

HND Business *(SCQF Level 8)*

Full-time

Where can I study?

Location	Duration	Course code
Aberdeen City Campus	2 Years	PFDB
Fraserburgh Campus	2 Years	RHDB

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.

A Foundation Apprenticeship in any subject area will be considered equivalent as one unrelated Higher for entry to this course. A Foundation Apprenticeship in Accounting or Business Skills will be considered equivalent to a subject related Higher. The additional Higher required for entry does not require to be subject related.

Alternatively applicants should have other relevant qualifications for suitable work experience.

What subjects will I be studying?

Year 1:

- Business Accounting
- Economic Issues: An Introduction
- Marketing: An Introduction
- Managing People and Organisations
- Business Law: An Introduction
- IT Applications: Software 1
- Business Communication
- Using Financial Accounting Software
- Economic Issues: An Introduction
- Management Accounting Using IT
- IT in Business: Spreadsheets
- Personal Development Planning

- Business Graded Unit 1

Year 2:

- Business Culture and Strategy
- Behavioural Skills for Business
- Economics 1: Micro and Macro Theory and Application
- Economics 2: The World Economy
- ICT in Business
- Statistics for Business
- Preparing Financial Forecasts
- Business Contractual Relationships
- Research Skills
- Company Law: An Introduction
- Preparing to Start a Business
- Business Graded Unit 2

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 could progress from your chosen course to a related university degree, subject to conditions. 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](#)

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

- BA (Hons) Business Management — standard pathway. Subject to conditions.

Employment

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

Useful contacts

Head of Faculty:**Robert Laird**

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Academic Tutor

Once you come to College you will be allocated an academic tutor, who will be your initial point of contact. You will meet your tutor at least once a term during tutor hour — they are also the person to go to for the following:

- **Induction:** You will be invited to come in the week before your course starts for your induction. Your tutor will cover key aspects of life at the College to make sure you are well prepared for your NESCol experience.
- **Initial support:** Your tutor is the first point of contact for academic, personal and social support.
- **Attendance:** Your attendance and progress while you are at college, will be monitored by your tutor.
- **Additional support needs:** If you have indicated that you have additional learning or support needs, speak to your tutor who will refer you to the Student Advice and Support team for needs assessment as soon as practically possible.
- **Transitions:** your tutor will keep you informed of the many activities and events organised by the College to support you with career choices, employability, enterprise and articulation guidance and advice.

Student Advice Centre

The Student Advice Centre is your one stop shop for all information and support during your time at NESCol. Staff based within the centre provide impartial and confidential information and advice on a range of issues including:

- Applications and course advice
- Funding and money management
- Careers, employability and enterprise
- Transitions to college and university
- Key Skills and Study Skills support
- Additional Support for Learning
- Assistive technologies
- Mental health and wellbeing advice
- Care Experienced and Corporate Parenting
- Tier 4 and international admissions

Learning Resources

My NESCol

My NESCol is the College's student web portal that will provide you with on-demand access to all of the links, news and services that you will use once you have enrolled. It's accessible via any computer, and as an Android or Apple app. It's easy to use, and you can even receive important alerts on your device!

Blackboard

Blackboard is the Virtual Learning Environment system used in the College, where you can find a host of useful information and access your courses online. It will be the main platform that your lecturers will use to make resources available to you including interactive materials, videos, assessments and feedback.

IT HelpZone

The IT HelpZones are run by students, for students, and there are helpdesks located in main social areas at the Aberdeen and Fraserburgh Campuses, and a dedicated helpline at our Altens Campus. You can drop in, email or telephone for assistance.

Library+

Each Library offers thousands of resources for study, including books, journals, e-books, e-journals and magazines — all relevant to the courses on offer at the campus in which they are situated. They also offer quiet, silent, individual, and group study facilities.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

NESCol believes that your learning and teaching experience at College can be enhanced significantly by use of a mobile device, such as a tablet or a laptop. For this reason, many students are required to bring a device with them to College. This initiative is known as Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and its aim is to provide learners with a more bespoke and student-centred learning experience.

Digital Skills Space

Located within each Library Plus facility you will find a dedicated Digital Skills Space, featuring Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) workspaces and dedicated desktop PC work areas. These spaces are also used to deliver core IT teaching, drop-in IT support and scheduled digital skills workshops. You can also use these spaces for flexible access to PCs during Library+ opening hours.

College Calendar

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

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