

Access to HE (Humanities & Social Sciences)

Course Code: ML1ACHSS

Level: 3

Type: Full Time

02/09/2027 - 23/06/2028 (VAR)

09:00 - 16:00

1 Year(s)

Cambridge Campus

£ 3022 (Funded Course)

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Progression and career opportunities
You may feel that you have not yet fully achieved your potential in terms of your education. This programme offers the chance to develop the skills and knowledge to succeed. We have an excellent track record of student progression into university or other higher education courses including Cambridge and Oxford. This pathway will allow progression onto a variety of Humanities, Arts, Political and Social Science subjects at degree level. Specific examples of degrees include Journalism, Law, Philosophy, Sociology, History & Events Management.

Entry requirements
You will need Level 2 Maths and English, e.g. GCSE Maths and English grade 9 - 4 (A* - C) as a minimum before applying for this course. This is because most degree courses now require at least Level 2 Maths and English in addition to the Access to HE diploma. Occasionally, exceptions are made for this pathway.This can be discussed at your interview. The Access to HE course is designed for students who wish to return to study with a view to going on to Higher Education so we need to make sure you are well prepared for this starting point.

Please research HE requirements very carefully. A STRONG COMMITMENT IS NEEDED AS THE COURSE IS VERY INTENSIVE.

Acceptance onto the Access to HE programme is conditional on you:

• attending a Welcome event where you will be interviewed by a member of the team

• providing a satisfactory reference

• attending Taster days, Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July 2026

Assessment

We want you to achieve to the very best of your ability at CRC. To make this happen we offer both learning and personal support by specialist staff tailored to meet your specific needs.

Assessment is by coursework and examinations. There will be at least one assignment for each unit . These assignments will be written such as essays / research projects; oral e.g. presentations and there will also be examinations at the end of some units.

This programme take one year, starting at the beginning of September and finishing in late June the following year. In addition to timetabled classes, it is expected that students will complete at least 15 hours of further independent study per week.

Finance and Funding

Fully-Funded Level 3 Qualifications

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