

**SOUTHWARK
COLLEGE**



16-18 Course Guide



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Are you ready for your future?

Welcome to Southwark College, one of London's top further education colleges, located in the heart of SE1.

At Southwark College, we believe in your potential. Our campus offers flexible learning options and modern facilities, perfect for exploring your passions and gaining new skills.

Your wellbeing is our priority, and we are committed to providing a safe, supportive environment that helps you thrive. Whether you are aiming for further study or jumping into a career, our dedicated team is here to guide you.

Check out our exciting career focused courses and join us at our open events to discover our welcoming community.

We know that sometimes students change their minds or want more help around careers and university. We can offer you a session with one of our qualified careers advisors to help you with this.

To arrange a session, or if you need any further information, please contact us on **020 3757 4000**, **info@southwark.ac.uk** or via live chat on our website at **www.southwark.ac.uk**.

We look forward to meeting you at the College very soon.



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Your college in the heart of **London**

At our modern campus, you will study in great facilities with real-work environments, including an aircraft fuselage classroom, technical theatre studio, art and design workshops, dance studios, and science labs.

Our courses are designed in partnership with leading London employers and every student has access to the NCG Guarantee, offering them the opportunity to benefit from:

- » Attending masterclasses, guest speaker sessions, industry visits as well as student support, group tutorial and careers advice
- » Learning Support and Resource Centre with e-learning materials and study support
- » Taking part in national competitions, work experience and volunteering placements
- » Employability Hub with access to part-time job vacancies and work experience with local employers and support to improve your CV and job applications
- » An active Student Union and enterprise and enrichment programme offering a range of sports, clubs, societies, visits and international trips
- » On-site café and discounts in the many catering facilities in the area



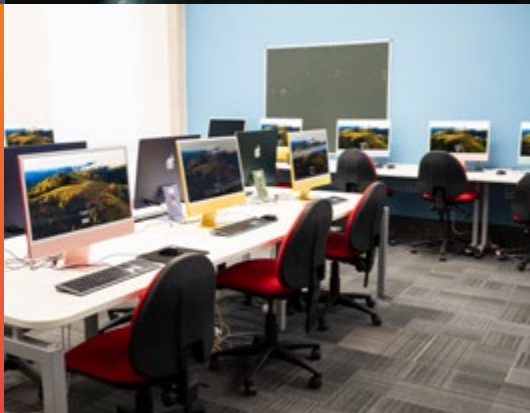
Facilities

Southwark College has a wide range of high quality facilities across our modern campus.

Ranging from contemporary spaces to hi-tech demonstration spaces, including aircraft fuselage classroom, to a full-sized theatre.

If you would like to visit us, book in for an open day at southwark.ac.uk/opendays.

Contact us today



Open Events

Come to one of our Open Day events to find out more about the College, meet the teachers and speak with our Advice and Guidance team.

Our Open Days take place on campus and are a great way to get a feel for College life and see our facilities. At our events you can:

- » Hear from our students and teachers
- » Find out more about our courses
- » Receive information about the support we offer
- » Find out more about student life

Book today!

