

## Routes to Higher Education: Social Sciences *(SCQF Level 6)*

Full-time\*

\* Highers in Chemistry, English, Biology, Maths, Physics and Psychology are also available on a part-time basis. For more information visit [nescol.ac.uk/courses](http://nescol.ac.uk/courses) or pick up a Part-time Course Guide.

### Where can I study?

Location	Duration	Course code
Aberdeen City Campus	1 Year	QGHA

### Introduction to the course

On this course you will develop a deeper understanding of human behaviour and society through the study of four SQA Highers. The course is intended for those with strong qualifications at SCQF Level 5 who wish to improve on their existing qualifications and progress to further study or employment.

### Entry requirements

Applicants should have Higher, National 5 or Standard Grade Credit level qualifications. At the very least, applicants should have Core Skills Communication or equivalent at SCQF Level 6.

### What subjects will I be studying?

Following pre-entry guidance, a programme of 4 Highers will be agreed from the following:

- Higher English
- Higher Sociology
- Higher Psychology
- Higher Politics
- Higher History

### Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year. This is done through a combination of open and closed-book assessments.

### Course progression

Students who successfully complete this course may progress to the HND Social Sciences course, or progress to degree level study at university.

### 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

The attainment of a group of SQA Highers will allow you to progress to universities across Scotland, and beyond. Entry may depend on the grades attained and the university that you apply to.

## Useful contacts

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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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