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10 things to help you choose the right HE course in the South East

Which university or college?

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### Which subject?

- Do you have relevant work/industry experience?
- Have you got level 3 qualifications - BTEC? NVQ? A Level?
- Do you need a particular qualification/degree for your career?
- Have you chosen something you haven't studied before, e.g. management, graphic design?



### Type of course?

- Foundation degree, HNC or HND? Progression to BA or BSc? Masters level?
- Will you attend college or look at distance learning?
- Structure of course and assessment? Coursework? Exam?
- Modular? Work based? Work related? Placement? Reputation of course?
- See what [study choices](#) you have



### Which university/college?

- Entry qualifications?
- What student support facilities are there? (Check the website or prospectus)
- Have you looked at [Foundation degrees](#)? Many are delivered at local colleges.



### How will you find time to study?

- Will you be studying fulltime or part-time?
- Will you be working at the same time?
- How often will you need to attend college and how long does it take you to get there?
- See the information sheet on [finding time to study](#)



### Money/ costs of HE?

- How much are the tuition fees? What financial help is there?
- What extra scholarships/grants/bursaries are offered?
- What other costs – transport, childcare while you study, equipment books?
- For more information see our advice about [financial help for study](#)



### Will your employer support you?

- Have you spoken to your employer?
- Will your employer help in any way, for example a contribution towards fees or some time off for study?



### How could studying improve your career?

- Do you want a new career or do you want to progress in your existing career?
- What are the employability prospects for your chosen career?
- What difference will more qualifications make?
- Are there jobs available in the area you want to work?



### What jobs could this lead to?

- Are you just launching your career?
- Do you want to progress in your existing career?
- Look at the advice about [career planning](#) and [finding employment](#)



### Other factors?

- Do you need to brush up on any skills or find out anything else about HE?
- Have a good look round the [Learning Opportunities in the South East](#) website and read through the [information sheets](#) that include help with developing your maths, writing, ICT and time management skills.



### Find out more about HE

- Look at online prospectuses
- If you're still in fulltime education, talk to your teacher/tutor
- Compare course data from universities by going to [UNISTATS](#)