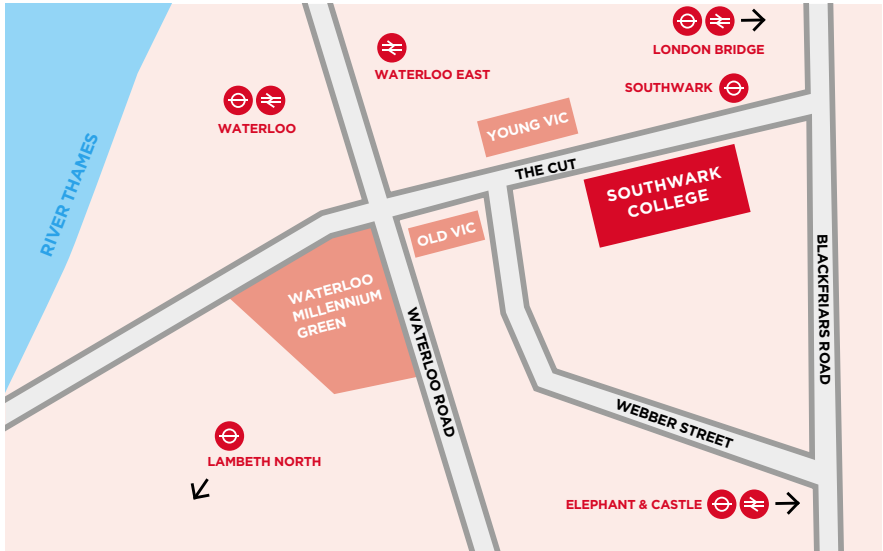
southwark.ac.uk.ac.uk/open-days



Study in SE1

You will find our campus right in the heart of London on The Cut in SE1, across from Southwark tube station. We are a stone's throw away from Waterloo and London Bridge stations.

There are several bus, rail and tube routes close by, making it easy to travel to us from across Greater London and the surrounding counties.



Southwark College
25 The Cut
London
SE1 8LF

Nearest Travel routes.

Buses: 1, 4, 26, 59, 63, 100, 155, 168, 171, 172, 176, 188, 381
Tube: London Bridge, Waterloo or Southwark
Rail: London Bridge, Waterloo or Waterloo East



Information, advice and guidance

Choosing your next step is an exciting time but we know you may have questions about what happens next.

We are here to support you on your journey and keep you informed throughout the process so that you have everything you need before enrolment begins.

Look out for our regular emails, which will remind you of key dates and update you on the latest news from the College.

If you have any questions in the meantime, you contact our student advisors on **020 3757 4000** or by email to **info@southwark.ac.uk**.



Our friendly digital representatives will also be available to help you through the application and enrolment process. You can speak to them via our web messenger service **southwark.ac.uk/chat**, on a Live Q&A on our **socials** or online webinars for applicants.



Supporting your career

We have a dedicated employability and careers team to support you throughout your time at Southwark. Our partnerships with employers, local community organisations and universities will give you the foundation you need to develop your confidence, knowledge and skills.

Southwark College has industry links with hundreds of employers across London and can support you to find great work experience and volunteering opportunities as well as part-time work to enhance your CV and UCAS applications.

The world is evolving and we support our students to embrace that change. Today's employers are increasingly looking for individuals who can make a difference and at Southwark College you will have access to a range of opportunities for your career and to achieve your future goals.



Supporting your student experience

We encourage students to get involved in all aspects of College life. We have an active Student Union and each class will elect Course Representatives, who are invited to discuss any concerns with College management staff on a regular basis. The Student Union will also work to help organise student-run events.

You will also be able access a range of student benefits, including careers services and student discounts.

Starting college with confidence

Choosing the right course is about more than submitting an application. It's about feeling informed, supported and confident in your decision.

Throughout the year, we run a range of events designed to help students aged 16–18, and their parents or carers, understand what to expect and prepare for college life.

These events give you the opportunity to meet our teams, explore your options and feel confident about your next steps.

» Open Days

Visit the college, explore our facilities and speak directly with tutors and support teams. Open Days are ideal if you are still deciding which course is right for you or want to experience college life first-hand.

» Principalship and Admissions Webinars

Join our online webinars to learn how Southwark College works and understand the application and enrolment process.

Led by senior leaders and admissions specialists, these sessions cover entry requirements, timelines and what happens after you apply, with live Q&A so you can ask questions from home.

» Curriculum Spotlight Events

Subject-focused sessions that give you a deeper insight into the courses you are interested in. You will learn about course content, assessment, progression routes and career opportunities, and meet the tutors who teach on the programme.

» Taster Sessions

Experience college learning before you enrol. Take part in hands-on activities, use specialist facilities and see what studying your chosen subject is really like.

» Student Support and Welfare Events

Events designed to help you understand the support available at college, including wellbeing, learning support and financial guidance. These sessions introduce the teams who are here to support you, from learning mentors to financial support staff, helping you understand what help is available throughout your time with us.

