

# Computing, Digital and IT

## Computing for England Higher National Diploma (HND) - (HTQ)

### In Brief

#### Start Date / Duration

The course begins in September 2024 and lasts for 30 weeks.

#### Entry Requirements

A Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Computing and Systems Development or equivalent qualification in a related subject.

#### You will achieve

A Computing for England BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) – HTQ.

### Course Overview

This programme will build on the learning you have undertaken while studying a Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Computing [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/course/computing-higher-national-certificate-hnc-level-4-full-time/] g. You will have the opportunity to focus on one of three specialised study areas.

This HTQ [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/courses/higher-technical-qualifications-htqs/] provides the opportunity to gain the proper training, knowledge and skills to be successful in the workplace. Visit the HTQ page [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/courses/higher-technical-qualifications-htqs/] for further information.

This course is delivered as part of the South Yorkshire Institute of Technology (SYIoT). [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/syiot/]

### Course Content

You will choose one of the following specialist study areas:

- Software Engineering – including units such as data structures and algorithms, applied programming and design principles, discrete maths, applied cryptography, information security management and forensic.
- Network Engineering – including units such as transport network design, cloud computing and network security.
- Data analytics – including a computing research project, business process support, advanced programming for data analysis, machine learning, big data analytics and visualisations, systems

analysis and e-commerce.



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## How will I be assessed?

You will be taught through lectures, practical sessions and independent learning. We foster a culture of independent learning and decision making that will develop your problem solving and analytical skills.

You will complete project-based assessments which will combine several units to give you an employment-based assessment. The teaching will reflect the project approach and will include aspects of teamworking.

## What Equipment Will I Need?

All equipment will be provided.

## Where will I study?

SciTech Digital Innovation Centre  
Falcon Street  
Barnsley  
S70 2EY

## What can I do next?

You will be able to progress onto the final year of a relevant degree programme or into

employment in any of the related study subjects.

See what careers are available in the Computing [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Computing-careers-2023-24.pdf>] and Games [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Games-Design-careers-2023-24.pdf>] sectors. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [<https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=&region=Barnsley>] , to find out what your next steps could be.

## How much does the course cost?

Course fees: £5,995 per year for those that enrol in September 2024. £6,165\* per year for those that enrol in September 2025 (\*maximum fee per year is subject to approval)

## Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

## Extra information

### Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) Higher Education

We offer a service to any student who has a diagnosis of anything persistent or long-term which might interfere with how they study and manage their day-to-day academic engagement. The service is flexible and shaped around the needs of each individual; it might be consistent support or intermittent support.

For further information please refer to our website. [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/higher-education/dds-at-higher-education/>]

## HE Student Finance

As a Higher Education student living in England you may be eligible for the non-means tested Tuition Fee Loan from the Government. For further details go to: [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance) [<http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance>]

You may also be eligible for a Maintenance Loan. See the Government website [<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>] for up-to-date details.

Students with children or dependant adults may qualify for a Childcare Grant or Adult Dependents' Grant. Students can apply for these at the same time as applying for a Maintenance Loan.

**Remember:** Eligible students will not have to pay tuition fees in advance and can apply for the Maintenance Loan before they start the course.

Apply online at [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance) [<http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance>]

## Full Fee Payable

If the course is listed as full fee payable, you will have to pay for the course.

## Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email [info@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk) [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk]

## Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

## Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Call us on **01226 216 123**