

100%
A-level pass
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2011

East Riding College



Course Guide
2012



At East Riding College:

- **Students make exceptional progress**
- **We provide outstanding guidance and support**
- **There is an excellent range of courses**

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A-levels at East Riding College

You can do A-levels at East Riding College in two different ways. Firstly, you can do a full-time A-level programme at our Bridlington campus by picking three or four A-levels from the choice of 19 subjects.

Secondly, you can add an A-level to many of our level three vocational courses through our Advanced Level Studies Programme. You can do this at our Beverley and Bridlington sites, though not all A-levels are available as additional courses. Again, our guidance officers can tell you more.



making education affordable

Financial help for 16 to 18-year-olds in 2012/2013

We've developed an attractive package of financial support for 16 to 18-year olds studying full-time courses during the 2012/2013 academic year. This includes:

- Free travel for those living more than two miles from their place of study (see right)
- Bursary of £1,200 (pro rata for courses of less than 30 weeks) for students who are: In care ('looked after'); care leavers; in receipt of income support; in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance
- Generous support for child care provided by the Care to Learn Scheme. Further information is available at www.direct.gov.uk
- A fully funded sports enrichment programme
- Support with purchasing essential equipment, subject to eligibility

Free transport to College

Fully funded travel is available to full-time 16 to 18-year-old learners living more than two miles from their place of study in 2012/13. Funding is available for the following on those days when attendance at College is required:

1. Travel by East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) buses. This includes services in the East Riding, Hull and North Yorkshire, including Scarborough and Filey
2. Travel on dedicated College services BC4 (starting in Withernsea) and BC8 (starting in Gilberdyke)
3. Travel by train or other public transport if an EYMS service or the BC4 and BC8 are not available

Everyone who applies for a full-time course starting in September 2012 will be sent a form to enable them to apply for free transport to College. Support is at the discretion of the College and subject to satisfactory attendance. Travel on EYMS buses must involve the use of a discount card issued by the College via EYMS. Separate arrangements are in place for those learners aged 19 and over. Please call 0845 120 0037 for more information.

Life

at East Riding College

College life is very different to school; you have more freedom and you're treated more like an adult. At the same time, you're expected to attend your classes and do your work without supervision. Your time at East Riding College will be exciting and interesting. While you're learning essential skills for your chosen career, you'll be having new experiences, making friends for life and maybe even going places you never imagined.

Study visits

Learning isn't just about studying in a classroom; it's also about getting out and about and seeing and doing things for yourself. Many students have the opportunity to go on study visits for a day or for longer periods with recent examples including trips to major cities at home and abroad, eating at a Michelin-starred restaurant and meeting the Hull City first team.

Work experience

We want our students to have the experience to back up their qualifications. Lots of our courses involve placement with a company doing jobs that are relevant to your qualification or career choices. This will give you a real taste of the job and practical experience that will help you in your coursework.

Enrichment

Enrichment is your chance to blow off steam outside of your course. Fancy representing the College at football, rugby, netball or other sports? If this sounds like your kind of thing, you'll love Wednesday afternoon because that's enrichment time.

Student representation

East Riding College has a well-established network of student representatives who meet termly with their head of curriculum area. In addition to this, two representatives from each area attend the College's termly learner focus group meeting and participate in the Student Association's Learner Parliament. Students are also represented on key College committees, including the Board of the Corporation.



Learner voice

All students automatically become members of the College's Student Association upon enrolment. Members of the association's executive are elected annually.

National Union of Students

You also have the opportunity to purchase the NUS Extra card which will give you discounts on clothes, travel, music and eating out.



How to apply

You can apply through the East Riding and Hull Prospectus at www.logonmoveon.co.uk or on our own website at www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk on your PC, tablet or smart phone. Alternatively, you can request a hard copy application form by calling 0845 120 0037. Applications can be submitted at any time of year. Our interviews are quite informal so please feel free to bring a relative or friend. A satisfactory interview, initial assessment and, for school leavers, a reference are required in addition to the entry criteria listed for your chosen course.

Entry requirements

Full-time A-level programme:

To study four A-levels, you need five GCSE passes at A* to C.

To study three A-levels, you need four GCSEs at A* to C.

Additional conditions may apply to certain subjects.

Combined vocational course and A-level programme:

The entry requirements are those given for the level three vocational course. See our full-time course guide for details.

A-level Maths

One/two years

What is the course about?

If you enjoyed the challenge of problem solving in GCSE Maths then you should find the A-level Maths course interesting. It will provide you with skills very much in demand for a wide range of jobs and higher education study.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

A-level Maths will extend your knowledge of a variety of topics you began to study at GCSE as well as introducing a range of new ones.

