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COURSE GUIDE
We are proud partners of the University of the Highlands and Islands and we deliver learning opportunities throughout the Shetland community.

We offer courses in Business, Hospitality and Events; Computing; Community Learning and Essential Skills; Creative Industries; Construction; Health and Care as well as Culture and Heritage.

Our main campus in Lerwick includes a Library, training kitchen, construction workshop, textiles facilitation unit plus much more.

We also deliver courses in Learning Centres situated in more remote locations as well as Mareel, the local Cinema and Music Venue.

We have close working relationships with local schools and we are home to the Centre for Rural Creativity. We also work closely with the Institute of Northern Studies.

Find out more:
www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk

NAFC Marine Centre
University of the Highlands and Islands

We are an educational and scientific institute, located in Scalloway.

The Centre delivers training and education, carries out research and development, and provides consultancy, advisory and other services for the maritime industries.

Facilities include vessels to support research, surveying and training as well as laboratories, engineering workshops and three ship simulators along with a GMDSS radio simulation suite.

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TrainShetland

We manage Modern Apprenticeships across a wide range of businesses throughout Shetland.

Our support to applicants ranges from school leavers through to adults looking for skills-based employment with training.

We are committed to providing a wide range of training to meet local workforce needs. Our accredited training courses are delivered throughout the year and we can develop bespoke courses to meet specific local need.

Find out more:
www.trainshetland.com
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In each section you will find information on Further Education (FE) courses as well as a list of Higher Education (HE) courses offered. More information on HE courses is available from the University of the Highlands and Islands prospectus. If you want a copy of this please contact us on 01595 771000 or email shetland.college@uhi.ac.uk

More information is available on all of our courses online. All the website address details are provided on the back cover or the inside cover. If you can’t find what you are looking for or if you want more information on a course then please get in touch with us.

Thanks for your interest and we hope you enjoy looking through all of the learning opportunities available here in Shetland.

Find your way to jobs and university
Our Business and Hospitality section offers a range of courses in subjects such as: accounting, business, management, events, professional cookery and hospitality.

Our section is well resourced and teaching staff provide a high level of first-line guidance and support to all learners. The learning and teaching spaces are well equipped and you have access to excellent computing facilities with internet access from college computers.

We also offer work-based SVQ awards in Business and Administration and in Management. These qualifications can be studied at a range of levels and there are clear progression routes from one level to the next for students who wish to continue in their studies. Professional cookery courses are work-based qualifications designed for chefs who would like to build on their skills and knowledge. A range of different levels are available making professional cookery ideal if you have just started in the industry or you would like to recognise existing skills with a formal qualification.

Skills for Work Hospitality
SCQF Level 4
Practical-based introduction to hospitality. Learn how a professional kitchen and restaurant operates as well as the different jobs and careers in hospitality. Practical experience of working in a professional environment is included.

Entry requirements:
For Secondary 3 and 4 pupils. There are a limited number of places and therefore all pupils who apply will be given an interview.

Duration: 2 years PT (school)

NC Hospitality
SCQF Level 5
This exciting new course is aimed at those who wish to work in the hospitality industry, either front of house or in the kitchens. It consists of twelve units and is run over three days in college plus one day’s work experience. There will be opportunities for students to work on live events.

Entry requirements:
Four National 4 passes or above, four Standard Grade passes at General Level or above, or relevant work experience.

Duration: 1 year FT / 2 years PT
NC Administration
SCQF Level 5
Gain the skills required for working in an administrative role within any organisation in the public or private sector. As part of the programme there will be the opportunity to plan and take part in a real event.

Entry requirements:
3 National 4s, one of which must be English. 2 Standard Grades at General level (or equivalent), one of which must be English / satisfactory attainment of a SCQF Level 4 course. Applications are encouraged from mature students who do not possess formal qualifications but have appropriate understanding and skills.

Duration: 1 year FT / variable PT

SVQ Business and Administration
SCQF Level 5 / 6 / 8
These courses give you the opportunity to develop expertise and knowledge through on-the-job assessment, as well as gaining vital skills such as team work and problem solving by working through the various units and demonstrating competence in relation to the performance criteria.

Entry requirements:
You should be working in a business and administration environment.

Duration: 12 to 16 months PT

SVQ Professional Cookery
SCQF Level 5 / 6
Develop skills and knowledge to join this fast-moving industry. Spend one day a month at Shetland College UHI in Lerwick with the remainder of your time in the workplace. Initially you will learn the basic cookery skills that every chef depends on before developing a wide range of skills by preparing and cooking a variety of dishes.

Entry requirements:
You must be currently employed in a kitchen. A good level of English and Maths will allow individuals to complete the course more easily.

Duration: 36 months PT / 12 to 16 month PT for SCQF Level 6

NB - These SVQs are also available through Modern Apprenticeship programmes.

SVQ Management
SCQF Level 7 / 9 / 11
These courses give you the opportunity to develop expertise and knowledge through on-the-job assessment, as well as gaining vital skills such as team work and problem solving by working through the various units and demonstrating competence in relation to the performance criteria.

Entry requirements:
You should be working in a management role.

Duration: 12 to 16 months PT

HE Courses:

| Accounting | HNC | PT / FT |
| Administration & Information Technology | HNC | PT / FT |
| Business | HNC | PT / FT |
| Business and Management | BA (Hons) | PT / FT |
| Events | HNC | PT / FT |
| Financial Accounting | PDA | PT |
| Management Accounting | PDA | PT |
| Office Administration | PDA | PT |
| PDA Information Technology in Business | BA (Hons) | PT |

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Events HNC

Develop a diverse range of skills and knowledge which could open doors of opportunity in a variety of local industries.

The course will provide a range of theoretical and practical skills required to become an events manager. Successful completion of the course will allow graduates to leave with a broad experience in organising as well as supporting events of all sizes.

How will I study my course?
You will study by way of face-to-face lectures and tutorials. You will be assessed through essays, reports, presentations, case studies and practical projects.

How long will my course last?
Full-time: 1 year
Part-time 2 years

Entry requirements
1 Higher at grade C or above plus 2 Standard Grades at Level 3 or above or 1 A level at grade D or above. SVQ Level 3 Hospitality Supervision and Leadership. Prospective students without the standard entry requirements as listed are encouraged to apply.

Future options
On successful completion of the course you may seek employment in a variety of Coordinator or events roles. Previous students have also gone on to further study, including year 2 entry of degrees.
Becky

“I could absolutely not be where I am now without all the experiences I had to go through with the college and of course my family for at home pushing me to do well too. I am beyond grateful for everything, and loved my time there.”

Becky started college in 2011 and since then has studied Introduction to Care, Early Education and Childcare, NC Digital Media (where she travelled to Norway for work experience through the ERASMUS + programme), and HNC Business Management.

Becky then went on to study the Events HNC. “I LOVED it. It was so natural to me and what I felt brought out my personality and what I genuinely felt interested in, and to feel that way about something you didn’t even give a proper thought to really woke me up.”

Becky moved to mainland Scotland and found the hotel she is working in now. “I absolutely loved the look of it, so applied for 4 different jobs to get my foot in the door as I saw they had Entertainment jobs and the job description alone got me so excited.”

Becky spent 9 months in housekeeping when the Entertainment Assistant job came up and she got it. She has been in the job for 3 months and has since been asked by her manager to apply for the Team Leader job and is now in training for that job.

