

# CAREERS

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**BTEC Business Extended Certificate Level 3**

# WHAT SKILLS WILL I LEARN IN THIS SUBJECT?

Useful skills for Business BTEC typically include:

- **Practical application skills:** The core of Business BTEC is applying theoretical knowledge in practical, real-world contexts.
- **Problem-solving skills:** Critical thinking and the ability to solve problems are crucial, as the course often focus on real-world challenges and scenarios.
- **Time management and organisation:** With project-based learning and multiple assignments, being organised and managing time effectively is key to success.
- **Communication skills:** Effective communication, both written and verbal, is vital, as students must often present their ideas, work in teams, and articulate their understanding of course material.



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# WHAT CAREERS IS THIS SUBJECT GOOD FOR?

## Higher Education and Careers

Business BTEC is a highly valued course, and students can pursue degrees in fields like business management, marketing, finance, or entrepreneurship, including at Russell Group universities. To keep university options open, students might consider studying complementary subjects, such as Maths or a language, which can enhance their application for more diverse courses or specialised.

Business programmes. Apprenticeships in various business sectors are also a viable route, offering practical experience and skill development. Career-wise, this diploma opens doors to roles in business administration, human resources, sales, and more.



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Business studies courses are varied and can be general or specialist. Courses usually include business economics, organisational behaviour, financial management and control, marketing, human resources, corporate law, business IT, operations management, quantitative methods and accounting. Some courses offer international options whilst others offer specialisation in areas such as retail, marketing and hospitality. Many courses offer a sandwich placement either in the UK or abroad

According to the Sunday Telegraph, Business and Management were in the top two most popular degree courses for 2024.

According to the Complete University Guide, over two-thirds of business studies graduates are in full-time employment six months after graduation. Of this number, around a fifth work as business and finance professionals in areas such as chartered accountancy, business consultancy, tax, banking, city markets and insurance



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## Business Studies Careers

1. Chartered accountant / financial services
2. Corporate investment banker
3. Management consultant
4. Risk manager
5. Human resources officer
6. Logistics and distribution manager
7. Marketing executive
8. Systems analyst
9. Administration
10. General or specialist management such as retail, or hotel and catering or marketing



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Business Studies Graduates might also enter graduate trainee schemes with large corporate companies. Some graduates go on to study an MBA or qualify in teaching and lecturing. Entrepreneurial graduates might also start their own business.

A business and management studies degree prepares you for a career in business, which may stretch across any sector or industry.

## WHERE TO FIND BUSINESS STUDIES JOB ADVERTS

- Broadsheet daily and Sunday Newspapers, particularly the Financial Times
- Large UK employers e.g. Barclays, BP, John Lewis Partnership, JCB, GlaxoSmithKline, Unilever



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## What should I study alongside BTEC Business?

Combining the Business BTEC with an A-level subject broadens career prospects and skillset, and almost any subject complements it. As examples, Psychology offers insights into consumer behaviour and organisational culture, which are beneficial for marketing and HR roles; PE aligns well for careers in sports management or starting a fitness business; and Photography and Art open opportunities in creative fields like advertising and marketing



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## Is there anything else I should consider?

The vocational nature of the course with its focus on practical skills and real-world applications, makes it a good option for students who thrive in hands-on learning environments rather than exam focused settings.

The course does require commitment and hard work however, and the continuous assessment format means that students need to be consistently engaged and proactive in their studies. While the coursework may not be as theoretically challenging as some A-levels, it demands practical understanding, project management skills, and the ability to apply concepts to real-life business scenarios



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## Top Universities

Over 116 UK universities offer Business Studies. The top 10 UK Universities for Business Studies according to the Complete University Guide are:

1. **University of Oxford** - [University of Oxford](#)
2. **University of Cambridge** - [University of Cambridge](#)
3. **University College London** - [Welcome to UCL | University College London](#)
4. **University of Manchester** - [The University of Manchester](#)
5. **Imperial College London** - [Imperial College London](#)
6. **London School of Economics and Political Science** - [The London School of Economics and Political Science - LSE](#)
7. **University of Sheffield** - [Home | The University of Sheffield](#)
8. **University of Warwick** - [Welcome to University of Warwick](#)
9. **University of Nottingham** - [University of Nottingham](#)
10. **University of Liverpool** - [University of Liverpool](#)



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## Business Studies Degrees

Subjects to study at Level 3:

Business Studies is a good fit with most A Level subjects, including Geography, History and Psychology. It is complementary to more creative subjects such as Media Studies and Design and Technology as every career has a business element to it.

**Wider reading:** BBC Business news websites, the Harvard Business Review magazine and Financial Times. An ability to discuss current business issues, both in the UK and globally is essential.



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## Useful websites for Business Studies

1. [www.prospects.ac.uk/options\\_business\\_and\\_management\\_studies.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/options_business_and_management_studies.htm)
2. [www.inspiringinterns.com](http://www.inspiringinterns.com)
3. [www.graduatetalentpool.direct.gov.uk](http://www.graduatetalentpool.direct.gov.uk)
4. [www.milkround.com](http://www.milkround.com)
5. [www.interwise.co.uk](http://www.interwise.co.uk)
6. <http://www.internship-uk.com/>
7. [www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/](http://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/)
8. <http://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/schools/flying-start-degrees/business-insight-week.jhtml>
9. <http://www.barclays.co.uk/Workexperience/Workexperience/P1242599898207>
10. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/work-experience>



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