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Part-time Guide 26/27

Evening & daytime leisure courses





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Bringing Learning to Life

NESCol has a part-time course to suit everyone. Whether you're looking to try a new hobby or upskill for work, our wide range of courses has something to inspire every learner.

What do you think?

We'd love to hear your feedback about our guide and part-time courses.

Scan the QR code below to take part in a short survey for your chance to win a £50 voucher.



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How part-time learning works

Our part-time courses are offered through different modes of study – this describes how and when your course is delivered.

- Part-time daytime
- Part-time evening
- Online and distance learning

Some courses are also classed as Professional Development. These can be delivered through any of the above modes of study and are designed to help you build skills for work and career progression.

Find out more about part-time courses:



In-person courses

Our in-person courses generally have a leisure focus. Classes typically last 2-3 hours for blocks of up to 12 weeks, but we also offer daytime options including one-day masterclasses.

The in-person modes of study are:

- Part-time evening
- Part-time daytime

These courses are guided by expert tutors, and run at City, Altens or Fraserburgh campuses, as well as Inverurie Community Campus and the Garioch Heritage Centre.

Online and distance courses

Online courses give you a flexible and cost-effective way to upskill or retrain at your own pace and from the comfort of your own space.

You'll study through our virtual learning environment, MyNESCol, with many courses offering support from a dedicated tutor.

We also have a small number of distance learning courses that are not delivered via MyNESCol. You'll receive course materials directly by email.

Please note: Some courses require occasional on-campus attendance. If this applies, it will be clearly stated on the website course page.

Professional and Personal Development courses

Our professional and personal development courses are shaped to meet the needs of individuals and employers. We work closely with organisations in the region to ensure the qualifications we deliver are tailored to the world of work.

These courses are mainly online or distance learning, but there may be in-person options too.

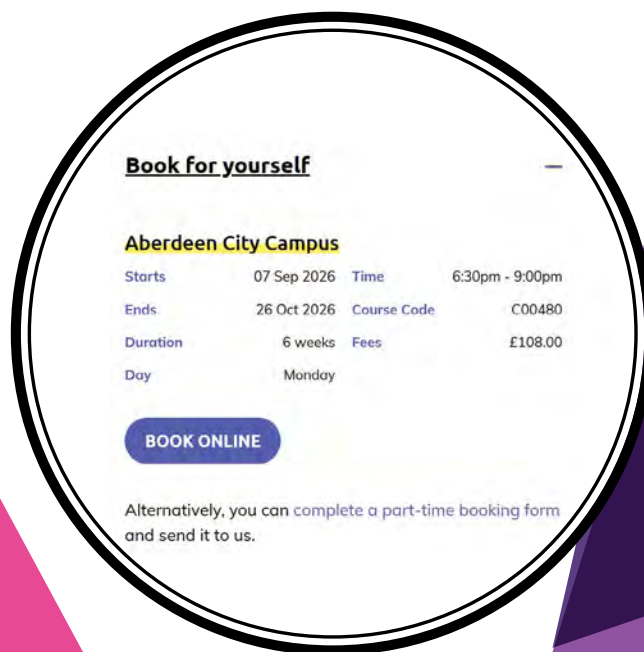
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How to book

The easiest and quickest way to secure your place on a part-time course is on our website: nescol.ac.uk

- Find your course
- Click **Apply**
- Click **Book Online**
- Create an account
- Follow the steps to book and pay for your course.

You only need to create an account once as the booking system saves your details.



Support with booking

Our Student Advice Centre can help you with booking a course.

Email: studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

City Campus: **01224 612330**

Fraserburgh Campus: **01346 586129**

Altens Campus: **01224 612704**

The centres are also open Monday-Friday for in-person support.

Groups

If you're interested in booking a course for your community group,

please email enquiry@nescol.ac.uk

Part-time courses starting soon!

See what courses are coming up this month.



Employers

Employer bookings are handled by our Workforce Development team.

Please email workforce@nescol.ac.uk for more information.

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Just for fun

Leisure courses

Our part-time leisure courses are hands-on, relaxed and inspiring! You'll learn in a welcoming and friendly group, supported by an expert tutor. At the end of your course, you'll receive a College Certificate.

How to find your course

- Head to our website
- In the search bar: enter the **course name**

You can also scan the QR codes on this page to browse all in-person classes.

Explore our evening classes



Explore our daytime classes



Stay updated

Timetabling may change after the guide is printed, so please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information.

Some courses need you to bring additional materials or equipment which will be stated on the course page online.