“It feels amazing. I am part of a fantastic team and my confidence has come on leaps and bounds. The college, staff and all the friends I carry with me now throughout helped me more than they will know. I had the best time there.”

Find out more about our Business, Hospitality and Events courses:
www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/courses
Community Learning and Essential Skills

We offer a variety of ‘essential skills’ classes which have been designed to improve your self-confidence and give you the qualifications you need to progress in education or gain employment.

Our skilled lecturers will support you every step of the way and these courses are available to study part time so that you can fit your studies around your personal or work commitments. Some courses are free and this is a great way to meet new people while achieving new qualifications to add to your CV. We also run Learning Centres at various locations in Shetland where we offer an extensive range of courses including Business, Computing, Sage, Essential Skills and introduction to iPad/tablets.

New Directions

**SCQF Level 3 - 6**
If you have no, or few, qualifications, our New Directions course is for you. It is particularly suitable for part-time or shift workers, people who are unemployed or on other benefits and those who are at home looking after children. The course covers communication, numeracy and computing – the subjects you will need no matter what area of work or study you go into. Students also get the chance to try a programme of taster courses including:

- Business Studies
- Art and Design
- Health and Care
- Hospitality
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Career Planning

**Entry requirements:**
None.

**Duration:** 1 year PT

English for Speakers of Other Languages

**National 2 - 5**
The ESOL programme is for you if you do not speak English as your first language and would like to get better at reading, writing, listening and speaking English.

**Entry requirements:**
None. All applicants for ESOL courses are individually assessed by a lecturer.

**Duration:** 1 year PT (days or evenings)

Higher English for Speakers of Other Languages

**SCQF Level 6**
Students will develop skills in reading, speaking, listening and writing to a high level and will develop confidence in interacting with others in a variety of contexts.

**Entry requirements:**
ESOL National 5 / Intermediate 2 or an equivalent English qualification.

**Duration:** 1 year PT (evenings)
European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL)
The European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) is one of the most highly regarded and widely recognised computer user qualifications. ECDL certification demonstrates your competence in a broad range of computer skills and Microsoft Office applications including: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.

Entry requirements:
Information Technology (IT) at Standard Grade General / National 4 or Credit / National 5 level or relevant experience.

Duration: up to 1 year PT (class attendance or open learning)

Advanced European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL)
This is a highly regarded and widely recognised computer user qualification. The Advanced ECDL certification demonstrates your high level competence in a range of Microsoft Office applications.

Entry requirements:
ECDL group award / relevant ECDL modules or PDA IT in Business / relevant HN units.

Duration: up to 1 year PT (open learning)

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) SCQF Level 4 / 5
This course is an alternative to a Standard Grade, Intermediate or National qualification in ICT, which is studied in school. It is useful for more mature students who don’t have an up-to-date computer qualification. It is also a good way for younger students to improve on the ICT qualification they got at school.

Entry requirements:
None.

Duration: 1 year PT

Communication SCQF Level 4 / 5
This course is an alternative to a Standard Grade, Intermediate or National qualification in English, which is studied in school. It is useful for more mature students who don’t have an up-to-date English qualification. It is also a good way for younger students to improve on the English qualification they gained at school.

Entry requirements:
None.

Duration: 1 year PT

Numeracy SCQF Level 4 / 5
The course is aimed at building basic numerical skills and is suitable for those who want to build up their confidence with using numbers. The course is suitable for mature students who wish to improve their numeracy or gain a formal qualification. It is also suitable for younger students who would like to consolidate their number skills before progressing to mathematics.

Entry requirements:
None.

Duration: 1 year PT
Alternative to Higher English
SCQF Level 6
This course provides an opportunity to achieve a Higher level English qualification, and is accepted by many colleges and universities across Scotland as an alternative qualification to Higher English. The course is assessed through ongoing class based assignments rather than a final exam.

Entry requirements:
Communication Intermediate 2 or Communication 3, National 5 English, Standard Grade English at Credit Level or an equivalent level of proficiency.

Duration: 1 year PT

Project SEARCH
SCQF Level 3 - 5
Project SEARCH is a transition to work programme for people generally aged 18 to 24, with learning disabilities or autism. It effectively takes the classroom into the workplace and teaches students employability skills on-site, in a real workplace environment.

The programme helps students to learn real job skills that will prepare them for work by rotating them through a variety of three different work placement experiences. This work-based learning is then supported by classroom activities each day where students have the opportunity to gain SQA units.

Entry requirements:
Able to achieve SQA units at SCQF level 3

Duration: 1 year FT

Higher Maths
SCQF Level 6
This course provides a natural progression from National 5 Maths and includes three units and a final exam.

Entry requirements:
National 4 Maths, Intermediate 1 (with Maths 3 unit) or Standard Grade level 3 or above in Maths.

Duration: 8 months PT (evenings)

Mathematics National 5
This course develops important mathematical concepts and techniques which are essential for students who need to gain the National 5 qualification or who wish to progress beyond National 5.

Entry requirements:
National 4 Maths, Intermediate 1 (with Maths 3 unit) or Standard Grade level 3 or above in Maths.

Duration: 8 months PT (evenings)

PDA Information Technology in Business
SCQF Level 7
The Professional Development Award (PDA) in Information Technology in Business at SCQF level 7 delivers the skills and knowledge needed for a range of administrative roles. It has particular emphasis on the use of IT within a business environment.

Entry requirements:
Normally ECDL or equivalent. Please contact the college for more information.

Duration: up to 1 year PT (distance learning or class attendance)

Evening and Day Classes
We have a range of part-time courses available to study at our main campus in Gremista
ART - BUSINESS - ESSENTIAL SKILLS CONSTRUCTION - HEALTH AND CARE
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Shetland Learning Centres

We have a course to suit you!

Ipads And Tablets - Computing
Digital Media - Sage
Accounting - Essential Skills
General Interest - Business

Location need not be a barrier with our community learning centres in Lerwick, Brae, Mossbank, Whalsay, Unst and Yell.

www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/shortcourses
Sarah

“The course is great as it is so adaptable to people of all different levels of education. It’s given me a new found drive to learn and better myself!”

Sarah is a first year student with Shetland College UHI and studying on the New Directions course.

The course is an access programme which provides taster courses in a whole variety of subjects including art, health and care, hospitality, as well as communication, numeracy and computing.

“I’m currently in my first year of New Directions and will be moving on to do the HNC Accounting after the summer. The course is great as it is so adaptable to people of all different levels of education. It’s given me a new found drive to learn and better myself!”

Whilst doing the course I became a Class Rep which has been an amazing experience and has given me the opportunity to meet some wonderful people and make some fantastic friends. I am also in the process of setting up the colleges first environmental and sustainability society. Our aim is to raise awareness of environmental sustainability in and around the Shetland UHI campuses and to aid in them becoming more eco-friendly.”

Find out more about the New Directions programme online: www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/courses
Our Computing Section is based on the main Gremista campus.

We have a wealth of knowledge and experience to hand, supported by comprehensive Computer Labs and an Apple Mac design suite. We offer a range of courses from Access to Honours Degree level in subjects such as computing, computer science and interactive media.

Our facilities include computer suites, workshop space for computer and network maintenance & assembly, high end computer hardware and industry standard software.

NQ Interactive Media and Computing
SCQF Level 5
Develop a range of skills and knowledge designed to underpin key aspects of Computer Technologies and Web and Digital Design. Students will study a wide range of topics: IT applications for business, technical skills (hardware and networking), programming, digital design, communication, numeracy, multimedia, computer animation and games design.

