



Awarding  
Great British  
Qualifications

# Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies\*

**L3IFDHES\***  
Regulated  
Qualifications  
Framework (RQF)

Equivalent  
**Pre-University  
Bridging  
Programme**

## Overview

The Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES) is a one-year pre-university qualification that equips students with essential skills in English, mathematics, research, and study techniques. This programme prepares students for direct entry into the first year of an undergraduate degree at internationally recognised universities, covering various disciplines from law and finance to engineering and art.

## Entry Requirements

For entry onto the NCC Education Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES) qualification:

Students must meet the following entry requirements:

- Completed their GCSE/IGCSE 'O' Levels or an equivalent\* qualification in their own country and passed 5 subjects with minimum grades of 'C', '4' or equivalent\* in each. These should include Mathematics and English.
- Have a valid score of 4.5 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination or equivalent for students whose first language is not English.

Alternatively, students can take the free NCC Education Standard English Placement Test which is administered by our Accredited Partner Centres.

\* Centres need to provide evidence to justify any equivalency decision (both qualification equivalency and grade equivalency) they make pertaining to any enrolments via non-GCSE or non-standard routes.

## Delivery Method

Face to Face or Online classes  
attended at an Accredited  
Partner Centre

## Duration

Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2 years

## 120 Credits

Diploma completed full-time  
in one academic year

## Assessment

Through examination and  
coursework assignments

## Registration Dates

Throughout the year

## Guided Learning Hours

672 hours

## Total Qualification Time

1,200 hours



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## Qualification Structure

Students must choose the preferred combination of units to the total value of 120 Credits.\*

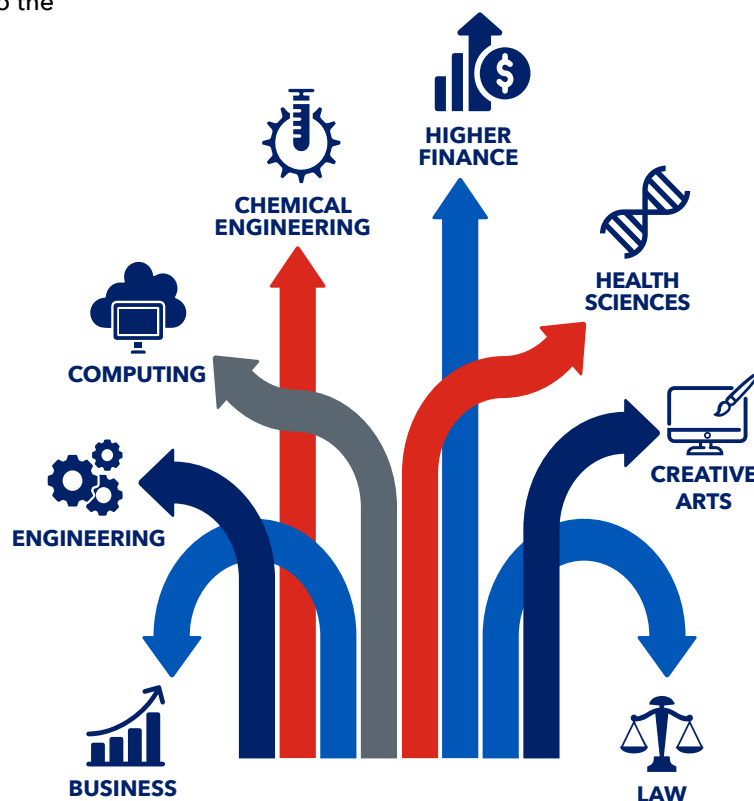
- (A) 4 core + 2 elective (both 20-credit)
- (B) 3 core + 3 elective (all 20-credit)
- (C) 4 core + 1 elective (20-credit) + 2 elective (10-credit)
- (D) 3 core + 2 elective (20-credit) + 2 elective (10-credit)

| CORE UNITS                                                                       |                                   |                                  |                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Core Units for Students with a score of $4.5 \leq$ IELTS (or equivalent) $< 5.5$ |                                   |                                  |                                                |
| New Developing English Language Skills                                           | New English for Academic Purposes | Mathematics for University Study | Research and Study Skills for University Study |

(\*) These Core Units equate to 80 Credits - Students need to choose additional Electives to make up another 40 Credits.

| Core Units for Students with IELTS (or equivalent) score of $\geq 5.5$ |                                  |                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| New English for Academic Purposes                                      | Mathematics for University Study | Research and Study Skills for University Study |

(\*) These Core Units equate to 60 Credits - Students need to choose additional Electives to make up another 60 Credits



| ELECTIVE UNITS               |                              |                                         |                                          |                                  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 20-Credit                    |                              |                                         |                                          | 10-Credit                        |
| Introductory Accounting      | Introductory Economics       | Introduction to Programming with Python | Chemistry for University Study           | Introduction to Computer Science |
| Biology for University Study | Physics for University Study | International Business                  | Further Mathematics for University Study |                                  |
| Law for University Study     | Art and Design (General)     | Fine Art                                | Digital Art                              | Digital World                    |

## Progression

Students that complete the NCC Education Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES) can:

- Apply to Year 1 of a university degree programme at over 100 universities, branch campuses, business schools and professional bodies in 20+ countries.

- Or enrol onto the NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Computing (L4DC), Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) (L4DB BM) or Level 4 Diploma in Business (L4DB), equivalent to Year 1 of a UK bachelor's degree.

Alternatively, contact the NCC Education Partner Success team [customer.support@nccedu.com](mailto:customer.support@nccedu.com) or +44 (0)161 438 6200 for advice on articulation options.

For further details see the University Progression brochure here:



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