

Oxford Brookes University in partnership with

Abingdon & Witney College



Oxford Brookes degrees closer to home

Choosing where to study is important to get right. This booklet is here to help. It tells you about degrees delivered by Abingdon & Witney College working in partnership with Oxford Brookes University.

For further details about Oxford Brookes degrees at our partner colleges go to www.brookes.ac.uk/college

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Welcome



At Oxford Brookes, we are proud of our strong partnerships with colleges across the country, including Solihull College and University Centre. Together, we provide students with high-quality, flexible opportunities to gain an Oxford Brookes degree closer to home.

Our Associate College Partnerships play an important role in widening access to higher education and supporting students from all backgrounds to achieve their goals. Whether you are studying alongside work, family or other commitments, our courses are designed to help you succeed.

Your experience, enthusiasm and ambition help make Oxford Brookes and our partner colleges such vibrant and diverse places to learn. Together, we're helping students develop the skills, confidence and curiosity to shape a better future for themselves and those around them.

We look forward to welcoming you as an Oxford Brookes student.

PROFESSOR HELEN LAVILLE
Vice-Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University

Oxford Brookes degrees at our partner colleges

Oxford Brookes University works with regional colleges to deliver university degrees closer to you.

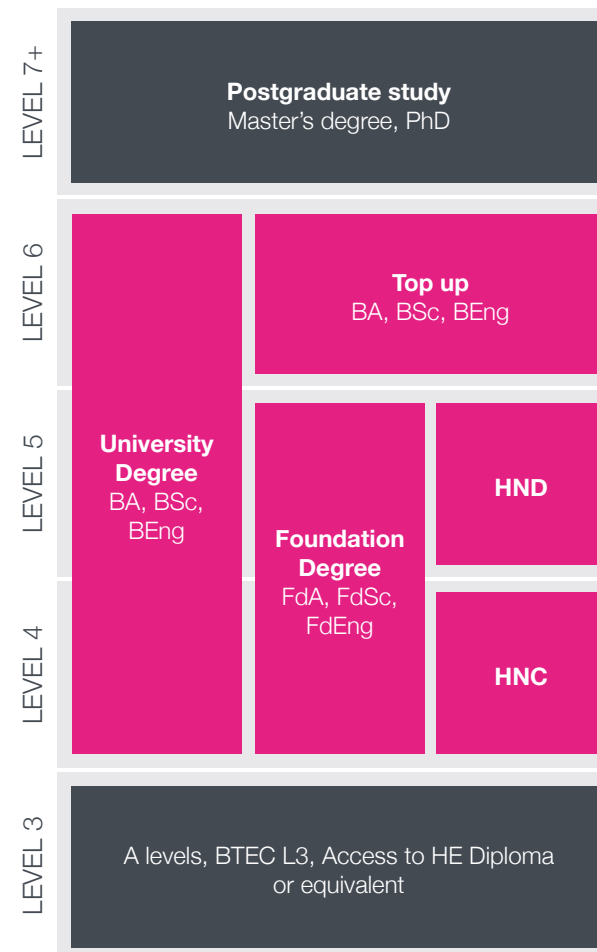
So whether you are working and want to develop your skills, returning to education after a break, or wishing to delve deeper into a subject that you love, studying for an Oxford Brookes degree at one of our partner colleges might be right for you.

Students studying at our partner colleges come from a wide range of backgrounds. Many have worked for a number of years, while some have progressed straight from school or college. We look at all of your previous professional and academic experience when considering applications.



What is a foundation degree?

Many of the courses we offer through partner colleges are foundation degrees. A foundation degree is equivalent to the first two years of a traditional bachelor's degree, and includes plenty of work-based learning and industry specific skills. At the end of your foundation degree you can choose to 'top up' to a full bachelor's degree with an extra year of study.



