

## University Centre Folkestone

### Key Facts



- Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Greenwich - two established universities with records of excellence and proven expertise in their specialist fields - have come together to create University Centre Folkestone (UCF).
- The Centre opened in September 2007 and officially launched in January 2008.
- UCF is a working partnership between Canterbury Christ Church University, the University of Greenwich and the Creative Foundation.
- There are a wide range of full and part-time programmes and short courses available.
- Strong business partnerships are being harnessed to unlock creative talent in the area.
- The University Centre Folkestone is funded by a substantial investment of over £10m.

### Location and Facilities

The campus is close to Folkestone town centre, at the refurbished 80,000ft<sup>2</sup> Glassworks, two five-storey warehouses located just off Tontine Street, near the harbour.

The Glassworks is part of Folkestone's new Creative Quarter, a regeneration area around the town's old High Street. Art galleries, street sculpture and studios give the Creative Quarter plenty of cultural character and it is also home to many cafes, pubs and individual shops.

The Centre has the capacity to host conferences, training days and business meetings. The rooms range from a 60-seat fully-equipped lecture/conference suite to a 12-seat boardroom. All rooms have natural daylight, and are comfortable and spacious. Plus, rooms have PCs with Internet connectivity and projectors, and can be set up in a variety of seating configurations to suit individual needs.

### Student Facts and Figures

- The growing campus in Folkestone aims to provide local people, mature students and leavers with opportunities to fulfil their ambitions.
- UCF is aiming to enrol around 300 students in the next two years, with the potential to educate up to 500.
- Throughout 2008 there will be a rolling programme of enrolment for full and part-time courses.

### Faculties and Departments

The Centre offers BA Honours degrees, foundation degrees and short courses.

Foundation Degrees (Fd) are higher education qualifications designed to meet the needs of the modern workplace. Combining university study with work-based learning and practical work experience, they are equivalent to the first two years of an honours degree or a Higher National Diploma (HND). Students completing foundation degrees can progress on to an honours degree programme.

The BA Honours degree is the internationally-recognised gold standard of university education. Normally consisting of three years' full-time study, this is the qualification to aim for if you wish to undertake further specialist training for the professions and the higher levels of business and commerce.

### Short courses

The Centre is also concerned with professional development, and there courses for people already working in some areas in which a higher qualification will enhance their career opportunities - notably in business, and in education, with an emphasis on childhood studies and early years

There are a wide range of full-time and part-time creative and vocational programmes, with the focus on creative industries including Performing Arts, Information Technology, Multi-media, Visual Art, Business and Management.

Most of the courses offered in the initial period are two-year Foundation degree courses with the possibility to continue a third year for a full Honours degree:

- Applied Professional Studies Level 3 Advanced Standing BA/BSc Hons
- Applied Professional Studies, Foundation degree
- Childhood Studies, Foundation degree and BA Hons
- Creative Industries Information Technology, FdA
- Enterprise Project Management, FdA
- Information Technology Management for Business, FdA
- Marketing Technology, FdA
- Multimedia, FdA
- Performing Arts, Foundation degree and BA Hons
- Retail Technology, FdA
- Small Business Management, Foundation Degree (University Centre, Folkestone)
- Visual Art and Professional Practice, BA Hons.



There are also a broad range of short courses that are on offer. A number of these short courses are free.

### Links with Business

University Centre Folkestone will be a powerful regenerative force in the academic, social and economic development of Folkestone and South Kent. It aims to unlock latent demand to develop creativity, IT and practical skills to contribute to the local economy and encourage new business creation.

UCF aims to work with employers to identify their education and training needs and develop enterprise and research activities in partnership with local organisations. Business and Enterprise programmes are designed to nurture entrepreneurship to support students develop their own businesses. UCF has introduced a portfolio of short courses designed to meet the needs of local businesses and help improve individual's own career prospects.

The Centre has facilities to host conferences, events and business meetings. Plus, it can assist local businesses by providing specifically tailored training for staff.