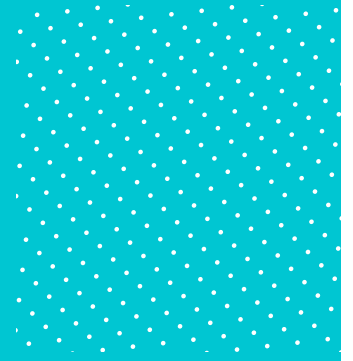


Humanities Adviser Guide



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Introduction

Linking London

Linking London is a unique established partnership of over 50 members including London higher education institutions, colleges and other organisations (London Councils Education and Skills Team, OCN London, Pearson and unionlearn). We have been in existence since 2006 and are based at Birkbeck, University of London. The core aims of our partnership are to support recruitment, retention and progression through higher education, in all its variety, including full and part-time, Higher and Degree apprenticeships and work-based learning, into employment.

NCOP: Outreach Hub

Linking London makes up one third of the London NCOP (National Collaborative Outreach Programme), which in turn is one of 29 consortia which form the Uni Connect programme funded by the Office for Students. The programme operates along two strands of work:

- the delivery of targeted outreach activity in geographical areas where the HE participation of young people is low or much lower than expected based on GCSE attainment,
- the provision of an Outreach Hub to support careers staff in schools and colleges

with the overarching aim of supporting the most disadvantaged students in England to progress into higher education.

Linking London's NCOP Outreach Hub works with advisers in FE colleges, sixth form colleges and HE institutions (HEIs) across London.

This Guide

We have produced this guide to support college staff in advising Level 3 students of the HE options available to them, by highlighting some of the courses available and important elements to consider when picking a higher education course, such as those with sandwich/ placement years or semesters abroad. Although this guide predominantly focuses on HE providers in London, you will also find information on the offering outside London.

This guide is not designed to be a comprehensive, all-encompassing guide to studying humanities at a higher level – as you can imagine, a guide of that type could be hundreds of pages. What this guide is designed to do is provide advisers with 'jumping off points'; inspiration for suggestions of areas of further independent research for students who are unsure what options are available for them.

Towards the end of this guide, you will find profiles of graduate careers which we hope will prove helpful when advising students of what it is possible to go on to do after studying humanities at a higher level.

What do we mean by 'Humanities'?

We have deliberately chosen a broad subject area for this guide in order to reflect the breadth of opportunities available to students currently studying a Level 3 humanities (or humanities related) course. The benefit of studying a humanities course can be that there are a multitude of options available to students; this can also prove the largest challenge when advising students of possible next steps! We have tried to include some subjects that might not immediately come to mind when thinking of the humanities, as well as some social sciences and arts courses.

We have chosen not to include Law in this guide; law is a particularly unique subject with a variety of higher level study options available and there are already a large number of resources out there focusing on law by itself. Law could take up a whole guide by itself – it is for this reason also that we have not included Business (and the huge breadth of related subjects and combinations) in our university course mapping on page 6 and 7. Law and Business are very well known and popular subjects, whereas this guide is designed to highlight lesser known avenues of progression.

The definition of what is considered a humanities course is hotly contested, however to provide a steer of what kind of subjects you'll find in this guide, here is a brief list of subjects we have included in our definition of 'humanities':

- English (including: literature, language, creative writing, journalism, film, drama)
- History
- Politics (including: PPE, international relations)
- Sociology/Anthropology
- Psychology (particularly when combined with other subjects such as education or broader social sciences)
- Philosophy
- Liberal Arts
- Foreign Languages

In our tables (1 and 2) you'll notice that we have courses listed with some written like this: Politics (& Int'l Relations, Creative Writing, Philosophy, History, Journalism, Sociology, Economics). The subjects in parentheses indicate that the first subject may be combined with these at the institutions we've highlighted; in this example, not every institution highlighted will provide all of these combinations with Politics. We hope that by listing courses in this way, it may provide inspiration for research into subject combinations previously not considered by students.

Why study a Humanities subject?

Transferable Skills

In 2020, the most in-demand soft skills employers were looking for were: creativity, collaboration, persuasion, adaptability, and emotional intelligence (LinkedIn Learning, 2020 - The Skills Companies Need Most in 2020). Humanities, social sciences, and arts degrees will often equip students with these crucial skills.

