



T LEVELS
GUIDE FOR
STUDENTS
AND
PARENTS



INTRODUCING T LEVELS: DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE



- ⬆️ 2 Year Programme
- ⬆️ Equivalent To 3 A Levels
- ⬆️ Minimum 315 hours (approx 45 days) industry placement

T Levels are a two year technical programme that provide young people with a high-quality alternative to A Levels. They have been developed in collaboration with employers, and combine theory, practical and classroom learning with a minimum 315 hours (approx 45 days) industry placement. After completing the course students can progress directly into work or further study.

The Manchester College is delighted to be successfully delivering T Levels since 2021, offering our students a new and exciting path for them to start their journey to industry excellence.

The Manchester College offer T Levels in our Industry Excellence Academy in ten subject areas.

Animal Care and Management	Animal Care and Management
Business Management and Finance	Business Management and Administration
	Finance
Construction	Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrical Installation)
	Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
Craft and Design	Ceramics Maker
	Textiles and Fashion Maker
Digital	Digital Business Services
	Digital, Production, Design and Development
	Digital Support Services
Education and Early Years	Education and Early Years (Assisting Teaching)
	Education and Early Years (Educating Early Years)
Engineering and Manufacturing	Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)
	Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing (Mechanical Engineering)
	Maintenance, Installation and Repair (Light and Electrical Vehicles)
Hair Beauty and Aesthetics	Barbering
	Beauty Therapy
	Hairdressing
Health and Healthcare Science	Health (Assisting Adult Nursing)
	Science (Laboratory Science)
Media, Broadcast and Production	Media, Broadcast and Production

These subject areas have been chosen not only to give a wide variety of choice to our students but also to align with anticipated high demand skill areas for Greater Manchester and the wider North West region in the coming years.



WHO CAN STUDY A T LEVEL?

T Levels can be studied by any young person aged 16-18 and students up to age 24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

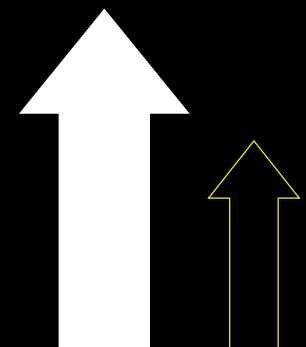
If you are interested in taking a T Level you will need to achieve the below entry requirements, as well as attend our Jump Start to T Levels programme.

Subject Area	Entry requirements for T Levels
Animal Care and Management	Applicants must have a minimum of four GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including a Grade 4 or above in English, maths, and science.
Business Management and Finance	Applicants must have 5 GCSEs including Grade 4 or above in English and maths, preferably a Grade 5 in maths. For our T Level in Finance, applicants should preferably have a Grade 5 in English as well as maths. A previous qualification in Business is desirable. You'll take part in an interview as part of the application process.
Craft and Design	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and maths. You must also attend an interview with a portfolio of work demonstrating skills, knowledge and dedication in Art, Craft and Design
Construction	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 5 or above and this must include English and maths. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process.
Digital	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Grade 4 and above in English and maths (preferably Grade 5). A previous qualification in digital is desirable. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process.
Education and Early Years	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Grade 4 or above in English and maths. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process.
Engineering and Manufacturing	Applicants must have 5 GCSE's including Grade 6 or above in English and maths, and a Grade 5 or above in science. For our T Level in Maintenance, Installation and Repair (Light and Electrical Vehicles), applicants must possess a GCSE Grade 4 in either maths or English with the other at GCSE Grade 3 and, preferably, a science GCSE at Grade 4. All applicants will also take part in an interview as part of the application process.
Hair Beauty and Aesthetics	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and maths. All applicants will also take part in an interview as part of the application process.
Health and Healthcare Science	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Grade 4 or above in English, maths and science. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process.
Media Broadcast and Production	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and maths. You will take part in an interview as part of the application process. Applicants will also be required to submit a digital portfolio to demonstrate their creative skills in relation to social media and digital content.

If you don't quite achieve these grades and would still like to pursue a T Level there is the option of a T Level Foundation Year, which will then allow you to move on to a T Level the following year and gain a qualification at the same time*. Additionally you may still be accepted on a T Level if you successfully complete the Jump Start to T Levels programme and interview regardless of achieved grades.



**Subject to meeting the course requirements to progress onto a T Level.*



T LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR

We offer the following T Level Foundation Year programmes as part of our Industry Excellence Academy.