» Careers and Employability Events

Connect with employers, universities and training providers, explore future pathways, apprenticeships and career options and gain practical advice to help you plan for life after college.

» Creative and Celebratory Events

College life is also about celebrating success and getting involved in the wider community. From showcases and festivals to end-of-year celebrations, these events highlight students' achievements and give families and employers the chance to see the work our learners produce.

» Find Out More

We recommend attending as many events as possible to help you feel confident and fully prepared for your next step. Details of upcoming events and how to register can be found at southwark.ac.uk/events.



Supporting your wellbeing

We have a dedicated team to help you access support with welfare and safeguarding concerns and emergency situations.

You can access counselling support as well as one-off support and advice. If you have a diagnosed mental health concern we will do all we can to support you. You can contact the Safeguarding Team by emailing safeguarding@southwark.ac.uk.

We can also support you if you are a looked after child, care leaver, being supported by the Youth Offending Service, a young parent or a young carer.

If you have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) we have a dedicated team of staff who will work with you and your family to discuss the support you may need to be successful in your studies.

If you have any learning difficulties or disabilities or require exam access arrangements the team will discuss ways the College can support you. You can also read more about our Supported Learning courses on page 48.



Supporting care experienced students

Students who are in, or have been in, the care system may face several additional challenges, so we work in partnership with carers, social workers, virtual schools and other professionals to implement a bespoke support plan that will give you the support you need.

Each care experienced student at the College is supported by a designated college team/colleague.

To find out more visit: southwark.ac.uk/careleavers





NCG Guarantee

Southwark College is proud to be part of NCG, one of the UK's leading college groups. As one of seven colleges in NCG, we are dedicated to providing exceptional education and training for learners and employers across the country.

Student benefits

With the NCG Guarantee, students at Southwark College access a range of tools and initiatives designed to enhance their employability. This guarantee provides opportunities for additional activities and resources that support your career ambitions giving you a flying start.

Key focus areas of the NCG Guarantee include:

- » Community
- » Digital
- » Employability
- » Enterprise
- » Mental Fitness

Throughout your studies, you will participate in projects aligned with these principles, ensuring you graduate with valuable skills for your future.



Choosing the right course for you

Choosing your next step can be challenging, with many subjects and qualifications offered at different levels. The level you study will depend on your previous qualifications, skills, and experience.

Use our levels chart to find the right course for you.

You will find the levels clearly indicated in each subject area, giving you a better understanding of the course’s depth and entry requirements. This way, you can choose the option best suited to you.

