



BA (Hons) EDUCATION TOP UP

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Course Overview



START DATE

September 2021



SUBJECT AREA

Teaching and Education

Course Summary

The BA (Hons) Education Top Up provides the opportunity for those with sub-degree qualifications the opportunity to progress directly into the second (level 5) or final year (level 6) of the BA (Hons) Education Studies degree programme. It provides a differentiated and flexible route, which enables individuals to gain an undergraduate Hons degree which will help them to develop the professional knowledge, skills and competencies relevant to their workplace settings. It is suitable for those who do not have appropriate credits to enter directly onto the BA (Hons) Education Studies degree.

The programme is suitable for those who already hold existing credits from qualifications such as HNCs/HNDs, other level 4/5 vocational/technical qualifications or foundation degrees. It would also appeal to Further Education practitioners, who hold level 5 teaching qualifications as well as those with relevant overseas qualifications.

There is no PSRB or other professional accreditation attached to this programme.

In addition to topping up to a relevant academic degree, the programme also enables participants to demonstrate to employers the capacity for academic, organisational or management skills to enhance career development opportunities or open up new career possibilities.

UCAS POINTS

COURSE OPTIONS

Degree

UCAS CODE

X302



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Flexibility

The programme provides a flexible and adaptive route into gaining an accredited qualification for those who have done some higher education level study and want to gain a degree. It recognises diverse and non-traditional educational achievement.

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language

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VISIT

Diane Griffiths Third year student

I really enjoy the variety of topics we cover on my course. They've have raised my awareness of current issues and relevant theories that explicitly relate to the education sector and situations that I might face in a classroom in the future.

FEES AND FUNDING

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Tuition Fee Loan

You can apply for a loan to cover the cost of your tuition fees, which will be paid directly to UEL. There are no up-front fees required. Repayment only starts after you finish your course and are earning over £25,000. If you haven't finished repaying your loan after 30 years it will be automatically cancelled.

To apply visit gov.uk/student-finance

Maintenance Loan

You can apply for a loan to help with living costs such as food, travel and accommodation. How much you can borrow depends on where you live and study, and whether you are currently on welfare benefits. The maximum loan you can apply for is £12,729.

To apply visit gov.uk/student-finance

Supplementary Grants

The government also offer the following additional support:

- Parents' Learning Allowance
- Adult Dependants' Grant
- Childcare Grant
- Disabled Students' Allowance
- All nursing and many allied health students on courses from September 2020 will receive a payment of at least £5,000 a year from the government.

For further information visit gov.uk/student-finance or contact Student Finance England.

UEL FUNDING

We appreciate that finance is one of the key considerations when you are applying to university. That's why alongside your Government loan, you can apply for scholarships to help towards your finances. We have invested over £2 million worth of scholarships to financially assist new students, starting in September 2019. If you are awarded a scholarship you don't need to pay it back.

All students will receive:

Ebooks

Bursaries Schemes for which you can apply

- Care Leaver and Foyer Bursary - up to £1,500
- Progression Bursary - up to £2,000
- Engagement Bursary - up to £2,000
- Hardship Bursary - up to £2,000
- Helena Kennedy Foundation - £1,500
- Going Global - awards range from £300 - £700

Scholarships Schemes for which you can apply

- Vice Chancellor Scholarship - up to £27,750 over three years
- Dean Scholarship - up to £13,500 over three years
- Civic Engagement Scholarship - £1,000
- EU Scholarship (EU Only) - £1,000
- ELSEF Scholarship - £1,000
- UTC Scholarship - £1,500
- Sports Scholarships - up to £6,000

EXTERNAL FUNDING

There are a number of external organisations that offer financial help to students. Please see the list below to view additional support options. Alternatively, you can visit the [Scholarship Search](#) website.

Please note that the University of East London is not responsible for the content of these external sites and is not associated in any way with the funding schemes and their application processes.

- Bank Of England Scholarship Programme
- European Funding Guide
- The Student Disability Association Fund
- Sir John Cass's Foundation
- The Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust
- The Newby Trust

- [Walcot Foundation](#)
- [Scholarships Search](#)

CONTACT US

The Student Money Advice and Rights Team (SMART) are here to help you navigate your finances while you are a student at the University of East London.

We can give you advice, information and guidance on government and university funds so that you receive your full funding entitlement.

