

Aeronautical Engineering HTQ Higher National Certificate

Course Overview

This is a two-year part-time programme, in which a Higher National Certificate (HTQ) is completed. With a career in Aeronautical engineering as your chosen route, this level 4 course offers students wishing to follow an Aeronautical engineering pathway, both the higher level knowledge and also the understanding of how this is applied in industry. The HNC/HND in Aeronautical engineering course is designed to enable students who may have come through a vocational route to progress into higher education, building on the knowledge gained at level 3. Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ) at levels 4 and 5 are an alternative to apprenticeships or degrees. They may suit you if you want a more practical, employer-led study programme, approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.

What you will learn

Over the two year programme, you will study the following units, in year 1 you will study 4 of the following level 4 units: Engineering Design, Engineering maths, Managing a professional Engineering project, Aircraft Aerodynamics, Aircraft Electrical Power, Airframe Mechanical Systems, Composite materials for Aerospace applications, Turbine Rotary Wing Mechanical and Flight Systems.

Over the two year programme, you will study the following units, in year 2 you will study the remaining 4 of the following level 4 units: Engineering Design, Engineering maths, Managing a professional Engineering project, Aircraft Aerodynamics, Aircraft Electrical Power, Airframe Mechanical Systems, Composite materials for Aerospace applications, Turbine Rotary Wing Mechanical and Flight Systems.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry to this course requires a minimum of 32 UCAS points from a recognised level 3 qualification in a related subject (eg. T-Level, BTEC National or A-levels or equivalent) or a higher level qualification in an unrelated subject area. You are expected to hold GCSE English and maths at grade 4 or equivalent. We welcome applicants who do not match standard entry requirements but who can demonstrate the ability to study this subject at university level and who can evidence relevant experience. An interview is required to ascertain prior achievement.

Course Progression

On successful completion of the HNC (HTQ) course, you may continue to the level 5 HND (HTQ). Once you have achieved the HND, you will be able to apply to study for a further year to obtain a full degree at university. This qualification is well regarded throughout the industry and the academic world. Career opportunities include managerial and technical positions in mechanical or electrical engineering.

What Happens Next

Applications to our part time Undergraduate courses can be made directly through the college website. Applications to our full-time undergraduate courses must be made through UCAS using institution code L36 and course code 001H. If you haven't started a UCAS application yet, and only want to apply to Leicester College, you can apply directly to us using our direct application form via the College website, and we will process a UCAS application on your behalf. Due to the nature of this programme, you may also be invited to attend an interview. Where necessary, other means of interview (i.e. telephone, web-based, CD/DVD) can be arranged.

Course Details

Course Code	P00269
Start Date	21/09/2026
Study Hours	Part Time
Duration	2 years
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level	4

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