

# A-LEVEL ACADEMY

2024/25

# FOREWORD

Southern Regional College, is the largest further and higher education college in Northern Ireland outside of Belfast. The College's four faculties offer a range of further and higher education courses. The Faculty of Computing, Design and Academic Studies offers a choice of 14 subjects to study at AS and A2 Level in our Armagh Campus.

Many of our students have made Southern Regional College their first choice for studying A-Levels. However, we also believe in giving students a second chance and we can provide you with the opportunity to repeat one or more of your AS or A-Levels, either on a full-time or part-time basis.

Some students may be able to study an A-Level within one year, taking both AS and A2 together.

Southern Regional College has a reputation for having strong academic and pastoral support which will help you achieve your full potential to progress into higher education or employment.

The College also has an excellent Careers Guidance Team who will help you plan for your next step.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our A-Level Guide and considering Southern Regional College as the next destination in your learning journey.



**Stephen Rogan**

Head of Faculty  
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# ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AS & A2 LEVEL

The College invites applicants to apply for 3 or 4 AS subjects based on the 'Subject Selection Grid', which illustrates AS subject combinations. The College will review the qualifications and/or experience held by applicants and will consider whether this profile demonstrates an ability to undertake AS and A2 level qualifications.

For applicants who are at least 16 years of age on or before 1st July in the year of proposed entry to the course and who have recently been in education to key stage 4, they must have one of the following:

- a. Applicants wishing to study 3 A-Levels must have achieved 5 GCSEs at grade C. It is desirable that these should include GCSE English Language at grade C or above and GCSE Mathematics at grade C or above.
- b. Applicants wishing to study 4 A-Levels must have achieved 6 GCSEs at grade B. It is essential that these include GCSE English Language at grade C or above and GCSE Mathematics at grade C or above.
- c. BTEC First Diploma at merit or above (with an overall qualification profile equivalent to 20 points or above).
- d. Leaving Certificate – a profile equivalent to 14 points, (of which 4 subjects must be achieved at grade C3 or better at Ordinary Level) pre 2017. From 2017, 4 subjects must be achieved at 04 or better at Ordinary Level.

Applicants should refer to the table below for additional subject specific entry requirements. Attendance at IPEAS or GPEAS (Individual or Group Pre-Entry Advice Session) is essential in the selection of candidates in all courses.

**TABLE 1**

Subject	Entry Requirements
Biology	GCSE Double Award Science grade BB OR GCSE Biology (Higher Tier) grade C or above
Business Studies	GCSE English Language grade C or above
Chemistry	GCSE Double Award Science grade BB OR GCSE Chemistry (Higher Tier) grade C or above
Digital Technology	GCSE Mathematics grade C or above
English Literature	GCSE English Language grade B or above OR GCSE English Literature grade C or above
Geography	GCSE English Language grade C or above, GCSE Mathematics grade C or above
Government & Politics	GCSE English Language grade C or above
History	GCSE English Language grade C or above
Mathematics	GCSE Mathematics Grade B or above
Nutrition & Food Science	GCSE Double award Science CC or any GCSE Science grade C and Food and Nutrition GCSE grade C
Physics	GCSE Double Award Science grade BB or GCSE Physics grade C or above, GCSE Mathematics grade B or above
Psychology	GCSE English Language grade C or above, GCSE Mathematics grade C or above
Religious Studies	GCSE English Language grade C or above
Sociology	GCSE English Language grade C or above

It is desirable that applicants have attained a GCSE at grade B or above in the subject they wish to study for A-Level.



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# A-LEVEL COMBINATIONS

## AS & A2 (A-Level)

The Faculty of Computing, Design & Academic Studies invites you to apply to study 3 or 4 AS or A2 level subjects based on the 'Subject Selection Grid', which illustrates subject combinations. For further entry requirements see Admissions Criteria.

## A-Level Combinations

You can select one subject per column from one of the tables below or you can combine AS level study (Table A) with A2 level study (Table B) if you have previously studied the subject at AS or A2 level and wish to enhance your grade profile.

