

HND Sustainable Business Management for England

Would you like to gain the skills and knowledge you need to be able to deliver successful sustainable business activities?

By covering core topics such as sustainability, the business environment and corporate social responsibility, you will develop a solid understanding of sustainable business management with this HND qualification.



Course Overview

The new BTEC Higher National qualifications in Sustainable Business Management includes a work-related curriculum that is designed to address an increasing need to equip students with the right skills and competencies for the workplace, or progression to further higher education study. Pathways have been aligned to IfATE occupational standards.

It provides students with an exciting and informative study programme that stimulates and challenges students.



Course Features

- An exciting and informative study programme that stimulates and challenges
- Up-to-date content that is closely aligned with occupational standard Level 4 Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Practitioner, professional body and employer needs
- Core competencies developed throughout the curriculum, to support lifelong learning skills for personal and professional development
- The knowledge, skills and behaviours required for employment in roles including responsibility business officer, environmental, social and governance officer and corporate responsibility officer



Career Options

- Management trainee programme
- Corporate citizenship administrator
- Responsible business officer
- Environmental, social and governance (ESG) coordinator

Progression to:

- Corporate responsibility officer
- Sustainability and ESG specialist
- Corporate social responsibility (CSR) business partner
- Diversity and inclusion and CSR manager
- ESG programme manager

Course Information

In your first year as an HND Sustainable Business Management student, you will focus on gaining a sound theoretical and practical understanding of sustainable business management through the development of your knowledge and skills in the foundations of sustainability, the business environment, leadership and management and corporate governance and ethics.

You will go on to develop a deeper understanding of corporate social responsibility, organisational behaviour and topics such as change management and team and individual development. You will also be required to complete a research project based around the sustainable needs of industry.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 64 UCAS points from one of, or a combination of, the qualifications below, ideally in a relevant subject:

- T Level Pass (D or E in Core)
- GCE A Level (typical offer DDE or CEE)
- BTEC Extended Diploma (MPP)
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- OCR National Extended Diploma/Diploma: Extended – P2; Diploma – P1 or M2
- Irish Highers/Scottish Highers: Irish – H4, H5, H5, H5, H5; Scottish – DDDC
- QAA recognised Access to HE Diploma, Open College Units or Open University Credits

Please note: we accept a maximum of 20 UCAS points from GCE AS Levels and that the Welsh Baccalaureate (core) and A Level General Studies will be recognised in our offer. We will also consider a combination of A Levels and BTECs/OCRs.

Non-standard entry: applicants aged 21 years of age or over without standard academic qualifications may be able to demonstrate considerable vocational experience and transferable skills. Their applications will be viewed on an individual basis to assess suitability. Any applicant who has not received certification for prior learning experiences, but has worked within the discipline, will also be considered. In some instances, applicants may be asked to attend an interview or complete a written assessment to support their application.

Contextualised Admissions: to support access and participation in Higher Education, University Centre Reaseheath operates a contextualised admissions policy, which allows reduced offers to be made to students with certain characteristics and/or social background. Further information can be found in the UCR Contextualised Admissions Policy, available on the website.

International Students: This course is not accepting applications from students requiring sponsorship for a Student visa. If you do not require sponsorship please contact UCRAmissions@reaseheath.ac.uk for further information.

Level 4

- Unit 1 – Principles of Sustainability
- Unit 2 – The Contemporary Business Environment
- Unit 3 – Operational Planning and Management
- Unit 4 – Sustainable Business Practice
- Unit 5 – Corporate Governance and Ethics
- Unit 6 – Sustainable Leadership and Management
- Unit 7 – Project Management (Pearson-set)
- Unit 8 – Research Data and Techniques

Level 5

- Unit 9 – Research Project (Pearson-set – 30 credits)
- Unit 10 – Organisational Behaviour Management
- Unit 11 – Environmental, Social and Governance Planning
- Unit 12 – CSR Event Management
- Unit 13 – Principles of Change Management
- Unit 14 – Developing Individuals, Teams and Organisations
- Unit 15 – Budget Management

Teaching & Learning

Overall workload

Year 1

- 40% of your time is spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity.
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment: 1,200 hours
- Independent Study: 720 hours

Year 2

- 40% of your time is spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity.
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment: 1,200 hours
- Independent Study: 720 hour

Assessment & Feedback

Assessment

Module assessments are designed to encourage both academic and workplace skill development. They include a wide range of coursework-based assessments including reports, data processing, presentations, and more. Assessments will be spread throughout the year to give you the greatest level of support and feedback whilst maintaining an even, manageable workload.

Feedback

Feedback is supplied via our online submissions system (Turnitin) or directly from the module tutor. The majority of submissions are made via Turnitin and feedback for coursework is provided within twenty working days after the submission date.

Written feedback will be supported verbally should the student require clarification. Formative assessment feedback will be provided at the time of completion where possible, with more detailed summative feedback for reports.

Information

Timetable

Students will be able to access course timetables for the academic year in September.

Timetables are subject to change, but most students can expect to spend between 2.5 and 3 days per week on campus.

How much will this course cost?

Tuition Fees


As a student at UCR, you will have two main costs to meet; your tuition fees and living costs.

Our full-time tuition fees for UK and EU students, entering University, can be found on our [student finance page](#). These fees are charged for each academic year of a course and are set by the college annually.


Tuition fees for international students can also be found on our [student finance page](#).


Additional Costs

Learning Resources: All learning resources will be available through the college library or VLE as E-Books, therefore there is no formal requirement to purchase textbooks. Although a list of recommended texts is provided, we also promote the use of online journals, e-books, webinars and podcasts.

 **How to Apply**
Apply directly through UCAS

 **UCAS Code**
HNSB

 **Course Length**
Full-time: 2 years

 **UCAS Entry Requirements**
A minimum of 64 UCAS points

 **Start Date**
September 2025