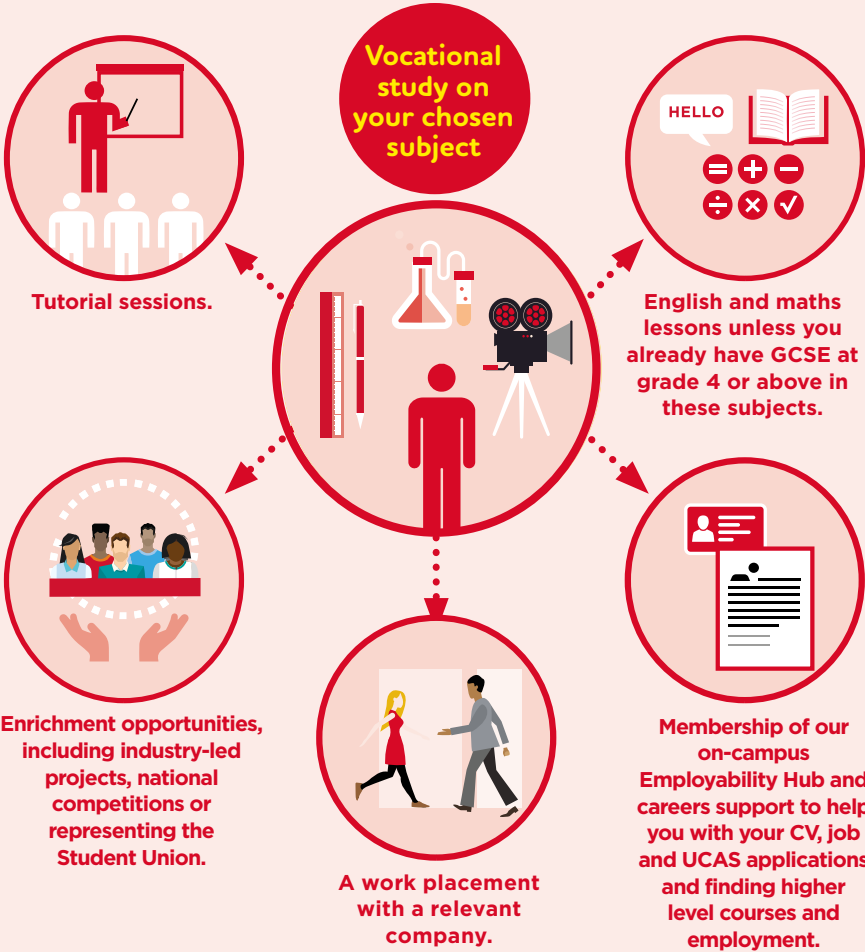
Level	Qualifications	Entry requirements	With this qualification you could progress on to:
E3 Entry Level 3	Awards, Certificates/ Diplomas, Functional Skills, Foundation Learning, Skills for Life	There are no entry requirements but if you do not have any qualifications you will be asked to take an English and maths test	Level 1 course
L1 Level 1 (Foundation)	BTECs, NVQs, Functional Skills, Foundation Learning Tier Pathways	There are no entry requirements but if you do not have any qualifications you will be asked to take an English and maths test	Level 2 course or apprenticeship
L2 Level 2 (Intermediate)	GCSE grades 9-4, BTECs, NVQs, Functional Skills	Four GCSEs at grades 9 – 3/A* – D (English and Maths desirable) or a Level 1 qualification	Level 3 course, apprenticeship or employment with training
L3 Level 3 (Advanced)	GCSEs in applied subjects, International Baccalaureate, BTECs, NVQs and T Levels	Four GCSEs at grade 9-4/A*– C, including English and maths, or a Level 2 qualification in a related subject and Level 2 Functional Skills English and maths	Higher Education, higher level apprenticeship or employment
T T Level Programmes (Advanced)	T Levels are two-year Level 3 programmes equivalent to three A Levels, designed with input from employers to equip students with essential skills for future careers	Five GCSEs at grade 9-5/A*– B, including English and maths, or a Level 2 qualification in a related subject and Level 2 Functional Skills English and maths	Higher Education, higher level apprenticeship or employment



What is a 16-18 Study Programme?

Studying with us means far more than just achieving your vocational qualification.

