

Oxford Brookes University in partnership with

SOLIHULL COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE



*Oxford Brookes degrees
closer to home*



Solihull College
& University Centre

Choosing where to study is important to get right. This booklet is here to help. It tells you about degrees delivered by Solihull College & University Centre working in partnership with Oxford Brookes University.

Further details about Oxford Brookes degrees at our partner colleges.

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Welcome



At Oxford Brookes, we are proud of our strong partnerships with colleges across the country, including Solihull College and University Centre. Together, we provide students with high-quality, flexible opportunities to gain an Oxford Brookes degree closer to home.

Our Associate College Partnerships play an important role in widening access to higher education and supporting students from all backgrounds to achieve their goals. Whether you are studying alongside work, family or other commitments, our courses are designed to help you succeed.

Your experience, enthusiasm and ambition help make Oxford Brookes and our partner colleges such vibrant and diverse places to learn. Together, we're helping students develop the skills, confidence and curiosity to shape a better future for themselves and those around them.

We look forward to welcoming you as an Oxford Brookes student.

PROFESSOR HELEN LAVILLE
Vice-Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University

Oxford Brookes degrees at our partner colleges

Oxford Brookes University works with regional colleges to deliver university degrees closer to you.

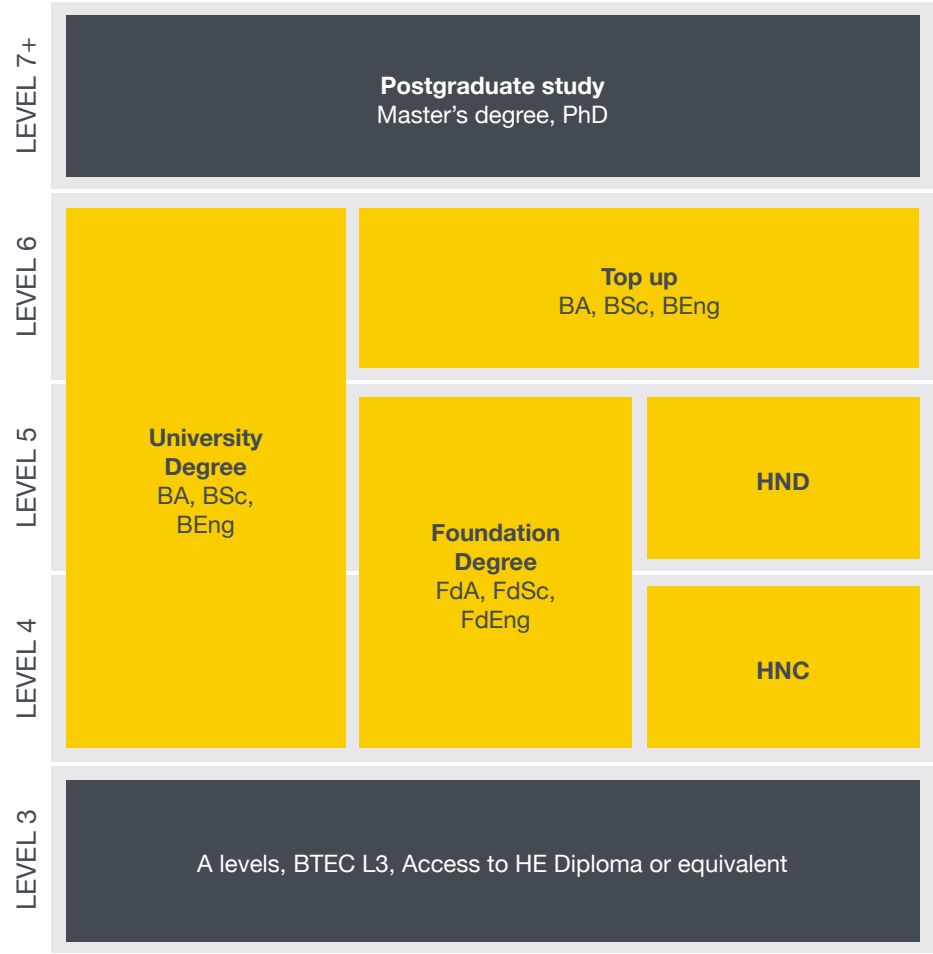
So whether you are working and want to develop your skills, returning to education after a break, or wishing to delve deeper into a subject that you love, studying for an Oxford Brookes degree at one of our partner colleges might be right for you.

Students studying at our partner colleges come from a wide range of backgrounds. Many have worked for a number of years, while some have progressed straight from school or college. We look at all of your previous professional and academic experience when considering applications.



What is a foundation degree?

Many of the courses we offer through partner colleges are foundation degrees. A foundation degree is equivalent to the first two years of a traditional bachelor's degree, and includes plenty of work-based learning and industry specific skills. At the end of your foundation degree you can choose to 'top up' to a full bachelor's degree with an extra year of study.



