



Business Studies



What our students say:

"I really enjoy studying Business because I get the opportunity to learn things that are relevant to the world we live in. I like being able to relate the theory we learn in class to real life situations and I find I now enjoy listening to the news. I feel everything I learn in business studies is relevant for the world of work and that makes learning it much more enjoyable and interesting."

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs graded 9 – 4, including English and Mathematics. Business Studies at grade 4 is preferred.

Exam Board and Specification Link:

AQA A Level Business Studies, 7132: [AQA Business specification](#)

What skills will you develop?

Students will develop a range of skills such as:

- critical and creative thinking
- research and analysis
- communication
- personal development
- evaluation skills

What will you study?

Students will study:

- management, leadership and decision making
- decision making to improve marketing, operational and financial performance and human resource management
- analysis of the strategic position of a business and how to choose the right strategic direction

Why study this subject?

This course is a starting point for students who wish to study Business Studies in a variety of contexts (e.g. large/small, UK focused/global, service/manufacturing). It considers the importance of businesses in relation to decision making and the interrelated nature of business activities and how they affect the competitive environment and the markets in which businesses operate. It explores the influences on functional decisions and plans including ethical and environmental issues as well as looking at the factors that might determine whether a decision is successful. It also explores the impact of technology on businesses as well as looking at the impact business operations have on stakeholders.



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How will you be assessed?

A Level: Paper 1 – Business 1

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 100 marks in total
- 33.3% of A level

A Level: Paper 2 – Business 2

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 100 marks in total
- 33.3% of A level

A Level: Paper 3 – Business 3

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 100 marks in total
- 33.3% of A level

Where can the subject lead?

Most universities offer degrees in business subjects if you want to study business in higher education. These range from general business studies degrees to more specialist degrees such as business administration or business management. Some universities might offer business degrees as sandwich courses, where you will spend a year working in a business, and you can also study business with another subject such as English or accountancy as a joint honours degree.

Many business studies students go into management and administration jobs in businesses in commercial businesses, and a business studies qualification can also be helpful to get into finance, banking or insurance. Skills in management and marketing are also required in other areas such as charity, social work and local government, while a knowledge of business is also important for consultancy, certain teaching jobs and for financial journalists.

Contact Information

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