

B&FC DEGREE COURSES MINI-GUIDE



For people looking to return to study to improve their career prospects

2017 entry

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125 YEARS**



Degrees awarded by

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University**



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Degree courses at B&FC

Doing a degree can open the door to a whole new career or it can help you progress in the one you already have.

A degree from B&FC provides the skills, knowledge and experience you need to succeed in your chosen field. We offer degree courses awarded by Lancaster University, one of the top ten institutions in the UK*.

Available to all

We recognise that everyone has different skills and abilities. That's why we award places based as much on life skills and experience as we do on formal qualifications. Our commitment to inclusivity has been commended by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

Lots of individual support

If you haven't studied in a while or you're wondering how you will fit a degree around your other commitments, you needn't worry. We will support you in developing appropriate skills to balance the demands of study with everyday life.

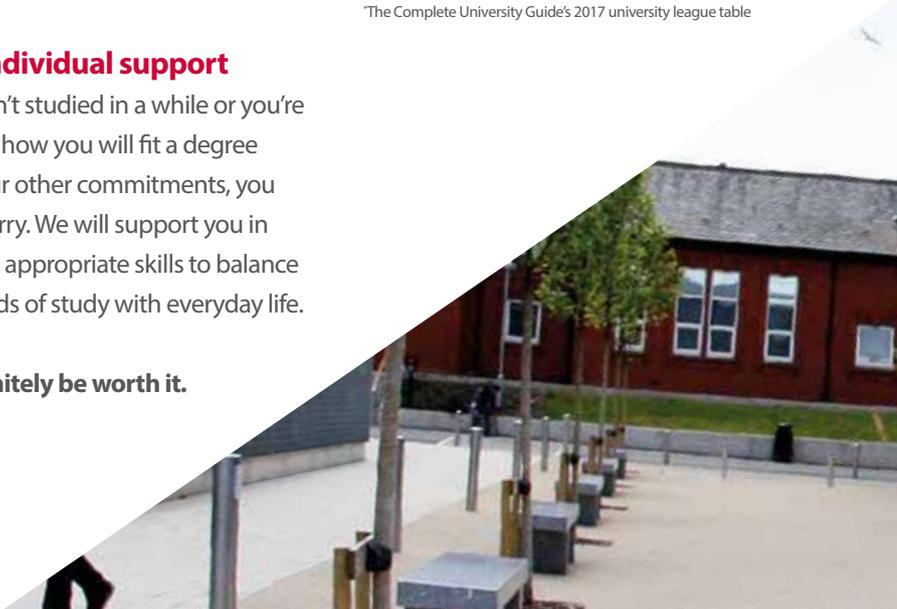
It will definitely be worth it.

To find out more about degree courses at B&FC, go to



[blackpool.ac.uk
/highereducation](http://blackpool.ac.uk/highereducation)

*The Complete University Guide's 2017 university league table





Flexibility and support

At B&FC, our academic and support staff work in partnership to create a friendly, hands-on environment where you can easily achieve all your goals.

Academic support

We have small study groups where everyone can contribute and tutors can devote more time to your individual needs. If you haven't studied in a while or if your study skills need improvement our Higher Education Learning Mentors (HELMS) can also help.

Flexibility

We know people have busy lives so we structure our timetabling to allow you to fit your studies around work and family commitments. We offer part-time as well as full-time courses and even our full-time courses can be as little as one afternoon and evening a week.

Specialist support

We offer a range of study and wellbeing strategies aimed at enabling you to reach your full potential. If you have a learning difficulty, disability or health condition, we will work with you to identify and satisfy your study support requirements.

For specific advice about help with disabilities and learning difficulties:

T 01253 504 494

E dsainfo@blackpool.ac.uk



Where you'll be studying

Most courses run at our dedicated University Centre* in Blackpool. With excellent transport links, including frequent rail services and the M55 motorway direct to its heart, Blackpool is easily accessible from anywhere within the northwest.

Teaching and learning resources

All of our campuses have first-rate learning resources and industry-standard facilities. We don't have huge lecture theatres; class sizes are intentionally small to improve the student/tutor relationship.

Learning mostly takes place within contemporary training and computer rooms, with specialist studios and training labs also being used depending on your course. Our learning resource centres are superbly equipped with friendly, experienced staff on hand to provide support if you need it.

Sports and leisure

Our sports facilities are excellent and include a sports hall, an all-weather floodlit sports pitch and a well-equipped gym (Inspirations). We have a choice of restaurants, coffee by Starbucks, hair and beauty salons, an art gallery and even a theatre where you can enjoy productions by our Performing Arts students.

Find out more:



[blackpool.ac.uk
/lits](http://blackpool.ac.uk/lits)



[blackpool.ac.uk
/facilities](http://blackpool.ac.uk/facilities)

*Degrees awarded by Lancaster University

Employability

All of our programmes are designed with employment in mind. We routinely involve employers in the design process to ensure you develop the skills and knowledge needed for your future success.

Employability skills are built into each programme, with opportunities for contextual learning and work experience also available, supported through our strong employer links. If you're already in employment, you will be able to base your assignments on real-life scenarios to support your personal career development.

