

Consider an HNC/D at college



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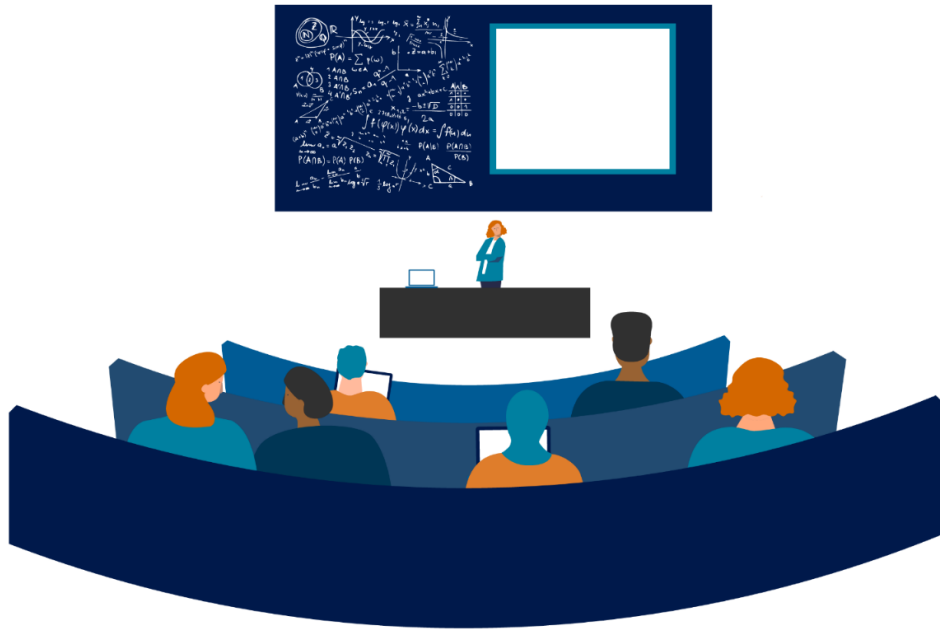
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What we will cover

- How is college different from university?
- What is an HNC/HND?
- Reasons for considering studying an HNC/D at college
- What can you do after an HNC/D?
- A typical student week at college studying at HNC level (Stephanie)

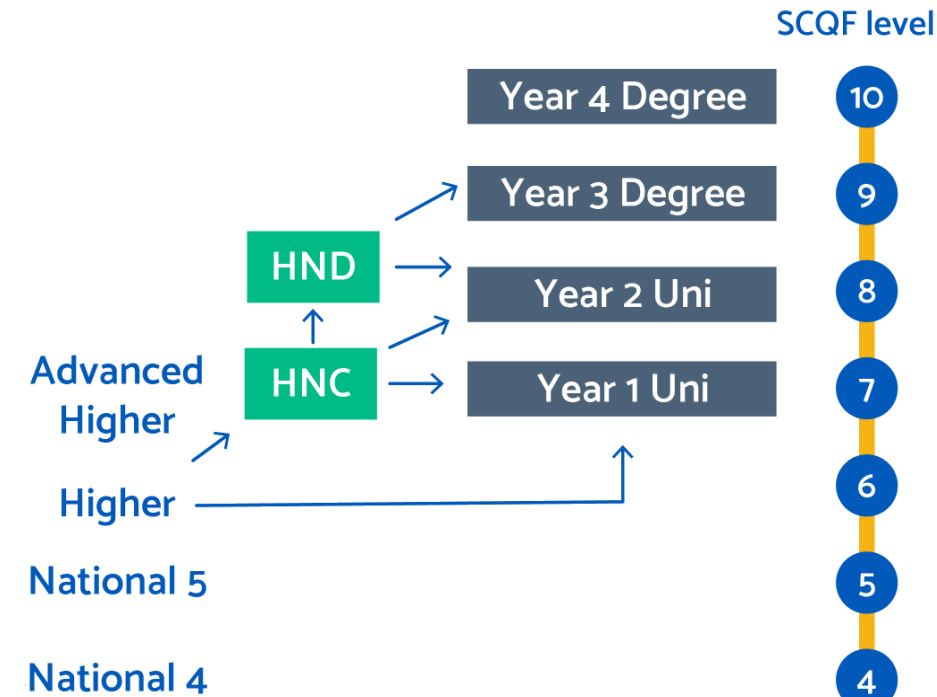
Why choose HNC/D at college?



- Smaller class sizes
- More contact hours, individual study support, ongoing assessment
- Your preferred course may only be offered at college
- Not ready to jump into 4 year degree at uni? Prefer 1-2 year course?
- More confident of making college entry requirements?
- You can apply to both college and uni at the same time!
- HNC and HNDs can support entry to year 2 or 3 at university
- Funded by SAAS if you choose to go to college or college + university
- Even if your plan A is uni we recommend applying to HNC/D as back-up!
- Associate Student Schemes: guarantee uni place on successful completion of HNC/D

What next after HNC and HND?

- HNC/Ds are at same academic level as year 1 and 2 at university
- After an HNC (1 yr) or HND (2 yrs) you can go straight into a job!
- After HNC/D it's also possible to go into university
- Entry into year 1 or 2 of university is possible with an HNC
- Entry into year 2 or 3 of university is possible with an HND
- Your subject area needs to be the same/similar from HNC/D to uni
- Not every uni accepts HNC/D students into years 2-3 but most do!
- So HNC/s are great courses to get you into a job and into university



Finding out more about college and HNC/D study



Find out more about courses at your local college:

- <https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/>
- <https://www.west-lothian.ac.uk/>
- <https://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/>
- <https://www.newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk/>
- <https://www.borderscollege.ac.uk/>
- <https://www.planitplus.net/Institutions/Colleges/>: for links to all the colleges in Scotland
- <https://www.pathways.ac.uk/>: search agreed pathways from HNC and HND at colleges to universities in Stirling, Clackmannanshire, Fife, Falkirk, West Lothian, Edinburgh, Midlothian, East Lothian and the Scottish Borders.
- <https://www.planitplus.net/>: information on applying to college, what to expect when you start college and more.
- <https://www.leapsonline.org/schoolstudents/s5hub/college-and-university-whats-difference> : LEAPS info on college

Examples of some 'Associate Student Schemes' at local universities;

- <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/access-to-higher-education/associate-student-scheme/>
- <https://www.napier.ac.uk/study-with-us/widening-participation/we-will-help-you-get-here/college-to-university>
- <https://www.hw.ac.uk/uk/study/undergraduate/mechanical-engineering-partnership-route.htm> - engineering example

Name of college course: HNC Social Sciences
 College: Edinburgh College
 University you went onto: Queen Margaret University
 University course and year of entry: BCs (Hons) Psychology and Sociology (2)



A typical student week at college studying HNC

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8-9.00		Travelling		Travelling to Library	Travelling		Rest Day
9-10.00	Prep for the following week lectures	History Lecture	Breakfast		Psychology Lecture	Spend some time with friends or family	
10-11.00				Politics Lecture			
11-12.00		English Lecture					
12-13.00	Food Shop for the Week	Lunch or Library	Look over work that needs done	Lunch	Lunch		
13-14.00		Sociology Lecture		Research Methods Lecture	Criminology Lecture		
14-15.00							
15-16.00	Clean the Flat			Travelling to Maths class at another campus	Travelling Home		
16-17.00		Travelling Home	Washing Clothes				
17-18.00				Maths lecture			
18-19.00		Make Dinner	Make Dinner		Make Dinner		
19-20.00							
20-21.00		Speed clean of Flat					
21-22.00				Travelling Home			