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Access to HE Diploma Education

AIM 40012153

Qualification Guide

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About the Qualification

Title	Open Awards Access to HE Diploma (Education)
Qualification Accreditation Number	AIM 40012153
Sector	13.1 Teaching and Lecturing
Level	Level Three
Funding	Please click here for more information
Pricing Information	Please click here for more information
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Purpose	To provide higher education progression opportunities for adults who, because of social, educational or individual circumstances, may have achieved few, if any, prior qualifications.
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Available Delivery Modes	Classroom-based Learning Blended Learning Distance Learning
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Total Qualification Time/Guided Learning	
Total Qualification Time (hours)	600
Guided Learning (hours)	600

Age Range and Restrictions	
Pre -16	x
16 – 18	✓
18+	✓
Any other restrictions specific to the qualification(s)	None

Any Specified Entry Requirements

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 17+.

There are no specific entry requirements with regards to prior qualifications. However, providers must liaise with Higher Education Institutions when developing their Access to HE programme to identify any additional requirements for progression.

In most cases, we expect learners to have or being working towards GCSE English and maths at grade C/4 or above or equivalents.

Recommended Assessment Method Summary

Assessments for Access to HE Diplomas are internally set, internally marked and externally moderated portfolio of evidence

Providers will be required to develop an assessment strategy before they begin delivery of this Diploma. This will ensure that a range of appropriate assessment methods are selected. Consideration must be given to the needs of all learners whilst also making sure that they can develop and evidence the skills, knowledge and confidence that will prepare them for the rigorous assessment regimes in higher education.

Types of evidence could include:

- a) Written assignments
- b) Essays
- c) Reports
- d) Presentations
- e) Practical assessment
- f) Examinations
- g) Project work

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards.

Please see the [Access to HE Provider Handbook](#) for more information.

Qualification Structure

Rules of Combination

Credit Value of the Qualification:	60
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification:	45
Graded Credits	45
Ungraded Credits	15

Graded Units	
Mandatory Academic Unit Group A – Education	A minimum of 15 graded credits required.
Mandatory Academic Group B – National Curriculum Subjects	A minimum of 15 graded credits are required from a single national curriculum subject.
B1 – English	
B2 – History	
B3 – Sociology	
B4 – Mathematics	
B5 – Sports and Exercise	
B6 – Geography	
B7 – Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)	
B8 – Art and Design	
Optional Academic Group C - Psychology	Remaining 15 graded credits may be selected from group A and B, or C-F.
Optional Academic Group D - Management	
Optional Academic Group E - Business	
Optional Academic Group F – Politics	

Ungraded Units	
Optional Ungraded Academic Unit Group A – Education	A minimum of 15 ungraded credits must be selected from ungraded groups A and B, or C-F or Developmental (Group G).
Optional Ungraded Academic Group B – National Curriculum Subjects	
B1 – English	
B2 – History	
B3 – Sociology	
B4 – Mathematics	
B5 – Sports and Exercise	
B6 – Geography	
B7 – Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)	
B8 – Art and Design	
Optional Ungraded Academic Group C - Psychology	
Optional Ungraded Academic Group D - Management	
Optional Ungraded Academic Group E - Business	
Optional Ungraded Academic Group F – Politics	
Optional Ungraded Group G – Developmental	

In addition, you must ensure that at least one six (6) credit (academic graded, academic ungraded, or ungraded developmental) to be compliant with the requirements of the QAA Access to HE Diploma specification.

You can select up to a maximum of 30 credits made up of six (6) credit (academic graded, ungraded, or ungraded developmental) units.

Please note, units with the same title (ungraded and graded) are barred.

Qualification Units

Graded

Mandatory Academic Unit Group A – Education

(A minimum of 15 graded credits required from single national curriculum subject.)

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33EDU10	Assessment Strategies and Skills	3	Level Three
GA33EDU08	Equal Opportunities in the School Environment	3	Level Three
GA33EDU12	Learning Difficulties in the School Environment	3	Level Three
GA33EDU11	Lesson Preparation Skills	3	Level Three
GA33EDU02	National Education Policy for English Schools	3	Level Three
GA36EDU02	Planning and Delivering a Micro Teach Session	6	Level Three
GA33EDU04	Practical Teaching Skills	3	Level Three
GA33EDU03	Promoting Attainment in Schools	3	Level Three
GA33EDU14	Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships in Education and Training	3	Level Three
GA36EDU03	The Role of Play in the Development of Children	6	Level Three
GA33EDU05	Theories of How Children Learn	3	Level Three

Mandatory Academic Unit Group B – National Curriculum Subjects

(A minimum of 15 graded credits required from **one** .)