A report produced by The British Academy in 2017 highlights three broad skillsets that their analysis has shown arts, humanities and social science students all possess. These are: *communication and collaboration*; *research and analytical skills*; and *independence and adaptability* (The Right Skills: Celebrating Skills In The Arts, Humanities And Social Sciences (AHSS)). In the 2018 CBI Education and Skills Survey, 60% of businesses rated a broad, flexible skillset among their top three priorities when recruiting.

Experience and Employment

- Humanities graduates are slightly more likely than all other graduates to be working abroad after graduation (Prospects, 2018/19 – What do graduates do?)
- Humanities graduates commonly change careers and occupations multiple times in their lifetime, demonstrating the flexibility of the skills gained through humanities degrees (Prospects, 2018/19 – What do graduates do?)
- While many humanities degrees will have far fewer 'contact hours' than, for example, an engineering or medical degree, this means students usually have time during their studies to gain part time employment, participate in volunteering schemes, and thus gain valuable experience which will come in handy when looking for graduate employment.
- In a 2015 study, the British Council found that 55% of global professional leaders had an humanities or social sciences degree (The Educational Pathways of Leaders: An International Comparison)

Below are a range of areas that humanities graduates may work in after higher level study:

- Education
- Wholesale and retail trade
- Professional, scientific, and technical areas
- Accommodation and food service
- Administrative and support services
- Information and communication
- Journalism/publishing
- Psychological services
- Public administration and defence
- Health and social work

Key sectors that employ graduates with higher level humanities qualifications include:

- local and central government
- social and education services
- leisure and tourism
- publishing and journalism
- voluntary/charitable organisations
- public sector
- digital media

We have included more detailed career profiles towards the end of this guide to provide some insight into the different career paths many humanities graduates pursue.

“Students are required to consider how different cultural contexts may affect how individuals react and to be able to negotiate the tensions and opportunities this creates... This is a key component of team work”

The Right Skills

“From financial services to education, social work and the media and creative industries, the richness and the diversity of the careers [arts, humanities, and social science] graduates embark on constitute some of their key strengths in, and contribution to, the labour market.”

The Right Skills

Often, studying arts, humanities, or social sciences at a higher level “is not designed to prepare students for one particular career direction; rather, students develop knowledge and skills which open up a wide range of options, across the private, public and third sectors”

The Right Skills

“The ability to communicate is fundamental to the study of [arts, humanities, and social sciences] and is therefore a skill which students develop to a highly refined level.”

The Right Skills

Humanities courses available at FE colleges in London

Table 1

lists all arts, humanities, and social science related HE courses that are on offer in London’s further education colleges. As you can see, London colleges offer a range of levels of HE courses, such as Level 4 HNCs, Level 5 HNDs, and Bachelor’s Degrees.

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| | Barnet and Southgate College | City and Islington College (CCCG) | Croydon College | Harrow and Uxbridge College (HCUC) | Fashion Retail Academy | London South East Colleges (LSEC) | Morley College | Richmond upon Thames College | Southwark College | South Thames Colleges Group | West Thames College | Westminster Kingsway College (CCCG) |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Level | Level | Level | Level | Level | Level | Level | Level | Level | Level | Level | Level |
| Art and Design | | | Level 4 HNC | | | | | | | | | |
| Business (& Law, Fashion Management, Marketing) | | | BA | Level 5 HND | BA | | Level 4 HNC | | Level 5 HND | | Level 4 HNC | |
| Childhood Studies with SEN (WBL) | | | | | | Level 5 HND | | | | | | |
| Counselling | | Level 4 HNC | | | | | | | | | | |
| Creative Media Production | | Level 4 HNC | | Level 4 HNC Level 5 HND | | | | | | Level 4 HNC Level 5 HND | Level 5 HND | Level 4 HNC |
| Criminology, Psychology and Social Justice | | | BA | | | | | | | | | |
| Early Years, Child and Youth Studies | BA | | BA | | | | Level 4 HNC | Level 4 HNC | | BA | Level 4 HNC | |
| Graphic Design | | | | | | | | Level 4 HNC Level 5 HND | | | | |
| Marketing & Communications for Fashion | | | | | BA | | | | | | | |
| Merchandising for Fashion | | | | | Level 4 HNC | | | | | | | |
| Performing Arts | | Level 4 HNC | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social Care Studies (WBL) | | | | | | Level 5 HND | | | | | | |
| Supporting Teaching and Learning | | | | | | Level 5 HND | | | | | | |