Entry requirements: 2 passes at National 5 level, but a group of National 4 qualifications will be considered. Mature returning students may apply for the course and entrance is at the discretion of the Computing staff.

Duration: 1 year FT / 2 years PT

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Skills for Work Computing
National 4
The course introduces different Computing subject areas including both technical and creative. Students will learn hands-on skills throughout the course. Computer Hardware and Networking skills are embedded within the Computing Project and the Games Development element of the course will include an introduction to Graphic Design skills.

Entry requirements: For Secondary 3 pupils.

Duration: 1 year PT(school)

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Computing BSc (Hons)

Progressing through one of our HNC, then HND awards will gain you direct entry into year 3 of one of the named BSc (Hons) Computing awards.

Students may select optional units to specialise in the area of their preference.
- BSc (Hons) Computing
- BSc (Hons) Computing (Networking)
- BSc (Hons) Computing (Software)
- BSc (Hons) Computing (Interactive Media)

HNC & HND

Our HNC and HND awards are the equivalent of University year 1 and year 2 and offer a range of computing subject areas including Graphic Design, Multimedia, Responsive Web Design, Database Design, Computer Hardware, Networking, Computer Forensics, Operating Systems, Virtualisation Technologies and many more. At HND+ level students can select options.

How will I study my course?

You will learn predominately through face to face lectures. At higher academic levels some classes are taught via a combination of face-to-face and video conference lectures. Your course can include several practical projects and online study via our virtual learning environment (VLE).

How long will my course last?

Year 1 Full-time: HNC
Year 2 Full-time: HND
Year 3 Full-time: BSc
Year 4 Full-time: BSc (Hons)

HNC Entry requirements

Min 1 Higher at grade C or above or 1 A level at grade D or above or NC/NQ LV 5 or 6 Computing award.

Future options

On successful completion, you may wish to seek immediate employment or progress to further study locally or at a mainland university.
Every year Shetland College UHI recognises the achievements of two students who have particularly stood out during their studies. This year Reuben Conroy (HNC Computing) was awarded the Higher Education (HE) prize.

Reuben’s nomination from the computing department was ‘unanimous and without question,’ with staff consistently impressed with his self-motivation, academic ability and mature attitude towards his studies. Reuben designed and developed an Augmented Reality Sandbox as part of a team project - an impressive piece of work produced at a level above that expected for his HNC course. All judges were particularly impressed that Reuben has excelled in his computing course despite the fact he came from a school without a subject specialist teacher.

Willie Shannon, Interim Joint Principal, highlighted ‘the positive experiences of students from across the college. All presented well at interview and deserve congratulations for being nominated for the Student of the Year awards. Our HE winner, Reuben, should be very proud of what he has achieved and I look forward to welcoming him back for further study next year.’

Reuben continued his studies locally in 2018 successfully achieving our HND in Computer Science award. He used this to articulate into Herriot Watt University, Edinburgh and is continuing his studies in Computer Systems BSc(Hons).
**Construction**

Our Construction Section provides vocational training opportunities for students interested in working in Shetland’s construction industry.

We have created a local training centre at our Gremista campus kitted out with modern, well-equipped workshops that enable you to develop your skills and knowledge in the best environment. Our construction courses are recognised by the industry training body CITB, through which a wide range of options for work placements and funded college places are available. Please visit [www.bconstructive.co.uk](http://www.bconstructive.co.uk) for more information.

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**Skills for Work**

**Construction Crafts**

**National 4**

The course contains practical construction crafts units in five important construction trades. It is especially suitable for pupils with an aptitude for, and an interest in, practical crafts work. You will learn a variety of skills in the trade specific units. In addition, you will develop personal attributes that enhance employability, not just in the construction industry, but in employment generally.

**Entry requirements:**
For Secondary 3 and 4 pupils.
**Duration:** 2 years PT (school)

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**Built Environment**

**Academy Programme / SCQF Level 6**

The National Certificate (NC) in Built Environment provides the opportunity to gain experience working alongside construction professionals and gain a professionally recognised qualification while continuing your valuable secondary school education.

**Entry requirements:**
For Secondary 5 pupils. Pupils should have three National 5s (or equivalent), preferably with Maths, English and a Science or Technical subject.
**Duration:** 2 years PT (school)
Introduction to AutoCAD
SCQF Level 6
Computer Aided Draughting is now the standard design technique for many modern workplaces. This course is suitable for anyone with an interest in design and editing through the use of computer software. It is taught in the AutoCAD design suite using the latest version of AutoDesk.

Entry requirements:
There are no formal requirements required for this course. You should ideally be familiar with use of a Windows PC.

Duration: 8 weeks PT (evenings)

SVQ / PDA Carpentry and Joinery
SCQF Level 6
The PDA is the college element of a Modern Apprenticeship, which is an approved route to becoming a qualified tradesperson. As you will be required to be employed by a contractor your time will be split between college and work site. The SVQ provides invaluable practical experience and knowledge to those who aspire to other professions in Construction.

Entry requirements:
Entry is arranged through The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) or Train Shetland.

Duration: 2 or 4 years (block release from employment)
Construction Management
HNC

If you aspire to enter the construction industry at a supervisory level, the HNC Construction Management will give you the knowledge and skills to achieve this.

The construction industry is one of the most diverse and interesting fields to work in, with careers available including architectural technology, construction management, quantity surveying and facility management.

This course is the ideal stepping stone into a variety of HND Construction courses.

How will I study my course?
You will study by way of lectures and tutorials via video conference.

How long will my course last?
Part-time - evening class.

Entry requirements
1 Higher at grade C or above or 1 A level at grade D or above.
NC/NQ in a construction related subject.

Future options
Employment as trainee construction manager, construction planner or site based management assistant.
Dan is now in his second year of studying for his SVQ in Carpentry and Joinery at Shetland College UHI. He is a modern apprentice which means he splits his time between attending college and working on sites with the firm who employs him.

Dan said that the way of learning worked for him. “In the workshop we’re making cubicles and in the classroom we’re learning about what tools we’ll be using on site and drawing everything that we make.”

He enjoys his time at the College too saying “Everybody’s nice at the college - all the lecturers, all the staff that work here, everyone that comes here. I think everything is really good about the college to be honest.”

View a video online which shares Dan’s experiences: www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/about-us/our-sections/construction

Find out more about our SVQ in Carpentry and Joinery online: www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/courses
**Creative Industries**

If you are looking to carve out a career in the creative industries, then where better to study?

Shetland’s creative island community and environment will inspire you as you study under the tuition of practising artists, designers and musicians. We offer courses in textiles, art and design, fine art, music and film.

Our art, design and textiles studios are modern and well equipped with a selection of Shima knitting machines as well as weave and print facilities. You will also be allocated your own creative desk space. We also have an Apple Mac suite to enable you to develop design concepts using the latest technologies and software programmes.

Staff are highly qualified and all come from creative backgrounds. Teaching is supplemented by visits from design and creative professionals and we keep up-to-date with the latest industry trends by encouraging live projects and participation in professional exhibitions and gallery projects. We also organise fact-finding trips to other cities and countries of culture for inspiration.

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**Skills for Work**

**Sound Engineering**

National 4

A recording studio based course delivered in partnership with Shetland Arts in Mareel. The course is designed to develop practical and creative sound engineering and production skills; enabling students to use computer based Digital Audio Workstations to record live music and mix audio.

**Entry requirements:**

None. For Secondary 3 pupils.