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Art, Design & Photography

Art & Design

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Acrylic & Oil Painting	Introduction	Aberdeen City Campus	January 2027	6 weeks	evening	£108
Acrylic & Oil Painting	Improvers	Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026	6 weeks	evening	£108
Drawing	Introduction	Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	September & October 2026	6 weeks	evening	£108
Drawing & Painting Essentials	All levels	Garioch Heritage Centre	September 2026, January & April 2027	10 weeks	daytime	£144
Drawing Skills	Improvers	Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	November 2026, January 2027	6 weeks	evening	£108
Watercolour Painting	Introduction	Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	April 2027	6 weeks	evening	£108
Watercolour Painting	Improvers	Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	September 2026, January 2027	6 weeks	evening	£108

Drawing & Painting Essentials

September 2026, January & April 2027
Garioch Heritage Centre, Inverurie

Ideal for beginners and those looking to refresh or develop their creative skills, this 10-week course will give you a strong base in drawing and painting. You'll explore essential techniques, while building confidence in your own style.

Learning takes place in the unique location of the Garioch Heritage Centre, an inspiring setting to develop your talent.



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Floristry

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Festive Flower Arranging		Aberdeen City Campus	November 2026	4 weeks	evening	£102
Festive Wreath Workshop		Aberdeen City Campus	December 2026	1 day	evening	£67
Flower Arranging	Introduction	Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026, January 2027	8 weeks	evening	£145
Flower Arranging	Next Steps	Aberdeen City Campus	December 2026, April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£145
Wedding Floristry	Part 1	Aberdeen City Campus	February 2027	8 weeks	evening	£159
Wedding Floristry	Part 2	Aberdeen City Campus	April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£159

Photography

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Creative Photography: Landscapes		Aberdeen City Campus	April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£175
Purely Photography (Digital First Steps)		Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	September 2026, January 2027	8 weeks	evening	£175
Purely Photoshop (Next Step Image Editing)		Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	September & November 2026, April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£175

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Sewing & Textiles

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Basic Alterations Sewing Workshop		Aberdeen City Campus	January & April 2027	4 weeks	evening	£75
Dressmaking	Introduction	Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026	12 weeks	evening	£232
Dressmaking	Next step	Aberdeen City Campus	January 2027	12 weeks	evening	£231
Make Do & Mend Sewing Workshop		Aberdeen City Campus	February & March 2027	1 evening	evening	£35
Sewing & Textiles	Introduction	Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	November 2026, February & March 2027	10 weeks	evening	£208
Sewing Bees (Basic Sewing Skills)	Introduction	Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	September & October 2026, April 2027	4 weeks	evening	£71
Sewing Bees (Basic Sewing Skills)	Next Steps	Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	October 2026, January 2027	4 weeks	evening	£71
Simple & Easy Patchwork (Using Recycled Fabric)		Aberdeen City Campus	February & May 2027	4 weeks	evening	£75



Get into the festive spirit with our seasonal courses

Festive Flower Arranging (4 weeks)

Learn how to design stunning floral designs perfect for the festive period.

Festive Wreath Workshop (1 day)

Create your own handcrafted wreath using natural materials in this plastic-free masterclass.

Festive Cake Decoration (3 weeks)

Bring your cakes to life with festive decorating techniques, from buttercream to piping.

Festive Home Bakes (1 day)

Make a delicious assortment of seasonal treats for sharing, gifting, or enjoying at home.

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Computing

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
An Introduction to AI	Complete beginners	Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026, January 2027	5 weeks	daytime, evening	£82

Construction

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Brickwork Basics	Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4	Fraserburgh Campus	September 2026	6 weeks	evening	£100
Brickwork for Home Maintenance	Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4	Fraserburgh Campus	February 2027	6 weeks	evening	£100
Joinery Basics	Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4	Fraserburgh Campus	September 2026	6 weeks	evening	£120
Joinery: Doors, Skirtings & Facings	Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4	Fraserburgh Campus	February 2027	6 weeks	evening	£120
Painting & Wallpapering at Home	Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4	Fraserburgh Campus	February 2027	6 weeks	evening	£120
Painting at Home: Basics	Broadly comparable to SCQF Level 4	Fraserburgh Campus	September 2026	6 weeks	evening	£120



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Cookery

The cost of ingredients is covered in the course fee.

