of activity. We serve the whole of our community with quality education programmes and opportunities to develop skills and knowledge, fire passions and cultivate interests.

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

There's no better way to learn than to get real, hands-on experience and our industry-standard facilities will help you do just that.

A PLACE TO RELAX WITH FRIENDS

AND MEET NEW PEOPLE

Between lessons meet friends, old and new for a coffee in our on-site Starbucks or pop-up Café, or catch-up over a bite to eat in our canteen.

STUDY SPACES

You'll be able to access our dedicated Learning Hub on campus - fully equipped with computers, books and learning resources to help support your studies. Here you'll be able to work on assignments or book spaces to do group work. Our links with Coventry University mean you'll have access to their study facilities and learning resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

OUR CITY

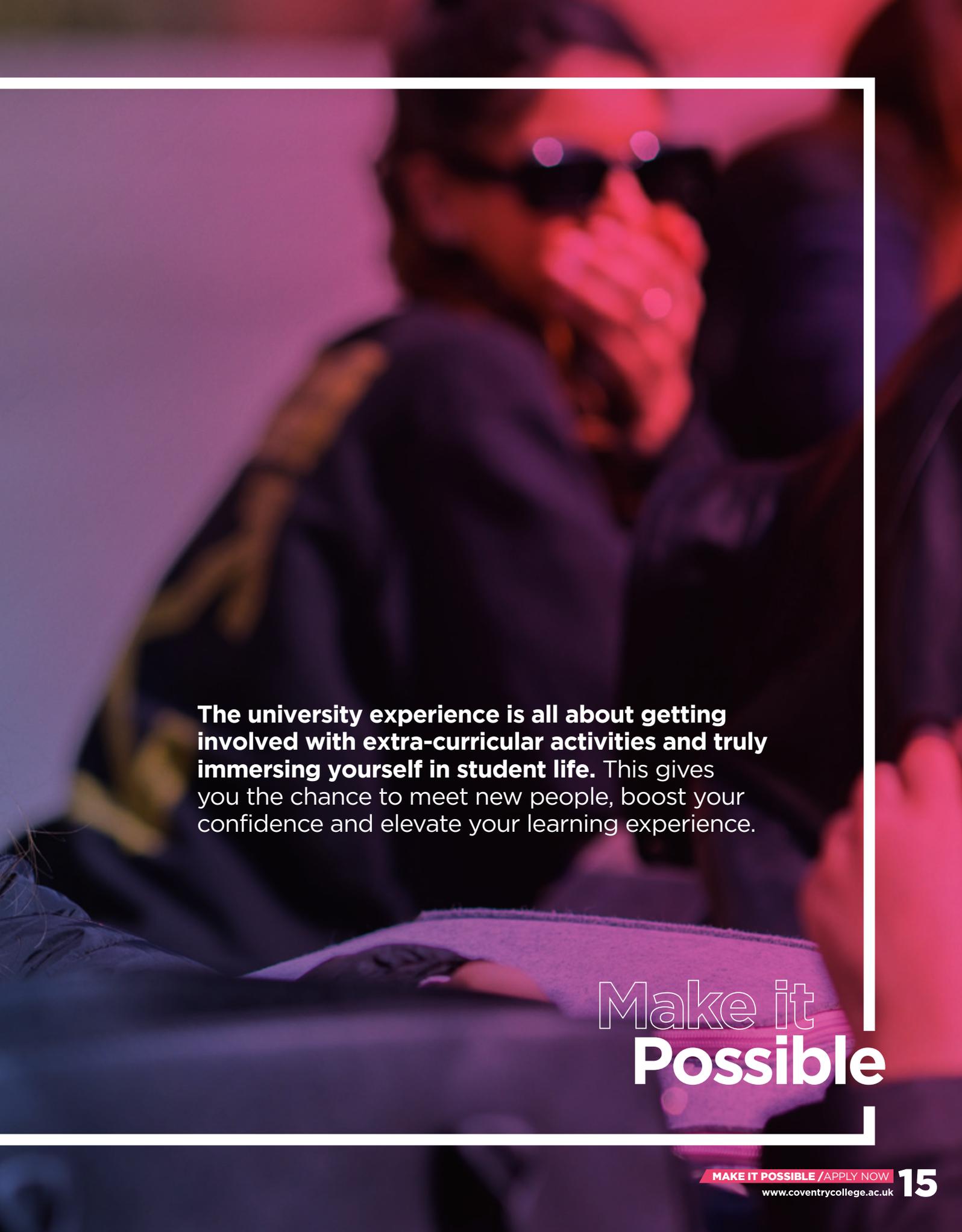
Whatever you love doing there's plenty happening in Coventry to explore. Whether you're into music, sport, arts and culture, shopping or catching up with friends over a bite to eat, there's something for everyone.