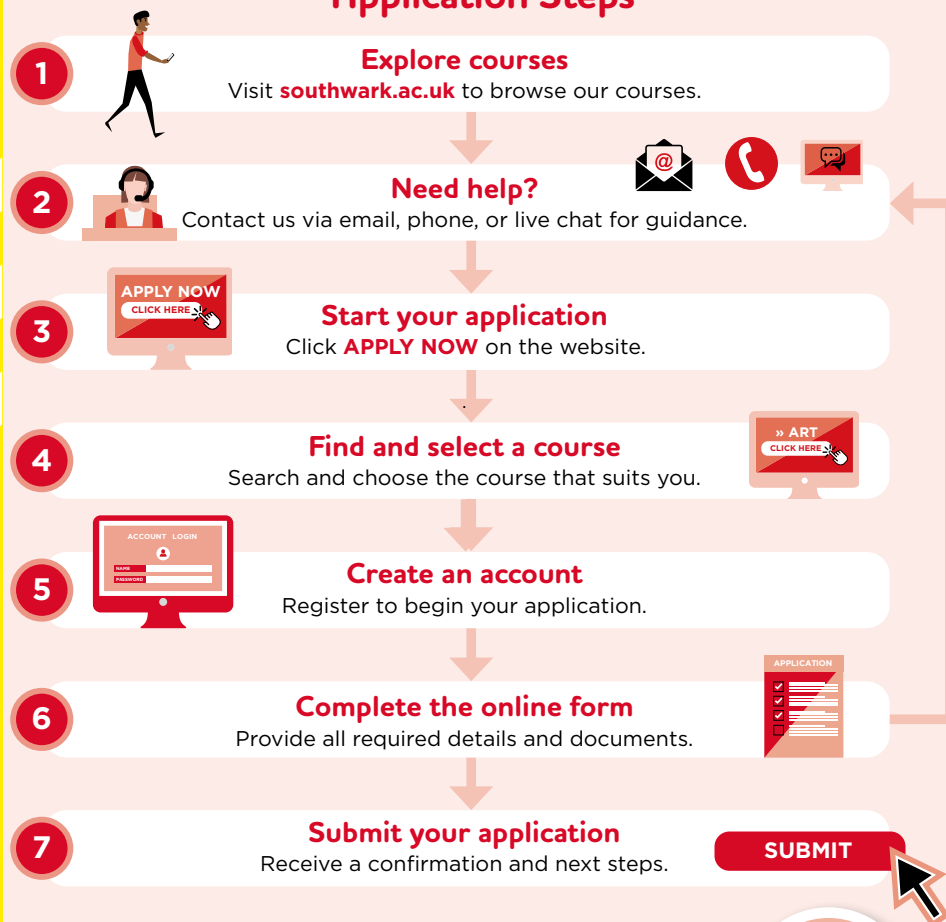
As a 16-18-year-old student, you will be on a study programme, designed to give you the skills you need to progress to further study or a job in your chosen career. A study programme consists of:



Your journey: From application to enrolment

Follow these simple steps to apply for a course.

Application Steps



Apply today at southwark.ac.uk/apply



What happens next?

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation email and an invitation to the next stage of the process.

After completing the application process and having received a conditional offer for your chosen course, you will receive an invitation via email to book your enrolment appointment in August.

This is where you fully enrol and receive your Learner Agreement and Student ID card.





southwark.ac.uk/art



Art and Design



Unleash your creativity with our Art and Design courses

Dive into a world of creativity where you can explore and experiment in our modern studios. Build a standout portfolio and equip yourself with the skills for exciting careers in graphic design, animation, and art.



What you will experience:

- » Hands-on techniques and tools in well-equipped studios
- » Portfolio development to showcase your best work
- » Essential skills for higher-level study and careers
- » Engaging lessons, workshops, and projects
- » Learning research methods and expressing your ideas effectively



Our courses include:

- L1 UAL Award and Diploma in Art, Design and Media**
- L2 UAL Award and Diploma in Art and Design Fine Art Pathway**
- L3 UAL Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication Art and Design Pathway**



southwark.ac.uk/business



Business and Finance



Do you have an eye for opportunity and innovation?

Our Business and Finance courses will equip you with essential skills for the business and finance world. Under the guidance of experienced teachers and industry professionals, you will engage in real-world projects that prepare you for careers in accounting, administration, finance, and more.

What you will experience:

- » Exploring theories in strategy, consumer psychology, marketing, and operations
- » Collaborating on group projects that reflect real business scenarios
- » Improving presentation skills through team tasks
- » Gaining insights from professionals in international organisations



Our courses include:

- L1** Introduction to Business and Finance
- L2** Certificate in Business
- L3** National Foundation Diploma in Business
- T L3** Management and Administration



southwark.ac.uk/dance



Dance



Join a vibrant community dedicated to honing their dance skills and achieving excellence.

In our modern dance studios, you will engage in technique classes, creative sessions, and live performances designed to elevate your artistry and ensure you are well-prepared for applications, auditions, and dance school and university interviews.



