

## Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Below is a table to tell you what these are and how they compare to the traditional university route ...

	Higher and Degree Apprenticeships	Full-time University Study
What is it?	A job with training, which allows you to gain work experience, earn money, and study for a qualification in your chosen subject.	Allows you to study a subject of your choice at a HE institution, to gain the associated qualification level e.g. a degree.
How do you apply?	By completing an application form/submitting a CV to an organisation that is seeking to employ an apprentice. Go to <a href="http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a> for info and apprenticeship opportunities.	All applications for university are done on one central website: <a href="http://www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a> . Your application is made up of a personal statement and a reference from your tutor.
When do you apply?	You can apply throughout the year for apprenticeship vacancies. Just keep an eye out for those in your area of interest.	You apply in Year 13 to start the following year. UCAS have an equal consideration deadline of January 15 <sup>th</sup> . You can still apply after this date.
How do you study?	All apprenticeships are different. A common way to study is to regularly spend a day/several days at university, with the rest of the time spent with your employer.	Most students study full time, however there are options to study part time and through distance learning.
What are the entry requirements?	These vary. Some HDAs are very competitive and ask for good Level 3 qualifications. It's likely there may only be one apprentice role in many organisations.	Institutions and courses will differ. Most will ask for 5 GCSEs including English & Maths, along with 3 A levels or equivalent Level 3 qualifications to a set standard.
Where will you live?	If you work for a local employer you may choose to live at home. Some apprenticeships may require you to relocate; be mindful of this when applying. There may not be support in place with relocating, so make sure you do your research.	All universities have student accommodation that you can apply to live in. This could be student halls or privately rented accommodation. You can also choose to stay at home and commute, if appropriate.
How much are the tuition fees?	Unlike studying for a "traditional" degree at university, there are no tuition fees for apprentices on a higher or degree level apprenticeship.	Universities can charge tuition fees up to £9,250 per year. Most students can apply for a student loan to cover this cost.

Visit [www.shu.ac.uk/hda](http://www.shu.ac.uk/hda) to find out more.

### What if I want to apply for both options ... ?

We recommend you complete your university application as though you ARE going to study full time ...

This means you should still go to open days, make your five course/university choices, choose your firm & insurance, and apply for student finance & accommodation before the deadlines.

You can then DECLINE that full-time university place if you decide to do an apprenticeship.