Entry Requirements

Table 3: English

| HEI | Tariff | A-Level | BTEC | Access | GCSE | Other |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Brunel University London | | BBB | DDM | 120 UCAS tariff in diploma with 45 credits at level 3 | 5 GCSEs at grade C/4 including English Language | All qualifications require grade B in A level English/English Literature/English Language & Literature (combined). Applicants without A-Level grade B in English will be required to submit a written sample of work. |
| King's College London | | AAA | | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 36 credits, Merit: 9 credits in an Access to Humanities course (or similar subject) | | |
| Middlesex University London | 112 | BBC | DMM | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Merit: 45 credits | C/4 grade in three subjects including English | |
| New College of the Humanities | | AAB | Case by case basis | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 33 credits, Merit: 12 credits | | |
| University College London | | AAA | | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 23 credits, Merit: 22 credits | B/6 grade in English Language, C/5 grade in Mathematics and C/5 grade in a foreign language | A-Level English Literature or Lit and Lang required. Candidates who meet criteria will be subject to an interview and written task |
| University of East London | 112 | BBC | DMM | Obtain 60 credits with a minimum of Pass: 45 credits at Level 3. | C/4 in English and Mathematics | A-Level in English Language/Literature required. Access course must be QAA approved |
| University of Greenwich | 104 | BCC | DMM | | C/4 in English Language and Mathematics | |
| University of West London | 112 | BBC | DMM | Obtain Minimum 60 credits, with at least 45 at level 3 | C/4 grade in English and Mathematics | |
| University of Westminster | 104-128 | BCC-ABB | DMM-DDM | Obtain 104-128 UCAS tariff points from a Humanities Access course | | BTEC should be in Humanities or a creative subject |

Tables 3-5

list the common entry requirements for three of the major humanities courses – English, History, and Politics – at a selection of Linking London member HEIs.

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Table 4: History

| HEI | Tariff | A-Level | BTEC | Access | GCSE | Other |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Birkbeck, University of London | 104-120 | BCC-BBB | | Pass 15 credits at Merit or Distinction in humanities or social science units | | |
| Goldsmiths, University of London | | BBB | DDM | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 30 credits Merit/Pass: 15 credits | | |
| King's College London | | AAA | | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 36 credits, Merit: 9 credits in an Access to Humanities course (or similar subject) | | A Level History Required |
| London South Bank University | 96-104 | BCC | MMM | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 9 credits, Merit: 36 credits | 5 GCSEs A-C/4 including Mathematics and English | |
| New College of the Humanities | | AAB | Case by case basis | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 33 credits, Merit: 12 credits | | |
| SOAS, University of London | | ABB-ABB | DDM | Pass minimum of 30 credits at Distinction | | |
| St Mary's University, Twickenham | 96-112 | BCC-BBC | MMM-DMM | Obtain 60 credits with a minimum of Pass: 45 credits at Level 3 | | |
| University College London | | AAA | Not accepted | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 23 credits, Merit: 22 credits | Grade C/5 in English Language and Mathematics | A Level History and GCSE foreign language required |
| University of Greenwich | 104 | BCC | DMM | Pass minimum of 45 credits at Level 3 | Grade C/4 in English and Mathematics | |