B1 - English

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33ENG01	Appreciating a Play	3	Level Three
GA33ENG25	Appreciating Poetry	3	Level Three
GA33ENG09	Appreciation of a Novel	3	Level Three
GA33ENG17	Aspects of World Literature	3	Level Three
GA33ENG12	Child Language Acquisition	3	Level Three
GA33ENG22	Children's Literature	3	Level Three

GA33FMC02	Film Form	3	Level Three
GA33FMC06	Genre in Film	3	Level Three
GA33ENG16	Gothic Fiction	3	Level Three
GA33ENG02	Literary Theories and Criticism	3	Level Three
GA33ENG21	Persuasive Communication	3	Level Three
GA36ENG05	Script Writing	6	Level Three
GA33ENG18	Shakespeare	3	Level Three
GA33ENG10	Short Stories	3	Level Three
GA33ENG23	Sociolinguistics	3	Level Three
GA33ENG03	Standard and Non-Standard English	3	Level Three
GA33ENG19	The English Language Today	3	Level Three
GA33ENG13	The Sounds of English	3	Level Three
GA33ENG06	Values and Ideology in an American Novel	3	Level Three
GA33ENG27	Varieties of Language	3	Level Three
GA36ENG20	Writing Fiction	6	Level Three
GA33ENG14	Writing for Magazines	3	Level Three
GA33ENG04	Writing Poetry	3	Level Three

B2 - History

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33HIS30	British Foreign Policy in the 1930s	3	Level Three
GA33HIS45	British Prehistory	3	Level Three
GA33HIS39	Economic Change in the Interwar Period	3	Level Three
GA33HIS22	European Expansion and Disaster 1870 - 1914	3	Level Three
GA33HIS15	Greece: The Classical Era (Fifth Century BCE)	3	Level Three
GA33HIS33	Hitler's Persecution of the Jews	3	Level Three
GA33HIS17	Hitler's Rise to Power	3	Level Three
GA33HIS05	Introduction to the Dark Ages 476 – 1000	3	Level Three
GA33HIS14	Introduction to the High Medieval Age in Britain 1000-12000	3	Level Three
GA33POL11	Key Traditions in Political Philosophy	3	Level Three
GA33HIS23	Liverpool and the Atlantic Slave Trade	3	Level Three
GA33HIS01	Medieval Britain c.1150-1450	3	Level Three
GA36HIS47	Regional History	6	Level Three
GA33HIS41	Rome: The Age of Augustus	3	Level Three

GA33HIS29	Rome: The Collapse of the Republic	3	Level Three
GA33HIS04	Rome: The Early Empire	3	Level Three
GA33HIS08	Stalin's Rise to Power	3	Level Three
GA33HIS42	Stalinism and Modernisation in Russia	3	Level Three
GA33HIS35	Studying History: An Introduction	3	Level Three
GA33HIS43	The 'Viking Age': from the Eighth to the Eleventh Century	3	Level Three
GA33HIS10	The Ancient Near East: Third Millennium	3	Level Three
GA33HIS07	The Arab-Israeli Conflict since 1948	3	Level Three
GA33HIS46	The Birth of Modern Ireland	3	Level Three
GA33HIS36	The Birth of the Modern British State	3	Level Three
GA36HIS28	The English Reformation	6	Level Three
GA33HIS21	The First Crusade and the Rise and Fall of the Outremer	3	Level Three
GA33HIS06	The Impact of the Second World War on Europe	3	Level Three
GA33HIS38	The Industrial Revolution in Britain: Nature and Scope 1760 - 1830	3	Level Three
GA33HIS26	The Industrial Revolution in Britain: Social Consequences 1800 - 1850	3	Level Three
GA33HIS32	The Renaissance	3	Level Three
GA33HIS09	The Rise and Fall of the Normans in England	3	Level Three
GA33HIS25	The Role of History in the Northern Ireland Crisis	3	Level Three
GA36HIS48	The Russian Revolution and Stalin's Rise to Power	6	Level Three
GA33HIS11	The Russian Revolutions of 1917	3	Level Three
GA33HIS34	The Suffragette Movement	3	Level Three
GA33HIS44	The War of the Roses	3	Level Three

