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Guide for Students
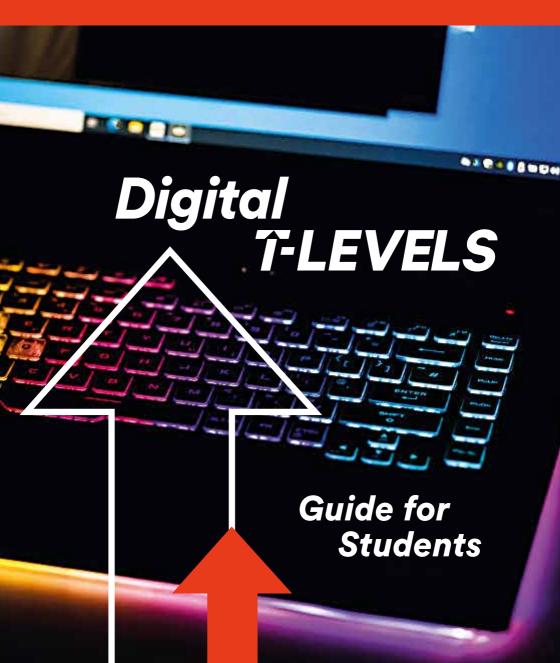
What are T-Levels?

T-Levels are a new qualification designed to give you a head start towards the future you want.
They follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A Levels.
T-Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience during an industry placement of at least 45 days. They will provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door into skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship.

T-Level programmes will consist of 3 components:

➡ An institute-approved technical qualification

➡ An industry placement

➡ A minimum standard of maths and English

5 reasons to consider a digital career:

1. It's an industry that keeps on growing
2. A variety of options and career paths
3. You'll always pick up new skills along the way
4. It's not just for computer wizards anymore
5. Commands higher salaries than other industries

The digital industries offer a massive variety of job opportunities - from Data Analysis, Cyber Security, Gomputer Programming, Games Development to Digital Marketing, Copywriting and Social Media.

Benefits of completing a T-LEVEL

Created by businesses - T-Levels have been designed by businesses and employers to give you the essential workplace knowledge and skills you need.

Kickstart your career - T-Levels give you the chance to learn what a real career is like while you continue your studies.

Qualifications that count - When you pass your T-Level, you will get a nationally recognised certificate showing the overall grade you achieved. It will also give details of what you learned on the course to help you move into skilled employment or a higher apprenticeship.

Learn your way - T-Levels involve more classroom study than apprenticeships, which means you can experience an industry while you continue your studies.

UCAS points:

Students who want to progress into higher education will be able to see how UCAS Tariff points are allocated to their T-Level. They must achieve at least an overall pass grade to receive Tariff points, as set out below:

UCAS Tariff points	T-Level overall grade	A Level
144	Distinction	AAA
120	Merit	BBB
96	Pass (C or above on the core)	CCC
72	Pass (D or E on the core)	DDD

What is an Industry Placement?

Industry placements give students an opportunity to develop their practical and technical skills in a role directly relevant to their vocational course.

They also give employers the chance to ensure that young people are developing the skills and experience that industry needs.

You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a 315 hour industry placement with an employer to give you the skills and knowledge companies look for.

What will you gain from your placement?

Your industry placement gives you a great opportunity to put your learning into practice and develop your technical skills and knowledge for the industry your placement is in.

It will help you to progress once you have finished your T-Level, whether that is directly into employment, an apprenticeship, or further education.

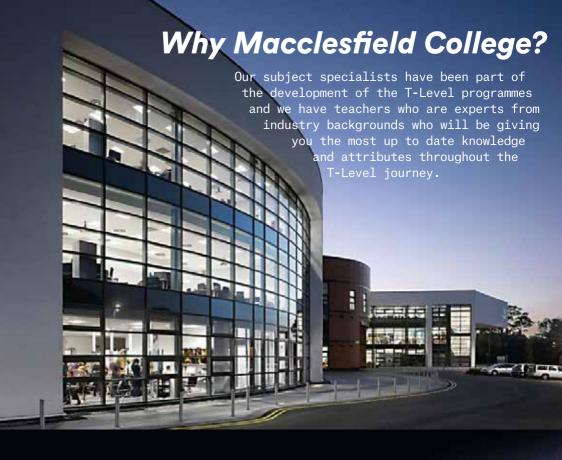Your industry placement is also a really important addition to your CV.

It will make a big difference to your future job opportunities as it will help you stand out against other applicants.

315 hours

Your placement will help you to:

→ Gain the experience of being in a workplace setting

→ Learn how to be professional at work

→ Step out of your comfort zone and build confidence through interacting with professionals and meeting new people

→ Identify what sort of job you would like to do and what sort of organisation you would like to work for

→ Build your network in the industry, connecting you with people who can give you advice and help you to find future jobs

→ Learn how to work as part of a team

→ Communicate appropriately

→ Take responsibility for actions and tasks

→ Potentially secure a job or apprenticeship after you have completed your T Level

Why Macclesfield College?

Our subject specialists have been part of
the development of the T-Level programmes
and we have teachers who are experts from
industry backgrounds who will be giving
you the most up to date knowledge
and attributes throughout the
T-Level journey.

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At Macclesfield college, our state of
the art facilities help you develop
the skills and confidence to excel
at your course.

We have a brand new digital suite which
will contain: Dual Monitor Gaming PC's,
VR Oculus Headset, A Virtual Machine,
AI Development and Hyper V Server for
Networking capabilities as well as
Cyber Hacking using the VM PC.

We are excited to deliver the most up
to date training on Games Development,
Ethical Hacking and Cybersecurity.

Digital Production, Design and Development T-Level Course

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSE passes (grade 4 or above), including English and Maths

What will I learn on this course?

The core element of a T-Level in Digital Production, Design and Development will allow you to develop your knowledge and understanding in a broad range of topics such as programming, coding, the use of data and the different platforms of delivery in the digital industry.

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On successful completion of this course you will gain a T-Level Technical Qualification in Digital Production, Design and Development. This qualification is equivalent to three A Levels and can attract a maximum of 168 UCAS points (Distinction).

What topics will I study?

The core content focuses on knowledge and understanding of contexts, concepts, theories, principles and core skills relevant to the digital industry. This includes the business context, data analysis, security and tools relevant to the digital industry.

The occupational specialist content focuses on:

- Business Context
- Culture
- Data
- Digital Analysis
- Digital Environments
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Learning
- Legislation
- Security
- Testing
- Tools

Any Questions?

If you have any questions regarding T-Levels and Industry Placements please get in touch, our team will be happy to assist with answering any questions you may have.

Talk to our industry placement team:
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