# Options after your HND Business Course

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### This session

We will cover:

- Progression & what you can do next after your course
- Eligibility and entry onto a degree course
- Other factors you need to consider
- UCAS applications
- Student finance options
- Researching your Career Options



### **Benefits of passing your HND course**

Passing your course will normally prepare you for progression onto the final year of a BA Degree Programme at university. Alternatively, you can pursue employment in a range of business related fields such as accounting, management, Human Resources, marketing and information technology.

Normally study16 units, including Business Environment, Managing Financial Resources and Decisions, Organisations and Behaviour, Marketing Principles, Aspects of Contract and Negligence for Business, Decision Making, Business Strategy and Business Project



### Progression

The HND in Business offers you a progression route to the professional qualifications offered by various professional bodies in the business sector.

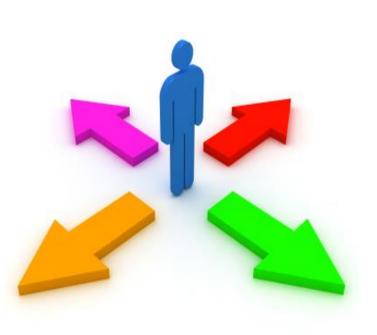
A key progression path for learners is to the second or third year of a degree programme in business or one of its specialist areas, depending on the match of units to the degree programme in question.

Some learners may wish to use this qualification in order to enter a specialist area of employment in the sector, where learners may work towards professional membership or study for professional body examinations.



# What can you do next?

- Further study? You will need to pass your HND course with good grades!
- Degree Course: Universities may give you a place in year 2 or year 3 depending on your results – and the modules you have completed
- Most Universities want GCSE Maths and English!!
- Access Course: Another route into university
- Professional Qualifications: ACCA, CIMA, CIPD
- Work? Do you have GCSE Maths & English?

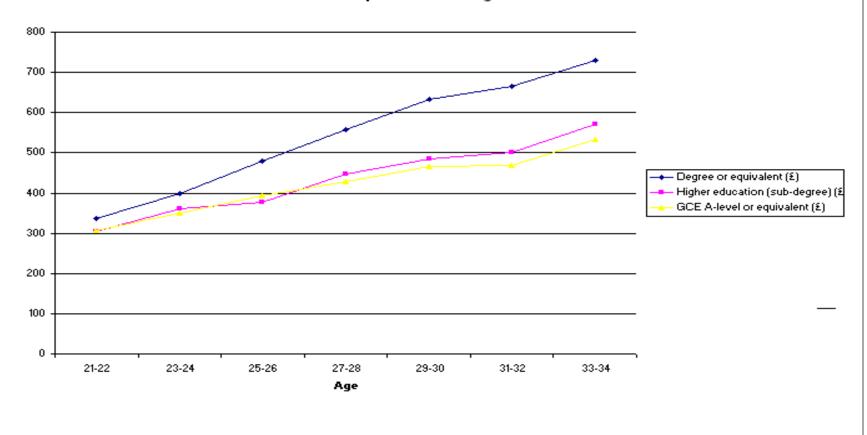


# **Benefits of Getting a Degree**

- Explore a personal interest in a subject
- Gain a qualification towards career progression
- Gain transferable skills
- Earn a higher salary (figures vary, around 30% more?)
- The UK requires more graduates (by 2020 nearly half of all UK jobs are expected to be graduate level jobs, Leitch review of skills)
- More chance of getting a job







#### Figure 1. Gross mean weekly earnings of full-time employed workers by highest educational qualification and age

Graph taken from www.prospects.ac.uk

### What do I want to study?

- The same subject I'm doing now?
- Something related to my HND course?
- Something related to the career I want in the future.

