

# School of Lifelong Education and Development

## The Effective Learner

### The Bradford Foundation Year

The Bradford Foundation Year provides an initial entry point for young people who may need an introductory year of study. The course will give students the confidence, knowledge and experience they will find invaluable when taking their learning forward. Students study in a supportive and flexible learning environment on either a full- or part-time basis. The course has two core modules which provide students with the skills they will need if they are to maximise their learning experience. The key module of this group is the *Effective Learner* which is designed to develop independent learning skills. The module helps students to develop a self-awareness that encourages them to build on their own strengths and to employ techniques of learning and understanding that will serve them well in their time in education.

As part of the programme on offer to schools, the University is proposing to offer a route onto this Foundation programme to students who can demonstrate that they can operate at this level. We will do this by offering the *Effective Learner* module to school students in Years 12 and 13. The module could be delivered in schools or on campus depending on numbers.

It is envisaged that it would function in a number of ways. It would help strengthen learning skills for those students who are to move into higher education, giving them a head start (we will also boost their points tally for the University by the maximum allowed – 30 points for students wishing to enter Combined Studies or degree programmes on the list below). It would also provide a fallback position if the student did not gain the required grades for direct entry onto the first year of a degree programme, as successful completion would guarantee an interview for a place on the Foundation programme. It could also be used as a way of providing a new direction for students who have been pursuing a vocational route and wish to change direction and move into HE.

In essence, school students who successfully demonstrate that they can perform well on the *Effective Learner* module would have developed skills which will help them in higher education, have a points advantage for entry onto three-year degree programmes or have a good chance of a full-time place on a four-year degree programme.

Upon successful completion of the Foundation, students can either join then BA(Hons) and BSc(Hons) degree programmes in Combined Studies or transfer onto a variety of degree programmes\* including:

- Foundation Degrees
- BSc Accounting and Finance
- BA Applied Criminal Justice Studies
- BA Archaeology
- BSc Business and Management Studies
- BSc Business Economics
- BA Business Studies and Law
- BA or BSc Combined Studies
- FdA/BA Community Regeneration and Development

- BA Computer Animation
- BA Conflict Resolution
- BA Creative Writing
- BA Design for Computer Games
- BA Development and Peace Studies
- BA Digital Media
- BSc Digital Media and Technologies
- BSc E-Business Technology and Management
- BSc Economics
- BA English
- BA Film Studies
- BSc Financial Economics
- BA History (Modern European)
- BA History and Law
- BA History and Politics
- BSc Human Resource Management
- BSc Information and Communications Technologies (all pathways)
- BSc Information Technology Management
- BSc Interactive Systems and Video Games Design
- BA Interdisciplinary Human Studies (IHS) (all pathways)
- BSc International Business and Management
- BSc International Economics
- BA International Relations and Security Studies
- LLB Law
- BSc Marketing
- BA Media Studies (all pathways)
- BSc Media Technology and Production
- BA Peace Studies
- BA Politics
- BA or BSc Psychology
- BSc Psychology and Crime
- BA Psychology and Management
- BA Social Policy and Sociology
- BA Sociology
- BA Sociology and Psychology
- BSc Technology Management
- BA Television Production
- BSc Web Design and Technology

Some courses provide progression that is not automatic upon completion of the foundation programme. These courses accept students who successfully complete the foundation programme and who are also successful in the selection process for the course. These courses are:

- BA Social Work
- FdA/BA Working with Children, Young People and Families
- BSc Psychology with Health
- BSc Psychology with Counselling
- Advanced Diploma or BSc in Nursing
- BSc Midwifery Studies
- BSc Occupational Therapy
- BSc Physiotherapy
- BSc Diagnostic Radiography

\* *Subject to availability*

This is not an exhaustive list of courses – please contact the School for full details.