**TABLE A: AS LEVEL SUBJECT SELECTION GRID** (5 hours per week per module) - Select only one subject per column

	A	B	C	D
1	Psychology	Mathematics	Psychology	Physics
2	Digital Technology	Digital Technology	Religious Studies	Government & Politics
3	History	History	Chemistry	English Literature
4	Geography	Geography	Business Studies	Business Studies
5	Sociology		English Literature	Nutrition & Food Science
6	Biology			Biology
7	Chemistry			

**TABLE B: A2 LEVEL SUBJECT SELECTION GRID** (5 hours per week per module) - Select only one subject per column

	A	B	C	D
1	Mathematics	Chemistry	Physics	Chemistry
2	Business Studies	Sociology	Digital Technology	Digital Technology
3	Religious Studies	Business Studies	History	History
4	Nutrition & Food Science	Psychology	Geography	Geography*
5	English Literature	Biology	Biology	Psychology
6		English Literature*		
7		Government & Politics		







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# BIOLOGY

Understanding biology is the key to understanding the development of life. Finding cures for diseases, tackling environmental issues and solving crimes through forensics are just some of the important roles a biologist can play in society.

You can expect to develop a wealth of knowledge on cells, human physiology, genetics and the causes of disease providing just a sample of the areas covered.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Molecules & Cells	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	37.5% of AS 15% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Organisms & Biodiversity	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	37.5% of AS 15% of A-Level
<b>Unit 3:</b> Practical Skills	External written exam - 1 hour Internal practical assessment	25% of AS 10% of A-Level

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Physiology, Coordination & Control & Ecosystems	External written exam 2 hours 15 minutes	24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Biochemistry, Genetics & Evolutionary Trends	External written exam 2 hours 15 minutes	24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 3:</b> Practical Skills	External written exam - 1 hour Internal practical assessment	12% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study Biology A-Level you will need to have achieved a BB grade in Double Award Science or GCSE Biology (Higher Tier ) grade C or above.

### Career Opportunities

Students can progress to science subjects in higher education at other higher education institutions or consider SRC's HE provision including higher level apprenticeships. This subject is suitable for degrees in medicine, nursing, veterinary science or animal care. This can lead on to careers in medical professions such as dentistry, nursing, physiotherapy or pharmaceutical research.

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# BUSINESS STUDIES

Business Studies will provide you with a unique insight into the demands of running a business and engages you in a range of business topics impacting on today's society. Through studying business studies you will discover how businesses operate and learn about their key elements and essential functions. This A-Level will help you to develop decision making skills, engage in critical thinking and analyse core business functions.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Introduction to Business	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Growing the Business	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A-Level

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Strategic Decision Making	External written exam 2 hours	30% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> The Competitive Business Environment	External written exam 2 hours	30% of A-Level

## Additional Entrance Requirements

To study Business Studies A-Level you will need to have achieved a C grade in English Language GCSE.

## Career Opportunities

Students can progress to courses in Economics, Finance, Accountancy, Management, Enterprise, E-business in higher education at other higher education institutions or consider SRC's HE provision including higher level apprenticeships. Business Studies represents a good subject choice for many students because all professional careers benefit from some knowledge of business practice.

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# CHEMISTRY

Chemistry is often described as the most versatile science as it overlaps with both biology and physics. The study of chemistry plays an important role in the modern world, from the development of new medicines and electronic gadgets to how we control levels of pollution or identify materials in outer space. Chemistry has a huge impact on our lives; we all experience chemical reactions daily: whether it is breathing, baking a cake or driving a car. Therefore studying chemistry helps us explain these and many other interactions by analysing all the associated elements and compounds they form.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Basic Concepts in Physical, & Inorganic Chemistry	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	40% of AS 16% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Further Physical & Inorganic Chemistry & an Introduction to Organic Chemistry	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	40% of AS 16% of A-Level
<b>Unit 3:</b> Basic Practical Chemistry	External exam practical skills (laboratory) 1 hour 15 minutes External written exam practical knowledge 1 hour 15 minutes	20% of AS 8% of A-Level

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Further Physical & Inorganic Chemistry	External written exam 2 hours	24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Analytical, Transition Metals, Electrochemistry & organic Nitrogen Chemistry	External written exam 2 hours	24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 3:</b> Further Practical Chemistry	External exam practical skills (laboratory) 1 hour 15 minutes External written exam practical knowledge 1 hour 15 minutes	12% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

At least 5 GCSEs at grade C as defined in the Admissions Policy including GCSE Double Award BB or GCSE Chemistry (Higher Tier ) grade C or above.