B3 - Sociology

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33HEA05	Access to Health Care in Modern Britain	3	Level Three
GA33SOC06	Changing Beliefs in British Society	3	Level Three
GA33PSY22	Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing	3	Level Three
GA33SOC29	Community Change and the Environment	3	Level Three
GA33HEA02	Delivery of Health Care in the UK	3	Level Three
GA33SOC14	Education and Social Inequality	3	Level Three
GA33HEA01	Ethical Issues in Health	3	Level Three
GA33SOC02	Exploring Social Policy	3	Level Three
GA33SOC01	Feminism and the Household	3	Level Three
GA33HEA04	Gender and Health Care Roles in Modern Britain	3	Level Three
GA33HEA06	Health Promotion	3	Level Three
GA33SOC09	History of Social Policies	3	Level Three
GA33SOC16	Introduction to Women's Studies	3	Level Three
GA33POL11	Key Traditions in Political Philosophy	3	Level Three
GA33SOC10	Learning and Gender	3	Level Three
GA33FMC05	Organisation and Control of Contemporary News Media	3	Level Three
GA33SOC05	Poverty in Contemporary Britain	3	Level Three
GA36BIO37	Promoting Health	6	Level Three
GA33HEA08	Public Health	3	Level Three
GA33SOC08	Race in British Society	3	Level Three
GA33SOC28	Regeneration and the City	3	Level Three
GA33HEA03	Sexual Health in the UK	3	Level Three
GA33HEA07	Social Roles in the Caring Professions	3	Level Three
GA33SOC03	Social Stratification and Inequality	3	Level Three
GA33SOC15	Sociological Theory	3	Level Three
GA33SOC27	Sociology of the Environment	3	Level Three
GA33SOC04	Sociology of the Family in Modern Britain	3	Level Three
GA33FMC01	Television in Britain	3	Level Three
GA33PSY08	The Nature-Nurture Debate	3	Level Three
GA33FMC03	The Sixties in the Cinema	3	Level Three
GA33SOC07	Women and Paid Work	3	Level Three
GA33SOC12	Work and Leisure	3	Level Three

B4 – Mathematics

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33MTH05	Algebra	3	Level Three
GA33MTH07	Algorithms, Pseudocode and Trace Tables	3	Level Three
GA33MTH01	Complex Numbers	3	Level Three
GA33MTH10	Computer Logic	3	Level Three
GA33MTH24	Coordinate Geometry and Vectors	3	Level Three
GA33MTH14	Differentiation	3	Level Three
GA33MTH06	Integration	3	Level Three
GA33MTH09	Logarithms and Exponentials	3	Level Three
GA33MTH15	Matrices	3	Level Three
GA33MTH21	Number Systems and Data Representation	3	Level Three
GA33PHY18	Physical Quantities and Algebraic Methods	3	Level Three
GA33MTH20	Series and Partial Fractions	3	Level Three
GA33MTH19	Statistical Methods	3	Level Three
GA33MTH02	Trigonometric Methods	3	Level Three
GA33MTH12	Vectors	3	Level Three

B5 – Sports and Exercise

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33SPO01	Anatomy and Physiology of Movement	3	Level Three
GA33SPO12	Cardiorespiratory Response to Exercise	3	Level Three
GA33SPO06	Developing Sport Skills	3	Level Three
GA33SPO11	Physiology in Sport	3	Level Three
GA33SPO05	Psychology of Sports Performance	3	Level Three
GA33SPO07	Sports Development	3	Level Three
GA33SPO14	Training and Fitness	3	Level Three

B6 - Geography

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33SOC29	Community Change and the Environment	3	Level Three
GA33GEO07	Countryside Management in the UK	3	Level Three
GA33GEO10	Environmental Health and Wellbeing	3	Level Three
GA33GEO09	Plant Biology	3	Level Three
GA33SOC28	Regeneration and the City	3	Level Three
GA33SOC27	Sociology of the Environment	3	Level Three

B7 – Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33CHE16	Analytical Chemistry	3	Level Three
GA33BIO01	Biological Molecules	3	Level Three
GA33BIO16	Body Defences	3	Level Three
GA33BIO02	Cell Metabolism	3	Level Three
GA36CHE18	Characteristics of the Periodic Table	6	Level Three
GA33CHE11	Chemical and Acid-Base Equilibria	3	Level Three
GA33PHY14	Circular Motion, Simple Harmonic Motion and Resonance	3	Level Three
GA33BIO09	Coordination and Control	3	Level Three
GA33PHY06	Current Electricity and the Transient Response	3	Level Three
GA33BIO05	DNA Technology	3	Level Three
GA33BIO05	DNA Technology	3	Level Three
GA33PHY11	Dynamics and Statics	3	Level Three
GA33BIO10	Ecosystems	3	Level Three
GA33CHE12	Energetics	3	Level Three
GA33BIO04	Evolution and Speciation	3	Level Three
GA33BIO15	Exchange and Transport of Gases	3	Level Three
GA33PHY08	Fluid Mechanics	3	Level Three
GA36BIO33	From Cells to Organ Systems	6	Level Three
GA33CHE06	Further Organic Chemistry	3	Level Three
GA33BIO06	Genetics	3	Level Three
GA33PHY20	Gravitational and Electric Fields	3	Level Three
GA33PHY05	Heat and Thermodynamics	3	Level Three