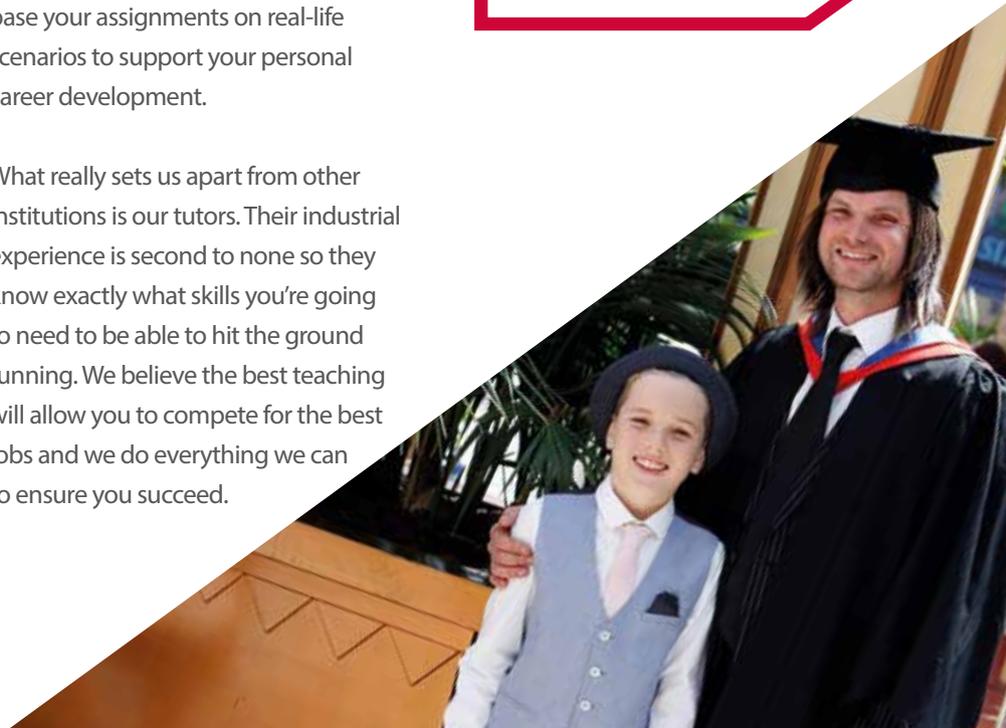
What really sets us apart from other institutions is our tutors. Their industrial experience is second to none so they know exactly what skills you're going to need to be able to hit the ground running. We believe the best teaching will allow you to compete for the best jobs and we do everything we can to ensure you succeed.

Find out more:



blackpool.ac.uk

/support/careers



An investment worth making

It's a fact that graduates can earn significantly more than non-graduates. And if you do need to take out a tuition fee loan, the monthly repayments are so low relative to what you'll be earning that it really can pay off to do a degree.

Value for money

At £7,500¹ a year, our tuition fees offer great value for money. With a tuition fee loan, you don't need to pay anything upfront and your repayments only start once you're earning over £21,000 a year².

Help with the cost of study

Depending on your individual circumstances you might be eligible for our bursary and scholarship scheme³, a maintenance loan to help with things like travel costs, the Parents' Learning Allowance or the Adult Dependents' Grant. Our low-cost sporting and recreational facilities will also help to stretch your budget further.

For advice about funding your degree course:

T 01253 504 496/298

E careers@blackpool.ac.uk



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/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance)

¹Applies to the 2015/16 academic year and may be subject to change in subsequent years. ²Based on students who are from England and studying full-time for their first higher education course. If you're a part-time student earning more than £21,000 a year, you start repaying your loan in the April four years after starting your course. ³Eligibility applies - for full details go to blackpool.ac.uk/bursary



Our mission

'Inspirational learning creating outstanding futures'

How B&FC is meeting the skills needs of industry to create lifelong careers.



**THE QUEEN'S
ANNIVERSARY PRIZES**
FOR HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION
2015



Top degrees within your reach: Associate status with Lancaster University and QAA commended

We offer courses awarded by Lancaster University, a UK top ten university¹ and among the top 1% of universities in the world². Additionally, the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) for Higher Education has commended us for our work.

Working with employers for employers: The Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education Excellence

This prestigious award recognises our higher technical and professional work in partnership with employers in the field of project management. Our degree programmes are co-created with employers such as BAE Systems, in order to meet an identified business need.

Serving the advanced engineering, aeronautical, automotive and manufacturing sectors: The Advanced Technology Centre

Our new multi-million pound Advanced Technology Centre (pictured) features cutting edge learning environments, expert staff and an employer-focused curriculum with an emphasis on technical and leadership skills, employability, enterprise and sustainability.

Developing higher level skills to drive productivity and growth: Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

We hold STEM assured status for our commitment to delivering high quality training that meets industry requirements for skills. Around 43% of our provision is STEM related and we deliver more STEM higher education than any other FE college.

Making students job ready: The Marine Engineering Centre

In September 2016, a pioneering new learning centre is due to open at our Fleetwood Campus. The £1.2m centre will offer a highly realistic working environment where cadets can develop the exact skills required by the maritime industry.

¹The Complete University Guide's 2017 university league table

²Rose to 130th in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2015-16

To find out more go to



blackpool.ac.uk
/about
/whychooseus



Don't just take our word for it...