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STUDENT LIFE





The university experience is all about getting involved with extra-curricular activities and truly immersing yourself in student life. This gives you the chance to meet new people, boost your confidence and elevate your learning experience.

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ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in extra activities outside of your studies. From sports clubs and interest groups to becoming a Learner Representative and being an active member of the Student Union. We also have a team dedicated to helping you find part-time work and get involved in volunteering opportunities to boost your CV.



A photograph of several students walking up a modern staircase with yellow steps and metal railings. The students are dressed in casual winter clothing. The background shows a bright, modern building interior with large windows and a clean, minimalist design.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT UNION

As soon as you enrol you'll become a member of the **Student Union**. The Union is run by learners and works to improve all aspects of student life. Whether that's through social events, political campaigns, or raising awareness for local or national issues - your Union is here for you. Plus, you'll receive a National Union of Students card giving you a discount at many high-street retailers, entertainment venues, food outlets and much more!

LEARNER VOICE AND STUDENT UNION EXECUTIVES

If you want to really make an impact on the way our college operates, help plan events and promote the views of you and your peers, you'll have the chance to run for a **Student Union Executive Officer or Learner Representative**.



NURTURING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

We offer a range of services to support you from your initial enquiry right up to when you've completed your programme.

APPLICATION SESSIONS

If you need support with applying for a programme or have any questions about which programme is best for you, you can book onto one of our **online application sessions**. One of our friendly Admissions Team will work through your application with you. Book a place at: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/application-sessions

PERSONAL STATEMENT WRITING

When you apply for a Higher Education programme you may need to complete a **personal statement**. This part of your application gives you the chance to describe your ambitions, skills and experience to our Admissions Team. If you'd like support with completing your personal statement you can book an appointment with our Careers Team at: www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/careers-service

LEARNER SERVICES TEAM

The **Learner Services Team** are here to work with you to offer a **positive wellbeing service to support your journey**. Their work encourages healthy, confident personal development alongside academic achievement.

CAREERS

Our **Careers Team** can provide you with advice and guidance on **choosing the right programme, progression options, employment, developing your CV** and **preparing for interviews**. All of which will help you develop the confidence and resilience to achieve your career goals.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

If you have additional learning needs, a disability or simply need a little extra help with your studies, our Additional Learning Support Team are here for you. The team offers everything from in-class support and mobility support to social and emotional care. We also offer facilities for those who are hard of hearing or visually impaired.

DEDICATED TUTORS

Throughout your course you'll have a dedicated Tutor who'll be there to support and advise you on all aspects of your programme and beyond.

INDUSTRY SPEAKERS AND VISITS

There's no better way to learn about your chosen industry than to hear from the experts who live and breathe it. As part of your programme, you'll hear from guest speakers and have the opportunity to visit some of the UK's most successful businesses, to get a taste of the real-working world.



FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Higher Education Programmes

Our programmes are generally cheaper than other university-level courses. The cost of our full-time Higher Education programmes is between £5,225 and £6,000 a year, and depending on your circumstances you may be eligible to study for free.

