



Choosing a course, university or college in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

There is a wide range of colleges and universities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Colleges also deliver university level courses, part time or full time, so you may be able to study more locally than you think. Whether you are returning to work after a break, wanting to progress in your present career, or looking for a career change, you'll find work-related and work-based learning opportunities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

What is the most important factor for you?

Some people know where they want to study, and then choose a course from what's on offer. Others know that they want a particular qualification and need to investigate where that is being offered.

Students choose a course for a variety of reasons:

- you may have a specific career or job in mind
- you may have a broad range of interests and want to keep your options fairly open
- you know what you're good at and you're looking for something that will use those gifts and aptitudes
- Whatever your starting point, the value of a vocational or work-related course is to equip you with the knowledge and skills relevant to your level of work and give you a recognised qualification.

Where can you find the relevant information?

- If you know that you want to do a Foundation degree you can search by subject or institution at:
www.foundation-degrees-in-the-southeast.org.uk
- Attend an Open Day to find out more about individual institutions and courses. For dates of Open Days go to:
www.opendays.com
- Find out how to apply and request a prospectus online. For some courses, including foundation degrees, you can apply direct to the institution, for others you need to go through UCAS, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service at:
www.ucas.com.

How do you choose the right course for your situation - what do you need to find out from the individual institutions?

Here are some suggestions to help you make the right decision:

1. Research your chosen career area carefully. Visit a careers library, or search online to make sure you will gain the right qualification for what you want to do. For two good places to start researching online try:

www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/career-matters

www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk

2. Find out which colleges you can get to and then read the prospectuses or look at their websites to find out what would be a suitable course for you to start with, whether you can meet the entry requirements (not all courses ask for formal entry qualifications), what qualification you would gain and how long it would take.
3. Find out if you might need to have an interview, take a test or maybe provide examples of your work. You are sure to have a form to fill in so think about who to ask if you need a reference.
4. Identify where the course is being delivered especially if the institution has more than one site or campus. Find out how easy it will be to get there and what the cost of travel is likely to be. If you plan to drive, check the parking provision.
5. If you're interested in doing a Higher National Certificate (HNC), Higher National Diploma (HND) or Foundation degree, information about everything available in the southeast and includes direct links to the colleges and universities is online at: www.foundation-degrees-in-the-southeast.org.uk
6. Are they asking for any work-related experience, IT skills, or perhaps CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) clearance?
7. Talk to employers and to students who are a stage or two ahead of you.
8. Make good use of an Open Day to speak with tutors and see the facilities. For dates of Open days go to: www.opendays.com
9. Think about what style of study would suit you best: full time or part time, in the workplace, in college or by distance learning? Find out how courses are structured and assessed.
10. Check the price of the course, learning materials (books and equipment), and travel. The Learning Opportunities finance information sheet will help you consider what costs are involved. If some employment is included be sure you know what salary is being offered. Find out whether you can get help from your employer.
11. Check things like computer facilities, learning support and easy access. This information is available on individual college and university websites.

Universities and colleges in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight offering higher education courses

Basingstoke College of Technology

Worthing Road, Basingstoke, RG21 8TN

T: 01256 354141

F: 01256 306444

E: information@bcot.ac.uk

W: www.bcot.ac.uk

Brockenhurst College

Lyndhurst Road, Brockenhurst, SO42 7ZE

T: 01590 625555

F: 01590 625526

E: info@brock.ac.uk

W: www.brock.ac.uk

Farnborough College of Technology

Boundary Road, Farnborough GU14 6SB

T: 01252 405555

F: 01252 407042

E: info@farn-ct.ac.uk

W: www.farn-ct.ac.uk

Isle of Wight College

Medina Way, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5TA

T: 01983 526631

F: 01983 521707

E: info@iwcollege.ac.uk

W: www.iwcollege.ac.uk

University of Portsmouth

Winston Churchill Avenue, Portsmouth PO1 2UP

T: 0239 2848484

F: 0239 2843082

E: info.centre@port.ac.uk

W: www.port.ac.uk

University of Southampton

University Road, Southampton, SO17 1BJ

T: 02380 595000

F: 02380 593131

E: admissns@soton.ac.uk

W: www.soton.ac.uk

Southampton Solent University

East Park Terrace, Southampton, SO14 0YN

T: 02380 319000

F: 02380 222259

E: ask@solent.ac.uk

W: www.solent.ac.uk

Sparsholt College

Sparsholt, Winchester, SO21 2NF

T: 01962 776441

E: enquiry@sparsholt.ac.uk

W: www.sparsholt.ac.uk

University of Winchester

Sparkford Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 4NR

T: 01962 841515

F: 01962 842280

E: course.enquiries@winchester.ac.uk
W: www.winchester.ac.uk

University of Winchester

Chute House Campus, Church Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7QT

