

HND Business (SCQF Level 8)

Full-time

Where will I study?

Course code	Location	Duration
CHDB	Aberdeen City Campus	2 Years
CNDB	Fraserburgh Campus	2 Years

Welcome from Director of Curriculum

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise at North East Scotland College. This school encompasses the Creative Arts, Music, Drama, Media, ESOL, Business Enterprise and Computing and IT subjects – all of which offer interesting and exciting opportunities for students to progress and achieve success in their future careers.

Through work with external clients and experienced, knowledgeable teaching teams, our students will benefit from industry-focused, high quality learning. This means that on completion of your course, you are confident and capable when it comes to entering the workplace, or progressing towards further study. We pride ourselves in offering educational opportunities for all, whether you are starting at introductory level or joining one of our advanced courses. On behalf of the entire teaching team, we are delighted to have you join – or consider joining – one of our courses.

Susan Betty, Director of Curriculum for Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise

Introduction to the course

This advanced level course will further enhance your understanding of key business functions and provide you with an invaluable, detailed overview of the business world. You will acquire a wide range of transferable skills, highly sought after by employers, ensuring you are well-equipped for progression towards a degree programme at one of our associate universities, or for progressing directly into employment.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have two passes at Higher level, preferably Business and English, as well as a National 5 qualification in Accounting or Maths. Alternatively applicants should have other relevant qualifications for suitable work experience.

What subjects will I be studying?

Some of the main topics covered include:

- Business Accounting

- Economic Issues
- Marketing
- Managing People and Organisations
- Business Law
- Payroll
- Information Technology Applications
- Communication
- Using Financial Accounting Software

Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year. You will also sit an exam towards the end of the course, which covers the core areas of Business Accounting, Managing People and Organisations, Marketing and Economic Issues.

Course progression

Students successfully completing this course may progress towards a number of related degree programmes at one of our associate universities.

University links

North East Scotland College has links with a wide range of universities from across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you can progress from your chosen course to a related university degree. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

[Find out more about our associate universities in the University Links section of the NESCol website.](#)

University progression

Robert Gordon University (RGU)

- BA (Hons) Management year 3 (subject to conditions)
- BA (Hons) Management with Human Resource Management year 3 (subject to conditions)

Abertay University

- BA (Hons) Business Management year 3 (subject to conditions)

Queen Margaret University

- BA (Hons) Business Management year 3 (subject to conditions)

The Open University

An HND can give up to 240 credits towards the 360 credit BA/BSc Open Degree with Honours or 180 credits towards the 300 credit BA/BSc Open Degree.

A reduced amount of credit transfer can be awarded against other qualifications, such as:

- BA (Hons) Business Management (Standard pathway)

Employment

Career opportunities are available at trainee level in a range of sectors, including management, finance, administration and the public sector.

Useful information

Faculty:	Business Enterprise
School:	School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise
Faculty Manager:	Robert Laird Email: r.laird@nescol.ac.uk
Curriculum & Quality Manager(s):	Michele Burnett Email: m.burnett@nescol.ac.uk

Guidance and Support

Guidance

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be provided with detailed feedback where possible, allowing you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement - essential for your educational development.

[View our Guidance Tutor contact information.](#)

Support

Our Student Services team are dedicated to helping all students with a range of factors that might affect your time at College. They can help you with funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Visit the Support section of our website for more information](#)

Learning Resources

The College has a number of excellent learning resources available to assist and support the delivery of our classes across full-time, part-time and distance learning courses. They aim to enhance the quality of your learning experience.

[Find out more about NESCol learning resources](#)

Library+

Our Library+ sites – at the Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Altens and Fraserburgh Campuses – provide all students with access to books, journals, newspapers, core skills materials and more! You'll also find laptop friendly areas, private study/research booths and printers, scanners and photocopiers.

[Find out more about what our Library+ services can offer](#)

College calendar

Have a look at our [College Calendar](#) for further information on key dates throughout the year.

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