

BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate in IT

Introduction

Designed for today and tomorrow's business and IT leaders, the BTEC Higher National Extended Certificate in Information Technology provides a specialist vocational qualification and teaches learners the key concepts and practical skills for direct

progression to employment or to further courses of study.

When taken alongside other Level 3 qualifications, including BTEC Higher Nationals or A Levels in complementary or contrasting subjects, such as mathematics, physics, science, arts or technology, the qualification gives learners the opportunity to progress to a degree in an information technology discipline or a degree where information technology related skills and knowledge may be advantageous.

This qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses. As the content is equivalent in size to one A Level, higher education representatives have confirmed that it is appropriate to allow learners to choose their optional units from a wide range so that they can explore their own choice of areas for further study.

The qualification supports entry to, for example:

- HND in Business
- BA (Hons) in Computer Arts
- BSc (Hons) in Fashion Buying Management
- BSc (Hons) in Software Development for Animation
- BA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance.

The qualification, when studied with other Level 3 qualifications, is aimed at progression to higher education but also enables learners to develop knowledge and skills needed for entry-level roles related to IT, including vocational apprenticeship roles and trainee/entry-level roles such as a social media specialist, web/content developer, or business analyst.

Content

The course comprises 4 modules which use a combination of assessment styles to give students confidence they can apply their knowledge to succeed in the workplace – and have the study skills to continue learning throughout their career. Students can showcase their learning and achievements to best effect when they take their next step, whether that's supporting applications to higher education courses or potential employers.

Module	How It's Assessed
Information Technology Systems	Written examination
Creating Systems to Manage Information	Controlled assessment
Using Social Media in Business	Coursework
Data Modelling/ Web design	Coursework

Course Requirement

Pass at 4 or above in GCSE Computer Science or C GCSE ICT.

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