GA33BIO03	Homeostasis	3	Level Three
GA36BIO34	Human Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems	6	Level Three
GA33BIO14	Human Cardiovascular System	3	Level Three
GA33BIO24	Human Reproduction	3	Level Three
GA36BIO35	Human Reproduction and Genetics	6	Level Three
GA33BIO43	Introduction to Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Cells	3	Level Three
GA33CHE13	Kinetics and Redox Systems	3	Level Three
GA33PHY01	Magnetic Fields and Electromagnetic Induction	3	Level Three
GA33PHY12	Medical Uses of Radioisotopes	3	Level Three
GA33PHY16	Non-Ionising Medical Imaging	3	Level Three
GA33PHY04	Nuclear Physics	3	Level Three
GA33CHE02	Organic Chemistry	3	Level Three
GA33BIO13	Organisation of the Body	3	Level Three
GA33CHE14	Periodicity	3	Level Three
GA33PHY18	Physical Quantities and Algebraic Methods	3	Level Three
GA33PHY17	Physics of the Senses	3	Level Three
GA33BIO45	Plant Structure and Function	3	Level Three
GA36SCI01	Practical Scientific Project	6	Level Three
GA36BIO37	Promoting Health	6	Level Three
GA33PHY19	Properties of Matter	3	Level Three
GA33PHY21	Quantum Physics	3	Level Three
GA33CHE03	Reacting Amounts	3	Level Three
GA33CHE09	Structure and Bonding	3	Level Three
GA33BIO08	The Cell	3	Level Three
GA33BIO07	The Musculoskeletal System	3	Level Three
GA36BIO38	The Role of the Endocrine and Nervous Systems in Human Homeostasis	6	Level Three
GA33CHE15	The Transition Elements	3	Level Three
GA33PHY02	X-ray Spectra and Medical Uses of X-rays	3	Level Three

B8 – Art and Design

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33ART12	3D Processes and Media	3	Level Three
GA33ART03	Application of Drawing	3	Level Three
GA36ART11	Art and Design Project	6	Level Three
GA33ART17	Computer Imaging for Art and Design	3	Level Three
GA36ART05	Drawing for Art and Design	6	Level Three
GA36ART04	Extended Study in the Visual Arts	6	Level Three
GA36ART13	Figure Studies	6	Level Three
GA33ART01	Fine Art Skills Development	3	Level Three
GA33ART09	Graphics Skills Development	3	Level Three
GA33ART08	Introduction to Ceramics	3	Level Three
GA33ART14	Introduction to Drawing and Painting	3	Level Three
GA33ART15	Introduction to Photography	3	Level Three
GA33ART16	Introduction to Visual Research for Art and Design	3	Level Three
GA33ART07	Materials Exploration: Sculpture	3	Level Three
GA36ART06	Painting - Extended	6	Level Three
GA33ART10	Relief Printmaking	3	Level Three

Optional Academic Unit Group C – Psychology

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33PSY02	Aggression	3	Level Three
GA33PSY10	Attention	3	Level Three
GA33PSY18	Biopsychology of Stress	3	Level Three
GA33PSY22	Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing	3	Level Three
GA33PSY19	Cognitive Development	3	Level Three
GA33PSY15	Concepts of Normality and Mental Health	3	Level Three
GA33PSY04	Early Social Development	3	Level Three
GA33PSY20	Interpersonal Relationships	3	Level Three
GA33PSY11	Memory	3	Level Three
GA33PSY16	Non-Verbal Communication	3	Level Three
GA33PSY12	Perception	3	Level Three
GA33PSY03	Personality Theory	3	Level Three

GA33PSY09	Psychological Perspectives	3	Level Three
GA33PSY21	Psychological Trauma	3	Level Three
GA33PSY05	Social Influence and Independence	3	Level Three
GA33PSY14	Stereotyping, Prejudice and Discrimination	3	Level Three
GA33PSY08	The Nature-Nurture Debate	3	Level Three
GA33PSY17	Theories of Pain	3	Level Three
GA33PSY07	Transition Psychology	3	Level Three

Optional Academic Unit Group C – Management

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33MAN14	Business Management Structures	3	Level Three
GA33MAN02	Effective Meetings	3	Level Three
GA33MAN13	Industrial Relations	3	Level Three
GA33MAN04	Management Accounting	3	Level Three
GA33MAN07	Management Styles	3	Level Three
GA33MAN09	Managing Change	3	Level Three
GA33MAN01	Managing Conflict in the Workplace	3	Level Three
GA33MAN12	Motivating Staff	3	Level Three
GA33MAN03	Recruitment and Selection	3	Level Three
GA33MAN08	The Management Cycle	3	Level Three
GA33MAN05	Training and Development	3	Level Three