Top degrees within your reach

In July 2015, over 3,500 graduates and their guests attended B&FC's biggest ever graduation ceremony at Blackpool's stunning Winter Gardens. Ten per cent of students were awarded first class honours degrees - testament to the quality of our teaching provision.

Advanced Technology Centre

"I've seen a few of these technology centres over the past ten years and this is by far the biggest and best, it really is impressive."

World superbike legend Carl Fogarty, while on a recent visit to the ATC. The cutting-edge centre was recently named as one of the best building projects in the northwest (Local Authority Building Control regional awards).

Producing the engineers and technicians of the future

"The course and my workplace complement each other really well. I get first-hand experience that I can apply to my academia. At the same time I can use what I learn in the classroom to improve things at work."

Project engineer Francesca McKenna works at BAE's maritime division in Barrow and is in her final year of the BSc (Hons) Project Management.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

"The qualification is very relevant. Every aspect was up to date and I use it within my work now. The tutors were really supportive - nothing was too much trouble for them."

Karl Edwards is a recent graduate of the BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Production Engineering and a project engineer at Westinghouse Springfields Fuels Ltd.

Making students job ready

“ I have worked alongside some amazing officers and crew members and learnt so much from them. Enrolling on the HNC Nautical Science was the best decision I could have made for my career and life.”

Jade Lee is a trainee deck officer for the Merchant Navy, a career that has allowed her to travel the world with sponsoring companies Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and Clyde Marine.

Working with employers for employers

“ The curriculum for the degree was developed in a spirit of partnership, with the College designing the topics with industry requirements in the forefront of their mind.”

Bernard Kellett (BAE Systems Military Air & Information) on the development of BAE's Project Control Foundation Scheme.



A close-up photograph of two young women in graduation attire. They are wearing black mortarboard caps and dark blue gowns with red accents. The woman on the right is smiling broadly, showing her teeth, while the woman on the left is looking towards her with a gentle smile. The background is softly blurred, showing other graduates. A large white diagonal shape cuts across the bottom right corner of the image.

Our courses

The following pages list our degree courses by career area together with days, times, course length and the relevant entry requirements. Please be aware that these entry requirements are a basic guideline only. Some courses will have additional requirements – to view these, you will need to go online.

Please also note that the days and times provided indicate the amount of timetabled study only and that we will expect you to devote additional time to independent study. For performing arts degrees, you will also need to attend evening rehearsals and performances.

Many of our honours programmes incorporate a two-year foundation degree followed by a final honours (top-up) year. You can enrol on a foundation degree without committing to doing the honours (top-up) year. However, to progress to this (honours) top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the relevant foundation degree.

Full course information, including details about tuition fees and other costs along with course structure and content, can be found at



blackpool.ac.uk

[/highereducation](http://blackpool.ac.uk/highereducation)

Degrees awarded by



Develop your career in

architecture and advanced construction

If you are well organised, creative and interested in buildings and construction, this could be the perfect career for you. Our higher education courses provide the knowledge and skills needed to progress into rewarding careers within architecture, civil engineering and structural engineering. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

“We based a lot of work on Talbot Gateway because we could actually go around it and see the processes. Being able to see that in person, rather than hear about it in a class, was very helpful.”

Alex Dunkerley graduated in 2015 with an HNC in Construction Management.

What do you need?

To do an HNC you normally need to have a relevant level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply.

Did you know?

B&FC has excellent links with local industry with a long-established, enviable reputation in the field of construction. These links ensure a relevant up-to-date curriculum and facilitate work placement and employment opportunities.

Courses available

HNC Construction and the Built Environment

1 day a week

18 months or 2 years

HNC Civil Engineering

1 day a week

2 years

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



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Develop your career in

automotive and motorsport

If your passion for cars extends to a genuine interest in engineering and design then this could be the perfect career for you. Our degree courses provide the niche skills needed to contend for positions with the automotive industry's highest profile employers within automotive research, development, manufacture and quality assurance. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

All of our degrees have been developed through close collaboration with employers and are supported by industry-standard facilities in our stunning new Advanced Technology Centre. This ensures you develop the technical and professional skills needed for success in your chosen field. Our graduates have gone on to pursue exciting careers with companies such as Jaguar Land Rover, Ford Motor Company, Bentley, Lotus, M-Sport and Westfield Sportscars.

| These courses are awarded by Lancaster University.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have an appropriate level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

You will be taught by expert tutors with a wealth of industry experience from companies such as Quaiffe Engineering, BAE Systems, TVR, TVR Racing, Ducati, Pratt & Whitney and Rolls Royce.

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



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Courses available

BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering and Technology with Foundation Year (Automotive)

2 days a week

4 years

(Bridging year, 2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up. The top-up can also be done 1 day a week over 2 years.)

BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering and Technology (Automotive)

2 days a week

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up. The top-up can also be done 1 day a week over 2 years.)

BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering and Technology with Foundation Year (Motorsport)

2 days a week

4 years

(Bridging year, 2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up. The top-up can also be done 1 day a week over 2 years.)

BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering and Technology (Motorsport)

2 days a week

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up. The top-up can also be done 1 day a week over 2 years.)