T: 0870 357 8580
F: 0870 357 8499
E: course.enquiries@winchester.ac.uk
W: www.winchester.ac.uk

Colleges in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

Alton College

Old Odiham Road, Alton, GU34 2LX
T: 01420 592200
F: 01420 592253
E: enquiries@altoncollege.ac.uk
W: www.altoncollege.ac.uk

Andover College

Charlton Road, Andover SP10 1EJ
T: 01264 360000
E: info@andover.ac.uk
W: www.andover.ac.uk

Barton Peveril College

Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, SO50 5ZA
T: 0238 0367200
F: 02380 367228
E: enquiries@barton.ac.uk
W: www.barton-peveril.ac.uk

Eastleigh College

Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, SO50 5FS
T: 02380 911000
F: 02380 322133
E: goplaces@eastleigh.ac.uk
W: www.eastleigh.ac.uk

Fareham College

Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, PO14 1NH
T: 01329 815200
E: info@fareham.ac.uk
W: www.fareham.ac.uk

Havant College

New Road, Havant, Portsmouth, PO9 1QL
T: 02392 483856
F: 02392 470621
E: enquiries@havant.ac.uk
W: www.havant.ac.uk

Highbury College

Dovercourt Road, Highbury, Portsmouth, PO6 2SA

T: 02392 383131

F: 02392 325551

E: info@highbury.ac.uk

W: www.highbury.ac.uk

Itchen College

Middle Road, Bitterne, Southampton, SO19 7TB

T: 02380 435636

F: 02389 421911

E: info@itchen.ac.uk

W: www.itchen.ac.uk

Peter Symonds College

Owens Road, Winchester, S022 6RX

T: 01962 857580

F: 01962 857501

E: admissions@psc.ac.uk

W: www.psc.ac.uk

Portsmouth College

Tangier Road, Portsmouth, PO3 6PZ

T: 0239 266 7521

E: yvonne.hillier@portsmouth-college.ac.uk

W: www.portsmouth-college.ac.uk

Queen Mary's College

Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3HF

T: 01256 417500

F: 01256 417501

E: info@qmc.ac.uk

W: www.qmc.ac.uk

Southampton City College

St Mary Street, Southampton, SO14 1AR

T: 02380 484848

E: enquiries@resultsforlife.com

W: www.southampton-city.ac.uk

South Downs College

College Road, Waterlooville, PO7 8AA

T: 02392 797979

F: 02392 797940

E: college@southdowns.ac.uk

W: www.southdowns.ac.uk

Totton College

Calmore Road, Totton, Southampton, SO40 3ZX

T: 02380 874874

F: 02380 874879

E: info@totton.ac.uk

W: www.totton.ac.uk

St.Vincent College

Mill Lane, Gosport, PO12 4QA

T: 023 9258 8311

E: info@stvincent.ac.uk

W: www.stvincent.ac.uk

Taunton's College

Hill Lane, Southampton, SO15 5RL

T: 02380 511811

F: 02380 511991

E: email@tauntons.ac.uk

W: www.tauntons.ac.uk

The Sixth Form College Farnborough

Prospect Avenue, Farnborough, GU14 8JX

T: 01252 688200

F: 01252 688206

E: admin@farnboroughsfc.ac.uk

W: www.farnboroughsfc.ac.uk

Open and distance learning**The Open University**

PO Box 197, Milton Keynes, MK7 6BJ

T: 0845 300 60 90

E: General-Enquiries@open.ac.uk

W: www.open.ac.uk

Other useful websites

www.hotcourses.com

www.nusonline.co.uk

www.unistats.com