

Welcome to our University Application Information Event

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Why Higher Education?



Why a degree?

Graduates enjoy quality jobs, more money, better health outcomes, less likely to smoke, more likely to exercise, and less prone to depression.

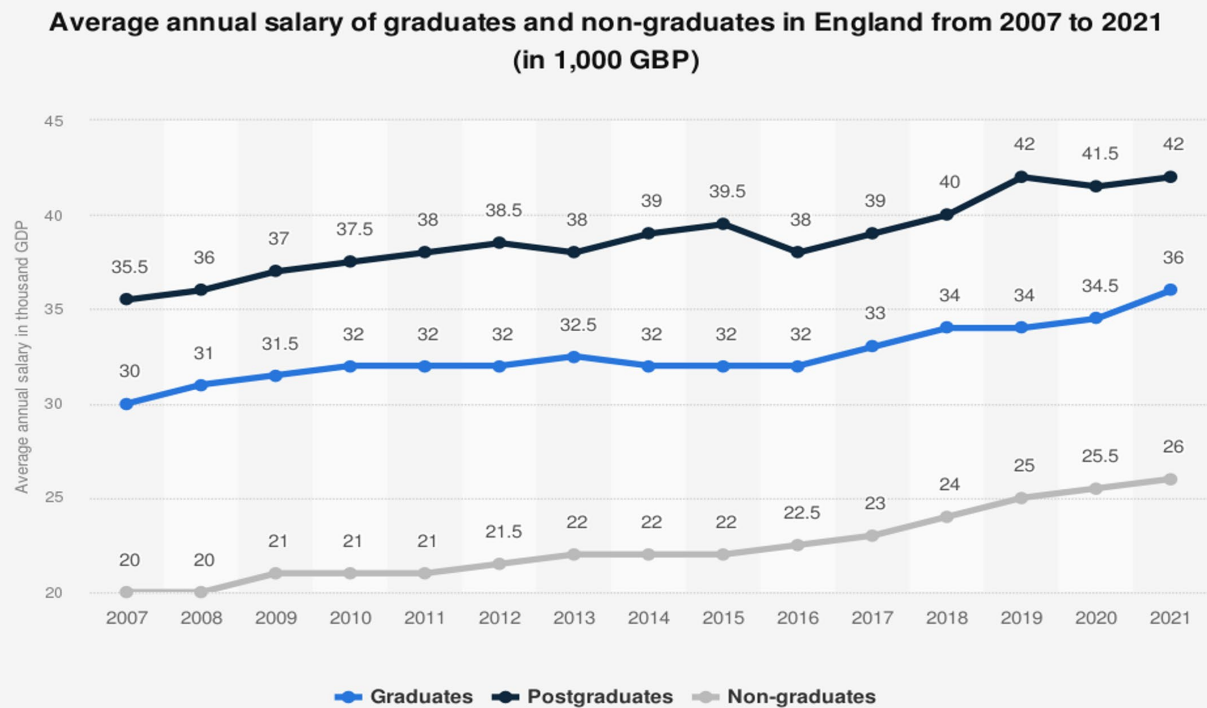


Is it worth it?

- Pro: greater earning potential.
- Con: student debt. £42k.
- Pro: greater job choice.
- Con: 'worthless' degrees.
- Pro: life experience.
- Con: time better spent.



Earn more with a Degree



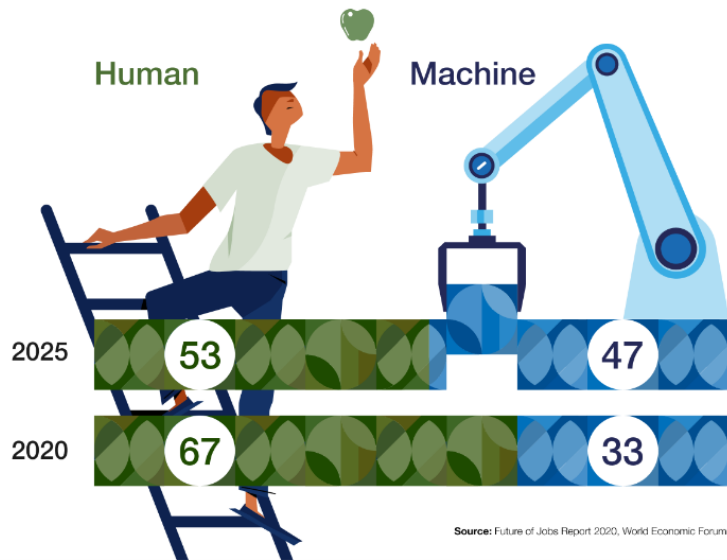
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Additional Information:
United Kingdom (England); 2007 to 2021; 16-64

The future



Rate of automation



Source: Future of Jobs Report 2020, World Economic Forum.