Optional Academic Unit Group E – Business

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33BUS11	Applying Business Planning Skills	3	Level Three
GA33BUS14	Business Accounts	3	Level Three
GA33BUS05	Business Ethics	3	Level Three
GA33BUS15	Business Finance Planning	3	Level Three
GA33BUS20	Business Ideas and Start Ups	3	Level Three
GA33BUS17	Business Law	3	Level Three
GA33BUS16	Business Organisations	3	Level Three
GA33BUS13	Development, Production and Distribution	3	Level Three
GA33BUS23	Economic Models and Concepts	3	Level Three
GA33BUS01	Economics of the European Union	3	Level Three
GA33BUS10	Entrepreneurship	3	Level Three

GA33BUS06	Government and Business in the UK	3	Level Three
GA33BUS04	Income Statements and Balance Sheets	3	Level Three
GA33BUS24	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3	Level Three
GA33BUS22	Introduction to Marketing	3	Level Three
GA36BUS19	Principles of Accounting	6	Level Three
GA33BUS09	Producing and Managing a Budget	3	Level Three

Optional Academic Unit Group F – Politics

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
GA33POL11	Key Traditions in Political Philosophy	3	Level Three
GA33POL01	Politics and Society	3	Level Three
GA33POL07	Post World War II British Prime Ministers	3	Level Three
GA33POL05	The Balance of Power and the Politics of Security	3	Level Three
GA33HIS46	The Birth of Modern Ireland	3	Level Three
GA33POL09	The Cold War in World Politics	3	Level Three
GA33POL02	The Politics of Violence and Resistance	3	Level Three
GA33POL03	The Post War Consensus and the Role of Ideology in Modern Britain	3	Level Three
GA33POL10	The Rise of the West in World Politics	3	Level Three

Ungraded Units

A minimum of 15 graded credits required from ungraded units (academic or developmental)/

Optional Ungraded Academic Unit Group A – Education

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33EDU10	Assessment Strategies and Skills	3	Level Three
UA33EDU08	Equal Opportunities in the School Environment	3	Level Three
UA33EDU12	Learning Difficulties in the School Environment	3	Level Three
UA33EDU11	Lesson Preparation Skills	3	Level Three
UA33EDU02	National Education Policy for English Schools	3	Level Three
UA36EDU02	Planning and Delivering a Micro Teach Session	6	Level Three
UA33EDU04	Practical Teaching Skills	3	Level Three
UA33EDU03	Promoting Attainment in Schools	3	Level Three
UA33EDU14	Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships in Education and Training	3	Level Three
UA36EDU03	The Role of Play in the Development of Children	6	Level Three
UA33EDU05	Theories of How Children Learn	3	Level Three

Optional Ungraded Academic Unit Group B – National Curriculum Subjects

B1 - English

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33ENG01	Appreciating a Play	3	Level Three
UA33ENG25	Appreciating Poetry	3	Level Three
UA33ENG09	Appreciation of a Novel	3	Level Three
UA33ENG17	Aspects of World Literature	3	Level Three
UA33ENG12	Child Language Acquisition	3	Level Three
UA33ENG22	Children's Literature	3	Level Three
UA33FMC02	Film Form	3	Level Three
UA33FMC06	Genre in Film	3	Level Three

UA33ENG16	Gothic Fiction	3	Level Three
UA33ENG02	Literary Theories and Criticism	3	Level Three
UA33ENG21	Persuasive Communication	3	Level Three
UA36ENG05	Script Writing	6	Level Three
UA33ENG18	Shakespeare	3	Level Three
UA33ENG10	Short Stories	3	Level Three
UA33ENG23	Sociolinguistics	3	Level Three
UA33ENG03	Standard and Non-Standard English	3	Level Three
UA33ENG19	The English Language Today	3	Level Three
UA33ENG13	The Sounds of English	3	Level Three
UA33ENG06	Values and Ideology in an American Novel	3	Level Three
UA33ENG27	Varieties of Language	3	Level Three
UA36ENG20	Writing Fiction	6	Level Three
UA33ENG14	Writing for Magazines	3	Level Three
UA33ENG04	Writing Poetry	3	Level Three

B2 - History

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33HIS30	British Foreign Policy in the 1930s	3	Level Three
UA33HIS45	British Prehistory	3	Level Three
UA33HIS39	Economic Change in the Interwar Period	3	Level Three
UA33HIS22	European Expansion and Disaster 1870 - 1914	3	Level Three
UA33HIS15	Greece: The Classical Era (Fifth Century BCE)	3	Level Three
UA33HIS33	Hitler's Persecution of the Jews	3	Level Three
UA33HIS17	Hitler's Rise to Power	3	Level Three
UA33HIS05	Introduction to the Dark Ages 476 – 1000	3	Level Three
UA33HIS14	Introduction to the High Medieval Age in Britain 1000-12000	3	Level Three
UA33POL11	Key Traditions in Political Philosophy	3	Level Three
UA33HIS23	Liverpool and the Atlantic Slave Trade	3	Level Three
UA33HIS01	Medieval Britain c.1150-1450	3	Level Three
UA36HIS47	Regional History	6	Level Three
UA33HIS41	Rome: The Age of Augustus	3	Level Three
UA33HIS29	Rome: The Collapse of the Republic	3	Level Three
UA33HIS04	Rome: The Early Empire	3	Level Three

