

Education BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: XX30 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2024/2025

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

A degree in Education is a dynamic and stimulating opportunity to study the individual, social, and political forces that shape education, in all its forms. If you are interested in how and why we learn, both formally and informally, in the UK or abroad, then studying Education will challenge and excite you in equal measure. Studying Education at Liverpool Hope will help you to develop academically, professionally, and personally. Our degree is structured around the four key disciplines of education: psychology, sociology, history, and philosophy. Throughout the course, you will engage with evidence and research, link theory to practice, and think more deeply about your own values and aspirations.

Education Studies is available as a Single Honours degree, or as part of a Combined Honours degree, in which you study Education alongside another subject. Both Single Honours and Combined Honours students follow the core Education Studies curriculum, detailed overleaf. Single Honours students also follow an additional curriculum that explores the application of education theory to practice in areas such as Education Policy and Education for Social Justice.

By studying Education at Liverpool Hope University, you will become a Hope Education Professional: inspired to put educational theory in to practice, able to critically evaluate current policy, and willing to make a difference in the world. The degree is an ideal foundation for those who decide to go on to train to become a teacher, and a variety of other professions.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2024/2025 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of tuition fees, you will need approximately £100 to purchase key textbooks required for the degree.

For some placements, an additional cost will be required to cover DBS clearance.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls/

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.



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Education BA (Hons) Curriculum

Year One

In Year 1 you will begin to get to grips with how education has been shaped by and understood by philosophy, sociology and psychology over the course of history. You will explore the philosophy of education, looking at a number of topics and thinkers.

You will explore the relationship between education and social inequality in contemporary society and will be introduced to the science of psychology and the use and purpose of the scientific method in psychology.

You also explore the key ideas and concepts in the history of education and you will be introduced to the skills and techniques of educational research and enquiry.

Single Honours students also study an introduction to education policy and investigate the relationship between education, culture and society.

Year Two

In Year 2 you will develop your own critical perspectives in all four disciplines of education. In History of Education you will investigate the development of key levels and types of education in Britain and abroad. While in Sociology of Education, you will develop an understanding of the social, cultural, historical, economic, and political forces that shape education policy.

Psychology of Education will focus on key areas of cognitive psychology, including intelligence, creativity, motivation, and memory. Finally, Philosophy of Education will help you to explore the relationship between ethics and education, looking at Special Educational Needs, Religious Education, and Character Education.

You will also take part in a collaborative active research project related to the specific expertise of one tutor to gain

an understanding of methodology, research ethics, and data analysis.

Single Honours students also explore different approaches to teaching and learning and develop understanding of professional practice through completing a placement.

Year Three

In your final year you will have the opportunity to specialise in two out of the four disciplines of Education. By studying two disciplines in-depth you can tailor your studies to your research interests and career aspirations.

You will examine the role of power in educational contexts drawing upon the work of key theorists Pierre Bourdieu and Michel Foucault. You can also choose to broaden your understanding of psychology by exploring social psychology. There is a focus on key social, economic, and cultural revolutions in European history and their influence on education, such as the French Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and the Civil Rights Movement in your final year.

Single Honours students also study the future of education including the use of digital technology and artificial intelligence. You will also investigate education policy and practice internationally.

All third year students complete a research project giving you the opportunity to apply your knowledge to a 'real-life' problem that interests you. Combined Honours students can choose to undertake a full dissertation, combining Education and their other Major subject, or a shorter research report in Education. Single Honours students complete a full dissertation.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, seminars and tutorials. You will also have workshops, guided reading activities, use online forum discussion groups and utilise the University's Virtual Learning Environment. You also have the opportunity to meet one-to-one with your tutor each week.

If you are studying a Single Honours degree, in your first year there are approximately 12 contact hours each week, which reduces to approximately 10 teaching hours in your second and third years. If you are studying a Combined Honours degree, in your first year there are approximately 6 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 5 teaching hours in your second and third years.

On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to study independently for around 18 hours each week, as well as studying in groups.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your three years of study, you will have a variety of assessments including essays, exams, posters, and portfolios. In your final year, you will also complete a research project.

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutors in more detail.

Longer pieces of writing are supported by interim constructive written and oral feedback.



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