



Course
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Career Focused Industry Ready

Leading the Skills Provision for Slough

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Welcome

Welcome to Slough & Langley College.

At Slough & Langley College, we are committed to raising aspirations and helping every student achieve their career goals. We'll support you in building the skills, confidence and ambition to pursue career excellence and shape your future.

Our College provides a career-focused, industry-ready education designed to prepare you for success in the modern workplace. With expert staff, industry-standard facilities and strong partnerships with local and national employers, we ensure you are ready to take your next step whether that's into employment or further study.

Our inclusive, welcoming community and emphasis on practical, hands-on learning help every student develop the skills they need to succeed, both now and in the future.

You can apply online today or join us at an upcoming Open Event to explore everything Slough & Langley College has to offer. We look forward to welcoming you and supporting you on your journey towards success.



Gillian May
Group Principal and CEO

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Information within this guide is correct at the time of going to print.

Please be aware that some course delivery may take place off campus and between The Windsor Forest Colleges Group sites.



How to Apply

Your Step-by-step Guide to Studying at Slough & Langley

Step 1: Choose Your Course

We offer a wide range of courses at all levels – if you're still not sure, give us a call on **01753 793288** or email **admissions@windsor-forest.ac.uk** for independent advice.

Step 2: Apply

Apply online at **www.slough.ac.uk/study/**
You shall receive an email to confirm we have received your application.

Step 3: Attend Your Interview

You will be invited to book an interview, where you will discuss your course choice and plans for the future. This will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have too.

Step 4: Offer

Following a successful interview, you shall be made a conditional offer via email.

Please note: This can take up to 14 days. To accept your conditional offer, please log back into your Student Portal. You need to accept your offer to receive your invitation to enrolment.

Step 5: Enrol

You shall be sent steps on how to enrol onto your chosen course the Summer before you start with us and you will need your exam results to be able to enrol in August. If your results are better than expected or you didn't do as well as you hoped, please do not worry, we can find a suitable alternative for you.

Step 6: Start College

We look forward to welcoming you in September!

Study Programme

Our study programmes combine your chosen subject with a range of transferable skills to enhance your learning and help you develop. We will equip you with the skills and knowledge required for progression on to university, apprenticeships or employment.

English & Maths

Development of English and maths skills is essential for successful progression. We will support you to ensure you leave us having achieved the best grades you possibly can. You will be timetabled into a class that is the right level for you based on your grades and prior experience. All students will be working towards attaining a grade 4 or above at GCSE.

Already Achieved a Grade 4 or Above at GCSE?

You will not be required to study additional English and/or maths.

Achieved a Grade 3 at GCSE?

You will be enrolled onto a GCSE course and will work towards gaining a grade 4 or above as part of your study programme.

Achieved Lower Than a Grade 3 at GCSE?

You will be enrolled onto a GCSE course or another suitable English and/or maths qualification at an appropriate level.

Practical Lessons, Lectures & Tutorials

These planned activities take place on our extensive campus and will help you develop your independent study skills. You will focus on extending your practical skills and knowledge to gain a strong understanding of your chosen subject area.

Personal & Professional Development

Employer links are important and help you focus on gaining skills you need for your future career. Your study programme may include visits from industry professionals or trips to business venues and workplaces. College life will also help you develop the skills required to be successful in your chosen career. Good punctuality, attendance and commitment to your study programme is an expectation.

Volunteering

Involve yourself in additional activities that will enrich your development and boost your CV. Our Student Support team can help you find a volunteering opportunity that suits you.

Industry Placement & Work Based Skills Week

Most students will undertake an Industry Placement as part of their course. All students will participate in a Work Based Skills Week in partnership with industry.

Scan the QR code or visit



www.slough.ac.uk/college-life/industry-placement



Entry Requirements

Existing qualification / grades (predicted or achieved)	Level
No formal qualifications	Entry Level 3
4 GCSEs grade 2+ including English and maths	Level 1 Level 2 – 2 year
4 GCSEs grade 3+ including one of English or maths at grade 4+	Level 2 – 1 Year
4 GCSEs grade 4+ including English and maths. Plus any other additional entry requirements, which can be found on the website.	Level 3 / T Level – 2 year

Please note: Some subjects have specific additional entry requirements please visit these subject courses on our website to find out more.



Qualifications Offered

T Levels are equivalent to 3 A Levels and offer a broad understanding of sector-specific issues and occupational specialisms. There is a significant work experience element to a T Level programme that supports the classroom based learning.

BTECs are career-focused qualifications assessed mainly through coursework and practical tasks. They prepare students for university, apprenticeships, or employment in specific industries.

Apprenticeships are suitable for those who have a clear career path, are at least 16 years old, and want to earn a wage while learning.