Develop your career in

business and project management

If you are a good communicator, with great organisational and problem-solving skills, a career in business and project management could be for you. Our degree courses will prepare you for managerial positions within commercial, industrial and service organisations. They will also open up new possibilities for those who have already embarked on their career. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

All of our degrees have been developed through close collaboration with employers. This ensures you develop the skills needed for progression into a variety of leadership roles. We have a long-established and enviable reputation in the field of management education, which provides successful graduates with access to exciting career opportunities in both the public and private sector.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have an appropriate level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree. More information about entry requirements (including what you will need for the level 5 certificate and diplomas) is available online.

Did you know?

Small-group teaching, particularly in the top-up year, contributes to students achieving higher grades. Guest speakers from local and national organisations add genuine insight into the taught theory.

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



**[blackpool.ac.uk
/highereducation](http://blackpool.ac.uk/highereducation)**

Our business and project management degree courses are awarded by Lancaster University. The Human Resource Management Intermediate Diploma is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. The Management and Leadership Certificate and Diploma are awarded by Edexcel.

Courses available

BA (Hons) Business and Financial Management

Foundation degree:

Wednesdays and Fridays

Top-up: Thursdays

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

BA (Hons) Management in the Workplace

Foundation degree:

Mondays and Thursdays

Top-up: Tuesdays

3 or 4 years

(2 or 3-year Foundation Degree Management plus 1-year top-up)

BSc (Hons) Project Management
1 or 2 days a week

3 or 5 years

(2 or 3-year foundation degree plus 1 or 2-year top-up)

Human Resource Management - Level 5 Intermediate Diploma (CIPD)
Mondays 12.30-8.30pm

1 year

Management and Leadership - Level 5 Certificate (Edexcel)
Fridays 12.30-4.30pm

1 year

Management and Leadership - Level 5 Top-up Diploma (Edexcel)
Fridays 12.30-4.30pm

1 year

Develop your career in

child development and wellbeing

If you enjoy working with children and young people, and are responsible with strong leadership and communication skills then a career working in this field could be for you. We offer degree courses that lead to rewarding careers in family support, early years and youth work. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

All of our degrees have been developed through close collaboration with local Children's Services departments, schools and other relevant employers and organisations. This ensures you develop the higher level skills needed for progression into appropriate supervisory and managerial roles. The employment opportunities are particularly good, supported by our strong partnerships across the sector.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have an appropriate level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. Throughout the course you will need to be employed (paid/voluntary) within a relevant setting for a minimum of 1 day a week. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

Our highly educated and experienced tutors will help you to develop lifelong transferable skills (communication, critical evaluation etc) to enhance your employability within the job market as a whole.

“The degree really opened doors for me. I wouldn't say it's been easy, juggling studying with working full-time, but it's doable. The teachers were amazing too.”

Kyleigh Gregson graduated with a first class honours degree in Early Childhood Studies last year. She has now made the leap from nursery manager to yoga/massage instructor for J'adore Mama, a private start-up that is working to support local children's centres and families.

Courses available

BA (Hons) Early

Childhood Studies

Foundation degree: 2-year option -
Wednesdays; 3-year option – Tuesdays
5.45-9pm

Top-up: Tuesdays

3 or 4 years

(2 or 3-year Foundation Degree Professional Practice in Early Years plus 1-year top-up)

BA (Hons) Family

Support and Wellbeing

Foundation degree:

Thursdays

Top-up: Tuesdays

3 years

(2-year Foundation Degree plus 1-year top-up)

Foundation Degree in

Working with Young People

Tuesdays

2 years

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



**blackpool.ac.uk
/highereducation**

Our child development and wellbeing courses are awarded by Lancaster University, with the exception of the BA (Hons)/Foundation Degree Family Support and Wellbeing, which is currently subject to validation by Lancaster University.

Develop your career in

computing - digital media and ICT

If you have great IT skills, are good at solving problems and like to keep pace with new technology this could be a great career for you. We offer degree courses that lead to rewarding careers in interactive media development, network engineering (cyber security or systems administration), and software engineering and game development. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

All of our degrees have been developed through close collaboration with employers to provide the technical and professional skills required by the industry. They prepare you for progression into high level roles, whether you're new to the computing industry or you're already employed in it. Talented graduates who can combine technical expertise with good interpersonal skills will have the potential to go far.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have 64 points under the new UCAS tariff system. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

Access to expert tutors, work experience opportunities with local employers, tutors, cutting edge technologies and a personalised Professional Development Plan will allow you to fast-track to your chosen career.

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



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Courses available

BSc (Hons) Interactive Media Development

1 day and 1 evening (6-9pm) a week

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up. The foundation degree can also be done over 4 years.)

BSc (Hons) Network Engineering (Cyber Security)

1 day and 1 evening (6-9pm) a week

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

BSc (Hons) Network Engineering (Systems Administration)

1 day and 1 evening (6-9pm) a week

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

BSc (Hons) Software Engineering and Game Development

1 day and 1 evening (6-9pm) a week

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up. The foundation degree can also be done over 4 years.)