Table 4: Politics

| HEI | Tariff | A-Level | BTEC | Access | GCSE | Other |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| Birkbeck, University of London | 120-128 | BBB-ABB | | Pass 15 credits at Merit or Distinction in humanities or social science units | | |
| King's College London | | A*AA | | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 39 credits, Merit: 6 credits in an Access to Humanities course (or similar subject) | | |
| Kingston University London | 112 | BBC | DMM | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Merit: 21 credits, Pass: 24 credits | 5 GCSEs at grade A*-C/4 including Mathematics and English Language | UCAS points from a minimum of 2 A-Levels or equivalent Level 3 qualifications |
| London South Bank University | 96-104 | BCC | MMM | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 9 credits, Merit: 36 credits | 5 GCSEs A-C/4 including Mathematics and English | |
| Middlesex University London | 112 | BBC | DMM | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Merit: 45 credits | C/4 in English | |
| New College of the Humanities | | AAB | Case by case basis | Pass 45 Level 3 credits with minimum of Distinction: 33 credits, Merit: 12 credits | | |
| SOAS, University of London | | AAA | DDD | Pass minimum of 30 credits at Distinction | | |
| St Mary's University, Twickenham | 96-112 | CCC-BBC | MMM-DMM | Obtain 60 credits with a minimum of Pass: 45 credits at Level 3 | | |
| University of East London | 112 | BBC | DMM | Obtain 60 credits with a minimum of Pass: 45 credits at Level 3. | Grade C/5 in English and Mathematics | Access course must be QAA approved |
| University of Greenwich | 104 | BCC | DMM | Pass minimum of 45 credits at Level 3 | | |
| University of West London | 104-120 | BCC-BBB | DMM | Obtain minimum 60 credits, with at least 45 at level 3 | Grade C/5 in English and Mathematics | |
| University of Westminster | 96-120 | CCC-BBB | MMM-DDM | Obtain 96-120 UCAS tariff points from the Access course | Grade C/4 in Mathematics and English Language | |

Sandwich years/ year abroad/placements

More and more university humanities courses offer some form of optional sandwich year/year in industry, year abroad, or short placement as part of the course. We have included a few examples from a few of our partner higher education institutions here to give you an idea of some of the options available.

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Subject

BSc Politics

Institution

[Brunel University, London](#)

Entry Requirements

[A Levels](#)

BBB

[Access to HE Diploma](#)

120 UCAS tariff points with 45 credits at Level 3, with Merits in all units

[BTEC](#)

DDM

Options Available

Sandwich Year/Year Abroad

Brief Description

Previous students have secured placements in the Environmental Audit Committee, the House of Commons, Directorate of Gender Affairs, HM Treasury and the Competition Commission. Students can also opt to take a year abroad in a partner university in Europe, or participate in an exchange programme to China or the USA to study politics.

Subject

BSc Psychology

Institution

[Kingston University, London](#)

Entry Requirements

[A Levels](#)

112 UCAS tariff points

[BTEC](#)

DMM

Options Available

Sandwich Year/Year Abroad

Brief Description

Option to take an additional year to study/work abroad or to undertake a yearlong work placement (or possibly a mix of both)

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|---|
| Subject BA English Literature |
| Institution University of Greenwich, London |
| Entry Requirements A Levels and BTEC 104 UCAS tariff points |
| Options Available Sandwich Year |
| Brief Description Option to take a sandwich year to synthesise knowledge and skills acquired during the first two years of the degree programme and apply them appropriately in a working environment |

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|---|
| Subject BA Digital Media & Communication |
| Institution University of Westminster |
| Entry Requirements A Levels ABB-BBC Access to HE Diploma 112-128 UCAS tariff points BTEC DMM/DDM |
| Options Available Sandwich Year/Year Abroad |
| Brief Description Previous students have secured placements in the Environmental Audit Committee, the House of Commons, Students will undertake at least one work placement during the course and also gain real-life work experience during the final project developing a digital campaign in collaboration with a company or organisation. Possible to take part in a semester or year-long exchange at institutions around the world. |

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| Subject BA History |
| Institution University College London (UCL) |
| Entry Requirements A Levels AAA (incl. History) Access to HE Diploma Pass with a minimum of 23 credits awarded with Distinction in the Level 3 units, the remainder of the Level 3 units awarded with Merit. Level 3 units must include elements of History or clearly demonstrated modules with historical approach. BTEC Not accepted |
| Options Available Year Abroad |
| Brief Description Combines the flexibility of a History BA programme with the opportunity to spend the third year studying abroad at an institution overseas. In the past, students have had opportunities to study at institutions in North America, South America, and in Ireland, as well as other locations |

