Courses & Entry Requirements

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Your Options at Ashton Sixth Form College

There are several different ways to build a study programme that's right for you. Whether you want to focus on A Levels, vocational courses or a career-focused qualification, we'll help you choose the best route.

Not Sure Which Pathway Is Right For You?

Love academic subjects and exams?



A Level Programme



Want a mix of academic and practical learning?

Mixed Study Programme



Want to focus on a specific career area?

T Level or Extended Diploma

Need Help?

If you are unsure about the subjects you have chosen, wish to change any of your subjects or would like some general advice, please contact admissions by emailing **admissions@asfc.ac.uk** or ring us on **0161 330 2330**.

A Level Programme

Students study 3 A Levels.



Minimum entry requirements:

- 2 GCSEs at Grade 6
- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4
- Grade 4 required in English Language and Maths

Any subject-specific requirements

Subject	Minimum Additional Entry Requirements
3D Design & Technology	No GCSE Art qualification is required, but it is beneficial
Accounting	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Biology	Grade 6-7 in GCSE Science (if taking 2 Science A Levels) OR Grade 6-6 (if taking 1 Science A Level) and Grade 6 in GCSE Maths
Business	Grade 5 in an essay-based subject
Chemistry	Grade 6-7 in GCSE Science (if taking 2 Science A Levels) OR Grade 6-6 (if taking 1 Science A Level) and Grade 6 in Maths
Computer Science	Grade 66 Science and Grade 6 Maths
Drama & Theatre	No additional requirement
Economics	Grade 6 in GCSE Maths
Fine Art	No GCSE Art qualification is required, but it is beneficial
English Language	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature
English Literature	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature

Film Studies	No additional requirement
Further Mathematics (equiv to 2 A Levels)	Grade 8 in GCSE Maths. This course must be studied alongside 2 other courses
Geography	Grade 5 in an essay-based subject
Geology	Grade 55 in GCSE Science and Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Graphics	No GCSE Art qualification is required, but it is beneficial
History	Grade 5 in an essay-based subject
Law	No additional requirement
Mathematics	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths
Media Studies	No additional requirement
Philosophy, Ethics & Religion	No additional requirement
Photography	No GCSE Art qualification is required, but it is beneficial
Physics	Grade 6-6 in GCSE Science and Grade 7 in GCSE Maths. Must be studied with A Level Maths
Politics	Grade 5 in an essay-based subject
Psychology	No additional requirement
Sociology	Grade 5 in an essay-based subject
Spanish	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish or native speaker ability
Textiles	No GCSE Art qualification is required, but it is beneficial

Mixed Study Programme

Choose a combination of A Levels and vocational qualifications.



2 A Levels + 1 Vocational Course

- 2 GCSEs at Grade 6
- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4
- Grade 4 required in English Language and Maths
- Any subject-specific requirements

1 A Level + 2 Vocational Courses

- 2 GCSEs at Grade 5
- 3 GCSEs at Grade 4
- Grade 4 required in English Language and Maths
- Any subject-specific requirements

Vocational A-Level Equivalents (equivalent to 1 A Level)

Course	Minimum Additional Entry Requirements
Applied Science	Grade 44 in GCSE Science
Business Certificate	None
Criminology	None
Dance Performance	Audition required
Digital Games Production	None
Digital Systems & Data (IT)	None
Education	None
Health & Social Care	None
Law	None

Medical Science	Grade 44 in GCSE Science
Music Performance	Audition required
Music Production	None
Public Services	None
Sport & Exercise Science	Grade 54 in GCSE Science
Sport Studies	None

Vocational A-Level Equivalents (equivalent to 2 A Levels)

The following courses are equivalent to 2 A Levels and can be studied in combination with 1 A Level or 1 Vocational A Level equivalent.

1 Diploma + 1 A Level

- 2 GCSEs at Grade 5
- 3 GCSEs at Grade 4
- Grade 4 required in English Language and Maths
- Any subject-specific requirements

1 Diploma + 1 Vocational A Level equivalent

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4
- Grade 4 required in English Language and Maths
- Any subject-specific requirements

Course	**Minimum Additional Entry Requirements**
Applied Science Diploma	Grade 44 in GCSE Science Note: This course can not be studied in combination with A Level Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Medical Science
Business Diploma	None

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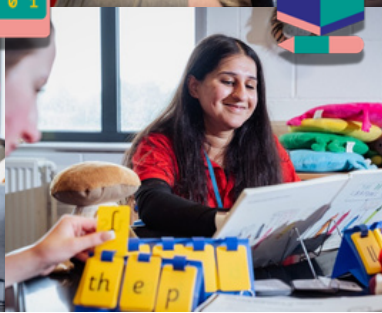












T Level Pathways



A career-focused qualification equivalent to 3 A Levels.

Minimum entry requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4
- Grade 4 in English Language and Maths
- Subject-specific requirements apply

Course	Minimum Additional Entry Requirements
Digital Support & Cyber Security	None
Education & Early Years	None
Health (Adult Nursing)	Grade 4 in GCSE Science

All T Levels include substantial industry placements.

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Vocational Extended Diploma



A full-time vocational qualification equivalent to 3 A Levels.

Minimum entry requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4
- Grade 4 in GCSE English Language
- Grade 3 in GCSE Maths

Course	Minimum Additional Entry Requirements
Occupational Entry in Social Care	None
Public Services	None
Sport Coaching & Development	None
Sport Coaching & Development (Football)	Football applicants will also discuss suitability with the Manchester City/CITC team.