Apprenticeships

Oxford Brookes works with a number of colleges who deliver our qualifications as part of degree or higher apprenticeships. Apprentices are awarded an Oxford Brookes qualification as well as achieving the overall apprenticeship, which is delivered by the college.

Degree or higher apprenticeships are an opportunity to combine employment with study and can include an undergraduate or postgraduate degree or professional qualifications. As an apprentice you will be employed, receive a wage, and will not pay tuition fees as the cost of

your qualification is covered by your employer.

As an apprentice you would typically attend our partner college one day a week or complete distance learning. Your professional competence is assessed in the workplace where you will be supported by a mentor.

Like all students at a partner college, apprentices studying for an Oxford Brookes qualification are fully enrolled students. This means they enjoy many of the benefits and support services that Oxford Brookes offers, as well as those provided by the college.



The majority of our course is based on coursework rather than exams. I can apply what I do in my daily role (within a commercial team) to debates at university, as well as in my assignments.

ELLA WRENCH, CHARTERED MANAGER DEGREE APPRENTICE, ABINGDON AND WITNEY COLLEGE

How higher and degree apprenticeships compare with other HE qualifications

This table sets out how higher or degree apprenticeships, which include one of our qualifications, differ from standalone ACP foundation degrees and degrees

	Standalone foundation degree or degree	Apprenticeship route
Applications are made...	via UCAS or using the part-time application form	to the college apprenticeship team who work with the employer to consider applicants
Fees are paid by...	you directly, via student loan or by a sponsor (eg your employer)	your employer
Fees are payable to...	Oxford Brookes University	the college
Student Finance loans are...	available	not available
Having a relevant job role is...	an element of some of our courses; sometimes voluntary work or placements will meet requirements. See the course description for details.	a required aspect of an apprenticeship
As well as the Oxford Brookes qualification I need to complete...	you don't need to complete any other qualifications	the apprenticeship certificate. This may include additional qualifications
For more information visit...	www.brookes.ac.uk/acp or the college's website	the college's apprenticeship website



The thing I enjoy most about my course is the knowledge that I gain can be applied back in the workplace. For example, when we did the language module and studied the pre-linguistic stages of children I learnt that whilst communicating with babies, we didn't need to oversimplify everything as they understand so much more than we think.

ALICE CLARKE, FDA EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

Our partnership programmes at Abingdon & Witney College

Abingdon and Witney College are ambitious for our students, working with them to achieve excellence. But that excellence is not a one-size-fits-all solution. We offer a broad range of courses and celebrate the success of students at all levels across the college. The college has been graded 'good' with 'outstanding' apprenticeships by Ofsted (2024). It has been recognised at a national level through numerous awards and nominations for the quality of its courses and teaching.

College locations and facilities

At our largest campus in Abingdon our facilities include open access student support areas, a Costa Coffee shop, brand new e-learning zones and a brand new, state-of-the-art Advanced Skills Centre. This is now our base for all of our Higher Education programmes; providing a unique space in which our under-graduates can study and socialise. Our Common Leys Farm campus in Hailey is a 60 acre campus, which boasts purpose built areas and facilities that house a range of land-based learning for subjects from Animal Care to Horticulture. Common Leys campus also has a fully functioning equine stud yard and was awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize for its work in the equine field.

Accommodation

As a student on an Oxford Brookes course, you would be fully eligible to apply for accommodation in our student halls. Information about this will be provided when you are offered a place on the course.

Open Day Information

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/events/

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or enquiries@
abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Partnership Programmes

Click on a course to find out more.