**Duration:** 1 year PT (School)

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**Skills for Work**

**Contemporary Art and Textiles**

SCQF level 5

Units on this course are similar to Higher level. The SQA units selected for this course enable the development of a range of contemporary art skills and includes a project unit which can be structured to support you to develop potential in an area of special interest.

**Entry requirements:**

None. For Secondary 3 and 4 pupils.

**Duration:** 2 years PT (School)

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**Skills for Work**

**Video Production**

National 4

This course is delivered in partnership with Shetland Arts in Mareel. The course makes full use of the venues production facilities, is designed to develop the knowledge required to plan, produce and evaluate a video production (examples could include music videos, short dramatic films and/or documentaries). Students will develop technical, creative and transferrable skills.

**Entry requirements:**

None. For Secondary 3 pupils.

**Duration:** 1 year PT (School)
NC Creative Industries: Film
SCQF Level 5
Students will develop creative and technical skills relevant for employment within the Creative Industries, one of the fastest growing sectors of the UK economy, and for progression to further learning. The course is based around a set of core Creative Industries modules with specialist modules in subjects including scriptwriting, camera work, lighting, directing and editing.

Entry requirements:
Four National 4 passes or four Standard Grades (at General level or above). Applications will also be welcomed from holders of other awards and qualifications deemed comparable to those above, or from students who have completed an appropriate Access programme.

Duration: 1 year FT / 2 years PT

NC Creative Industries: Music
SCQF Level 5
Students will develop creative and technical skills relevant for employment within the Creative Industries, one of the fastest growing sectors of the UK economy, and for progression to further learning. The course is based around a set of core Creative Industries modules with specialist modules in subjects including music technology, composition, performance and recording.

Entry requirements:
Four National 4 passes or four Standard Grades (at General level or above). Applications will also be welcomed from holders of other awards and qualifications deemed comparable to those above, or from students who have completed an appropriate Access programme.

Duration: 1 year FT / 2 years PT

NC Art and Design Portfolio Course
SCQF Level 6
This course offers a diverse range of modules specially selected to expand students' knowledge and creative approaches to art and design practise. An exciting programme of lectures develops historical and contextual awareness of art and design.

Entry requirements:
Ideally formal qualifications at National 5 (Credit Standard Grade) level, or equivalent. Evidence of creative ability to be presented at interview in a folio of art and design work, ideally including sketchbooks with students' own ideas and examples of observational drawing. Applications are welcomed from individuals who do not have these qualifications but can demonstrate relevant life experience and skills.

Duration: 1 year FT / Variable PT
HE Courses:

- Applied Music BA (Hons) PT/FT
- Art & Social Practice MA PT/FT
- Contemporary Film Making in the Highlands and Islands BA (Hons) PT/FT
- Creative Writing in the Highlands and Islands BA (Hons) PT/FT
- Contemporary Textiles BA (Hons) PT/FT
- Fine Art BA (Hons) PT/FT
- Music HNC PT/FT
- Music and the Environment MA PT/FT

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Eilidh said “I’m going to do fashion management but other people are applying for graphic design, illustration and photography. So, it gives a lot of opportunities.”

Eilidh was a student on our NC Art and Design Portfolio Course last year. The course offers a diverse range of modules which are specially selected in order to expand students’ knowledge and creative approaches to art and design practise.

Individualistic and flexible learning is encouraged; where rules are there to be broken in an environment that encourages students to take risks, try new things, and not fear failure but rather embrace it in order to improve skills and expand knowledge. Problem solving and original thinking are core skills embedded in the course and a strong work ethic is built up with the production of a large amount of art work. The best of this work is selected for the student’s portfolio and end of year exhibition.

Eilidh said “We do lots of different things: life drawing, expressive painting (outside and inside), portraits and 3D.”

View a video online which shares Eilidh’s experiences:
www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/about-us/our-sections/creative-industries

Find out more about the NC Art and Design portfolio course online:
www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/courses
Contemporary Textiles
BA (Hons)

Be inspired by Shetland’s rich design heritage and stunning landscapes.

Develop your practical skills in a range of textile areas, such as knit, weave and surface effects, including silk screen and designs for digital printing.

Our vibrant course aims to harness your talent and equip you with the skills that will help you sustain a career in this sector. Professional practice will be integral to your training and there is a strong emphasis on contemporary design and awareness of market trends.

We offer well-equipped, modern studios and expert tuition from a team of practising artists and designers. You will also benefit from individual and small group tuition. Live project work and attendance at textile trade fairs is also part of the course.

How long will my course last?
Full-time: 4 years @ 40 hours per week
Part-time (structured): 8 years @ 18 hours
Part-time (unstructured): Negotiable

Entry requirements
3 Scottish Highers at grade C or above / Or 2 A levels at grade C or above. These must include English. Alternatively, the completion of an Art Access course with evidence of ability in written coursework, for example a unit in Art History or contextual study. You will be required to submit a portfolio of visual work which clearly demonstrates your capacity to cope with the demands of the BA (Hons) Contemporary Textiles.

Find out more;
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Humanities

Shetland is the perfect place to study courses offered by our Humanities Section. There is a wealth of cultural and natural heritage for you to draw on and be inspired by. Aside from the rich archaeological remains and bountiful wildlife, our unique dialect and wealth of cultural and craft heritage will leave you spellbound. Subjects include: archaeology, Scottish history, politics, culture and heritage.

Our courses are ‘networked’, which means that you have access to highly qualified specialist staff throughout the Highland and Islands through video conference and the online Virtual Learning Environment. The benefit of this kind of teaching is great; students will ‘join’ your class from across the region, bringing a wealth and variety of knowledge to the classroom, and you can fit the online part of the course around other commitments.

Head of Section, Dr Simon Clarke, is one of the country’s leading champions in the use of video conferencing in teaching and has won awards from the University of the Highlands and Islands’ Student Association for his efforts.

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Additional options available. View all courses online:
www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/courses
To search by subject area - select ‘Heritage’

We also offer a number of postgraduate courses. Options include MLitt Orkney & Shetland Studies, MLitt Island Studies, MLitt Viking Studies, MSc Archaeological Practice and MMus Music.

Online: www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/postgraduate
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Ailish is studying with Shetland College UHI for a BA (Hons) Culture and Heritage, which is a joint honours degree that will appeal to anyone with a broad interest in Scotland and the Highlands and Islands.

Ailish has enjoyed the opportunity to immerse herself in a wealth of varied and fascinating culture and heritage of the Highlands and Islands region as well as improving her understanding of its place in a global context. She said the degree was really varied “We cover lots of different things. This semester I’m doing Music, Languages of the Highlands and Islands and then I get to pick a module so I’m doing Historic Landscapes.”

She is enjoying her time at the Campus too, saying that it is “really nice to be able to study here and see different people in the College. I’ve met people that I never knew lived here, so I’ve made new friends.”

View a video online which shares Ailish’s experiences: www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/about-us/our-sections/cultural-studies

Find out more about Cultural and Heritage courses online: www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/courses
Our Health and Care section is the largest and busiest department at Shetland College UHI.

Study a range of courses from introductory to degree level. We can also organise full-time or part-time individualised programmes for students and are happy to discuss training needs for organisations.

Where possible, staff invite visitors with industry experience to provide demonstrations or workshops with students. This has been a popular fixture of the NC Social Science course for the last couple of years, with local police officers (both retired and active) carrying out a crime scene investigation workshops with students.