### Career Opportunities

Students can progress to science subjects in higher education at other higher education institutions or consider SRC's HE provision including higher level apprenticeships. Chemistry A-Level can lead on to degree courses such as forensic science, veterinary science, medicine, chemical engineering or a degree related to the study of health. The skills and knowledge developed on this course can forge a career for you in fields such as pharmaceutical research, nursing, physiotherapy and veterinary medicine.

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# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Digital Technology is a rapidly growing industry in today's modern world which opens up a wealth of opportunities for work. Studying digital technology will provide you with an understanding of the systems development process as well as an awareness of a range of technologies and an appreciation of the potential impact these may have on individuals, organisations and society. You will apply your skills to relevant work-related scenarios and carry out research and development, presenting your findings in different formats.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Approaches to Systems Development	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Fundamentals of Digital Technology	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A-Level

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Information Systems	External written exam 2 hours 30 minutes	40% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Application development	Coursework	20% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study Digital Technology A-Level you will need to have achieved a C grade in Mathematics GCSE.

### Career Opportunities

Digital Technology is regarded as a useful qualification to support your entrance onto any degree programme or higher education course. Courses that relate specifically to the skills acquired on the Digital Technology A-Level would include network engineering, web technology, artificial intelligence and business information systems. Another option is to continue your studies at SRC by enrolling on one of our foundation degrees or higher level apprenticeships.

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# ENGLISH LITERATURE

English Literature examines a range of literary texts of different genres, periods and contexts. Studying this A-Level will encourage you to develop your interest and enjoyment of the written word. You will gain an understanding of the traditions of literature, make informed opinions and judgements on literary texts and develop your knowledge of cultural and historical influences on text. By reading widely, and critically, across centuries, gender and genre, you will develop as an independent reader and critic.

## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> The Study of Poetry 1900 – Present and Drama 1900 – Present	External written exam 2 hours	60% of AS 24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> The Study of Prose pre 1900s	External written exam 1 hour	40% of AS 16% of A-Level

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Shakespearean Genres	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	20% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> The Study of Poetry Pre 1900 and Unseen Poetry	External written exam 2 hours	20% of A-Level
<b>Unit 3:</b> Internal Assessment	Internal Assessment 2500 word assignment	20% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study English Literature A-Level you will need to have achieved GCSE English Language grade B or above, or GCSE English Literature grade C or above.

### Career Opportunities

An A-Level in English Literature will offer a route to university to study at degree level in English Literature, Politics, Media and Communication, Journalism or alternatively, SRC's HE provision including the Associate Bachelor's Degree in English & History. The skills taught on this course will equip you with the knowledge necessary for a working life in Teaching, Publishing, Media, Social Work, Law and Public Sector (Defence, Education or Social Security).

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# GEOGRAPHY

Geography is an interesting and contemporary subject that provides you with the opportunity to learn more about the earth: its landscapes, people, places and environments. The study of geography therefore will help you to have a clearer understanding of important world issues including climate change, energy conservation and pollution. Geography A-Level will also enable you to develop your fieldwork skills and techniques by having the opportunity to investigate real-life issues practically.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Physical Geography	External written exam 1 hour 15 minutes	40% of AS 16% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Human Geography	External written exam 1 hour 15 minutes	40% of AS 16% of A-Level
<b>Unit 3:</b> Fieldwork skills and techniques in Geography	External written exam 1 hour	20% of AS 8% of A-Level

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Physical Geography Option A: The Dynamic Earth Option C: Dynamic Coastal Environments	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Human Interactions Option A: Cultural Geography Option C: Issues in Ethnic Diversity	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 3:</b> Decision Making	External written exam (case study) 1 hour 30 minutes	12% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study Geography A-Level you will need to have achieved a C grade in both English Language and Mathematics GCSE.