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| Subject BA Drama, Applied Theatre & Education |
| Institution Royal Central School of Speech & Drama |
| Entry Requirements A Levels 120-96 UCAS tariff points |
| Options Available Sandwich Year / Industry Placements |
| Brief Description Experiences with industry will vary from small-scale collaborative practice to peer – professional placements. Students will have one major placement in year three and undertake experience in a professional context in year two. Companies have previously included: The Royal Court Theatre, National Theatre, Unicorn Theatre, Graeae Theatre Company, Half Moon Youth Theatre, Clean Break, Shakespeare's Globe, London Bubble Theatre Company and a number of smaller, innovative, community-focused theatre organisations. |

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| Subject BA Language and Journalism with International Experience |
| Institution Birkbeck, University of London |
| Entry Requirements A Levels BBC-ABB Access to HE Diploma 104-128 UCAS tariff points BTEC 104-128 UCAS tariff points |
| Options Available Year Abroad |
| Brief Description Third year of the course is spent abroad at a partner institution to allow students to develop their language skills and knowledge of another culture. |

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|---|
| Subject BA Criminology, Psychology & Social Justice |
| Institution Croydon College (University Centre Croydon) |
| Entry Requirements Minimum of 80 UCAS points |
| Options Available Sandwich Year |
| Brief Description Students have the opportunity to opt for an undergraduate placement after the second year of the course. This provides a unique experience for undergraduates to work within the Criminal Justice System and earn a substantial wage whilst doing so. Students will then return to UCC to complete the final year of their degree |

Career Options

As we highlighted in the introduction to this guide, the possible career options for humanities students are as varied as humanities courses themselves. Below we have included brief snapshots of careers and roles that humanities graduates could pursue. Much of this information was sourced from Prospects – we recommend looking online at their job profiles. The salary ranges we have included are estimates for those earlier in their careers (up to approximately five years of experience).

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| Role/Career Marketing/Communications Professional |
| Salary £20,000-£40,000 |
| Brief description May involve developing marketing communications strategies to drive brand messaging and generate sales. Need to be target driven, analytical and good with numbers as well as good at developing engaging content. Strong communication skills (including written). |
| Qualifications required Educated to degree level. Some roles specify that a Marketing or similar degree is desired, but relevant experience is usually more important. |

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| Role/Career Publishing, such as an editorial assistant, editor, or agent |
| Salary £15,000-£40,000 |
| Brief description Editorial assistants perform a range of administrative and editorial tasks necessary to the production of publications, including books, articles, and websites. Written skills and attention to detail is crucial. Communicating with others is a large part of the industry. |
| Qualifications required Educated to degree level, in subjects related to English or media if preferable. |

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| Role/Career HR Professional |
| Salary £19,000-£25,000 |
| Brief description HR Officers support organisations to make sure their staff have the right skills and experience to be effective. They also advise on policies and processes to make sure the organisation runs smoothly. You need strong organisational and interpersonal skills. |
| Qualifications required Educated to degree level. A particular subject is not required, but a degree in psychology or a language can be helpful. |

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| Role/Career Campaigns Officer |
| Salary £25,000-£40,000 |
| Brief description Many charities run local, national, and/or global campaigns to raise awareness and/or money for different causes. A Campaigns Officer helps with this, often working on the planning and budgeting of a campaign, including working on social media and with external partners to make sure a campaign is effective. Key skills include communication, organisation, and working with others. |
| Qualifications required Educated to degree level. Relevant experience is more important than the subject studied. |

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| Role/Career Civil Service/Local Government, including the Civil Service graduate scheme (Fast Stream) or local government officer |
| Salary £25,000-£50,000 |
| Brief description Local government officers are responsible for the practical development of council policies and procedures, and need to ensure that local services are delivered. Local government and the Civil Service have a massive range of departments and roles, but they all require the ability to work with others, organisational skills, and project management skills. |
| Qualifications required Educated to degree level. A politics degree is not essential, but may be helpful. |

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| Role/Career Television/Media Professional, such as a production coordinator |
| Salary £22,000-£35,000. Work is often contract based. |
| Brief description A television production coordinator is responsible for the administration and organisation involved in producing a television programme. You need excellent communication, organisational, and prioritisation skills. |
| Qualifications required Educated to degree level. A media-related subject is helpful but not essential. Relevant work experience is more important than the specific subject you've studied. |