There are opportunities within many of the courses for work placements, which provide an insight into the day to day running of a variety of care and early education work settings. Students can work alongside qualified staff to gain a real taste of their intended career.

Skills for work

Early Education and Child Care

**National 4**
Gain an insight into working in Early Learning and Child Care settings. Develop knowledge, gain a range of practical skills and grounding in child development.

**Entry requirements:**
None. For Secondary 3/4 pupils.

**Duration:** 2 years PT (school)

Skills for work

Hairdressing & Beauty

**National 4**
Obtain a broad, experiential introduction to hairdressing and beauty. The focus is on experiencing the salon environment.

**Entry requirements:**
None. For Secondary 3 pupils.

**Duration:** 1 year PT (School)

Social Services (Children and Young People)

**Foundation Apprenticeship / SCQF Level 6**
Gain experience working alongside Early Learning professionals and gain a recognised qualification. The course is made up of four units from the Scottish Vocational Qualification in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF level 6, plus a National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services (Children and Young People).

For Secondary 5 pupils. You should be studying (and expected to achieve) English at National 5 and Maths at National 4 (or equivalent).

**Duration:** 2 years PT (school)
Social Services and Health Care
Foundation Apprenticeship / SCQF Level 6
Gain experience working alongside healthcare professionals and gain a recognised qualification. The course is made up of four units from the Scottish Vocational Qualification in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF level 6, plus a National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services and Healthcare.

Entry requirements:
For Secondary 5 pupils. You should be studying (and expected to achieve) English at National 5 and Maths at National 4 (or equivalent).

Duration: 2 years PT (school)

Higher Human Biology
SCQF Level 6
This course develops learners' interest and enthusiasm for human biology in a range of contexts. The course provides a broad based, integrated study of a range of biological topics which develop the concepts of human biology.

Entry requirements:
National 5 biology, National 5 English, National 5 Maths or equivalent. Alternative entry requirements will be considered.

Duration: 1 year PT

Higher Care
SCQF Level 6
The main purpose of this course is to enable learners to understand and explain why people use care services, and to develop the knowledge and value base required for working in contemporary care practice in settings such as health care and social care.

Entry requirements:
Candidates would normally be expected to have attained one of the following (or equivalent): National 5 Care course, one National Qualification in a social subject, Standard Grade English and Maths or equivalent.

Duration: 1 year PT

Higher Childcare and Development
SCQF Level 6
The main purpose of the Course is to enable learners to understand child development from pre-birth to 16 and the roles and responsibilities of practitioners, other professionals, parents/carers and others in contributing to the development of children and young people.

Entry requirements:
Candidates would normally be expected to have attained one of the following (or equivalent): National 5 childcare course, one Standard Grade or National Qualification in a social subject, Standard Grade English at Credit Level, National 5 English, SCQF Level 5 communication.

Duration: 1 year PT

(Also available as evening class)
NC Child Health and Social Care
SCQF Level 5
This course will help students make an informed choice about a future career in care. There are a variety of subjects covered within the course including: crime in the community, an introduction to mental health, and play in early education and childcare. There are also units such as supporting older people within the community, which looks at developmental changes and supporting services available to these groups.

Entry requirements:
National 5 English or above, Standard Grade English at General Level or above plus the required level of maturity to work in a care environment. A Protecting Vulnerable Groups check must be completed before commencing this course.

Duration: 1 year FT / 2 years PT

NC Early Education and Childcare
SCQF Level 6
This comprehensive course provides the theory and practical experience of working with children in an early years setting. Students who successfully complete this NC course can register with the Scottish Social Services Council as a support early years worker.

Entry requirements:
4 passes at National 5, one must be an English based subject. Or, 4 Intermediate 2 passes (A - C), one must be an English based subject. Adult returners will be considered without these qualifications. A Protecting Vulnerable Groups check must be completed before commencing this course.

Duration: 1 year FT / 2 years PT

NC Social Sciences
SCQF Level 6
This course is suitable for anyone interested in the study of human behaviour and the social sciences, covering topics such as social psychology, nature and extent of crime and social issues. As part of the Highers studied, students will have the opportunity to undertake small research projects.

Entry requirements:
4 passes at National 5, one must be an English based subject. Or, 4 Intermediate 2 passes (A - C), one must be an English based subject. Adult returners will be considered without these qualifications.

Duration: 1 year FT / 2 years PT

Higher Sociology
SCQF Level 6
This course develops learners’ sense of themselves as part of society. It uses a sociological approach, which encourages learners to ask questions about the social world in which we live and to use evidence to support explanations for human social behaviour. The Course will therefore enable learners to become familiar with research methods and the use of evidence in sociology.

Entry requirements:
National 5 Sociology, one National Qualification in a social subject, Standard Grade English and Maths or equivalent. Adult returners will be considered without these qualifications.

Duration: 1 year PT (Evenings)
SVQ Social Services and Healthcare

**SCQF Level 7 / 9**

You must be currently employed in the health and social care sector in a supervisory role and have been undertaking your current role for a minimum of six months.

**Entry requirements:**
Sponsored by your employer.
Minimum of 6 months continuous employment in an appropriate role and:
- SCQF Level 6 in a relevant subject area.
- 2 Scottish Highers at grade C or above (preferably including English).
- 1 A level(s) at grade D or above.
- 4 National 5s or Standard Grades at Credit level (or equivalent), one of which should be English if you do not have a Credit level pass or Higher/A level.
Prospective students without the standard entry requirements are encouraged to apply and will be considered on an individual basis.

**Duration:** 1 year PT

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SVQ Social Services and Healthcare

**SCQF Level 6**

You must be currently employed in the health and social care sector in a support workers role and have been undertaking your current role for a minimum of six months.

**Entry requirements:**
- Sponsored by your employer.
- 6 months experience in a relevant role.
- 4 National 5s or Standard Grades passes (or equivalent), one of which should be English if you do not have a Credit level pass or Higher/A level.
Prospective students without the standard entry requirements are encouraged to apply and will be considered on an individual basis.

**Duration:** 9 months (3 intakes per year) PT

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PDA Education Support Assistant

**SCQF Level 6**

The aim of this award is to provide you the opportunity to gain a worthwhile, recognised qualification which offers you the knowledge and skills you require to be an effective Education Support Assistant.
If you are already employed working with children and young people, and you have always wanted to support children and young people in an educational setting, this award will prepare you for the tasks ahead.

**Entry requirements:**
National 5 English or equivalent. You must have employment in an educational setting, or be willing to undertake a work placement.

**Duration:** 2 years PT
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### SVQ Social Services: Children and Young People

#### SCQF Level 7 / 9

You must be currently employed as a Practitioner, Support Worker/Assistant in an early years setting - childminding, out of school clubs, education or residential/day setting for children and young people. You must have been undertaking your current role for a minimum of six months to undertake this award. Upon successful completion of this SVQ you will gain an internationally recognised qualification which provides evidence of your skills, knowledge and abilities which are required to carry out your role successfully.

**Entry requirements:**
Please note that SQA requires you to be in a specific job role to evidence this award. Minimum of 6 months continuous employment in an appropriate role and:
- SVQ 2 (SCQF Level 6) in a relevant subject area.
- Or 2 Scottish Highers at grade C or above (preferably including English).
- 1 A level(s) at grade D or above. 4 National 5s or Standard Grades at Credit level (or equivalent) one of which should be English if you do not have a Higher or A level. Alternatively, NC Early Education and Childcare (SCQF Level 6) or equivalent.

