

Student Profile

At the age of 16 I left secondary school with not very impressive GCSE results. I moved in and out of mostly dead end jobs with very little focus or direction as to where I was heading. Time was of the essence and I was not getting any younger, so I decided to enrol on the Access course at the Coleraine Campus of NRC. The course and the tutors gave me the confidence and encouragement I needed to pursue my ambition to go to higher education. The course was challenging and provided me with the incentive to achieve the best possible results. I have gained the academic skills I need to tackle university with confidence that I never thought was possible. I start my degree in Leisure and Events Management in September and cannot wait to become a student at the University of Ulster. I owe my tutors everything, as they believed in me, but most of all made me believe in myself.

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Access Diploma in Social Sciences and Humanities for Mature Students (Access Course) Coleraine

Validated by the University of Ulster



Introduction

The aim of the Access Course is to enable mature students to have the opportunity to progress to higher education, or alternatively, to enhance their academic qualifications and consequently improve their career prospects.

This is a modularised course and is set at 'A' level standard. The modularised structure offers greater flexibility and is particularly important for mature students who often have to fit their study around other commitments.

The course is taught on a two semester basis normally over two years: First semester will run from September to January and the second semester from January to June. The part-time course is offered, mornings, afternoons or evenings.

A one-year fast-track course (16 hours per week) may be available subject to sufficient numbers enrolling.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements; however, all prospective students will be interviewed and asked to provide evidence that they are competent to cope with the demands of the course.

Eight modules of study must be successfully completed for a student to be awarded the Access Diploma in Social Sciences and Humanities for Mature Students. Students will be encouraged to develop the Communication, Mathematical and Information Technology skills which are essential in today's society. The acquisition of these skills will promote self-development and improve performance in other modules.

Year One

Core Modules:

- Communication Studies and Introduction to Literature
- Information Handling
- Mathematics 1
- Contemporary Society 1

Year Two

Optional Modules*

- Contemporary Society II
- Psychology
- Irish History
- Anglo-Irish Literature
- Mathematics II
- Social Policy
- Research Methods
- Human Body Systems

*availability will be subject to viable numbers

Progression

The majority of students progress to University on completion of the course to study for degrees in Social Sciences, Nursing, Social Work, Law, Humanities and Business. Universities include the University of Ulster, Queen's University Belfast, Aberdeen University, Kent University etc.

Application Form

Coleraine

Please complete using **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

**Access Diploma in Social Sciences and Humanities
(Access Course)**

Surname (Block Capitals):

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss):

Forename(s):

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Signature of Applicant

Date:

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