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- BSc (Hons) Equine Science
- FDA Business and Management Practice
- BA Hons Business & Management Practice (Top up)
- BA Hons Business & Management Practice Degree Apprenticeship
- BA Hons Early Childhood Studies (Top up)

27/28

- BSc (Hons) Equine Science
- BSc (Hons) Animal Therapy & Rehabilitation (Top up)
- FDA Business and Management Practice
- BA Hons Business & Management Practice (Top up)
- BA Hons Business & Management Practice Degree Apprenticeship

28/29

- BSc (Hons) Equine Science
- FDA Business and Management Practice
- BA Hons Business & Management Practice (Top up)
- BA Hons Business & Management Practice Degree Apprenticeship



As a mature student, it can be daunting returning to education, but the staff have made me feel extremely welcome. Studying the FdSc in Animal Behaviour and Welfare exceeded all expectations and led me to do the top-up degree. Lecturers often went out of their way to ensure students got the most fulfilling experience during the year.

RYAN DILLON, FDSC ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE

Why study at a partner college?



There are many reasons why you might choose to study at one of our partner colleges. Here are just a few:

1. Learning on your doorstep

Staying at home and studying can often be cheaper as well as more convenient, particularly if you plan to study alongside a career, or in between family commitments.

2. Variety and flexibility

Many of our courses have non-traditional class times and teaching styles. You may have evening lectures and be taught in a workshop or out in the field - rather than during the day in a traditional classroom.

3. Lower tuition fees

It can be cheaper to study at a partner college. For UK students studying an

Oxford Brookes foundation degree at a partner college, tuition fees will be lower than our on-campus courses and you can access a loan which means you won't pay up front. Visit our website for up to date information, including fees for EU/International students.

www.brookes.ac.uk/finance

4. Great support

You'll receive as much or as little help as you would like to guide you through your learning. You enjoy the benefits and support services of being a student of the partner college as well as many of those at Oxford Brookes (see page 12 for details).



I would not have got this role if it wasn't for my ability to study and work at the same time. My studies were directly relevant to my job- so much of what we learned can be applied to my own employer's circumstances. My advice to new students would be that time management skills are important to help make sure you get the right balance between work and study.

LEE ROBINSON, BA (HONS) BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (TOP UP)



Headington Campus Oxford Brookes University

Why choose an Oxford Brookes course?

With an Oxford Brookes course you are safe in the knowledge that you are studying for a well-recognised qualification taught to the highest standards expected in higher education.

1. High-calibre learning and teaching

All our courses are carefully designed by experienced academics to meet the needs of students. They work in partnership with knowledgeable, industry-informed college teaching staff to ensure delivery of degree-level learning. All are passionate about their subject and making it accessible to others.

2. A wide range of foundation degrees, with the option to 'top up'

We offer over 30 foundation degree courses, many at a number of our partner colleges. They include computing, graphic design, motorsport engineering, veterinary nursing and many more. In many subject areas, you can 'top up' with a final third year, to graduate with a full honours degree.

3. Flexible entry qualifications

You may not need traditional qualifications to get onto a course - work experience, previous learning and a desire to study all count when we consider your application.

4. Benefits +

Not only will you enjoy the great facilities and learning resources at your college, but as an Oxford Brookes student, you will be able to take advantage of our university resources and services - both online and on campus.

For example, you can enjoy access to our **extensive online library** and membership of the **Brookes Union** as well as advice and support from our Student Finance and Wellbeing teams.

If you are studying in one of the colleges local to Oxford Brookes - or if you are on campus - you also have access to facilities such as the **sports centre**, the **social learning spaces**, **eateries** and **careers centre**, all in our award-winning John Henry Brookes Building.



Fees and funding

Studying at one of our partner colleges can cost less than a traditional on-campus degree. For details of tuition fees take a look at the course pages of our website.

You don't need to pay your tuition fees upfront. If you're a UK student applying for your first degree you can access a tuition fee loan, and may be eligible for a bursary to help with your living costs.

For further details about fees and funding, visit www.brookes.ac.uk/finance

How to apply

To make an application to study full-time for undergraduate study, you will need to apply online through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). We encourage applications to be made as early as possible. Contact your College Admissions Team for information about late applications.

For more information about other types of application, including part-time study, visit www.brookes.ac.uk/study/how-to-apply



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