Prospective students without the standard entry requirements are encouraged to apply and will be considered on an individual basis.

**Duration:** 1 year PT

### Nursing

#### SCQF Level 6

If you have decided on a career in nursing, this course is for you. You will be interviewed jointly by lecturers from Shetland College UHI and Robert Gordon University. This course incorporates the National Certificate in Health and Social Care (Level 6). Students interested in working with children may study Higher Early Education and Childcare instead of Higher Sociology.

**Entry requirements:**
- 4 passes at National 5, one must be an English based subject. Or, 4 Intermediate 2 passes (A - C), one must be an English based subject. Or, 1 English based Higher.
- Mature students will be considered without these qualifications if they can demonstrate ability to work at the required level.
- You will be required to provide a referee on application and complete a Protecting Vulnerable Groups check before commencing this course.

**Duration:** 1 year FT

### Social Work

#### SCQF Level 6

If you have decided on a career in social work this course is for you. Robert Gordon University has given positive feedback on our students who have progressed on to study with them. They commented that this access course prepares students well for their degree in social work and successful completion of the access course will guarantee students an interview for the degree at Robert Gordon University. This course incorporates the National Certificate in Health and Social Care (Level 6).

**Entry requirements:**
- 4 passes at National 5, one must be an English based subject. Or, 4 Intermediate 2 passes (A - C), one must be an English based subject. Or, 1 English based Higher.
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**Duration:** 1 year FT

### Access to Apply Courses

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**Duration:** 1 year FT

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- You will be required to provide a referee on application and complete a Protecting Vulnerable Groups check before commencing this course.

**Duration:** 1 year FT

### Email & Telephone

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- Tel: 01595 771421

We also offer Postgraduate options in Primary & Secondary Teaching as well as Critical Enquiry.
Thomas's wide range of volunteer experience proved useful in the classroom, as practical experience of helping others really helps put the college care courses into context.

Thomas chose to progress to NC Early Education and Childcare, and was again provided with workplace experience at Sound Nursery. Although the NC course was a lot of work, it was also very beneficial and rewarding experience. Thomas enjoyed both the hands on practical experience offered on work placement and the chance to develop a theoretical understanding of how to work with children.

As for the future, he has not ruled out studying an HNC or SVQ so his learning journey may not be over yet!

Thomas now works at Scalloway Preschool and Hame Fae Hame.

Find our NC Early Education and Childcare course online: www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/courses
Psychology
BSc (Hons)

Are you fascinated by the science of the human mind?

Choosing a psychology degree opens the door to a diverse range of topics, all of which are concerned with understanding behaviour and exploring the mind. You will explore such questions as: how do children think?; what leads us to take risks?; why does that aeroplane look very small?; why are we attracted to some people and repelled by others?; how can psychology help us to understand political and social issues?

You will not only learn how to ask research questions but importantly, you will develop the skills and understanding to know how to find the answers to these questions.

How will I study my course?
You will learn online via the virtual learning environment (VLE) as well as through frequent online discussion groups. You will also attend a three-day face-to-face induction at the campus where you enrolled and a one week residential in Inverness every year.

How long will my course last?
Full-time: 4 years / Part-time: 8 years

Entry requirements
3 Scottish Highers at grade BBC or above OR 2 A levels at grade BC or above. These must include English or any literate subject plus at least a credit pass at Standard Grade, National 5, or Intermediate 2 Maths, or equivalent.

Future options
Psychological knowledge and its associated research skills are highly regarded by employers and have a range of applications, for example in industry, commerce, health and social studies.
Every year Shetland College UHI recognises the achievements of two students who have particularly stood out during their studies. In 2017 Laurie Carter (New Directions) was awarded the Further Education (FE) Student of the Year prize.

Laurie started her New Directions course with a lack of confidence in some areas of her studies, but has overcome this to impress her tutors with her conscientious, hard-working approach to learning. Even though Laurie had to balance her college studies with the demands of being a mum to two young children, her work was of a consistently high standard and she was encouraging and supportive of her fellow students.

Peter Campbell, Chair of the College Board, said: ‘once again the calibre of student nominations was very high, which reflects the high standard of learning and teaching at Shetland College UHI.”

Laurie said “it was an honour to have been nominated for the ‘FE Student of the Year’ award, let alone receive it! I’m delighted! I would like to thank everyone that believed in me, your support means a lot.”

Laurie went on to study the Access to Apply for Nursing course with Shetland College UHI.

Find out more about New Directions and our Access to Nursing course: www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/courses
The centre provides a range of services relevant to maritime industries.

Training courses relevant to the maritime industries (including the merchant navy, fishing and aquaculture), shore-based engineering, and recreational sailors are all offered. Maritime courses range from the three-year Merchant Navy Cadet Programme to short courses and cover both ‘deck’ (navigation etc) and marine engineering topics, as well as other subjects required by seafarers.

NAFC also carries out a range of applied research and development projects in subjects relevant to the fishing and aquaculture industries, marine spatial planning and the marine environment in general. These include the assessment of shellfish stocks and the provision of fisheries management advice to the Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation, and the preparation of the Shetland Islands Marine Spatial Plan and associated guidance.

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**Aquaculture Apprenticeship**

*SCQF Level 5*

This apprenticeship is aimed at new and less experienced fish farm staff and covers a wide range of topics from initial stocking of fish through husbandry to harvesting. You will have to demonstrate that you are able to undertake a variety of tasks to the required standard as part of your work.

**Entry requirements:**
You must be at least 16 and employed in an appropriate position by an aquaculture company, and have the support of your employer.

**Duration:** 1 year PT (whilst working full-time)

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**Aquaculture Apprenticeship**

*SCQF Level 7*

This apprenticeship is aimed at more experienced, senior-level fish farm staff. You will have to demonstrate that you are competent to undertake a broad range of varied work activities, many of them complex and non-routine, and to demonstrate considerable autonomy and responsibility including the possibility of controlling or supervising other employees.

**Entry requirements:**
You must be at least 16 and employed in an appropriate position by an aquaculture company, and have the support of your employer.

**Duration:** 1 year PT (whilst working full-time)
After six months studying at NAFC I joined my first ship in Galveston, Texas when I was 17. It was a Suezmax crude oil tanker called Princimar Strength. I’m now currently on another LPG ship called Navigator Glory operating in the Mediterranean. As I write this we are just passing through the Straits of Gibraltar on our way to a port outside Casablanca in Morocco.

The college phases are great. The lecturers in the engineering department would help you out if you had trouble with anything and are a good lot to have teaching you. At sea it really depends on the age and nationality of the crew onboard as to how a trip might go. It also depends on your attitude and how you act on the ship. Most of the ships I’ve sailed on have been great places to learn and I have enjoyed my time on board. It just varies from ship to ship.

Make sure you step on the ship with a good attitude and a respect for crew members’ customs. Do that and they will go out of their way to help you. Also act mature and keep yourself safe. There no place for being dangerous on a ship.

I’m 20 years old and I have already been around the world, been ashore in many different countries, some more than once.

It’s a great way to see places!
Aquaculture Apprenticeship

**SCQF Level 9**

This apprenticeship is aimed at experienced, senior-level fish farm staff (such as assistant site managers and site managers) and will allow you to gain a qualification in senior management in the aquaculture industry.

The programme is undertaken by distance learning using the UHI’s online ‘Blackboard Learn+’ virtual learning environment while working full-time at your employer’s aquaculture site(s).