Develop your career in

creative arts and design

If you are naturally creative with a good appreciation of colour and shape then an artistic career could be for you. We offer degree courses that lead to rewarding careers in fashion design, fine art, graphic design and photography. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

All of our degrees have been developed through close collaboration with employers to reflect current and projected market trends. They feature lots of opportunities to apply learning to a professional context and to identify the particular route you want your career to take. This will prepare you for the growing number of exciting career opportunities in the local creative and digital industries.

What do you need?

To do an honours degree you normally need to have 64 points under the new UCAS tariff system. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply.

Did you know?

A lively curriculum is delivered by expert tutors who are all industry active. Visiting lecturers, guest speakers and former students also provide valuable insight into the world of work.

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



**[blackpool.ac.uk
/highereducation](https://blackpool.ac.uk/highereducation)**

Courses available

**BA (Hons) Fashion Design
(Contemporary Costume)**
Mondays to Thursdays
3 years

BA (Hons) Fashion Design
Mondays to Thursdays
3 years

**BA (Hons) Fine Art and
Professional Practice**
Mondays to Fridays
3 years

**BA (Hons) Graphic Design
and Visual Communication**
Mondays to Fridays
3 years

BA (Hons) Photography
Mondays to Fridays
3 years

Develop your career in

criminology and criminal justice

If you are keen to help people have a better future, have excellent communication and organisational skills with the ability to stay calm under pressure, this career could be for you. A degree in criminology and criminal justice leads to rewarding careers in youth/restorative justice work, social work, community safety, mediation and counselling and victim/witness support. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have an appropriate level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

Our subject specialists regularly refresh their knowledge through formal study, attendance at conferences or through research. Guest speakers from the academic world and from industry provide valuable insight into your chosen field.

Courses available

**BA (Hons) Criminology
and Criminal Justice**

Foundation degree: Thursdays

Top-up: Tuesdays

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

“ I received a fantastic amount of transferable skills that I use every day. The independent research greatly helped me in every aspect of my College and work life.”

Elayne Bryan graduated with a first in BA (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2013 then did a PGCE and in 2014 took up a related teaching position at B&FC.

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



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Develop your career in engineering

If you are technically minded, good at maths and science, and like solving problems, a professional career in engineering could be great for you. We offer degree courses that lead to rewarding careers in aerospace engineering, electrical and electronic engineering, mechanical engineering and mechatronics. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

All of our degrees have been developed through close collaboration with employers to support talented and skilled practitioners into employment. Skilled engineers are currently in short supply and excellent career opportunities exist at technician engineer level. Many past students are now employed by major companies such as EDF Energy, Springfields Fuels Ltd, BAE Systems, Airbus, NIC and GEC.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree or HNC you normally need to have an appropriate level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. To progress to the relevant top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree. To do an honours degree you will need to have an HNC/D in a relevant engineering discipline.

Did you know?

Our engineering courses are delivered in our new multi-million pound Advanced Technology Centre, where you will have access to cutting edge learning environments and the most innovative sustainable technologies.

Find out more about our degree courses at:

 [blackpool.ac.uk
/highereducation](http://blackpool.ac.uk/highereducation)

Our engineering foundation and honours degree courses are awarded by Lancaster University. Our HNC courses are awarded by Edexcel.

Courses available

BEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering
2 days a week

3 years
(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

**HNC Electrical and
Electronic Engineering**
1-year option: 2 days a week
2-year option: 1 day a week
1 or 2 years

HNC General Engineering
1-year option: 2 days a week
2-year option: 1 day a week
1 or 2 years

HNC Mechanical Engineering
1-year option: 2 days a week
2-year option: 1 day a week
1 or 2 years

**BEng (Ord/Hons) Mechanical and
Production Engineering**
2-year option: 2 days a week
3-year option: 1 day a week
2 or 3 years

BEng (Ord/Hons) Mechatronics
2-year option: 2 days a week
3-year option: 1 day a week
2 or 3 years

Develop your **english-related** career

If you are passionate about words and language with excellent written and verbal communication skills then a career involving English could be for you. As an English graduate you could progress into rewarding careers within publishing and journalism, education and training, performing arts and media and legal services. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

“Balancing studying with work and family life was easier than I thought it would be. You get so much support from the tutors as well, which really helps if you haven’t studied for a number of years.”

Liz Wilson graduated from the BA (Hons) English: Language, Literature and Writing in 2010 and has since been promoted to Advertising, Events and Team Co-Ordinator at B&FC.

What do you need?

To do an honours degree you normally need to have 80 points under the new UCAS tariff system. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply.

Did you know?

We have highly skilled and experienced tutors, who regularly engage in research to enhance the curriculum. They are supported by a variety of guest speakers, including linguistics experts and widely published authors and poets.

Courses available

BA (Hons) English: Language, Literature and Writing

Year 1: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 2: Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 3: Thursdays and Fridays

3 years

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



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/highereducation

Develop your career in

health and social care

If you have a caring personality, are patient, tactful and organised with good communication skills then a career working with society's most vulnerable groups could be for you. We offer degree courses that lead to rewarding careers in the areas of children and families and mental health. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have an appropriate level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. Throughout the course you will need to be employed (paid/voluntary) within a relevant setting for a minimum of 1 day a week. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

Our expert tutors all undertake relevant research to enable them to deliver a curriculum that is truly cutting edge. You will also have an opportunity to hear from specialist disability, dementia and lead care specialists.