### Career Opportunities

Further study at university is possible on courses such as Environmental Management, Social Policy, Conservation Studies and Science or Terrestrial-related degrees. Occupations in Civil Engineering, Surveying, Teaching, Ecology and Conservation are all potential career paths for A-Level Geography students.

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# GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

A-Level Government & Politics aims to encourage students to develop a lifelong interest in government and politics. This curriculum draws together different areas of knowledge, skills and understanding, and develop higher order thinking skills, for example creative thinking and problem-solving.

Students can carry out research, to think critically about the political systems in which they live and how they may participate in those systems. In the AS units, students explore the political systems in Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom. Students who continue to A2 use their AS skills and knowledge to consider other democratic and non-democratic systems and the best way to govern any society.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT


AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland	External written examination with one source and four questions – 1 hour 15 minutes	40% of AS 16% of A Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> The British Political Process	External written examination with five questions – 1 hour 45 mins	60% of AS 24% of A Level
A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Option A: A Comparative Study of the Government and Politics of the United States of America and the United Kingdom	External written examination with one source and six questions – 2 hours 15 mins	35% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Political Power	External written examination with one source and five questions – 1 hour 30 mins	25% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study A-Level Government & Politics you will need to have achieved a C grade in GCSE English.

### Progression

Studying A-Level Government & Politics, links to the curriculum studied in A-Level Sociology. A-Level Government & Politics, provides an excellent opportunity for students to study politics, international relations, law, economics, and business to degree level at Higher Education .

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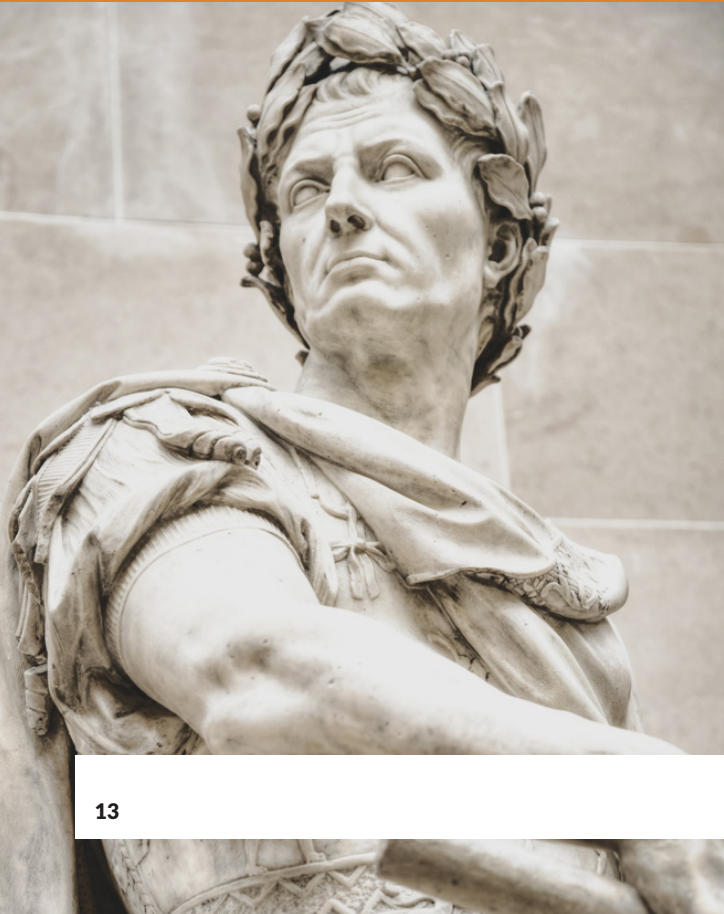
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# HISTORY

