



HND Business

OVERVIEW

The BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) is a specialist vocational programme with a strong work related emphasis, which provides a thorough grounding in the key concepts and practical skills required in Business. The qualification has national recognition amongst employers and Higher Education Institutions, allowing progression direct into employment or to a degree.

COURSE AIMS

- To prepare the student for work in industry
- To prepare the student for entry to university
- To give the student an experience of Higher Education in the UK
- To allow the student to develop an in depth knowledge of business theory and practice

TOPICS OF STUDY

The course is made up of sixteen units – eight core units, which everyone takes, and eight specialist units. The eight core units are:

- Unit 1 – Marketing
- Unit 2 – Managing Financial Resources and Decisions
- Unit 3 – Organisations and Behavior
- Unit 4 – Business Environment
- Unit 5 – Common Law 1
- Unit 6 – Business Decision Making
- Unit 7 – Business Strategy
- Unit 8 – Research Project

The specialist units enable you to study particular areas in depth, and follow a pathway to gain a BTEC HND in Business.

ASSESSMENT

Each unit is internally assessed and graded by lecturers through a variety of methods including coursework, examinations and presentations.

Grades awarded are Pass, Merit or Distinction. There is no overall grade awarded for this qualification.

COURSE STRUCTURE

This is a full-time course. Students are required to attend approximately 16 hours of taught time and are expected to study for at least 15 hours of their own time in private study. Your studies will also include English Language support. All international students are expected to take advantage of this additional learning since it will support your application to further HE studies.

ENTRY CRITERIA

- At least one good 'A' Level at Grade C (or 80 UCAS points), or international equivalent, which demonstrates strong performance in a relevant subject area, for example Business or Computing
- Mature students will be considered on both merit and work experience, both are required for consideration
- International applicants should possess an IELTS score of 5.5 (with no component less than 5.0) or equivalent English language qualification

CAREERS

A range of supervisory-level careers in the business industry:

- Management
- Marketing
- Human Resources

PROGRESSION ROUTES

A key progression path for BTEC Higher National Diploma students is to the second or third year of a degree or honours degree programme, depending on the match of the HND units to the degree programme in question. Alternatively, successful candidates can enter employment or undertake further specialist study.

Graduates could progress onto the BA (Hons) top-up degree offered by **ncn** and validated by Nottingham Trent University.



STUDENT PROFILES

Nicholas chose to study in England because he wanted the opportunity to live in a different environment and he believes that the British qualification will improve his job opportunities back in his home country of Jamaica. Having won a scholarship to study at **ncn**, Nicholas has always been interested in business and hopes, in the future, to become a Business Manager. He says that his course has helped him to develop his presentation skills. He is now confident using Powerpoint. His fluency in spoken English has improved and he is now confident giving presentations in his class.

In his spare time Nicholas works in the Midlands community with Jamaican and African societies. As part of this work, Nicholas talks to young people about why they should go to college and he takes them on local and national trips with other volunteers.

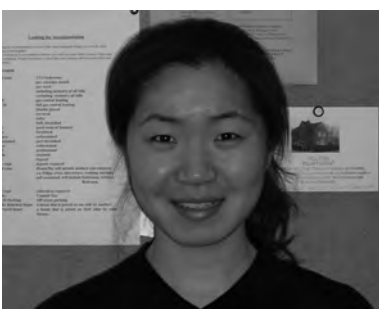
Nicholas enjoys living in Nottingham as "its safer than where I'm from and the people are more friendly". Nicholas' main achievement since coming to study in UK is "learning how to study... because now I'm on my own I have to develop the skills of studying".

Nicholas Beadle, Jamaica

"When I was young I wanted to come to England because England is a really beautiful country and I thought that England was the perfect place to study."

ncn was recommended to Jin by an agent in Korea. Jin has made lots of friends at **ncn**, she enjoys working hard on the HND Business course and thinks "the people are really kind and I like studying here". When she finishes her studies at **ncn** Jin hopes to go onto university to 'top-up' her HND course with an additional year of business. Jin has English lessons each week to help her with her studies. She finds these lessons "very useful and helpful because the teacher has taught me how to do presentations well and how to read correctly –they are really useful".

Jin Kim, Korea



GRADUATION

A Graduation Ceremony takes place for all successful students in the October of the final year, therefore students who start in September 2007 will attend the graduation in October 2009. The visa letter we prepare does take this event into account.

The ceremony is held at a very prestigious building in the centre of Nottingham (The Albert Hall) and is attended by students with their families and friends, staff and honoured guests. Students receive their certificates on stage and wear graduation robes, and have the opportunity to enjoy some time with friends and tutors – it really is a memorable occasion.

HOW TO APPLY

At **ncn** we can advise on individual applications and answer questions about the course you are interested in. Please contact us at the address below:

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