UA33HIS08	Stalin's Rise to Power	3	Level Three
UA33HIS42	Stalinism and Modernisation in Russia	3	Level Three
UA33HIS35	Studying History: An Introduction	3	Level Three
UA33HIS43	The 'Viking Age': from the Eighth to the Eleventh Century	3	Level Three
UA33HIS10	The Ancient Near East: Third Millennium	3	Level Three
UA33HIS07	The Arab-Israeli Conflict since 1948	3	Level Three
UA33HIS46	The Birth of Modern Ireland	3	Level Three
UA33HIS36	The Birth of the Modern British State	3	Level Three
UA36HIS28	The English Reformation	6	Level Three
UA33HIS21	The First Crusade and the Rise and Fall of the Outremer	3	Level Three
UA33HIS06	The Impact of the Second World War on Europe	3	Level Three
UA33HIS38	The Industrial Revolution in Britain: Nature and Scope 1760 - 1830	3	Level Three
UA33HIS26	The Industrial Revolution in Britain: Social Consequences 1800 - 1850	3	Level Three
UA33HIS32	The Renaissance	3	Level Three
UA33HIS09	The Rise and Fall of the Normans in England	3	Level Three
UA33HIS25	The Role of History in the Northern Ireland Crisis	3	Level Three
UA36HIS48	The Russian Revolution and Stalin's Rise to Power	6	Level Three
UA33HIS11	The Russian Revolutions of 1917	3	Level Three
UA33HIS34	The Suffragette Movement	3	Level Three
UA33HIS44	The War of the Roses	3	Level Three

B3 - Sociology

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33HEA05	Access to Health Care in Modern Britain	3	Level Three
UA33SOC06	Changing Beliefs in British Society	3	Level Three
UA33PSY22	Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing	3	Level Three
UA33SOC29	Community Change and the Environment	3	Level Three
UA33HEA02	Delivery of Health Care in the UK	3	Level Three
UA33SOC14	Education and Social Inequality	3	Level Three
UA33HEA01	Ethical Issues in Health	3	Level Three

UA33SOC02	Exploring Social Policy	3	Level Three
UA33SOC01	Feminism and the Household	3	Level Three
UA33HEA04	Gender and Health Care Roles in Modern Britain	3	Level Three
UA33HEA06	Health Promotion	3	Level Three
UA33SOC09	History of Social Policies	3	Level Three
UA33SOC16	Introduction to Women's Studies	3	Level Three
UA33POL11	Key Traditions in Political Philosophy	3	Level Three
UA33SOC10	Learning and Gender	3	Level Three
UA33FMC05	Organisation and Control of Contemporary News Media	3	Level Three
UA33SOC05	Poverty in Contemporary Britain	3	Level Three
UA36BIO37	Promoting Health	6	Level Three
UA33HEA08	Public Health	3	Level Three
UA33SOC08	Race in British Society	3	Level Three
UA33SOC28	Regeneration and the City	3	Level Three
UA33HEA03	Sexual Health in the UK	3	Level Three
UA33HEA07	Social Roles in the Caring Professions	3	Level Three
UA33SOC03	Social Stratification and Inequality	3	Level Three
UA33SOC15	Sociological Theory	3	Level Three
UA33SOC27	Sociology of the Environment	3	Level Three
UA33SOC04	Sociology of the Family in Modern Britain	3	Level Three
UA33FMC01	Television in Britain	3	Level Three
UA33PSY08	The Nature-Nurture Debate	3	Level Three
UA33FMC03	The Sixties in the Cinema	3	Level Three
UA33SOC07	Women and Paid Work	3	Level Three
UA33SOC12	Work and Leisure	3	Level Three

B4 – Mathematics

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33MTH05	Algebra	3	Level Three
UA33MTH07	Algorithms, Pseudocode and Trace Tables	3	Level Three
UA33MTH01	Complex Numbers	3	Level Three
UA33MTH10	Computer Logic	3	Level Three
UA33MTH24	Coordinate Geometry and Vectors	3	Level Three
UA33MTH14	Differentiation	3	Level Three
UA33MTH06	Integration	3	Level Three
UA33MTH09	Logarithms and Exponentials	3	Level Three
UA33MTH15	Matrices	3	Level Three
UA33MTH21	Number Systems and Data Representation	3	Level Three
UA33PHY18	Physical Quantities and Algebraic Methods	3	Level Three
UA33MTH20	Series and Partial Fractions	3	Level Three
UA33MTH19	Statistical Methods	3	Level Three
UA33MTH02	Trigonometric Methods	3	Level Three
UA33MTH12	Vectors	3	Level Three