The study of history is about more than simply recalling dates and the deeds of famous figures. History is a chronicle of human behaviour - a real-life drama full of villains and heroes, the mighty and the meek. It examines the circumstances that moved its players to transform people and places (for better and for worse) and it holds the answers to how and why our lives are fashioned the way they are today - from our language, fashion and technology to our sports, political systems and religious practices.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Germany 1919-45	External written exam 1 hour 30 Minutes	20% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Russia 1917 - 45	External written exam 1 hour 30 Minutes	20% of A-Level


A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Clash of ideologies	External written exam 1 hour 15 Minutes	20% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> The Partition of Ireland	External written exam 2 hours 30 minutes	40% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study History A-Level you will need to have achieved a C grade in English Language GCSE.

### Career Opportunities

Studying history for A-Level develops the skill set necessary for a range of future career opportunities. A-Level students have gone on to have careers such as as museum curators or history teachers, legal profession, library, information and archivist careers, politics, publishing, journalism, media and writing in all its forms are similarly suitable, alongside business and commerce, public sector administration and the charity and voluntary sectors.

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# MATHEMATICS

Studying A-Level Mathematics will help you develop the ability to reason logically and check the accuracy and validity of your work, thereby making it a well-respected subject for entry to many careers in which you would not be using the subject content directly as well as those in which mathematics is mandatory.

You will enhance your analytical and problem-solving skills whilst appreciating the relevance of mathematics in everyday life and in other fields of study.

The content covers pure mathematics, mechanics and statistics and provides a suitable background for further study of mathematics as a main subject or subsidiary part of a degree, foundation degree or professional qualification..



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## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Pure Mathematics	External written exam 1 hour 45 minutes	60% of AS 24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Applied Mathematics	External written exam 1 hour 15 minutes	40% of AS 16% of A-Level


A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Pure Mathematics	External written exam 2 hours 30 minutes	36% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Applied Mathematics	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	24% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study Mathematics A-Level you will need to have achieved a B grade in Mathematics GCSE.

### Career Opportunities

Studying Mathematics A-Level opens up a range of careers including, accountancy, financial services, engineering, economics, law, medicine, teaching, architecture and computing.

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# NUTRITION & FOOD SCIENCE

Through studying nutrition and food science you will learn about the nutritional requirements and current dietary recommendations for each stage in the life cycle. You will also investigate current research on diet, lifestyle and health. Your studies will enable you to explore food safety and quality including how to secure a safe food supply from a primary producer to the consumer.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Principles of Nutrition	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Diet Lifestyle and Health	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A-Level

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Food Security and Sustainability or Food Safety and Quality	External written exam 2 hours	30% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Research Project	Coursework (4000 word project)	30% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study Nutrition & Food Science A-Level you will need to have achieved GCSE Double Award Science CC or any GCSE Science grade C and Food and Nutrition GCSE grade C.

### Career Opportunities

Studying nutrition and food science opens up a range of careers including, dietetics, food technology, environmental health, food management, hospitality and leisure industry.

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# PHYSICS

Physics is about finding out what the universe is made of and how things work and interact with each other. It is concerned with the most basic building blocks of all things - from ants to antennas, from quarks to quasars. Studying physics will encourage you to develop the way you think about and examine the world. It will also challenge you to question the way things are. This A-Level will help you to develop your analytical, reasoning and practical problem solving skills.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Forces, Energy & Electricity	External written exam 1 hour 45 minutes	40% of AS 16% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Waves, Photons & Astronomy	External written exam 1 hour 45 minutes	40% of AS 16% of A-Level
<b>Unit 3:</b> Practical Techniques & Data Analysis	External exam - Practical Experiment Skills (1 hour) External exam - Analysis of Experimental Data (1 hour)	20% of AS 8% of A-Level

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Deformation of Solids, Thermal Physics, Circular Motion, Oscillation, Atomic & Nuclear Physics	External written exam 2 hours	24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Fields, Capacitors & Particle Physics	External written exam 2 hours	24% of A-Level
<b>Unit 3:</b> Practical Techniques & Data Analysis	External exam - Practical Experiment Skills (1 hour) External exam - Analysis of Experimental Data (1 hour)	12% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study A-Level Physics you will need to have achieved a B grade in Maths and BB grade in Double Award Science or a C grade in Physics GCSE.

