Course overview
This degree offers you the opportunity to understand, explore and make an informed contribution to education debates. You will be able to make links between education policy, its delivery and the experience of groups and individuals. In addition you will study elective modules to enable you to develop your understanding of learning and teaching. You could choose to focus on the core subjects within the primary National Curriculum, assessment or behaviour for learning.

Within the course you will study core themes covering contemporary issues in education and society; historical figures in education; the philosophy and psychology of education; learning theory; and education literature. This degree combines the traditional study of the disciplines of education with innovative approaches to study and your own learning.

“I’m nearly at the end of my BA. It’s hard to credit to be honest. The time has flown by and I’ve really liked the way I’ve been encouraged to be in the driving seat of my own learning.”

Tom Bramwell
BA (Hons) Education Studies
Why study the course

- This course provides an ideal opportunity to gain in depth knowledge and understanding of the field of education both within and beyond the school context
- Excellent foundation for anyone wanting to work in educational administration and management and could lead to future study.
- First class tuition and support - the teaching quality and excellent provision in the School have been consistently recognised by trainees, partner schools, employing schools and Ofsted
- High levels of student satisfaction - excellent retention and employment rates

First Year

This year is about developing your knowledge and understanding of the major disciplines of education such as history, philosophy and politics whilst also learning to reflect about the purpose and nature of education. During this year, you will take modules such as: ‘How People Learn: An Exploration of Learning Theories’ and ‘Contemporary Ideas in Education: An investigation into Current Issues in Education’.

Second Year

In your second year you build on the knowledge gained in the first year, and develop your analytical skills through educational research and a placement in a work-based setting. Compulsory modules in this year include: ‘Behaviour for Learning: Approaches to Classroom Management’ and also ‘The Primary Curriculum: Learning and teaching English, Maths and Science’.

Final Year

Your final year includes a research project and is a good opportunity to explore and analyse a chosen educational area of interest. This year also explores the primary curriculum and assessment for learning.

Placement/study abroad

To support the development of your employability skills, you will link theory with practice in a work-based context on the Equality and Diversity in the Workplace module. This course also offers you the opportunity to study abroad in Year Two through the University’s study abroad programme. Study abroad opportunities are available worldwide and in Europe under the Erasmus+ Programme.

Additional support

- Learning Resources Centre open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Learning Tutors for study support; a Programme Tutor to help students understand the course structure and module leaders as the first point of contact for module related issues
- Access to one of the UK’s most sophisticated on-line learning environments, StudyNet
- Peer mentoring scheme
- Induction programme at the beginning of the course

UCAS code:
X303

Course length:
Full time, 3 years
Part time, 6 years

Entry requirements:
260 UCAS points* from a minimum of two A levels or BTEC or CACHE credit-bearing qualifications.
Plus GCSE English Language and Mathematics Grade C or above or recognised equivalent.
(*see website for details)

Website address:
go.herts.ac.uk/x303

Career opportunities

On graduation, career opportunities include employment in educational settings such as schools, colleges, nurseries, day care and Local Authorities. In addition, a wide range of professions such as social or youth work are open to you. Graduates could progress to postgraduate studies or apply for a teacher training course in order to gain Qualified Teacher Status. You may also decide to further your studies with a Master’s degree.

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