Email: study@uel.ac.uk

Phone: 020 8223 4444

£ Tuition fees

UK

£9,250

You don't need to pay this up front.

EU, EEA and Swiss Nationals starting a course in September 2021, will no longer be eligible for Home fees. However, such nationals benefitting from Settled Status or Citizens' Rights may become eligible for Home fees as and when the UK Government confirms any new fees regulations. [Further information can be found at UKCISA.](#)

Tuition fees are subject to annual change. Fees for future years will be published in due course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

September 2021

Degree

NON-UCAS

FROM

HND

HND or Foundation Degree in a related subject

The programme is open for direct entry to level 5 (the second year of a degree) and level 6 (the final year of a degree). Entry will be decided by the Programme Team determined by one of the following routes:

For applicants with previous credits gained through HE certificated study:

a) for direct entry to level 5, applicants need to have evidence of 120 credits gained through level 4 study in an appropriate education / training related context. Certificate and full transcripts are needed.

b) for direct entry to level 6, applicants need to provide evidence of 240 credits gained through study at level 4 / 5 study in an appropriate education / training related context. Certificate and full transcripts are needed.

INTERNATIONAL

(Including European Union)

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Overall Academic IELTS 6.0 with a minimum of 6.0 in Writing and Speaking; minimum 5.5 in Reading and Listening (or recognised equivalent).

If you do not meet the academic English language requirements for your course, you may be eligible to enrol onto a pre-sessional English programme. The length of the course will depend on your current level of English and the requirements for your degree programme. We offer a 5-week and an 11-week pre-sessional course. [Find out more.](#)

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

The BA (Hons) Education Top Up provides a broad-based interdisciplinary approach to understanding how individuals develop and learn. It considers how socio-economic and political factors can affect educational institutions and individuals' development, and emphasises inclusive education. Graduating students will have the skills to integrate and apply systematic knowledge to helping individual and organisations.

The volunteering module is designed to help students to develop an understanding of the voluntary and public sector, and the value of volunteering for themselves, the host organisation, and society at large. It also encourages them to reflect upon a potential career within the voluntary or public sector and is valuable for gaining different perspectives and building a strong CV.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY AND WHEN

LEVEL 5

- Academic and Professional Skills for Life 2 (Core)
- Contemporary Issues in Education (Core)
- Identity and Social Justice (Core)
- Building Research Communities (Core)
- Ideology, Politics, and Policy in Education (Core)
- Education Careers (Core)

LEVEL 6

- Academic and Professional Skills for Life 3 (Core)
- Language, Pedagogy and Cultural Diversity (Core)
- Independent Research Project (Core)
- Volunteering (Core)
- Critical and Global Perspectives on Education (Core)

How you'll be assessed

Assessment is by a portfolio of course work tasks, which may include assignments, presentations, report writing and project work.

HOW YOU'LL LEARN

You will learn by a mix of various teaching and learning methods designed to facilitate and enhance your experience on the programme. There is a variety of methods used which include interactive lectures, seminars, tutorials, online activities and a fieldwork placement (on the Volunteering module). Opportunities for group work are embedded throughout the programme and we encourage you to develop your skills of critical analysis, independent thinking and evaluation through engagement with your peers, lecturers and your own self-reflection.

Extra support is provided for academic writing if needed and students are allocated an Academic Advisor, who supports with academic and pastoral issues.

The overall approach to the programme is designed to support the successful completion of your degree.

Who will teach on this course

The Programme Leader for this course is Mario Moya.

The teaching team includes qualified academics, practitioners and industry experts as guest speakers. Full details of the teaching team will be provided in the student handbook and module guides.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Because the programme is broad-based and interdisciplinary, a range of careers may be open to you. These include, but are not limited to, becoming a teacher - particularly if you want to teach in Early Years settings, Primary Schools, or Post-16 Education and Training (such as Further Education College). You might be interested in working in Special Educational Needs, Youth Development, Youth and Community Education, Children, Family and Community Outreach or in an education support role such as a Teaching Assistant or Learning Mentor. Alternatively, a career in educational management, social and educational policy or educational administration may interest you.

During the course you'll have frequent opportunities to meet practitioners and potential employers, and we also arrange dedicated careers workshops and events.

Explore the different career options you can pursue with this degree and see the median salaries of the sector on our [Career Coach portal](#).

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