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| Role/Career Teaching |
| Salary £29,000-£40,000 for primary or secondary school teachers. Teaching assistants can earn £15,000-£25,000. |
| Brief description You can train to become either a primary or secondary school teacher, where you will then develop lesson plans and work schemes for your students as well as delivering lessons. |
| Qualifications required Educated to degree level, and at least a grade C/4 in GCSE English and Maths. Unless your degree is a BEd or gives you qualified teacher status (QTS), you need to then get a graduate teaching qualification. |

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| Role/Career Recruitment consultant |
| Salary £22,000-£40,000 (including bonuses) |
| Brief description Recruitment consultants are responsible for attracting candidates for jobs and matching them to temporary or permanent positions with companies. Recruitment is a very fast-paced, target driven area of work so you need determination and excellent communication, problem-solving, and organisational skills. |
| Qualifications required Educated to degree level. |

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| Role/Career Charity worker |
| Salary £16,000-£35,000 |
| Brief description This involves working for a charitable or non-profit organisation and may also be known as a charity officer or administrator, community liaison officer or project development officer. Large charities have a large range of roles, such as marketing, fundraising, relationship management, finance, communications, and volunteer management. You need excellent communication, interpersonal, and administrative skills. |
| Qualifications required Depending on the role, a degree is usually required. |

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| Role/Career Events coordinator |
| Salary £18,000-£30,000 |
| Brief description In this role, you organise events for a business – you could work for a large venue, such as a hotel, or an organisation that puts on conferences, seminars, fairs, and exhibitions. This involves planning, working with speakers and other external organisations, as well as marketing. Key skills include organisation and time management, as well as interpersonal and administrative skills. |
| Qualifications required To enter at a higher salary band, you need to be educated to degree level but work experience is often more important than the subject studied. |

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| Role/Career Police officer |
| Salary £20,000-£35,000 |
| Brief description Police officers maintain public order by combating crime. They also work closely with the communities they serve. Strong communication skills are needed, as well as professionalism and problem-solving skills. There are also fitness and medical tests involved, as well as enhanced security checks. |
| Qualifications required Graduates with a degree in any subject can apply for a two-year work-based training programme to become a qualified police officer. There is also a Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship route available to those with Level 3 qualifications. |

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| Role/Career Accountancy |
| Salary £30,000-£60,000 |
| Brief description Accountants give advice and provide trustworthy guidance for finance related issues. Strong numeracy skills are essential, as well as problem-solving and analytical skills. |
| Qualifications required To get onto a training scheme you usually need a degree, but this does not have to be in a finance-related discipline. You do however need strong numeracy skills, and will have to do a range of tests. |

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| Role/Career Advertising |
| Salary £20,000-£50,000 |
| Brief description There are a range of roles in the advertising industry, such as copywriters, account executives, and art directors. Work can involve liaising with clients to discuss advertising needs, planning campaigns, and pitching ideas. Communication and interpersonal skills are crucial, as well as the ability to be flexible and solve problems creatively. |
| Qualifications required A degree in a subject like communications, English, or marketing can be helpful but not essential. |

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| Role/Career Arts administration |
| Salary £15,000-£30,000 |
| Brief description Arts administration involves supporting an organisation in the arts sector and can involve planning events, contributing to publications, managing budgets, and offering administrative support to other members of staff. Key skills include organisation, administration, interpersonal and communication. |
| Qualifications required An Arts related degree is preferable, such as art history, English, or performing arts, but degrees with elements of communications, marketing etc are also beneficial. |

Degrees Outside London

Although many London college students will be interested in studying courses at London-based higher education providers, we have included below some examples of courses offered at institutions outside London to show the range of options available.