Higher Education

A foundation degree is a two-year higher education qualification combining academic study with workplace skills. It's often assessed through coursework and can lead to a full honours degree or skilled employment.


From a Foundation degree to a full BA (Hons), our courses enable you to develop the skills to progress in your career working with children, alongside your job.




BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma	T Level Grade	A Level Grades	UCAS Points
D* D* D*	Distinction*	A* A* A*	168
D* D* D		A* A* A	160
D* D D		A* A A	152
D D D	Distinction	A A A	144
D D M		A A C	128
	Merit		120
D M M		A C C	112
M M M	Pass (C or above on the core)	C C C	96
M M P		C C E	80
	Pass (D or E on the core)		72
M P P		C E E	64
P P P		E E E	48

Your Guide to Levels

Entry Level	ESOL	Entry Level Functional Skills	Entry Level Essential Skills	Skills for Life	Entry Level Diploma	Entry Level Certificate	Entry Level Award			
1	Level 1 ESOL	Level 1 Function or Essential Skills	Level 1 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Music Grades 1, 2 and 3	NVQ Level 1	GCSE Grades 3, 2, 1				
2	Level 2 ESOL	Level 2 Function or Essential Skills	Level 2 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Music Grades 4 and 5	NVQ Level 2	Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship	GCSE Grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, or 4			
3	Level 3 ESOL	Access to HE Diploma	Level 3 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Music Grades 6, 7 and 8	NVQ Level 3	Level 3 Intermediate Apprenticeship	T-Levels	International Baccalaureate Diploma	Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level	A Level (A, B, C, D or E)
4	Higher National Certificate	Certificate of Higher Education	Level 4 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Foundation Certificate	NVQ Level 4	Higher Apprenticeship				
5	Higher National Diploma	Diploma of Higher Education	Level 5 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Foundation Degree	NVQ Level 5	Higher Apprenticeship				
6	Bachelors Degree	Graduate Diploma	Level 6 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Graduate Certificate	NVQ Level 6	Degree Apprenticeship				
7	Integrated Masters Degree	Level 7 Award, Diplomas and Certificates	Post Graduate Certificate/ Diploma	Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)	NVQ Level 7	Master's Degree (MA/ MSC)				
8	Doctorate of PhD	Level 8 Award, Diplomas and Certificates								



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Beyond the Classroom

Slough & Langley College's bright modern building has a positive, vibrant atmosphere with lots to keep you busy.

It is a place where you can enjoy learning, build your confidence, make new friends and prepare for your future career. From sports and field trips to Industry Placement and guest speakers, you'll have plenty of opportunities to develop the skills you need for life after work or further study.

Vibrant Student Union

Our Student Union offers many opportunities to get involved. You could become a student rep or simply enjoy the many activities on offer. Show up, speak up and tell us what you think! Play your part and make a difference to College life.

Get Fit & Stay Active

You'll have access to the on-site gym, Absolutely Fitness, and a recently renovated sports hall and conditioning suite.



Find out
more about
our facilities

We recognise that our students come to us with a range of different skills, abilities and experiences. Additional Learning Support is available across the College to help students with evidence of declared learning needs.

If you would like to speak to a member of our ALS team, please call us on **01753 793000** or email learning.support@windsor-forest.ac.uk



Find out how we can support your individual learning needs

Student Services

These include:

Student Welfare

Counselling

Industry Placement & Careers Advice & Guidance

Tutor Support

Financial Assistance (Discretionary Learner Support Fund & 19+ Learning Loans)

Additional Learning Support (ALS)

Students at Slough & Langley College often comment on how supported they feel during their time with us, both with their College work and personal life.

As a Slough & Langley College student you will have access to a wide network of support services to help you make the most of your time here.

Business I.T and Travel

Course Areas

Vocational Studies

Business

Information &
Creative Technology

Creative Media
Production &
Technology -
Game Design

Digital Support
Services -
Digital Support

Travel & Tourism

Travel & Aviation

Cabin Crew

Exploring Aviation
Industry

Childcare & Education

Course Areas

Caring for Children

Occupational Entry
for the Early Years
Practitioner

Introduction in
Early Years

Supporting Teaching
and Learning

Supporting Teaching
and Learning in
Schools



Find out more

[www.slough.ac.uk/
study/subjects/
business-courses/](http://www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/business-courses/)



Find out more

[www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/
childcare-education-courses/](http://www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/childcare-education-courses/)



Health & Social Care

Course Areas

Health & Social Care

Introduction to Health, Social Care & Children and Young Peoples Setting



Find out more
www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/health-care-courses/