Topics include:

- algebra
- trigonometry
- vectors
- differentiation
- integration

A-level English Language and Literature

One/two years

What is the course about?

In this course, students are given a range of opportunities to study texts and practise producing their own writing for different audiences and purposes and to study prose, poetry and drama texts from a prescribed list. The course appeals to a wide range of students, offering the opportunity to examine and understand the English language and develop writing skills. Further and wider reading is essential and students should be prepared to read extensively throughout the course.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

- Language, its use and effects in literary and non-literary texts
- Study of written and spoken texts
- Poetry, prose, drama and non-literary texts
- Creating texts for different audiences and purposes

A-level History

One/two years

What is the course about?

This course supports historical study that promotes an understanding of change and development over time, plus an understanding of change over a short period studied in depth.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

- History of more than one country or state or the history of more than one period
- Aspects of the past in breadth and in depth
- Significant individuals, societies, events, developments and issues within a broad historical context
- Developments affecting different groups within the societies studied
- A range of appropriate historical perspectives, for example: aesthetic; cultural; economic; ethnic; political; religious; scientific; social or technological

In addition, you will look at:

- Substantial and coherent element of British history and/or the history of England, Scotland, Ireland or Wales
- Change and development over a period of time sufficient to demonstrate understanding of the process of change, both long term and short term



A-levels

A-level Law

One/two years

What is the course about?

This course will be of interest to you if you have a strong interest in law. Students do not need to have studied law at GCSE. Law is an excellent qualification for a wide range of university courses.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

Module one: Law making and the legal system

- Law making
- Parliamentary law making
- Delegated legislation
- Statutory interpretation
- Judicial precedent
- The legal system: Civil courts and other forms of dispute solving
- Legal profession and sources of advice
- Criminal courts and lay people
- The judiciary
- Introduction to criminal liability
- Introduction to tort

A-level Psychology

One/two years

What is the course about?

This course enables you to examine 15 important research studies that have influenced psychological thinking and investigate the methodology used by psychologists to study people.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

You will cover the following areas:

- Social psychology
- Cognitive psychology
- Physiological psychology
- Developmental psychology
- Individual differences

A-level Human Biology

One/two years

What is the course about?

The A-level Human Biology is for students who show a genuine interest in the subject and who would like to:

- Develop their interest in human biology
- Appreciate how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society
- Develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of human biology and how they relate to each other

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

Module one: The body and its diseases.

- Anatomy (mainly the respiratory system and circulation)
- Disease and lifestyle

Module two: Humans - their origins and adaptations.

- Genetics
- Evolution

A-level Sociology

One/two years

What is the course about?

Sociology is the study of society, people and their behaviour, focusing on the social world – families, the mass media, education, religion, international relations, crime and deviance, social class, race and gender – and our relationship to that world.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

- Exploring socialisation
- Culture and identity
- Gender issues
- The family
- Health
- Social class



A-levels

A-level Economics

One/two years

What is the course about?

This course will be of interest to you if you are interested in how we make choices both as individuals and as a society. You will explore current economic and global issues and look at how economic theories relate to the financial markets and how they affect consumer and producer behaviour. You will also look at issues such as inflation, unemployment and economic growth.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

Unit one: Competitive markets – How they work and why they fail

This unit provides an introduction to the nature of economics and examines how the price mechanism allocates resources in markets. It analyses the nature of market failure, its causes and possible remedies.

Unit 2: Managing the economy

You will be introduced to the key measures of economic performance. You will explore supply and demand and understand why markets may not allocate resources efficiently.

A-level IT

One/two years

What is the course about?

Used everywhere, IT is a huge global industry. This course provides all the necessary technical knowledge together with the creative know-how that will enable you to progress further in this area.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

- Practical Problem Solving in the Digital World
- Developing ICT systems
- Why ICT is being used
- Appropriate use of ICT
- What the implications of its use are now and in the future
- How a particular use of ICT affects society
- The use of ICT in the digital world
- Developments in technology
- ICT system capabilities
- Practical issues involved in the use of ICT

A-level Business Studies

One/two years

What is the course about?

Business studies helps you to develop an understanding of business organisations, the markets they serve and the process of adding value. A business studies qualification is well regarded by both universities and employers as a means of preparing for a wide range of higher education courses and areas of work.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I learn?

There are several broad areas of study including:

- Marketing
- People and communication
- Finance and strategy
- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Management
- Working with others
- Judgement
- Evaluation

A-Level French

One/two years

What is the course about?