“ Lots of 1-2-1 support from the tutors means you get a very personalised experience that encourages you to develop at your own pace. I've had two promotions since starting the course – it's opened doors to me that I never would have imagined. ”

Parvoday Amirkhani is a recent graduate of the BA (Hons) Health and Social Care and is currently pursuing a teaching career.

| These courses are awarded by Lancaster University.

Courses available

**BA (Hons) Health and Social Care (Adult pathway)
Foundation degree:**

Mondays

Top-up: Fridays

3 years

(2-year Foundation Degree Professional Practice Health and Social Care [choose from Children and Families/Mental Health/Combined] plus 1-year top-up)

**BA (Hons) Health and Social Care (Child pathway)
Foundation degree:**

Mondays

Top-up: Fridays

3 years

(2-year Foundation Degree Professional Practice Health and Social Care [choose from Children and Families/Mental Health/Combined] plus 1-year top-up)

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our degree courses at:**



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Develop your career in

hospitality and events management

If you have excellent organisation and people skills with the ability to multi-task and work under pressure then this career could be for you. Graduates of this discipline are able to access rewarding careers as events managers, charity fundraisers, conference and exhibition organisers and hotel managers. Find out more about specific careers in hospitality and events management by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

“ I enquired about the course and realised that it was possible to undertake a full-time degree course, hold down a part-time job and still look after my family! ”

Emma Hindley returned to education to study an Event Management Foundation Degree, graduating in 2014. She's now running her own office administration business, PA Genie.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have an appropriate level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

We have well-established links with public and private sector employers at local, regional and international level. These feed into the curriculum and provide an opportunity to engage in social and industry networking.

Courses available

BA (Hons) Hospitality and Events Management

Foundation degree: Mondays and Tuesdays 9am-1pm

Top-up: Wednesdays and Fridays
3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



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| This course is currently subject to validation by Lancaster University.

Develop your career in

learning support

If you are practical, patient and non-judgemental with good communication and organisational skills then this career could be for you. Graduates of this discipline will be equally equipped to progress into a professional role within an educational setting as into careers such as education welfare officer or social worker. Find out more about specific careers in learning support by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareerservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have an appropriate level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. Throughout the course you will need to be employed (paid/voluntary) within a relevant setting for a minimum of 1 day a week. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

We have strong partnerships with local Children's Services departments, schools and early years settings, which support curriculum development and employment opportunities.

Courses available

BA (Hons) Teaching and Learning Support

**Foundation degree:
Wednesdays**

Top-up: Fridays

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

“The experience I have gained astounds me. The tutors played a big part in helping us incorporate the skills and knowledge learned on placements into our assignments.”

Mark Rimmer graduated from the BA (Hons) Teaching and Learning Support in 2014. He is now a teaching assistant assessor here at B&FC.

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our degree courses at:**



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Develop your career in maritime operations

If you want a job that can take you all over the world, then a career in the Merchant Navy could be for you. You'll need an interest in shipping and navigation along with skills in maths and science. Our higher education courses provide the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a career as a deck, engineer or electro technical officer. Find out more about these careers by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

The global maritime industry is thriving, with the demand for qualified, experienced personnel higher than ever. Talented individuals can expect to progress quickly and receive good levels of pay. With experience, progression through the ranks or into a land-based career is possible. Our success rates are outstanding, with all graduates progressing into employment or further study.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree or HNC you normally need to have 48 points under the new UCAS tariff system; to do an HND you will need to have a relevant HNC. Foundation degree students and HNC/HND students training for a sea-based career also need to have sponsorship. Please contact us on 01253 504 760 or visit www.careersatsea.org for details of participating companies.

Did you know?

Our Fleetwood Nautical Campus is one of the top nautical establishments in the UK. With enviable facilities, the campus recently underwent an £8.2m redevelopment, securing its position as a global leader of maritime training for years to come.

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Our maritime operations HNC and HND courses are awarded by the Scottish Qualification Authority. Our Foundation Degree Marine Engineering is currently subject to validation by Lancaster University. Our Foundation Degree Nautical Science is awarded by Liverpool John Moores University.

Courses available

HNC Marine Engineering

3 years

HND Marine Engineering

2.5 terms

Foundation Degree Marine Engineering

3 years

HNC Nautical Science (by Blended Learning)

Typically 3 years

HND Nautical Science (by Blended Learning)

Typically 3 years

HNC Nautical Science

3 years

HND Nautical Science

1 year

Foundation Degree Nautical Science

3 years

All of the above courses (with the exception of the Blended Learning courses which involve distance learning) provide full-time cadet training with time spent at sea to prepare you for a career in the Merchant Navy. If you would prefer a land-based career, our HNC and HND courses can be studied outside of the cadet training programme with no time needing to be spent at sea.



Develop your career in

media production, film and television

If you are naturally creative with good communication skills and a love of technology then a career in this area could be for you. We offer degree courses that lead to rewarding careers in TV and film production, broadcasting and screenwriting. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

What do you need?

To do an honours degree you normally need to have 80 points under the new UCAS tariff system. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply.

Did you know?

We have a skilled team of individual practitioners, all with a variety of experience to help make you work-ready. Our strong industry links ensure you develop the latest techniques appropriate to your area of specialism.