B5 – Sports and Exercise

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33SPO01	Anatomy and Physiology of Movement	3	Level Three
UA33SPO12	Cardiorespiratory Response to Exercise	3	Level Three
UA33SPO06	Developing Sport Skills	3	Level Three
UA33SPO11	Physiology in Sport	3	Level Three
UA33SPO05	Psychology of Sports Performance	3	Level Three
UA33SPO07	Sports Development	3	Level Three
UA33SPO14	Training and Fitness	3	Level Three

B6 - Geography

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33SOC29	Community Change and the Environment	3	Level Three
UA33GEO07	Countryside Management in the UK	3	Level Three
UA33GEO10	Environmental Health and Wellbeing	3	Level Three
UA33GEO09	Plant Biology	3	Level Three
UA33SOC28	Regeneration and the City	3	Level Three
UA33SOC27	Sociology of the Environment	3	Level Three

B7 – Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33CHE16	Analytical Chemistry	3	Level Three
UA33BIO01	Biological Molecules	3	Level Three
UA33BIO16	Body Defences	3	Level Three
UA33BIO02	Cell Metabolism	3	Level Three
UA36CHE18	Characteristics of the Periodic Table	6	Level Three
UA33CHE11	Chemical and Acid-Base Equilibria	3	Level Three
UA33PHY14	Circular Motion, Simple Harmonic Motion and Resonance	3	Level Three
UA33BIO09	Coordination and Control	3	Level Three
UA33PHY06	Current Electricity and the Transient Response	3	Level Three
UA33BIO05	DNA Technology	3	Level Three
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UA33PHY11	Dynamics and Statics	3	Level Three
UA33BIO10	Ecosystems	3	Level Three
UA33CHE12	Energetics	3	Level Three
UA33BIO04	Evolution and Speciation	3	Level Three
UA33BIO15	Exchange and Transport of Gases	3	Level Three
UA33PHY08	Fluid Mechanics	3	Level Three
UA36BIO33	From Cells to Organ Systems	6	Level Three
UA33CHE06	Further Organic Chemistry	3	Level Three
UA33BIO06	Genetics	3	Level Three
UA33PHY20	Gravitational and Electric Fields	3	Level Three
UA33PHY05	Heat and Thermodynamics	3	Level Three

UA33BIO03	Homeostasis	3	Level Three
UA36BIO34	Human Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems	6	Level Three
UA33BIO14	Human Cardiovascular System	3	Level Three
UA33BIO24	Human Reproduction	3	Level Three
UA36BIO35	Human Reproduction and Genetics	6	Level Three
UA33BIO43	Introduction to Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Cells	3	Level Three
UA33CHE13	Kinetics and Redox Systems	3	Level Three
UA33PHY01	Magnetic Fields and Electromagnetic Induction	3	Level Three
UA33PHY12	Medical Uses of Radioisotopes	3	Level Three
UA33PHY16	Non-Ionising Medical Imaging	3	Level Three
UA33PHY04	Nuclear Physics	3	Level Three
UA33CHE02	Organic Chemistry	3	Level Three
UA33BIO13	Organisation of the Body	3	Level Three
UA33CHE14	Periodicity	3	Level Three
UA33PHY18	Physical Quantities and Algebraic Methods	3	Level Three
UA33PHY17	Physics of the Senses	3	Level Three
UA33BIO45	Plant Structure and Function	3	Level Three
UA36SCI01	Practical Scientific Project	6	Level Three
UA36BIO37	Promoting Health	6	Level Three
UA33PHY19	Properties of Matter	3	Level Three
UA33PHY21	Quantum Physics	3	Level Three
UA33CHE03	Reacting Amounts	3	Level Three
UA33CHE09	Structure and Bonding	3	Level Three
UA33BIO08	The Cell	3	Level Three
UA33BIO07	The Musculoskeletal System	3	Level Three
UA36BIO38	The Role of the Endocrine and Nervous Systems in Human Homeostasis	6	Level Three
UA33CHE15	The Transition Elements	3	Level Three
UA33PHY02	X-ray Spectra and Medical Uses of X-rays	3	Level Three