**Entry requirements:**
You must have at least 3 to 5 years relevant experience and be employed in an appropriate position by an aquaculture company, and have the support of your employer.

**Duration:** 2 years PT (whilst working full-time)

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Introduction to Commercial Fishing

Gain a basic knowledge and awareness of the activities that take place on commercial fishing boats, from navigation to care of the catch. The course also includes four safety courses which are legally required by any person wishing to work at sea as a fisherman. The course has been developed by Seafish in conjunction with the fishing industry.

**Entry requirements:**
None.

**Duration:** 3 weeks / FT

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Engineering Practice

**National Certificate**

Entry-level course that provides a broad-based introduction to general engineering subjects, with a particular emphasis on practical skills and knowledge. On successful completion of the NC you may progress to further training, including a Modern Apprenticeship, or to employment in a range of engineering sectors.

**Entry requirements:**
No formal entry requirement, but you will need to have a genuine interest in practical engineering.

**Duration:** 9 months FT

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Marine Engineering

**HNC / SCQF Level 7**

This course would suit candidates who have completed S5 at school but are looking for an alternate route into higher education. Those who are unsure as to the area of engineering that they may wish to study can gain a broad-based general engineering knowledge on this HNC. Although titled as a marine course, the content is appropriate for those looking to do mechanical, general or electrical shore-based engineering, or would also be appropriate if they wish to progress to further study.

**Entry requirements:**
National Certificate (SCQF level 6) or at least two Higher level (SCQF level 6) passes (grade C or above) of which one should be Mathematics or a Physical Science.

**Duration:** 1 year FT
Launch your career at sea as a Deck or Engineer Officer

This programme trains Deck and Engineer Officers for the Merchant Navy through periods of study at NAFC alternating with periods of service at sea on merchant ships.

During the programme cadets are employed or sponsored directly by a shipping company or by another organisation who will provide sea service and support. On successful completion of the programme cadets will receive a certificate of competency qualifying them to serve as an officer on merchant ships of any size operating anywhere in the world, plus academic qualifications:

**Deck Officer Cadets will receive:**
- a Deck Officer of the Watch Unlimited Certificate of Competency (STCW Reg III/1) from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA).
- a Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Nautical Science.
- a National Certificate (NC) in Shipping & Maritime Operations.
- relevant short course certificates, including: First Aid, Fire Fighting, Sea Survival, etc.

**Engineer Officer Cadets will receive:**
- an Engineer Officer of the Watch Unlimited Certificate of Competency (STCW Reg III/1) from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA).
- a Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Marine Engineering.
- a National Certificate (NC) in Shipping & Maritime Operations.
- relevant short course certificates, including: First Aid, Fire Fighting, Sea Survival, etc.

**Entry requirements**
You should normally have a minimum of four National 5s (or GCSE or Standard Grade passes at Grade C/3 or above), including English, Mathematics and a Science based subject.

**More information:**
Email na.info@uhi.ac.uk
Telephone 01595 772000
Skills for Work
Aquaculture
SCQF Level 4
This course is relevant to anyone with an interest in aquaculture, fisheries or marine biology. The course is designed to provide a range of practical skills and a basic knowledge of finfish and shellfish farming and associated industries. The course includes classwork, hands-on experience and field trips.

Entry requirements:
None. For Secondary 3 and 4 pupils.

Duration:
2 years PT (School)

Skills for Work
Engineering Skills
SCQF Level 4
This course is relevant to anyone interested in a career in engineering. It is designed to provide a range of practical skills and a basic knowledge of engineering activities which will prepare you for work in a range of engineering industries. The course is very practical, with most of the time being spent in our engineering, welding, fabrication or electrical workshops.

Entry requirements:
None. For Secondary 3 and 4 pupils.

Duration:
2 years PT (School)

Skills for Work
Maritime Skills
SCQF Level 5
This course is relevant to anyone considering a career in the marine industries, including fish catching. It is designed to raise awareness of the diversity and range of employment opportunities available in the maritime sector and will provide a range of relevant practical skills.

Entry requirements:
None. For Secondary 3 and 4 pupils.

Duration:
2 years PT (School)

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Find out more, view all courses available and to download application forms then visit:

www.nafc.uhi.ac.uk/courses

Contact NAFC:
Tel: 01595 772000
Email: nainfo@uhi.ac.uk

Online guide to fishing courses

We have information on our website which is intended to provide general guidance on the main training courses and qualifications available to fishermen.

www.nafc.uhi.ac.uk/courses/guide-to-fishing-courses

Phone us on 01595 772000 to find out more
We carry out a range of applied research and development projects in subjects relevant to the fishing and aquaculture industries, marine spatial planning and the marine environment in general.

The Centre collaborates closely with maritime industries and other interested parties to answer key questions, and to develop knowledge, technology or best practice, through applied research and development projects. These projects take advantage of the Centre’s location, facilities, expertise and close links with maritime industries.

The Centre can also carry out research, survey and other services on a contract or consultancy basis. There are also excellent opportunities for students wishing to gain work experience and enhance their CV; or for postgraduates to carry out research projects at Masters and PhD level.

Current projects
• Fisheries biology
• Fishing gear trials (jigging, fish traps)
• Fish tagging
• Carbon footprint of the Paelagic Fisheries (PhD project)
• Research to support inshore fisheries management
• Shellfish stock assessment
• Pilot Commercial Shellfish Hatchery
• Cleaner fish for aquaculture
• Seaweed as a potential biofuel
• Marine Spatial Planning
• Habitat mapping

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Telephone 01595 772000
Coming from a sea-faring family background in a small island community, it was my dad who inspired me to pursue a profession in the merchant navy since a young age, as he had done. As well as being master of the Ro-Ro vessel Shapinsay in Orkney, he ran his own charter vessel Charles-Ann on which I gained experience working as a deckhand. That experience, I feel, undeniably influenced my choice of a career in the maritime industry.

Growing up, I had always realised how male-dominated the shipping industry was. It was only much later in life, while researching options for how to get into the maritime sector, that I realised the different challenges women had, and are still facing at sea. If anyone ever asked me “What do you want to do when you grow up?” I would reply that “I want to be like my dad.” Most of the time, the most common reaction was either to act surprised, or not take me seriously. If anything, that made me even more determined to prove that I could do it.

I completed my first college phase at NAFC in January this year, and made some amazing friends and had supportive lecturers in the few months I’ve spent there. I am now in my first sea-phase and am writing this at sea on board my first ship, the VOS Fabulous, which is an Emergency Response Rescue Vessel operated by Vroon Offshore Services and working in the North Sea. I am here working as one of the crew to gain practical knowledge and experience.

I was a little concerned before joining the ship as I knew of some of the challenges that other female seafarers have encountered. But I can say that I have only had a positive time here with a friendly and welcoming crew.

Find out more about the Cadet Programmes online: [www.nafc.uhi.ac.uk/courses](http://www.nafc.uhi.ac.uk/courses)
Train Shetland: Developing Skills

We provide a wide ranging programme of training in Shetland to meet the local workforce needs. Training can range from short half-day courses to accredited courses taking place over a few weeks. We can develop bespoke courses to meet specific needs. Our training focuses on developing people, skills and knowledge.