You'll be able to apply for loans to help with tuition fees and living costs. The two main loans available are a Tuition Fee Loan and a Maintenance Loan. There are other grants available too.

TUITION FEE LOAN

As a full-time learner, you are entitled to a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £9,250 each year to cover your fees (this doesn't depend on your household income). You won't have to pay this back until you've completed your programme and your salary is over the current threshold set by the government.

There are some eligibility criteria you must meet to qualify for a Tuition Fee Loan:

- ▶ Your programme must be in the UK and be a HND, HNC, Foundation Degree or First Degree.

- ▶ It must be your first Higher Education qualification.
- ▶ You can only apply if you're a UK national or have settled status.
- ▶ You must normally live in England
- ▶ You must have been living in the UK for 3 years before starting your programme.

MAINTENANCE LOAN

Full-time learners can claim a Maintenance Loan to help with living costs. The table below shows the maximum you can claim. The amount you receive is means tested and based on your household income.

Living at home	Up to £8,610
Living away from home (outside of London)	Up to £10,227
You spend a year of a UK course studying abroad	Up to £11,713

You won't have to pay this back until you've completed your programme and your salary is over the current threshold set by the government.

*Course costs may be subject to change.

CHILDCARE GRANT

The **Childcare Grant** helps with up to **85% of your childcare costs if you have dependent children under 15 (under 17 if the child has special educational needs) in registered or approved childcare.** You can get up to £193.62 a week for one child or up to £331.95 a week for 2 or more children, depending on your household income. This doesn't have to be paid back.

PARENTS' LEARNING ALLOWANCE

The **Parents' Learning Allowance** is to help with programme-related costs if you have dependent children. You can get between £50 and £1,963 a year depending on your income and the income of your dependents. This doesn't normally have to be paid back.

ADULT DEPENDANTS' GRANT

The **Adult Dependents' Grant** can help you if you have an adult who depends on you financially. You can get up to £3,438 a year depending on your income and the income of your dependents. This doesn't have to be paid back.

DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE

Disabled Students' Allowance is available to learners who incur additional costs because of a disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty. How much you're entitled to depends entirely on your circumstances. This doesn't have to be paid back. We'd advise applying for your Disabled Students Allowance as soon as you've accepted onto a Higher Education programme.

Access to Higher Education Programmes

If you're aged 19-23 years old and haven't achieved a full Level 3 qualification you won't need to pay to study an **Access to Higher Education programme.** Otherwise our Access programmes cost between £3,022 and £3,384, plus £94 for your exam*.

ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN

Depending on your circumstances you may be able to apply for an **Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your Access programme.** Advanced Learner Loans don't depend on your income and don't need to be paid back until you've completed your programme and your salary is over the current threshold set by the government. We advise applying for an Advanced Learner Loan as soon as you know you've been accepted onto a programme.

For more information on **accessing funding support and applying for a loan or grant** visit:
www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/support or email:
learnerfunding@coventrycollege.ac.uk

APPLICATION TIMELINE



MAY TO SEPTEMBER

Now is the time to start researching courses and attending Open Events.

SEPTEMBER

UCAS applications open.

DECEMBER

Your college or sixth form will usually now check your application and add any references before submitting your form to UCAS.

JANUARY

UCAS application deadline. You can still apply after this date but it's advised to submit your application as early as possible.

FEBRUARY TO MAY

Now's a good time to start looking into your finance and support options.

MAY

Use UCAS Track to view your offers from the education providers you've applied to and see if your application has been successful.

JUNE

Now's the time to reply to your offers from the education providers on UCAS Track.

AUGUST

You'll be invited to enrol onto your programme.

AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER

Clearing is open. If you haven't yet applied for a programme or didn't quite achieve the results you were expecting, you can give us a call to apply for a last-minute place or see what other programmes are available for you.

SEPTEMBER

Begin studying your course with us at Coventry College!

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