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Breadmaking Masterclass		Aberdeen City Campus	September, November & December 2026, January, March & May 2027	1 day	daytime	£94
Cake Decoration	Beginners	Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026, April 2027	6/8 weeks	evening	£177
Cake Decoration	Next Step	Aberdeen City Campus	January 2027	8 weeks	evening	£177
Can't Cook, Need to Cook!		Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026	8 weeks	evening	£174
Creative Cupcakes (Birthdays)		Aberdeen City Campus	May 2027	3 weeks	evening	£90
Festive Cake Decoration		Aberdeen City Campus	November 2026	3 weeks	evening	£92
Festive Home Bakes		Aberdeen City Campus	December 2026	1 day	daytime	£88
Fine Dining	Part 1	Aberdeen City Campus	November 2026	8 weeks	evening	£174
Fine Dining	Part 2	Aberdeen City Campus	January 2027	8 weeks	evening	£174
Flavours of the World: A Taste of Italy		Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026	8 weeks	evening	£174
Flavours of the World: Authentic Indian Cuisine		Aberdeen City Campus	November 2026	8 weeks	evening	£174
Flavours of the World: Eastern Promise (Thai Cookery)		Aberdeen City Campus	February 2027	8 weeks	evening	£174
Flavours of the World: Tempting Tapas (Spain)		Aberdeen City Campus	April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£174
Flavours of the World: Viva La Mexico!		Aberdeen City Campus	April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£174
Just Desserts		Aberdeen City Campus	February 2027	1 day	daytime	£85
Traditional Afternoon Tea Masterclass		Aberdeen City Campus	October 2026, June 2027	1 day	daytime	£89
Traditional Home Baking		Aberdeen City Campus	April 2027	1 day	daytime	£89

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Languages

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Conversational French	Beginners	Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026, February 2027	8/10 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational French	Improvers	Aberdeen City Campus	January & April 2027	8/10 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational French	Intermediate	Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026	10 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational German	Beginners	Aberdeen City Campus	October 2026	10 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational German	Improvers	Aberdeen City Campus	January 2027	10 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational Italian	Beginners	Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	September 2026, January & April 2027	10 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational Italian	Improvers	Aberdeen City Campus	January 2027	10 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational Italian	Intermediate	Aberdeen City Campus	April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational Polish	Beginners	Aberdeen City Campus	October 2026	8 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational Polish	Improvers	Aberdeen City Campus	January 2027	8 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational Polish	Intermediate	Aberdeen City Campus	April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational Spanish	Beginners	Aberdeen City Campus, Inverurie Community Campus	September 2026, January & April 2027	8/10 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational Spanish	Improvers	Aberdeen City Campus	January & April 2027	8/10 weeks	evening	£167
Conversational Spanish	Intermediate	Aberdeen City Campus	April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£167

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Hair & Beauty

We offer a range of hair and beauty evening classes, including popular barbering options, in our industry-standard salon facilities. Build your skills, discover new techniques and learn from our expert team.

Visit the NESCol website for the latest course details.



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Media, Communication & TV

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Creative Writing	Beginners	Aberdeen City Campus	January 2027	10 weeks	evening	£151
Creative Writing	Improvers	Aberdeen City Campus	April 2027	8 weeks	evening	£151
Film School		Aberdeen City Campus	February 2027	12 weeks	evening	£199

Music & Sound Production

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Music Production with Ableton Live	SCQF Level 4	Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026, February 2027	6 weeks	evening	£40
Music Production with Logic Pro	SCQF Level 4	Aberdeen City Campus	November 2026, March 2027	6 weeks	evening	£40
Sound Production School		Aberdeen City Campus	February 2027	12 weeks	evening	£232

Sport & Fitness

Course name	Level	Location	Start date	Duration	Mode of study	Cost
Sport & Exercise Massage	Introduction (SCQF Level 4)	Aberdeen City Campus	September 2026, January 2027	10 weeks	evening	£105

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Upskill & Reskill

Whether you're looking to progress in your current role, start a new career or broaden your skills and knowledge, we have a wide range of personal and professional development courses to help you achieve your goals.

Online and distance learning courses

Our online and distance learning courses are designed to fit around your work, family and life.

Learn flexibly, when and where it suits you, with tutor support available on many courses to help you stay on track.

Choose from more than 150 online and distance learning courses in subject areas including:

- Business & Management
- Computing & International Certification of Digital Literacy (ICDL)
- Engineering
- Health & Safety
- Healthcare and Social Care

Browse and book online:



Or visit nescol.ac.uk/online

In-person courses

Alongside our online and distance learning courses, a range of personal and professional development courses are delivered on campus.