### Career Opportunities

Studying A-Level Physics opens up a range of careers including astronomy, geophysics, computer science, medicine, dentistry, ophthalmic optics, engineering and astrophysics.

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# PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is applied to many aspects of life - sports teams, the police, schools, businesses and the media all utilise psychological theory to improve performance, solve crime and understand behaviour. The Psychology A-Level will equip you with the skills and knowledge to decode human behaviour in everyday life. You can expect to develop an understanding of different areas of psychology such as cognition, child development, social psychology and individual differences. You will also learn how topical issues, such as eyewitness testimony, the media and stress, can be better understood and managed by looking at them from a psychological perspective.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Introductory Topics in Psychology	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS
<b>Unit 2:</b> Psychology in Context	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS

A Level Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Paper 1:</b> Introductory Topics in Psychology	External written exam 2 hours	33.3% of A-Level
<b>Paper 2:</b> Psychology in Context	External written exam 2 hours	33.3% of A-Level
<b>Paper 3:</b> Issues & Options in Psychology	External written exam 2 hours	33.3% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

A-Level Psychology is a linear qualification that follows the AQA specification. Linear means that students will sit all the A-Level exams at the end of their A-Level course.

### Career Opportunities

Psychology is a subject that relates well to many career areas: Social Work, Nursing, Teaching, Counselling, Personnel Management, Research, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Educational Psychology.

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# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religious Studies promotes an understanding of the diversity of our society. Through a study of a selection of new testament books and ethics students are encouraged to reflect upon Christianity's role today and the various issues that it faces. This is a versatile subject that develops a student's ability to present arguments, consider other points of view and engage in critical discussion – all of which are key skills needed for further study at university.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Foundations of Ethics with special reference to Issues in Medical Ethics	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A-Level

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Themes in Selected Letters of St Paul	External written exam 2 hours	30% of A-Level
<b>Unit 2:</b> Global Ethics	External written exam 2 hours	30% of A-Level

### Additional Entrance Requirements

To study A-Level Religious Studies you will need to have achieved a C grade in GCSE English Language.

### Career Opportunities

An A-Level in Religious Studies will offer a route to university to study at degree level or alternatively, SRC's HE provision including Associate Bachelor's Degree in English & History. Religious Studies is a versatile subject and is useful preparation for a range of careers including the Church, Teaching (it is highly recognised by teacher training institutions and is a curriculum subject), Museum Work, Research and Community Relations, Nursing, Social Work and Law.

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# SOCIOLOGY

A-Level Sociology aims to develop a critical understanding of society by examining the most important institutions within the social structure. Sociology is a stimulating and relevant subject, offering you the opportunity to develop a range of transferable skills. Sociology is the study of how human society develops and changes and how people interact with one another.

The central aim of the A-Level in Sociology is to examine relationships and inequalities between people and the effects of the social, economic and political influences may have on them.

A-Level Sociology is a linear qualification that follows the AQA specification. Linear means that students will sit all the A-Level exams at the end of their A-Level course.



## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

AS Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Unit 1:</b> Education with Theory & Methods in the Context of Education	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS
<b>Unit 2:</b> Topics in Sociology: Families & Households & Beliefs in Society (taught over 2 years)	External written exam 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS

A2 Content	Assessment	Weighting
<b>Paper 1:</b> Education with Theory & Methods in the Context of Education	External written exam 2 hours	33.3% of A-Level
<b>Paper 2:</b> Topics in Sociology: Families & Households & Beliefs in Society (taught over two years)	External written exam 2 hours	33.3% of A-Level
<b>Paper 3:</b> Crime & Deviance with Theory & Methods	External written exam 2 hours	33.3% of A-Level

## Additional Entrance Requirements

To study A-Level Sociology you will need to have achieved a C grade in GCSE English Language.