What you will experience:

- » Collaborative rehearsals to enhance performance dynamics
- » Engaging tutorials focused on dance theory and history
- » Opportunities to showcase your talents in live performances



Our courses include:

- L2 UAL Diploma in Performing and Production Arts**
- L3 UAL Diploma and Extended Diploma in Performing and Production Arts Dance Pathway**



southwark.ac.uk/drama



Drama



Unleash your talent with our drama courses

Our Drama courses are designed to equip you with the skills, knowledge, and understanding necessary for progression to degree-level study and employment in the performing arts sector. Learn from experienced tutors who bring industry insights, and benefit from our strong connections with renowned local theatres, such as the Young Vic.



What you will experience:

- » Practical dramatic arts training to develop your performance skills
- » Opportunities to build your own portfolio showcasing your work
- » Engaging written research projects to deepen your understanding
- » Collaborative group projects that enhance teamwork and creativity
- » Insightful lessons from professionals within the theatre industry



Our courses include:

L2 UAL Diploma in Performing and Production Arts
Dance and Drama

L3 UAL Diploma and Extended Diploma in Performing and Production Arts
Drama Pathway



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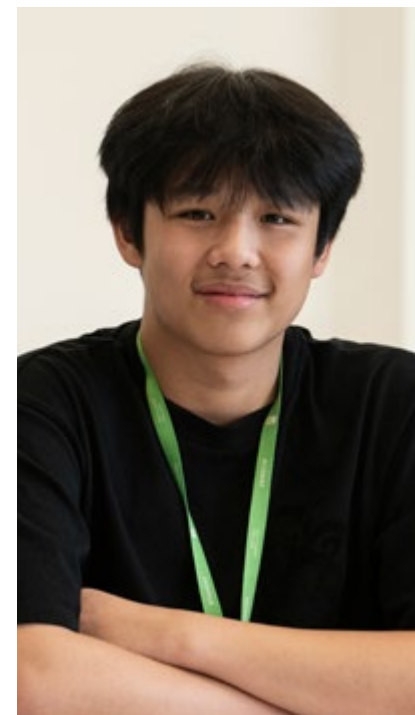
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Giving you the skills you need if English is not your first language

We offer English, maths and ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) courses at all levels and for a range of specialist careers, which means you can study on exactly the right course for you.

What you will experience:

- » Improve your English language with the support of dedicated teachers
- » Learn about British culture and citizenship
- » Gain vital skills for a variety of purposes, including employment, further study or communicating with English speaking friends and family



Our courses include:

ESOL 16-18s Study Programme
Pre-Entry, Entry, Level 1 and 2



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GCSE Programme

GCSE
PROGRAMME

Helping you gain key qualifications for many careers

Learners who join the GCSE Programme at Southwark College study a mix of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, as well as English and Maths, if required. The programme is especially suitable for learners looking to pursue further scientific study.



What you will experience:

- » How to apply scientific principles and analyse forensic evidence, as well as develop key laboratory techniques
- » Learning in extensive science laboratories and classrooms
- » Learning through the guidance of expert teachers and support from a personal tutor during the course



Our courses include:

- L2** GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- L2** GCSE Maths
- L2** GCSE English



southwark.ac.uk/health



Health and Social Care



Develop your desire for helping people

Our government recognised courses will give you the essential knowledge and expertise to work in this rewarding care sector.

What you will experience:

- » Gaining a thorough understanding of equality, diversity, inclusion, healthcare legislation and health and safety
- » Opportunities to gain real experience in the Health Industry, caring for those in need in a variety of settings



Our courses include:

- L1** Introduction to Health Care and Science
- L2** Certificate in Health and Social Care
- L3** National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care
- T L3** Supporting Healthcare
Supporting the Care of Children and Young People