### Things to consider:

- What Degree you would like to do?
- League tables
- Career destinations
- Entry requirements UCAS tariff, GCSEs
- Professional accreditations



# Where can I study?

- Universities
- Private Colleges
- F.E Colleges



# What is UCAS?

- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
- Centralised application processing service
- On-line system and application form UCAS 'apply'
- Secure site, can be worked on anywhere

# UC/S



# **UCAS Applications**

- Have you applied for university places with UCAS yet?
- You are allowed 5 choices
- www.ucas.com
- Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015
- Go to UCAS website then course search.
- WWW.UCAS.COM
- Once you have found your desired course click on the 'entry requirements'

UCAS





### **UCAS** Tariff

Universities may ask for you to have a set amount of Tariff points:

UCAS Tariff BTEC

- D- 120, M 80, P 40
- e.g. DDD (360)
- DMM (280)

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A level A\* - 140, A- 120, B – 100, C – 80, D – 60, E – 40

Please note: All universities have different tariff point requirements – so you will need to check

# Key UCAS dates 2014/2015

- Early September forms can be sent and processing starts
- 15 January MAIN UCAS CLOSING DATE



- Late February UCAS Extra begins (for late applicants, those that have changed their mind or those who have no offers)
- 31 March majority of decisions will have been made by institutions
- 30 June last day for late applications
- Mid August Results Day, Clearing and Adjustment

## Applying online – UCAS 'apply'

- 7 sections to complete
  - Personal Details
  - Additional Information
  - Student Finance
  - Education
  - Employment
  - Choices
  - Personal Statement
- Can be completed in any order & can return to a section to make changes etc.
- Fee £23 (same price for everyone some private schools pay for students).
- College then adds reference, predicted grades and then sends the form
- Once form has been sent UCAS will notify





# How do I pay for my course?

- Pay for it yourself
- Get a (H.E) student loan Need to be a Home student, or an E.U student
- You may be eligible for a maintenance loan living in the UK for the last 3 years?
- 24+ Advanced Learning Loan
- GCSE Maths & English may be free if you are a home or E.U student

# **Planning your Career**



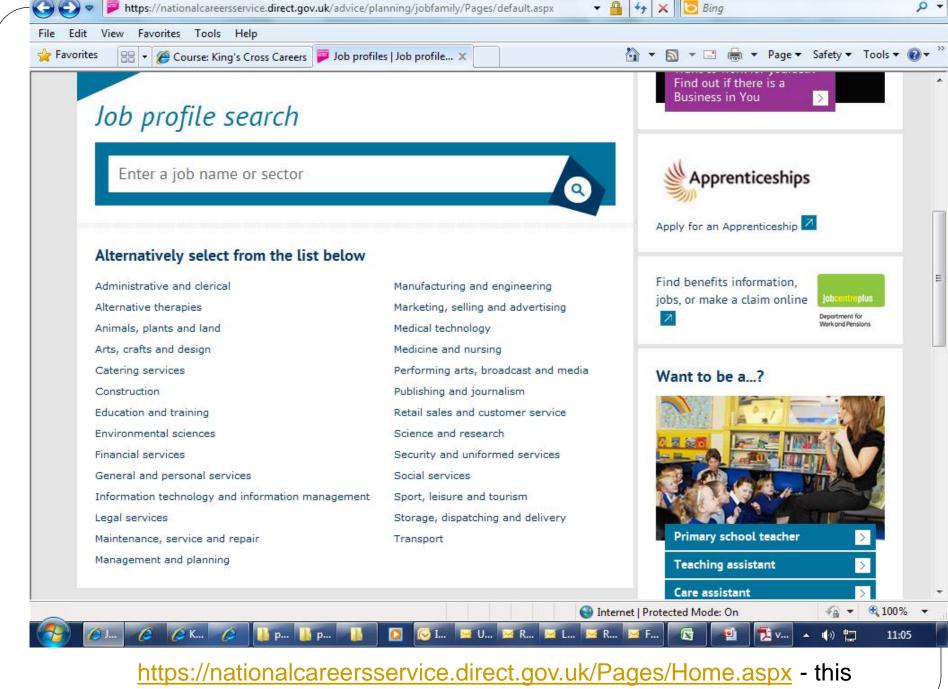


- You need to find Information that may help your career choices:
- Important to select a course that supports your career aspirations

### direct.gov.uk/nationalcareersservice

You can research

- Jobs and entry requirements
- Explore types of jobs' to read about different careers.
- This allows you to see salary information and entry requirements i.e. what you need to study to get into that role.



website can be used to research careers

### **More information**

National Careers Service

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direct.gov.uk/nationalcareersservice 0800 100 900 www.ucas.com 0207 510 7904

Universities own Websites:

For part-time courses

# Any questions?