Animal Care and Management	Animal Care
Business Management and Finance	Business Administration and Finance
Construction	Building Services Engineering (Electrical Installation)
	Design and Surveying
Craft and Design	Ceramics
	Textiles and Fashion
Digital	Cyber Skills for the Digital Age
Education and Early Years	Education and Early Years (Working in Early Years and Primary Settings)
Engineering and Manufacturing	Engineering
	Vehicle Fitting Principles
Hair, Beauty and Aesthetics	Beauty Therapy
	Hairdressing
Health and Healthcare Science	Health and Social Care
	Science
Media, Broadcast and Production	Creative Media, Broadcast and Production

JUMP START TO T LEVELS

Both our T Levels and T Levels Foundation Year programmes require completion of our Jump Start to T Levels programme as an entry requirement. The programme is an introduction to our Industry Excellence Academy, T Level and T Level Foundation Year programmes where students can meet their teachers and experience what learning at The Manchester College is like. Students will take part in a project based learning experience to demonstrate their creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills, as well as their resilience, timekeeping and commitment.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A T LEVEL AND AN APPRENTICESHIP?

If you opt to take a T Level you will spend 20% of your time on an industry placement and 80% in the classroom.

This is reversed for an apprenticeship where you would typically spend 80% of your time in employment and 20% in the classroom.

If you're interested in finding out more about apprenticeships or would like to go down this route, then Total People, our dedicated apprenticeship provider and sister organisation, will be able to help. You can visit totalpeople.co.uk for more information.



IS A T LEVEL RIGHT FOR ME?

If you are moving on from your GCSE studies and want to develop your skills to obtain a qualification that is linked directly to a future career, then a T Level might be for you.

T Levels are ideal for you if you would enjoy a practical approach to your studies, including a minimum 315 hours (approx 45 days) industry placement.

WILL UNIVERSITIES ACCEPT STUDENTS THAT HAVE A T LEVEL?

Yes they will. While T Levels will prepare you to progress into a career, you can also choose to continue onto university to take a degree. If you don't want to move straight into a job, other options are also available to you including undertaking further technical training such as a Higher Apprenticeship. Upon successful completion of our T Level courses you will be guaranteed progression to a Higher Education course at UCEN Manchester.

HOW ARE T LEVELS GRADED?

The grading system, and relevant UCAS tariff points, can be seen in the table below

T Level grade	Distinction*	Distinction	Merit	Pass (C or above on the core)	Pass (D or E on the core)
A Level equivalent grade	A* A* A*	AAA	BBB	CCC	DDD
UCAS tariff points	168	144	120	96	72

T LEVELS AT THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE: DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE

The Manchester College has a reputation for delivering exceptional vocational and technical training that helps students on their journey to amazing.

We passionately believe in helping you to reach your ultimate goal, focussing on your future employability and developing the technical and professional skills you need to have a successful career.

Everything we do, from the courses we offer, the advice and support we provide and the industry placements we will help you to secure, is about preparing you for industry and helping you to take the steps you need to secure your first job in your dream career.

To help us achieve this we have developed a wide variety of partnerships with employers and businesses. This has not only enabled our students to gain invaluable workplace experience but also shaped our course offerings to ensure that, after completing their courses, our students have all the skills they need to go on to a rewarding and successful career.

This experience means that we are ideally placed to deliver an exceptional technical education and have everything in place to ensure that you can excel when you opt to study a T Level in one of our Industry Excellence Academies. Our expert tutors and dedicated employability team will provide real opportunities to develop your skills helping you to stand out from the crowd.

What's more, when you choose to study a T Level at The Manchester College you will be coming to a college that is both rated Good by Ofsted in all areas and is the number one further education college for overall achievement in Greater Manchester.

That's why we consistently meet our aspiration to ensure that our students are successful on their journey to amazing.

THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE T AWARD

Those successful in gaining a place on a T Level will be eligible for the 'T Award', a package of benefits that includes:

- ↑ £300 per year bursary*
- ↑ Curriculum based incentives
- ↑ Free branded work wear
- ↑ Opportunity to take part in collegewide competitions
- ↑ Minimum 20% delivery by industry experts
- ↑ Access to industry standard laptop* (as appropriate)
- ↑ Guaranteed progression to a Higher Education course at UCEN Manchester
- ↑ Bursary incentive if progressing to UCEN Manchester
- ↑ Minimum 45-day industry placement
- ↑ Digital upskilling
- ↑ Master classes
- ↑ And much more

**Subject to requirements including 95% attendance, positive attitude and grade profile.*

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit tmc.ac.uk to apply online to any of the Level 3 T Level and Level 2 Foundation Year programmes.

To find out more about T Levels visit our Industry Excellence Academy website: industry-excellence.tmc.ac.uk/t-levels

You can also hear from our students on what it's like to study a T Level at The Manchester College by watching our case study videos on our T Level You Tube playlist. Scan the QR code below to watch.





EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners.

This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.

To find out more about T Levels and our wide range of vocational courses please visit tmc.ac.uk