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| | |
|--|---|
| Subject BA Philosophy | Subject BA History |
| Institution University of York | Institution University of Leicester |
| Entry Requirements A Levels AAB/A*BB/A*AC Access to HE Diploma 36 credits at Distinction and 9 credits at Merit or higher BTEC DDD | Entry Requirements A Levels ABB with A-level History, though this is not essential. Two AS-levels may be considered in place of one A-level. General Studies is accepted. Access to HE Diploma Pass relevant Diploma with 45 credits at level 3, 30 of which must be at distinction. BTEC DDM |
| Options Available Year Abroad Students can study abroad to enrich their academic studies and to prepare them for a career in a competitive and global job market. | Options Available Year Abroad Study abroad at one of University of Leicester's partner institutions |
| Brief Description This degree will give students the tools to think seriously and independently about major philosophical questions and will allow students to develop valuable skills in reasoning, analysis, creative problem-solving and communication, equipping them for a wide range of careers. | Brief Description This degree gets stuck into a wide range of historical periods to help students better grasp how history is made, viewed and discussed. |

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|---|---|
| Subject BA Black Studies | Subject BA American Studies |
| Institution Birmingham City University | Institution University of East Anglia |
| Entry Requirements A Levels BBC or 112 UCAS tariff points from A/AS Level with a minimum of 2 A Levels. Access to HE Diploma Pass overall with 60 credits, 45 at Level 3, of which 18 Level 3 credits are at merit or distinction grade on a Social Sciences / Humanities pathway. Must also hold GCSE English Language at grade 4 or equivalent. BTEC DMM (112 points). Excluding Early Years and Children's Play, Learning & Development. | Entry Requirements A Levels BBB or ABC including an English Literature related subject or a History related subject or BBC including an English Literature related subject or a History related subject with an A in the Extended Project Access to HE Diploma Humanities & Social Sciences pathway preferred. Pass the Access to HE Diploma with Merit in 45 credits at Level 3 including an English Literature or History module BTEC DDM, alongside grade B English Literature or History related A-level. Excludes BTEC Public Services, BTEC Uniformed Services and BTEC Business Administration. |
| Options Available Sandwich Year Giving students the opportunity to apply their Level 4 knowledge and understanding of Black Studies perspectives to the world of community practice and employment. Includes public, private and voluntary sector organisation settings. | Options Available Year Abroad Opportunity to spend a year studying abroad in North America to immerse students in the culture they are studying. |
| Brief Description This course will help students to engage with the contributions of Black scholars, activism and communities in this expanding interdisciplinary field. | Brief Description Understanding America in the 21st century is more essential now than ever. Studying the world's most significant superpower at this fascinating moment of flux and change opens up a panorama of academic and career options. |

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| Subject BA Criminology |
| Institution Manchester Metropolitan University |
| Entry Requirements A Levels Minimum 112 UCAS Tariff points from three A Levels or equivalent. A2 in social science or humanities subject is required. Access to HE Diploma Pass Access to HE Diploma in a relevant subject with a minimum 112 UCAS Tariff Points BTEC DMM |
| Brief Description BA Criminology offers an exciting opportunity to study the cutting-edge discipline of criminology in the vibrant city of Manchester. It is aimed at students who want to study crime from a critical perspective to investigate the causes, patterns, consequences and responses to crime in a social context. |

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| Subject BA English with Digital Humanities |
| Institution Loughborough University |
| Entry Requirements A Levels AAB Access to HE Diploma An Access to HE Diploma in a relevant subject area is considered suitable for entry to most courses. 60 credits overall required, 45 of which should be at Level 3. In most cases, Distinction or Merit may be required in certain units. BTEC DDM plus A Level English at grade B |
| Options Available Year Abroad Gives students the chance to not only experience new cultures and visit new and exciting destinations, but to expand their learning experience Sandwich Year Students can complete a salaried year in industry to gain experience in a professional working environment. Students can study abroad to enrich their academic studies and to prepare them for a career in a competitive and global job market. |
| Brief Description This degree introduces the new and rapidly evolving field of digital humanities, and focuses, in particular, on the significance of the digital revolution for the reading of literary texts. |

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| Subject BA Liberal Arts |
| Institution University of Leeds |
| Entry Requirements A Level AAA Access to HE Diploma Pass diploma with 60 credits overall, including at least 45 credits at level 3, of which 30 credits must be at Distinction and 15 credits at Merit or higher. An interview and a piece of written work may be required. BTEC DDD |
| Options Available Year Abroad Opportunity to study at one of 300 partner institutions across Europe, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Africa and Latin America Sandwich Year On this course students have the option to apply to take a placement year module with organisations across the public, private and voluntary sectors |
| Brief Description This degree is highly flexible, and combines different subject areas from the humanities or social sciences, enabling students to shape your degree according to your own interests and enthusiasms. |