Courses available

**BA (Hons) Digital Production
and Film Making**

Mondays to Thursdays 9.45am-5pm

3 years

**BA (Hons) Scriptwriting for Stage,
Screen and Gaming**

**Year 1: 15 hours a week over
2 or 3 consecutive days**

**Year 2: 12 hours a week over
2 or 3 consecutive days**

**Year 3: 9 hours a week
over 2 or 3 consecutive days**
3 years

“The tutors and technicians are great. They’re all working in media themselves, which is so much better than having someone who’s studied media from a textbook.”

Rebecca Staff is studying the BA (Hons) Digital Production and Film Making. She’s looking forward to beginning a career in video production as either a vision mixer or technical director.

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**



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Our BA (Hons) Digital Production and Film Making is awarded by Lancaster University. Our BA (Hons) Scriptwriting for Stage, Screen and Gaming is currently subject to validation by Lancaster University.

Develop your career in

performing arts and music

If you love performing and/or singing and dancing, and are versatile with good teamworking skills then a career in this area could be for you. Our degree courses aim to nurture your talent and creativity, preparing you to access rewarding careers in acting and musical theatre. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

What do you need?

To do an honours degree you normally need to have 80 points under the new UCAS tariff system. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply.

Did you know?

We have a reputation for creative innovation along with national recognition for our performance materials. Close involvement with outside production companies, directors and performers supports your professional development.

Courses available

BA (Hons) Acting
Mondays to Fridays
3 years

BA (Hons) Musical Theatre
Mondays to Fridays
3 years

“The standard of the teachers and facilities made me want to come here. I’ve grown in confidence and skills so much and it’s all down to the College and the tutors.”

First class honours Musical Theatre graduate Adam Tipping completed a season with Disneyland Paris and is now sailing around the world as a performer on Thomson Majesty Cruise Ship. Adam has already performed with Matthew Bourne’s dance company, which he one day hopes to join.

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our degree courses at:**



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Develop your career in

public services

If you are practical and organised with good communication skills (and in some instances a good level of physical fitness) this career could be for you. Public services graduates can access rewarding careers in the Emergency Services, National Probation Service, Armed Forces, HMRC, Criminal Justice Agencies and the Civil Service. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

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direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

“The whole course is interesting with current and insightful resources and all of the content relating to industry. Without the knowledge of the staff and their teaching skills, I wouldn’t be where I am today.”

Danny White is completing the final year of a Public Services degree and, inspired by his tutor, has already embarked on a policing career.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have an appropriate level 3 qualification. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

We have a dedicated team of subject specialists with practical experience of working within the public services. We also offer an opportunity to network with local practitioners through our ‘Careers in Public Services Symposium’.

Courses available

**BA (Hons) Community
Public Services**

**Foundation degree:
Thursdays and Fridays**

Top-up: Tuesdays and Thursdays

3 years

(2-year foundation degree) [choose from
Public Services/Policing] plus 1-year top-up)

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our degree courses at:**



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/highereducation](https://blackpool.ac.uk/highereducation)**

Develop your

science-based career

If you have an enquiring mind and good problem-solving skills with a keen eye for detail this career could be ideal for you. We offer degree courses that lead to rewarding careers in environmental science, human biosciences and marine biology and coastal zone management. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

All of our degrees have been developed through close collaboration with employers to deliver the technical and transferable skills needed by industry. Skilled scientists are always in demand but with the rapid growth of areas such as life science and wastes and resources management, the opportunities for graduates are better than ever. Through an employer-led curriculum delivered by expert tutors, we equip you to succeed in your chosen field.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have 48 points under the new tariff system. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

Our excellent employer links provide access to first-rate work placement opportunities. Industry visits, fieldwork, guest speakers and live case studies also provide valuable practical insight into your chosen career area.

“The course helped me a lot to get where I am now; the most useful skills have been writing scientific papers and going out on my own to do my own research ”

Clayton Jones graduated from the BSc (Hons) Marine Biology and Coastal Zone Management in 2012. He has since done a master's at Lancaster University and set up his own business developing a marine tidal turbine.

| *These courses are awarded by Lancaster University.*

Courses available

**BSc (Hons) Environmental Science
(Waste, Resources and Technology)**

Foundation degree: Mondays and Tuesdays

Top-up: Thursdays and Fridays

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

BSc (Hons) Human Biosciences

3 days a week

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

BSc (Hons) Marine Biology and

Coastal Zone Management

3 days a week

3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

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our degree courses at:**



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Develop your career in

sport, leisure and recreation

If you love sports and fitness and you want to help people perform at their highest level, this could be the career for you. We offer degree courses that lead to rewarding careers in sports coaching, exercise science, health and fitness, and sports nutrition. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareersservice.
direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

“The course content was very relevant. Much of my job now is what was studied and covered on the course, which is great.”

Becky Wynne graduated from the BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching and Exercise Science in 2012 before being appointed Head of PE at a local primary school.

What do you need?

To do a foundation degree you normally need to have 48 points under the new tariff system. However relevant work/voluntary experience could count instead so if this is you do still apply. To progress to the top-up year you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass in the foundation degree.

Did you know?