- 88% of new jobs in 2035 will require a degree.
- UK will need 1.9m STEM professionals.
- Highest predicted growth, Computer programming and data analysis.
- Access jobs that do not exist yet!

Top 10 In-Demand UG Courses for Future Job Opportunities

- Computer Science and Engineering. ...
- Data Science and Analytics. ...
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. ...
- Business Administration and Management. ...
- Healthcare and Nursing. ...
- Education. ...
- Environmental Science and Sustainability. ...
- Digital Marketing. ...
- Renewable Energy
- Engineering



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Most employable Degrees in the UK currently

- Architecture, Building and Planning. ...
- Law. ...
- Education
- Medicine and Veterinary Science. ...
- Economics. ...
- Business and Management. ...
- Computer Science. ...
- Engineering. ...
- Maths. ...



What Educational choice should I make?

1st Question

- What are your career aspirations?

2nd Question

- Which course will get you there?

3rd Question

- Which 19+ Institution?



Is university important?

Your degree is likely to be invaluable in the workplace and in your general life. But most employers care about you, what you have done and what you can bring to their company. And not where you spent your time studying.



Next Steps and top tips?



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Colin Woolford – Careers Advisor

UCAS

<https://accounts.ucas.com>

- Search for courses
- Apply for courses
- Track your application
- Conduct initial research from this portal

Key dates in the UCAS cycle



- **30 April 2024:** UCAS search tool will display 2025 courses.
- **14 May 2024:** UCAS undergraduate application for 2025 cycle opens.
- **3 September 2024:** Completed 2025 entry UCAS Undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS.
- **15 October 2024 (18:00 UK time):** 2025 entry deadline for the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry.
- **22 November 2024:** Kingston College internal deadline for completed applications.
- **29 January 2025 (18:00 UK time):** Equal consideration deadline for all 2025 UCAS Undergraduate applications.

How to Apply

- All applications are online via UCAS portal – Buzzword: **kingstoncollege25**
- Students initially have up to 5 choices
- Cost - £28.50
- *USE EVERY CHOICE WISELY*

Personal Statement



- Chance to “sell” yourself to an Admissions Tutor
- No more than 47 lines or **4000** characters (incl. spaces)
- **One** personal statement for **all** choices
- Suggested model of 5 key paragraphs
 1. The course
 2. Experience/voluntary work related to chosen field
 3. Interests & achievements
 4. What you hope to gain from university
 5. Conclusion
- Plenty of personal statement support and examples online – beware of **plagiarism!**

Student Finance

- Tuition fees held at maximum of **£9,250**
- Applications for Student Finance will open **early March 2025** – students should submit them by late May 2025
- Student Finance comprises of **Tuition Fee Loan** and a **Maintenance Loan**
- Repayments at **9%** above threshold of **£25,000pa** with a repayment period of **40 years**.
- Interest rate on loan **RPI + 3%**
- Repayments are **based on your income**, not what you borrowed!
- Eligibility requirements – please clarify with Student Finance England. Generally, applicants will have settled status and **3 years** continuous residency within the UK.
- Universities offer scholarships and bursaries
- <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>



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the student finance experts

Where can students get help?

- Moodle: Careers & Employability Hub
- Websites – UCAS / Student Finance England
- University websites and Admissions Tutors
- Careers daily drop-in 12-2pm KHR-G40 and CIC-109 (Fri)
- Careers appointment
- Email: careers@stcg.ac.uk
- Telephone: 020 8268 2555

Visit Careers in the Student Support Centre
KHR-G40



University Centre

South Thames Colleges Group

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Catherine Trenchfield - Group Manager -
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**You don't have to go to uni to get a
degree**

Higher Education at STCG:

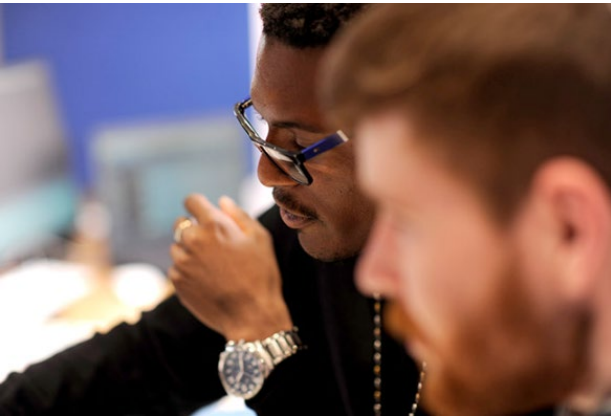
Accessible | Flexible | Affordable



We offer higher education at three of our colleges:



- **Carshalton**
- **Kingston**
- **South Thames**



Benefits of studying Higher Education at STCG

- **Smaller Class Sizes (10-20 on average)**
- **Higher than average contact hours**
- **Personal Tutor System**
- **Lower fees than traditional universities**
- **High-quality programmes**
- **High rates of employment post-graduate**
- **Flexible in delivery to fit around work and other commitments**

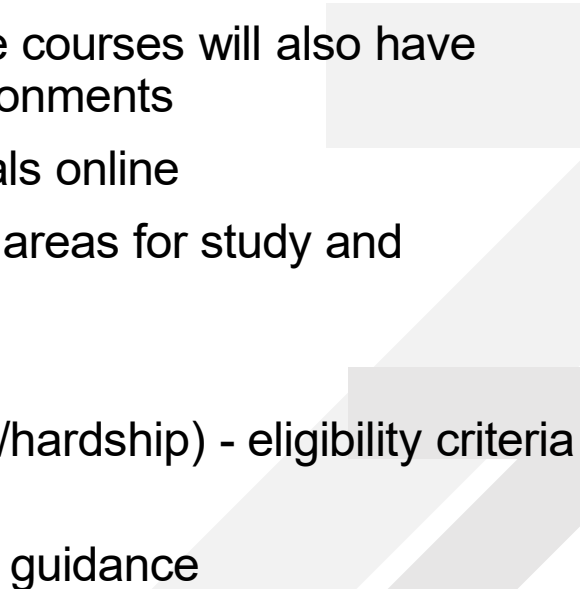


Our Undergraduate Courses:

- Acting
- Art & Design
- Business
- Childhood Studies with Special Educational Needs
- Computing
- Construction (Built Environment)
- Construction (Civil Engineering)
- Counselling
- Digital Advertising & Marketing
- Early Years
- Education and Learning
- Engineering – Electrical and Electronic, General and Mechanical pathways
- Events Management
- Fashion & Textiles
- Graphic Design
- Media (Games)
- Media Hair and Make-Up
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Music
- Performing Arts (Technical Theatre Operations)
- Photography
- Social & Community Work
- Tattoo Illustration
- Teacher Training (post compulsory)



Facilities/Resources

- Learning Resource Centre at each site, on some courses you will also have access to university libraries
 - Online Resources through Moodle, some courses will also have access to university virtual learning environments
 - Access to journals and additional materials online
 - Kingston and Carshalton – Separate HE areas for study and socialising
 - Access to personal tutor
 - Access to financial assistance (bursaries/hardship) - eligibility criteria apply
 - Access to Student Services and Careers guidance
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Higher Education Explained

- **HNC – (Level 4)** This qualification prepares you for work in a specific area, usually over a year. You can move from a Higher National Certificate (HNC) to a Higher National Diploma (HND) or a Foundation Degree (FdA). Some universities will accept you straight on to the second year of an Honours Degree.
- **HND – (Level 5)** This is a work-related qualification in itself. You convert it over one or two years from an HNC. Alternatively the HND is a stepping- stone to a degree course.
- **Foundation Degree** This course is equivalent to the first two years (Levels 4 and 5) of an Honours Degree. You can study a variety of work-related subjects, full time or part time, to fit around your work or other commitments. The option of taking an extra year to 'top up' to a full Honours Degree is also yours.
- **Honours Degree** We offer our Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons) and Bachelor of Science (BSc Hons) degrees in conjunction with our partner universities - Kingston, Canterbury Christ Church, Middlesex and Roehampton.

What do the levels mean?

HE



Level 6

BA (Hons)

Level 5 (2 years)

Foundation Degree (University Validated FdA)

Level 5

HND (BTEC)

Level 4

HNC (BTEC)

FE

Level 3 (4)

Foundation Diploma

Level 3

Access to HE

Level 3

BTEC = A Levels

Level 2

BTEC = GCSEs (C/4+)

Level 1

NCFE = GCSEs (E/1+)



Who do we work with?

- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Kingston University
- Middlesex University London
- Roehampton University
- Pearson

How to apply

Internal Student

Speak to your teacher/tutor about applying through the GOLD application process

External Student

www.stcg.ac.uk

From the menu navigate to Undergraduate page

Look at our HE offer today:

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Q and A