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IT, Computing and Digital

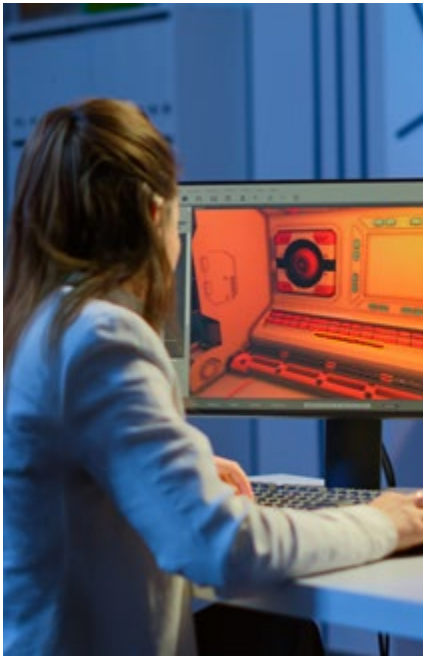


Prepare for a career in the fast-growing digital world

Digital is the backbone of the modern world. Whether you are interested in becoming an IT project leader, developing and maintaining websites, or providing customer support, our courses will give you the essential skills to pursue a career in your chosen field.

What you will experience:

- » Use of contemporary ICT systems within modern computer labs
- » Collaborating on group projects that reflect real digital business scenarios
- » Gaining insights from professionals from the industry



Our courses include:

- L1** Introduction to Digital Skills
- L2** Certificate in Digital Industries and Technology
- L3** National Foundation Diploma in Information Technology
- T L3** Digital Software Development



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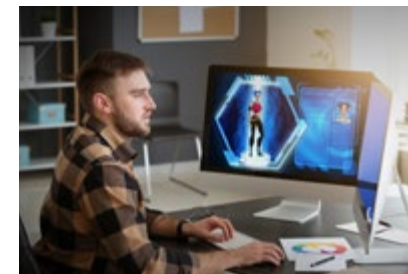


Media



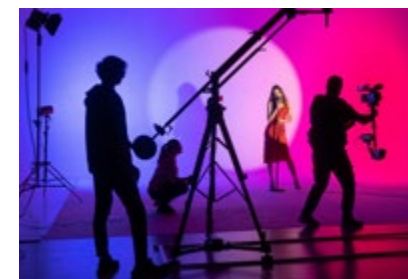
Use Your Creative Skills to Entertain, Educate and Inform

On our media courses you will discover the latest techniques and learn how to use state-of-the-art equipment. Whether you want to be a filmmaker, animator or graphic designer, our courses will bring you a step closer to your dream.



What you will experience:

- » Learning in our well-equipped TV, Film and Media Suites
- » Building that all-important showreel or portfolio
- » Receiving hands-on experience, with practical learning experiences



Our courses include:

- L2** **UAL Award and Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology**
Filmmaking and TV Production Pathway
- L2** **UAL Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology**
Games Design Pathway
- L3** **UAL Diploma in Creative Practice: Art Design and Communication**
Media Pathway
- L3** **UAL Diploma and Extended Diploma**
TV and Film Production and Graphic Design Pathway
- L3** **NEXTGEN Diploma in Games Animation and VFX Skills**



southwark.ac.uk/music



Music



Our dynamic Music courses are designed to improve your knowledge to progress to further study or into a working environment

You will develop skills in producing, editing, mixing, studio recording and DJ. You will also learn to use Logic X software and carry out written research projects and group work to help you develop a wider skillset.



What you will experience:

- » Introduction to a range of skills in music performance and production
- » Learning in specialist music studios and classrooms
- » Trips and performances in creative venues
- » Opportunities to get involved with projects with external partners



Our courses include:

- L2 UAL Award and Diploma in Music Performance and Production**
- L3 UAL Diploma and Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production**



southwark.ac.uk/science



Science



Take your enthusiasm for experiments and research to the next level

On our science courses you will learn the fundamentals of your chosen specialism and put theory into practice in our high-tech labs, preparing you for a fascinating future in a range of industries.



What you will experience:

- » Learning how to apply scientific principles and analyse forensic evidence
- » Developing key laboratory techniques in our high-tech laboratories
- » Improving presentation skills through team tasks



Our courses include:

- L2** Certificate in Science
- L2** GCSE Triple Science
- L3** National Diploma in Applied Science
- T L3** Science Laboratory Practice



southwark.ac.uk/supported-learning



Supported Learning



Helping every learner to achieve their potential

We offer Supported Learning courses to support people with Educational Health Care Plans and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. On our Supported Learning courses students gain more independence, improve knowledge and get the guidance and encouragement they need to successfully move into work.