We have a dedicated team of subject specialists with a wealth of experience and expertise in their field. We also offer an opportunity to network with local practitioners through our 'Careers in Public Services Symposium'.

Courses available

BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching and Exercise Science

Foundation degree: Thursdays and Fridays

Top-up: Wednesdays and Fridays
3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

BA (Hons) Physical Activity, Nutrition and Health

Foundation degree: Thursdays and Fridays

Top-up: Wednesdays and Fridays
3 years

(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

Please note that the top-up year for both courses will be delivered at Liverpool John Moores University.

**Find out more about
our degree courses at:**

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/highereducation](https://blackpool.ac.uk/highereducation)



Develop your career in

teaching and lecturing

If you have a passion for a particular subject and are confident and organised with good communication skills then this career could be perfect for you. Our qualifications provide the formal accreditation needed for existing and aspiring teachers to work in the post-compulsory education and training area. They also lead to Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status.

What do you need?

To do the PCE you normally need to have a level 3 qualification (and in some instances an honours degree) in your teaching specialism. For the PGCE you will need to have an honours degree in your teaching specialism. More information about entry requirements is available online.

Did you know?

We have excellent links with local employers for relevant placements. You will also benefit from the extensive educational and professional expertise of our highly qualified tutors.

Courses available

Professional Certificate in Education (PCE)

1 day a week (plus 4 days on placement)

1 or 2 years

Professional Graduate

Certificate in Education (PGCE)

1 day a week (plus 4 days on placement)

1 or 2 years

“ I was apprehensive about writing an essay but with help I was able to improve my skills throughout. I couldn't have completed the course without the guidance of my tutors.”

After more than seven years specialising in beauty therapy, Claire Davies decided to pursue her dream of teaching the subject. She graduated from the Professional Certificate in Education (PCE) in 2014.

Find out more about our degree courses at:



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Develop your career in

travel and tourism

If you have a genuine interest in tourism and leisure, are organised, can work well under pressure and get on well with people of all ages and backgrounds then this career could be for you. We offer degree courses that lead to rewarding careers in tourism management, customer service management and leisure operations management. Find out more about specific careers in these areas by going to the National Careers Service website.

**[nationalcareerservice.
direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

“ My tutor gave her non-stop attention to not only me but every student she taught. She brought out the best in me and taught me everything I need to know to progress in the industry. ”

Carly Hall is about to graduate in international resort tourism management, a course that featured a work placement at Walt Disney World Florida. She plans to travel before looking for a permanent position in tourism management.

What do you need?

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Did you know?

We have well-established links with public and private sector employers at local, regional and international level. These feed into the curriculum and provide an opportunity to engage in social and industry networking.

Courses available

BA (Hons) Tourism Management
Foundation degree: Wednesdays
and Thursdays

Top-up: Mondays and Wednesdays
3 years
(2-year foundation degree plus 1-year top-up)

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our degree courses at:**



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Move your career forward with a higher or degree apprenticeship

Higher and degree apprenticeships provide a high-quality alternative to the traditional degree route. They combine skilled on-the-job training with higher-level study, giving you the skills needed to move your career forward.

How will you benefit?

- Earn a full-time wage with a large, reputable employer
- Spend most of your time in the workplace (and a small amount at B&FC)
- Gain valuable industry experience to fast-track your career
- Achieve higher level qualifications without getting into debt (course fees are paid by the government and your employer)
- Gain appropriate professional membership
- Potentially graduate with a Lancaster University accredited degree
- Gain access to all the help and support you need

Choose from the following higher apprenticeships:

- Project Management
- Accounting
- Management and Leadership
- Digital and Technology Solutions
- Business Administration
- Health and Social Care Leadership

Our degree apprenticeships:

- Aerospace Engineer
- Nuclear Engineer



To find out more

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“Our partnership with Blackpool and The Fylde College has helped produce a pipeline of talented people; many now have leading positions throughout our company.”

Bernard Kellet, BAE Systems Military Air & Information, on B&FC's hugely successful Project Management higher apprenticeship, now accredited by the Association for Project Management and embedded within organisations such as Rolls Royce.

Switched



for

Business

Find out more

You can get more information about B&FC and all our degree courses by going online at **blackpool.ac.uk**

Or why not come and see us?

Our open days are the perfect time to find out more about B&FC, the different course options and things like funding and specialist support. If you need specific careers advice then head to one of our meet the expert events, where you can speak to a subject specialist about your future goals.

What's on and when

Open day
Saturday 24 September 2016
10.30am-2pm

Meet the experts
Wednesday 5 October 2016
5-7pm

Open day
Wednesday 9 November 2016
4.30-7pm

Meet the experts
Wednesday 7 December 2016
5-7pm

Meet the experts
Wednesday 11 January 2017
5-7pm

Meet the experts
Wednesday 1 February 2017
5-7pm

Open day
Wednesday 1 March 2017
4.30-7pm

Meet the experts
Wednesday 3 May 2017
5-7pm

Open day
Saturday 10 June 2017
10.30am-2pm

Open days for Maritime Operations courses only: Fleetwood Nautical Campus
Wednesday 12 October 2016
1-5pm

Saturday 28 January 2017
10.30am-2.30pm

Check online for where to go and how to get there



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