Bursaries and Scholarships

Below is a brief guide to the types of financial support that might be available for students. The list is not exhaustive and eligibility criteria will differ according to institution. What certain bursaries are called can differ depending on the institution so we've included suggested phrases/sections to search for when looking at what is available. Many bursaries are very specific to the institution, so it's always best to look at the website of the HEI a student is considering to see what's available – all institutions will have a bursaries and scholarships page on their website.

| Target Recipient | What is it? | Eligibility | Text to search: |
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| Care Leavers | Packages of support for students joining university directly from local authority care | Verified as being under the care of a local authority | Care Leaver Bursary, care experienced bursary |
| Estranged Students | Packages of support for students who are estranged from their biological or adoptive parents | Estranged from either of their biological parents and often their wider family for a significant period (usually 12 months) | Estranged student bursary, independent student bursary. NB: often on the same page as care leaver bursaries |
| Parents | Government grant to support childcare. Some institutions also offer financial support with childcare | Must be a full-time student, have children under 15 plus other criteria on the GovUK website | Help with childcare costs |
| Young Carers | Support for students who have caring responsibilities at home | May need to provide evidence of working with a recognised Young Carer's organisation or supply a notification letter from a Social Worker | Carers Bursary, student carers bursary |
| Commuters | Support for students from low-income households who face challenging travel costs | Live at least 5 miles away from main campus and have a household income below £25,000 (other requirements may apply) | Commuter Bursary |
| Low Household Income | Designed to help students in need of extra financial support to undertake their first year/term of university | Studying on a minimum one-year course and have a household income of less than £25,000 (other requirements may apply) | Access to University Bursaries |
| Asylum Seekers / Refugees | Supporting offer-holders who are seeking asylum or have refugee status in the UK | Applicants must have no access to Student Finance and be offered a FT place on a programme plus other requirements | Scholarships |
| High Academic Achievers | Cash bursaries for high Level 3 grades | Differs from institution to institution | Academic bursaries, excellence bursaries/ scholarships |

A note on language

'Scholarship', 'grant' and 'bursary' may be used interchangeably and overall, they are the same thing – money that is given to students which they do not need to pay back. However, to give students a better understanding of the different types of award The Scholarship Hub have produced a quick guide which we've summarised below. Broadly, the word used is somewhat irrelevant.

Scholarships – Covers widest range of awards and may be awarded because of:

- Academic merit
- Financial need
- Personal circumstances

Bursaries – Bursaries typically tend to be given for financial need and by organisations who want to support students from low income households or underrepresented groups.

Grants - Grants are usually given by charitable organisations and can be given for any number of reasons. Usually the charity or trust has been established to support people from specific groups or those suffering hardship.

Useful websites to check for an overview of what's available:



[The Scholarship Hub](#)

[Complete University Guide](#)

[UCAS – Additional Funding Information](#)

Quick reference list London universities offering humanities courses

Linking London partner universities

- Birkbeck, University of London
- Brunel University London
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- King's College London
- Kingston University London
- London South Bank University
- Middlesex University London
- New College of the Humanities
- Ravensbourne University London
- Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
- SOAS, University of London
- St Mary's University, Twickenham
- University College London
- University of the Arts London
- University of East London
- University of Greenwich
- University of West London
- University of Westminster

Other universities in London

- City, University of London
- Queen Mary University of London
- University of Roehampton
- Richmond, The American International University in London

Useful Resources

UCAS

Help with deciding on a course:

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-where-study

Subject guides:

www.ucas.com/explore/subjects

Course search tool:

<https://digital.ucas.com/search>

Personal statement advice:

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement

Discover Uni

Search for and compare courses:

<https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>

Prospects

Guidance on what students can do with their degree (by subject):

www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree

The Student Room

Example personal statements for a variety of arts and humanities courses:

www.thestudentroom.co.uk/wiki/Category:Humanities_and_the_Arts_Personal_Statements

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