These include:

- Qualifications Scotland Highers, National 5s and HNC/D programmes
- British Sign Language (BSL) courses
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses

Browse the full list of personal and professional development courses available at NESCol:



Free courses for parents

If you're a parent or carer with an income below £33,000, you could be eligible for free part-time training at NESCol. We may also be able to support with travel and childcare costs.

Who can apply

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a parent or carer
- Have a child under the age of 18 living at home
- Earn an income below £33,000
- Live in Scotland full time.

Email workforce@nescol.ac.uk to register your interest.

Pathways to Work

In collaboration with AbzWorks, NESCol is offering free courses for those out of work.

Computing Essentials (Beginners) (8 weeks)

Aberdeen City Campus

An introduction to essential computer skills

International Certificate of Digital Literacy (ICDL) (16 weeks)

Aberdeen City Campus

A globally recognised IT qualification

To be eligible, you must:

- Live in Aberdeen City
- Be aged 16-67
- Be unemployed or underemployed and not in education
- Have the right to live and work in the UK.

For more information, visit nescol.ac.uk/pathways-to-work
or register your interest via email: employability@nescol.ac.uk

More information
here



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gov.scot



Take your English languages skills to the next level

Our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses help you build on your existing skills and confidence using the English language. Classes run for 2 hours twice a week at City Campus, with daytime and evening options.

Intermediate ESOL

Upper-Intermediate ESOL

Advanced ESOL

Courses start in September 2026, and January & April 2027.

Please contact the learning team for information on pre-entry tests and how to book:

PartTimeESOL@nescol.ac.uk

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Important information

Booking information

Courses run subject to sufficient bookings and available resources. The College reserves the right to cancel or rearrange courses when numbers are too low or where resources are unavailable.

A course fee is payable upon booking, and this should be confirmed with the College at this time. Fees are only refundable up to 14 days before the course starts and if the course does not run.

If you take up a place on a course, you will be asked to enrol when the course starts. By completing the enrolment, you will enter into a contract with the College and be bound by the North East Scotland College Standard Terms and Conditions of Study.

Paying for your course

Funding options

Funding depends on the course you choose and your personal circumstances. There are several funding options available to help cover some or all of the course fee.

Find out more on our website:

- Part-time course funding:
nescol.ac.uk/part-time-funding
- Online course funding:
nescol.ac.uk/online-learning-funding

If you're unsure what funding you may be eligible for, our Student Advice Centre can help you explore your options: studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

Fees

The College reserves the right to change fees/ prices chargeable at any time without giving prior notice.

The fees shown online only apply to students who meet the criteria relating to 'home status'.

To qualify you must:

- Be ordinarily resident in Scotland on the course start date*
- Have lived in the UK for the last 3 years
- Have no restrictions on your right to stay in the UK.

If you do not meet these criteria, you should let us know at the time of booking. You must pay a non-subsidised overseas fee rate to secure a place on the course.

Residency conditions are complex. If you need guidance, please get in touch with the Student Advice Centre: studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

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Additional costs

Some courses may have examination entry fees or charges for materials. Your tutor will provide you with information on these.

Student Support

If you tell us about a disability, additional support need, or access requirement when booking your course, your application may need to be reviewed by our Student Support Team before classes begin.

This allows us to put any reasonable adjustments or support in place to help you succeed on your course. A member of the team will contact you as soon as possible to arrange an appointment and discuss your needs.

We recommend applying as early as possible to ensure enough time for the process. In some cases, your place may not be confirmed before the first scheduled session, especially if you apply close to the course start date.

If you have any questions, you can contact Student Support in advance at studentsupport@nescol.ac.uk

Additional information

Asylum Seekers/ visa holders with restrictions

If your UK immigration status restricts you from working or accessing benefits, we may request further information on confirming your status to remain in the UK after you have booked your course.

Forces Personnel

Under the temporary non-resident arrangements, forces personnel are treated as being resident at the establishment where they are based. If you are ordinarily resident* in Scotland but are serving overseas, you would be eligible.

If you are not a UK national, you must be settled in Scotland (as set out in the Immigration Act 1971) immediately before the date on which you made your application.

*Ordinarily resident means you live in Scotland year after year by choice, apart from temporary or occasional absences such as holidays or business trips. Living here totally or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education does not count as being ordinarily resident.

Get in touch

If you can't find an answer to your query online or in the guide, please get in touch:

enquiry@nescol.ac.uk



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Contact us

For further information on course content, go to:

 www.nescol.ac.uk/part-time

If you have any questions, please get in touch by emailing us at:

 part-timelearning@nescol.ac.uk

or phone  **01224 612144**