First Aid
- Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day)
- First Aid at Work (3 day)
- First Aid Refresher (2 day)
- Emergency Paediatric First Aid (1 day)
- Paediatric First Aid (2 day)
- Automated External Defibrillation (AED)

Health & Safety
- Abrasive Wheels (1/2 day)
- Asbestos Awareness (1/2 day)
- COSHH Regulations (1/2 day)
- Ladder Safety (1/2 day)
- Manual Handling (1/2 day)
- Risk Assessment (1 day)
- Working Safely at Heights (1/2 day)
- Working Safely in Confined Spaces (1/2 day)
- Risk Assessment (1 day)
- Sharps Awareness (1/2 day)
- Fire Safety Awareness & Fire Warden Training (1/2 day)
- Fire Extinguisher Training (2 hours)

REHIS
- REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene (1 day)
- REHIS Elementary HACCP (1 day)
- REHIS Elementary Health & Safety (1 day)
- REHIS Intermediate Food Hygiene (5 days)
- REHIS Intermediate Health & Safety (4 days)

Other Training
- Data Protection Awareness (1/2 day)
- Handling Stress at Work (1 day)
- Supervisory Skills (1 day)
- Customer Care (1/2 day)
- A variety of CPC courses for professional drivers (1 day)
- CPC Emergency First Aid for Drivers (1 day)
- CPC COSHH & Fire Safety Awareness (1 day)

More information:
Email short.courses@shetland.gov.uk
Tel 01595 744744
www.trainshteland.com/developing_skills/
Train Shetland: Vocational Training

We engage with both trainees and employees to coordinate vocational training, mainly Modern Apprenticeships.

We have contacts with over 10 colleges and training providers to provide training/assessment for Scottish Vocational Qualifications. These qualifications can be either “stand-alone” or part of the Modern Apprenticeship scheme. Skills Development Scotland contributes towards the cost of training apprentices (i.e. Scottish Government funding).

Apprenticeships

SCQF Level 5 - 7

- Children & Young People
- Highways Maintenance
- Electrical Maintenance
- Motor Vehicle (Light)
- Agricultural Engineering
- Vehicle Body Repair
- Mechanical Maintenance
- Quantity Surveying
- Sports Turf
- Stone Masonry
- Fabrication & Welding
- Construction Management
- IT Technician
- Digital Media
- Professional Cookery
- Floristry
- Motor Vehicle (Heavy)
- Accountancy
- Care
- Heating & Ventilation
- Sustainable Resource Management
- Refrigeration Engineering
- Bricklaying
- Civil Engineering
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Horticulture
- Warehousing & Stores
- Plumbing
- Administration
- Agriculture
- Painting & Decorating
- Furniture Making
- Textile Manufacture
- Architectural Technician
- Hairdressing
- Electronics & Electrical

More information:

Email vocational.training@shetland.gov.uk
Tel 01595 743743
www.trainshetland.com/vocational_training/
How do I apply?

Step 1: Apply for the course you want to study at www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/courses

Step 2: We will acknowledge receipt of your application within two weeks of receiving it

Step 3: We will send you a letter with provisional offers or invitations to interview

Step 4: If you are successful we will offer you a place

Step 5: If you are doing a Further Education course you will start in August. If you are doing a Higher Education course you will start in early September

If you do not have access to the internet please contact us and we will post you a paper application. Pop along the College in Lerwick or telephone 01595 771000.

We accept late applications but apply early to avoid disappointment.

NAFC Marine Centre Courses
View all courses online:
www.nafc.uhi.ac.uk/courses
Information on how to apply:
www.nafc.uhi.ac.uk/courses/apply
Find out more:
Tel: 01595 772000 / Email: nainfo@uhi.ac.uk
What the abbreviations mean:

PT / FT Part-time / Full-time
FE Further Education
HE Higher Education
SFW Skills for work
VP Vocational Pathways
NC National Certificate
NQ National Qualification
SVQ Scottish Vocational Qualification
SCQF Scottish Credit & Qualification Framework
HNC Higher National Certificate
HND Higher National Diploma
BA / BSc Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science
MA Masters of Arts
PDA Professional Development Award
MLitt Master of Letters
MSc Master of Science
MMus Master of Music

We offer additional learning options including Postgraduate courses. Some of our courses are delivered in partnership with Shetland Arts and the Institute of Northern Studies. We reserve the right to add, amend or withdraw courses & facilities.

How to pay for your studies

It is important to plan how you will finance your studies well in advance of your course starting.

For information on Further Education (FE) bursaries: www.shetland.gov.uk/education/hpc_bursaries.asp

For information on undergraduate programmes (HE): www.saas.gov.uk

There are also personal financial support funds available, which includes childcare support.

Find out more:
Email: shetland.support@uhi.ac.uk
HISA

www.hisa.uhi.ac.uk

HISA is the Students’ Association for UHI and its partners. As a student of Shetland College UHI and NAFC Marine Centre UHI you are automatically a member.

What makes it so different is that it represents everyone. That means that both Higher and Further Education students are represented regionally by the HISA President, Vice-President for Higher Education and Vice-President for Further Education.

HISA is run by students to help students. They organise clubs and societies and they are always there to listen to you.

In Shetland students are locally represented by a total of 3 HISA Local Officers. The Shetland HISA Local Officer covers both Shetland College and NAFC Marine Centre. There are two further Local Officers - one for the Lerwick Campus (FE) and one for NAFC.

Find out more:
www.hisa.uhi.ac.uk
Learning Support
We offer support for all students to overcome barriers that may affect their learning and welcome applications from all prospective students. We strive to provide appropriate and efficient services to those with additional support needs.

Students who have a physical disability, a hearing or visual impairment, a mental health problem or specific learning disability, for example dyslexia, can access additional support with their studies.

Examples of support available:
- Individual support to help organise college work
- Tutor support for individual subject areas
- Support to overcome specific difficulties, for example dyslexia
- Special arrangements for assessments and exams
- Timetabled drop in periods for additional support, for example essay-writing techniques, numeracy and computing skills
- Enabling technology training such as TextHelp!Read&Write - a software package designed to support literacy difficulties

Find out more www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/student-support

Student counselling
There are times when we all need someone to talk to. We have trained and experienced counsellors based in the college to help you with whatever concerns you might have.

Finance / Guidance
Financing your studies can be challenging and living off a student budget is not easy.

If you have not applied for your funding for your course then please contact us via our student support email address shetlandsupport@uhi.ac.uk to look at your options.

We have a Discretionary Fund in place to support students who may require financial assistance. If you are worried about childcare, transport costs or are struggling to make ends meet then contact us to find out more. Telephone 01595 771000 for Shetland College UHI or 01595 772000 for NAFC Marine Centre UHI and ask to speak to student support.

You will receive a student handbook at your student induction. You can find out more before then online: www.shetland.uhi.ac.uk/student-life
Additional information

Can’t find the right course?
If you do not see the course you want please do get in touch. New courses can be made available where a demand/need is identified.

Equal opportunities
We are committed to equality of opportunity and non discrimination in all aspects of our work and study. We seek to promote opportunity for all, particularly for study, employment and involvement in the community, without discrimination on grounds of gender, age, disability, religion, socio-economic background, sexual orientation or race.

Disclaimer
Changes are made from time to time and we reserve the right to add, amend or withdraw courses and facilities.

You are advised to apply for your course in plenty of time and some courses are subject to numbers being achieved and may be withdrawn if targets are not reached.

We have made every effort to ensure that the information in this document is accurate at the time of going to press. Inevitably, because of the extended lead time of prospectus production, changes to course information may occur and we will endeavour to reflect any such changes as quickly as possible on our websites.
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