What you will experience:

- » Help in deciding which course is best for you when you visit the College at an information event
- » Built-in support to ensure you get the most out of your time at the College and progress
- » Being part of a small, friendly group of students
- » Learning at your own pace to prepare you for the world of work and independence



Our courses include:

Skills for Progression Programme

Supported Internship Programme

Towards Independence Programme



southwark.ac.uk/travel



Travel and Tourism



Make your passion for travel your career

You will gain the practical training and develop skills employers are looking for whilst learning in facilities that reflect what you will find in the workplace.

What you will experience:

- » Practical hands-on learning in spaces like our mock aircraft cabin
- » Develop a broad skillset which can lead to further learning, or a first step in this fast-paced industry
- » Collaborative group projects that enhance teamwork
- » Lessons from professionals within the Travel and Tourism industry



Our courses include:

- L1** Introduction to Aviation and Travel and Tourism
- L2** Certificate to Aviation Travel and Tourism
- L2** Certificate in Cabin Crew
- L2** Certificate in Events Planning

Fees, finances and bursaries

Tuition is usually free on the majority of courses for all UK or EU students who are aged 16-18 on 31 August on the year of entry to the course.

There may be additional charges for course books, materials or equipment.

Information about these costs will be given to you when you enrol.

Studying at Southwark College is an investment in your future.

It is important to us that attending college is affordable and that you have access to any financial support for which you are eligible, including bursaries that could help you pay for meals, travel, equipment and materials.

Our Student Services team can help you to apply for additional bursaries or funding, including:

» 16+ Oyster card

This scheme offers free travel on TFL bus routes if you are an eligible 16- 18 year old and live in a London borough, or half-price if you don't live in a London borough.

» Free college meals

You could be eligible for free meals at College if you are under 18 and your parent or carer receives benefits such as Universal Credit.

» Care to Learn scheme

Successful applicants of this scheme can receive support towards childcare costs while you study if you are under 20 and a parent. You can only claim the payment if you or your partner are not already claiming equivalent support.

» Totum Card

The National Union of Students (NUS) Totum card gives you access to discounts for eating out, shopping, music, travel and more.

» National 16-19 bursary

Successful applicants of this bursary receive funds for course related expenditure if their household income meets the threshold.

» Vulnerable Young Person bursary

If you are a young person in care, care leaver, young person, receiving income support, you could apply for funds to support your studies.

» Council bursaries

Some London boroughs offer student bursaries to their young residents who are in education and training.

Visit the Student Services team on campus or email **bursaries@southwark.ac.uk** for further advice and guidance on applying for a bursary or accessing financial support.

Information correct at the time of going to print, please visit **southwark.ac.uk/finance** for the latest information.

All financial support is subject to eligibility and availability.



Contact us

Our team of Advisors are available to help you find out more about all of our courses and provide information, advice and guidance on how you can take the next step towards your future career.

If you would like to get in touch with Southwark College, you can use our live chat on our website, call or email us using the details below.

Southwark College

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020 3757 4000 | info@southwark.ac.uk

southwark.ac.uk/contact-us



Southwark College aims to provide the most up-to-date information in its prospectuses and on its website. However, it may be necessary to move or withdraw courses due to unforeseen circumstances. Where a course is cancelled or amended in any way to that advertised, the College will try to transfer students to an alternative course, should one exist that is appropriate and available but the College cannot guarantee the provision of all courses advertised in this guide or on the website. You are, therefore, advised when making an application to or enrolment with Southwark College to satisfy yourself as to any amendments or alterations that may affect your particular course and the course fees in place when you enrol, which will supersede any previously advertised. All courses are subject to validation, availability, eligibility and additional support requirements. You will not be guaranteed a place on a course until you have fully enrolled and received your Learning Agreement. Please visit southwark.ac.uk for further information.

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