## Career Opportunities

Studying A-Level Sociology opens up a range of careers including social work, nursing, market research, housing management, journalism, police and criminal justice.

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# STUDENT SERVICES

## Pastoral Care

The A-Level Academy Team prides itself on providing all our students with a high level of pastoral care. When you start your A-Level studies you will be assigned to a tutorial class and will have the opportunity to meet with your personal tutor for one hour each week. If you are having any difficulties with your studies, finance or personal issues, your personal tutor is your first point of contact.

## Learning Support

The College aims to provide a safe, supportive and friendly learning environment for all students including those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. The Learning Support Team can provide additional and specialist support to assist students with disabilities, learning difficulties and/or medical conditions.

## Careers Guidance

Careers advice, information and guidance is an essential part of your learning programme to enable you to make decisions about your future career path and further study. Our Careers Team is available to assist you in completing your UCAS application and providing you with up to date careers information about job opportunities.

## Work Inspiration NI

A-Level students are encouraged to engage in work experience opportunities throughout their studies. The A-Level Academy Team works with Charter NI to secure work placements for students in the Southern Trust. This provides our students with great opportunities to gain hands on experience in various medical, therapy and research settings.

## Attendance Policy

The College has a strict attendance policy and expects students to attend all classes and tutorial sessions punctually. When students are absent they are expected to email their personal tutor by 9:30am on the first day of their absence. If students are absent for more than 5 consecutive days they are expected to produce a sick note authorised by their doctor. Where students attendance falls below 80% they will appear on the 'at risk' register and will be required to attend an interview with the A-Level coordinator. If this behaviour persists, students will be put on daily report and will have to attend an interview with the Curriculum Area Manager.

## Equality & Diversity

The College promotes equality and diversity in order to foster a harmonious and neutral learning environment and atmosphere of mutual respect. Whilst students do not have to wear a uniform, you are not permitted to wear any clothing which may give offence or cause apprehension among particular groups of staff, students or the public.

## Student ID Cards

All A-Level students will be issued with a free student ID card which will allow you to access the Learning Resource Centre and borrow books. You need your student ID card to sit examinations or vote in Students' Union elections. Student ID cards will also allow you to obtain discounts in some shops, restaurants and entertainment venues.





# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Participating in student activities within the College is a fantastic way to mix with other students, giving you confidence, improving your employability skills and having fun at the same time. You will discover many social, cultural and sporting activities to integrate with your academic studies.

## Freshers' Fayre

The annual Freshers' Fayre focuses on having fun and meeting your tutors and fellow students. The Freshers' Fayre is a wonderful opportunity to find out about the calendar of student events and College teams and how to get involved in your Students' Union.

## Student Consultative Groups/ Student Council

These groups meet on campus to give students a voice and to inform policies and procedures.

## Students' Union

The Students' Union exists to further your interests and facilitate the representation of your views. You can get involved by running as a candidate in our elections. Information on how to do this is on our College website and available at our Freshers' Fayre. Southern Regional College is governed by a Board of Governors and the Students' Union of the College may elect one Governor to the Governing Body. The Students' Union can help your class representatives raise issues through the Student Council.

## Health & Wellbeing

We aim to promote healthy living by providing you with health education information and health promotion activities such as: access to fitness suites, physical activity days, events, counselling services, the Youth Health Advice Clinic, and Life Skills/Resilience Workshops in your class.

## Student Formal

This annual event is organised by the Students' Union and is supported by College staff. It is a great way for students to come together, get dressed up and have a really special and memorable night.

## Visits

Throughout the year a number of visits are planned for our students ranging from college exchange visits, educational day trips and fun days.

## Fundraising

Students at the College are very passionate about fundraising and have gone to great lengths to raise money for worthwhile causes. Each year the students support a range of nominated charities.

## Exhibitions & Shows

A series of creative shows and exhibitions take place on all campuses to celebrate the success and achievements of our students as they showcase their work from a range of disciplines including Art and Design, Catering, Hairdressing, Media, Music, Skills, Trades and Visual Arts.