Our partnership programmes at Solihull College & University Centre

Solihull College & University Centre, rated 'Good' by Ofsted in 2024, offers an extensive range of academic and vocational qualifications from entry to degree level, along with support services to help you achieve your goals. Courses are flexible, allowing you to fit your studies around work and/or family life. The college achieved Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) Gold for its Higher Education provision in 2017 and is now rated TEF Silver after the merger with Stratford-upon-Avon College. The College was recently shortlisted for a Whatuni Student Choice Award in the 'FE College' category.

College locations and facilities

The college's Blossomfield Campus offers excellent facilities laid out over a pleasant site, with plenty of parking and good local transport links. Every student can access top-of-the-range IT resources, great catering outlets and a substantial library. The University Centre, solely for HE students' use, gives you the chance to relax and study away from the hustle and bustle of the wider college. The College's Woodlands campus offers a wide range of specialist technical facilities including our higher education Engineering provision.

Solihull College & University Centre has recently merged with Stratford-upon-Avon College, which also offers vocational courses taught by industry-experienced lecturers, preparing students for the professional workplace.

Higher education courses

For [full information about the college's courses](#), please visit our website.



Partnership Programmes

- FD Animal Behaviour Solihull
- BSc Animal Behaviour Solihull

Applications open to current Solihull College students only:

- BEng Mechanical Engineering Design
- BEng Mechanical Engineering Design DA
- BEng Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- BEng Electrical & Electronic Engineering DA

Visit the college

Please follow this link for information about upcoming open events:

www.solihull.ac.uk/news-events/open-events/

Contact the college

0121 678 7000 or
enquiries@solihull.ac.uk

Why study at a partner college?



There are many reasons why you might choose to study at one of our partner colleges. Here are just a few:

1. Learning on your doorstep

Staying at home and studying can often be cheaper as well as more convenient, particularly if you plan to study alongside a career, or in between family commitments.

2. Variety and flexibility

Many of our courses have non-traditional class times and teaching styles. You may have evening lectures and be taught in a workshop or out in the field – rather than during the day in a traditional classroom.

3. Lower tuition fees

It can be cheaper to study at a partner college. For UK students studying an Oxford Brookes foundation degree at

a partner college, tuition fees will be lower than our on-campus courses and you can access a loan which means you won't pay up front. Visit our website for up to date information, including fees for EU/International students.

www.brookes.ac.uk/study/fees

4. Great support

You'll receive as much or as little help as you would like to guide you through your learning. You enjoy the benefits and support services of being a student of the partner college as well as many of those at Oxford Brookes (see page 10 for details).



“ I chose to use a partner college for my final/top-up year after attending a university for the first two, because it was more convenient, both location wise, and it fits in better with my personal life. There aren't many universities close to me offering Animal Science courses. I also find the support of the teachers really good and enjoy the smaller classes.

**KEELY TORRES, BSc (HONS) ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE,
SOLIHULL COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE**

Why choose an Oxford Brookes course?

With an Oxford Brookes course you are safe in the knowledge that you are studying for a well-recognised qualification taught to the highest standards expected in higher education.

1. High-calibre learning and teaching

All our courses are carefully designed by experienced academics to meet the needs of students. They work in partnership with knowledgeable, industry-informed college teaching staff to ensure delivery of degree-level learning. All are passionate about their subject and making it accessible to others.

2. A wide range of foundation degrees, with the option to 'top up'

We offer over 30 foundation degree courses, many at a number of our partner colleges. They include computing, graphic design, motorsport engineering, veterinary nursing and many more. In many subject areas, you can 'top up' with a final third year, to graduate with a full honours degree.

3. Flexible entry qualifications

You may not need traditional qualifications to get onto a course – work experience, previous learning and a desire to study all count when we consider your application.

4. Benefits +

Not only will you enjoy the great facilities and learning resources at your college, but as an Oxford Brookes student, you will be able to take advantage of our university resources and services – both online and on campus.

For example, you can enjoy access to our **extensive online library** and membership of the **Brookes Union** as well as advice and support from our Student Finance and Wellbeing teams.

If you are studying in one of the colleges local to Oxford Brookes – or if you are on campus – you also have access to facilities such as the **sports centre**, the **social learning spaces**, **eateries** and **careers centre**, all in our award-winning John Henry Brookes Building.



Fees and funding



Studying at one of our partner colleges can cost less than a traditional on-campus degree. For details of tuition fees take a look at the course pages of our website.

Further details about fees and funding.

You don't need to pay your tuition fees upfront. If you're a UK student applying for your first degree you can access a tuition fee loan, and may be eligible for a bursary to help with your living costs.

How to apply



To make an application to study full-time for undergraduate study, you will need to apply online through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). We encourage applications to be made as early as possible. Contact your College Admissions Team for information about late applications.

More information about other types of application, including part-time study.



Contact the Associate College Partnership Team

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