Construction

Course Areas

Electrical Installation

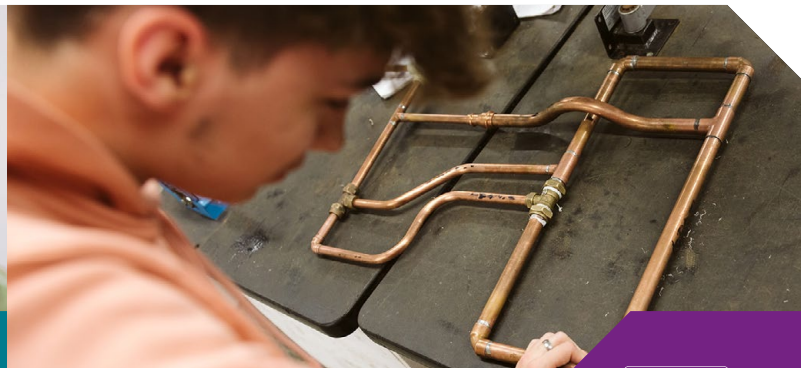
Carpentry and Joinery

Construction Multi-Skills

Multi-Trade

Plumbing Foundation

Site Carpentry



Find out more
www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/construction/



Engineering

Course Areas

Welding
Engineering

Performing
Engineering
Operations



Find out more
[www.slough.ac.uk/study/
subjects/engineering-courses/](http://www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/engineering-courses/)



Foundation

Course Areas

Entry Level 1
Entry Level 2

Level 1



Find out more
[www.slough.ac.uk/study/
subjects/foundation-learning/](http://www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/foundation-learning/)

Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy

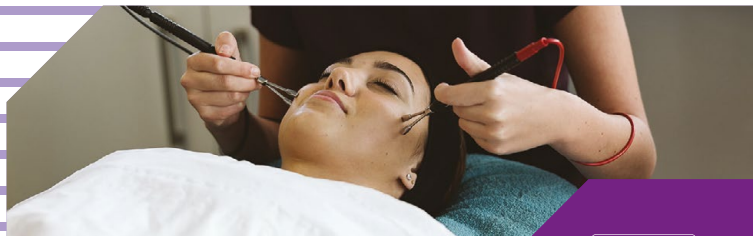
Course Areas

Women's Hairdressing

Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Sector - Hair or Beauty Pathway

Beauty Therapy Hairdressing

Advanced Beauty Therapy Techniques



Find out more
www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/hair-beauty-therapy-courses/



Learn English (ESOL)

Course Areas

ESOL - GCSE Pathway

Learn English

Essential Digital Skills

Functional Skills



Find out more
www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/learn-english-courses/

Motor Vehicle

Course Areas

**Motor Vehicle
Services**

**Light Vehicle
Maintenance and
Repair Principles**

Vehicle Maintenance

**Vehicle Systems
Maintenance**

**Motor Vehicle
Studies**

**Light Motor
Vehicle L1**



Find out more

[www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/
motor-vehicle-courses/](http://www.slough.ac.uk/study/subjects/motor-vehicle-courses/)



Undergraduate



Getting an advanced level qualification provides increased choice and opportunity, increased career opportunities, higher earnings and more confidence!

Access to Higher Education

If you don't have the relevant qualifications to go to university or are returning to study, you can get the qualifications you need in just one year on an Access to Higher Education course.

Higher Education Pathways:

- BA (Hons) Working in Integrated Services for Children and Young People
- BTEC Higher National Certificate in Business
- Foundation Degree in Business Management
- Foundation Degree in Children's Development and Learning
- Foundation Degree in Professional Practice in Health & Social Care
- Foundation Degree in Working with Children & Young People

Visit our website to find out more about our Access pathways

www.windsor-forest.ac.uk/higher-education

Funding Your Studies

Courses are covered by a Student Tuition Fee Loan awarded by the Student Loans Company, visit www.slc.co.uk to find out more. You only start to repay your loan once you are earning over £27,295 per annum.

Apprenticeships

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Gain real work experience, develop your professional skills and get the training you need to secure a successful future in employment.

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a job with training to industry standards. An apprentice is a paid employee who is training on the job and involved in an educational programme.

The apprentice gains the skills, knowledge and behaviours that they need to forge their career. This programme supports businesses to train the future workforce. An apprentice could be someone new to the industry or could be an existing member of staff.

As an Apprentice You Will

- Work alongside experienced staff
- Gain job-specific skills
- Earn a wage and get holiday pay
- Get time for study related to your role

You are required to stay in education, employment or training until you turn 18 but this can include being an apprentice. Apprenticeships have a functional skills requirement in English and maths but learners who already have obtained the level required will be exempt from undertaking them. An apprenticeship is a real job where you will be employed full-time for the duration of your qualification. Apprenticeships also include an end-point assessment. It's an assessment at the end of your apprenticeship to make sure you're fully competent in your specific occupation.



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Start Your Journey

Open Events

Open Days

Wednesday 5th November 2025

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Wednesday 13th May 2026

All running from 4pm-6.30pm



Register for an
Open Event

Get in Touch

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