For further information on Student Activities, please contact the Student Activities Coordinator:

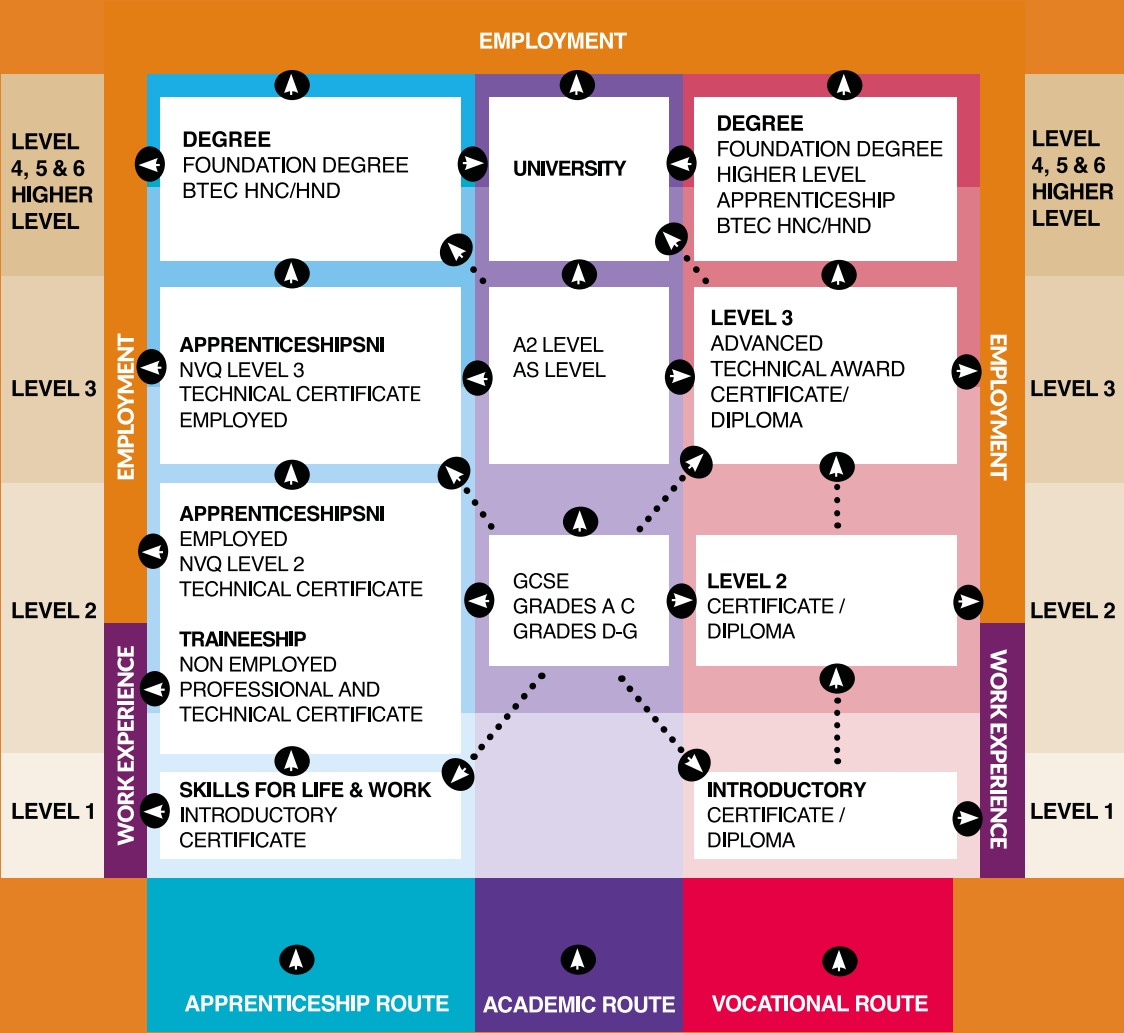
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# PROGRESSION ROUTES

A-Levels offer a path to education, training and learning at Level 4, 5 and 6 across apprenticeship and academic routes.







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