



BTEC National Diploma & Certificate in Travel & Tourism

BTEC National Diploma in Travel and Tourism equivalent to three A levels.

BTEC National Certificate in Travel and Tourism equivalent to two A levels.

Students can combine this course with an additional A level of their choice.

Both courses run for two years.

These courses provide you with a work-related introduction to the travel and tourism industry. You will learn about the many opportunities in travel and tourism and gain an understanding of the value of the industry locally, nationally and internationally. You may also do the Travel Training Awards (additional travel industry qualification) and Spanish FLAW as additional qualifications to enhance your job prospects.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language.

This course will focus on:

- the travel and tourism industry and how this dynamic sector functions;
- explore the business of travel and tourism – analysing aims and objectives of the range of different companies;
- customer service in travel and tourism;
- the UK as a travel destination and the impact tourism has on the economy;
- research worldwide travel destinations;
- sustainable tourism development and who is responsible; and
- event planning in an ever changing world.

You can expect to:

- take part in presentations and role plays;
- organise events;
- complete written assignments;
- develop display boards;
- visit and study local attractions and destinations;
- attend a work placement in the industry and develop your skills for employment;
- complete additional courses leading to qualifications such as Air Fares and Ticketing, Air Cabin Crew, Airline Grooming and Presentation, Airline Health and Safety (some assessments for this Airline qualification will be held in a mock aircraft requiring students to simulate airline skills and knowledge); and
- First Aid , Spanish FLAW and computerised Reservations Systems.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework portfolio. The BTEC National Certificate is comprised of twelve units and the BTEC National Diploma is comprised of eighteen units. There will be some airline assessments taken under test conditions.

Progression:

This course provides the opportunity to progress to Higher Education such as HND or degree programmes in Tourism or follow pathways into employment within one of the many areas of the travel and tourism industry, such as airlines, tour operations, visitor attractions, tourism development, travel agencies, holiday representatives and event management.

Other information:

You will be expected to take part in educational visits in the UK with the possibility of an overseas residential visit.

In 2008, there was 100% student achievement with the majority of students achieving Merit or Distinction. A number of students progressed on to university to study Tourism Management and into employment in the travel industry.

Success at Havering Sixth Form College:

Nicola Stevens (ex Abbs Cross) achieved a triple distinction in the BTEC National Diploma in Travel and Tourism and is now working for KLM Airlines at City Airport.

Kirsty Broxton (ex Gaynes) achieved a triple distinction in the BTEC National Diploma in Travel and Tourism and is now studying Travel Journalism at Portsmouth University.

Ashleigh Steel (ex Kings Wood) achieved a double distinction and merit in the BTEC National Diploma in Travel and Tourism and is now studying Tourism Management at Surrey University.