This course will be of interest to you if you have a strong interest in the language and culture of French speaking countries. The course will provide you with skills very much in demand for jobs in a global economy.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

You will need to develop language skills to communicate effectively and confidently on different issues and concerns using spoken and written French. In the spoken word unit, students are expected to give relevant and appropriate information and convey opinions, In the written word unit, students are required to understand and convey their understanding of French-language texts and recordings. In addition you will need to produce an essay to demonstrate an ability to manipulate the French language in continuous writing.



A-level Communication and Culture Studies

One/two years

What is the course about?

In this A-level you will examine different cultural practices, cultural products and the way in which cultural meanings are communicated. You will start by looking at your own cultural environment and move on to consider different forms of communication and interpretation both within and between cultures.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

- The nature of culture
- Definitions of culture
- The meanings and practices of everyday life
- High culture and popular culture
- The relationship between culture and value
- Verbal and non – verbal communication
- Group communication

A-Level Spanish

One/two years

What is the course about?

This course will be of interest to you if you have a strong interest in the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries. The course will provide you with skills very much in demand for jobs in a global economy.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

You will need to develop language skills to communicate effectively and confidently on different issues and concerns using spoken and written Spanish. In the spoken word unit, students are expected to give relevant and appropriate information and convey opinions, In the written word unit, students are required to understand and convey their understanding of Spanish-language texts and recordings. In addition you will need to produce an essay to demonstrate an ability to manipulate the Spanish language in continuous writing.

A-level Extended Project

One year

What is the course about?

The extended project is provided as an additional qualification for those studying A-levels in any subject and helps you to develop your project management and autonomous learning skills. It is gaining increasing recognition as a valuable qualification by both employers and universities, and attracts up to 70 UCAS points.

What will I study?

This is an opportunity to produce a project proposal and then plan, research, carry out and evaluate your project, which may be a dissertation, an investigation, a performance or making an artefact. Not only will this course earn you extra UCAS points to help you get into university, it'll prepare you for the higher education style of learning too.

A-level Critical Thinking

One/two years

What is the course about?

Critical thinking is predominantly a practical, skills-based discipline. No specialist knowledge of particular academic subjects is required. However, a course in critical thinking introduces students to a range of concepts, terms and techniques that may be new to them, and which will enable them to reflect on their own and others' thoughts and reasoning. Following this specification should be stimulating and enjoyable. It encourages curiosity, open-mindedness, inventiveness and imagination, as well as being rigorous in its methods.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

This course aims to develop the following:

- Fair-mindedness
- Independence
- Healthy scepticism
- Care and persistence
- Confidence in reasoning
- Intellectual courage

A-level Photography

One/two years

What is the course about?

This course will be of interest to you if you have a passion for visual culture and if you wish to progress to a higher education course in art or photography (either vocational or academic).

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

- Use of light as the most important element in photography
- Digital photography, including the pixel and digital processing
- Viewpoint, composition, focus, shutter speed, exposure
- Image acquisition hardware and software and image manipulation
- Analogies between digital and other forms of photography
- Relationships between colour and tone for screen and print-based media
- Use of a range of source material, software and hardware in the generation and development of ideas

A-level Film Studies

One/two years

What is the course about?

This course will be of interest to you if you have a passion for watching and discussing films and if you wish to progress to a higher education course in film studies (either vocational or academic).

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

Unit one: Exploring film form

- The 'language' of film,
- How that 'language' is read by audiences
- Creative project

Unit two: British and American film

- Exploring the film industry
- British film, including genre, stars and films
- American film topics – comparative study

A-level Art – Textiles

One/two years

What is the course about?

The programme will be based around projects that give the opportunity to demonstrate development of visual and technical skills using a variety of textile methods. This course is offered at the art and design department in Bridlington for anyone who wishes to involve themselves in an exciting specialist area of the profession.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

- Wet and dry felt making
- Dyeing techniques
- Knitting
- Contemporary methods of mixed media collage
- Hand and machine embroidery
- Fabric manipulation
- Digital and block printing

The programme will also involve some history of textiles and its practitioners with an emphasis on current designer makers.

A-level Art – Printmaking

One/two years

What is the course about?

Printmaking is offered at the art and design department for anyone who wishes to involve themselves in a really exciting, but rarely available, specialist area of the profession.

You can study this subject for one year and earn an AS-level or for two years and earn an A2-level.

What will I study?

- Wood engraving
- Wood cut
- Viscosity mono-printing
- Lino cut
- Dry-point
- Non-toxic etching
- Carborundum collograph