B8 – Art and Design

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33ART12	3D Processes and Media	3	Level Three
UA33ART03	Application of Drawing	3	Level Three
UA36ART11	Art and Design Project	6	Level Three
UA33ART17	Computer Imaging for Art and Design	3	Level Three
UA36ART05	Drawing for Art and Design	6	Level Three
UA36ART04	Extended Study in the Visual Arts	6	Level Three
UA36ART13	Figure Studies	6	Level Three
UA33ART01	Fine Art Skills Development	3	Level Three
UA33ART09	Graphics Skills Development	3	Level Three
UA33ART08	Introduction to Ceramics	3	Level Three
UA33ART14	Introduction to Drawing and Painting	3	Level Three
UA33ART15	Introduction to Photography	3	Level Three
UA33ART16	Introduction to Visual Research for Art and Design	3	Level Three
UA33ART07	Materials Exploration: Sculpture	3	Level Three
UA36ART06	Painting - Extended	6	Level Three
UA33ART10	Relief Printmaking	3	Level Three

Optional Ungraded Academic Unit Group C – Psychology

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33PSY02	Aggression	3	Level Three
UA33PSY10	Attention	3	Level Three
UA33PSY18	Biopsychology of Stress	3	Level Three
UA33PSY22	Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing	3	Level Three
UA33PSY19	Cognitive Development	3	Level Three
UA33PSY15	Concepts of Normality and Mental Health	3	Level Three
UA33PSY04	Early Social Development	3	Level Three
UA33PSY20	Interpersonal Relationships	3	Level Three
UA33PSY11	Memory	3	Level Three
UA33PSY16	Non-Verbal Communication	3	Level Three
UA33PSY12	Perception	3	Level Three
UA33PSY03	Personality Theory	3	Level Three

UA33PSY09	Psychological Perspectives	3	Level Three
UGA33PSY21	Psychological Trauma	3	Level Three
UA33PSY05	Social Influence and Independence	3	Level Three
UA33PSY14	Stereotyping, Prejudice and Discrimination	3	Level Three
UA33PSY08	The Nature-Nurture Debate	3	Level Three
UA33PSY17	Theories of Pain	3	Level Three
UA33PSY07	Transition Psychology	3	Level Three

Optional Ungraded Academic Unit Group D – Management

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33MAN14	Business Management Structures	3	Level Three
UA33MAN02	Effective Meetings	3	Level Three
UA33MAN13	Industrial Relations	3	Level Three
UA33MAN04	Management Accounting	3	Level Three
UA33MAN07	Management Styles	3	Level Three
UA33MAN09	Managing Change	3	Level Three
UA33MAN01	Managing Conflict in the Workplace	3	Level Three
UA33MAN12	Motivating Staff	3	Level Three
UA33MAN03	Recruitment and Selection	3	Level Three
UA33MAN08	The Management Cycle	3	Level Three
UA33MAN05	Training and Development	3	Level Three

Optional Ungraded Academic Unit Group E – Business

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33BUS11	Applying Business Planning Skills	3	Level Three
UA33BUS14	Business Accounts	3	Level Three
UA33BUS05	Business Ethics	3	Level Three
UA33BUS15	Business Finance Planning	3	Level Three
UA33BUS20	Business Ideas and Start Ups	3	Level Three
UA33BUS17	Business Law	3	Level Three
UA33BUS16	Business Organisations	3	Level Three
UA33BUS13	Development, Production and Distribution	3	Level Three
UA33BUS23	Economic Models and Concepts	3	Level Three
UA33BUS01	Economics of the European Union	3	Level Three
UA33BUS10	Entrepreneurship	3	Level Three

UA33BUS06	Government and Business in the UK	3	Level Three
UA33BUS04	Income Statements and Balance Sheets	3	Level Three
UA33BUS24	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3	Level Three
UA33BUS22	Introduction to Marketing	3	Level Three
UA36BUS19	Principles of Accounting	6	Level Three
UA33BUS09	Producing and Managing a Budget	3	Level Three

Optional Ungraded Academic Unit Group F – Politics

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UA33POL11	Key Traditions in Political Philosophy	3	Level Three
UA33POL01	Politics and Society	3	Level Three
UA33POL07	Post World War II British Prime Ministers	3	Level Three
UA33POL05	The Balance of Power and the Politics of Security	3	Level Three
UA33HIS46	The Birth of Modern Ireland	3	Level Three
UA33POL09	The Cold War in World Politics	3	Level Three
UA33POL02	The Politics of Violence and Resistance	3	Level Three
UA33POL03	The Post War Consensus and the Role of Ideology in Modern Britain	3	Level Three
UA33POL10	The Rise of the West in World Politics	3	Level Three

Optional Ungraded Unit Group G – Developmental

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
UD33DEV23	Communication: Academic Essay Writing	3	Level Three
UD36DEV35	Communication: Critical Thinking in Academic Writing	6	Level Three
UD33DEV29	Communication: Portfolio of Writing Exercises	3	Level Three
UD33DEV25	Communication: Presentation Skills	3	Level Three
UD23DEV21	Communication: Punctuation and Grammar Skills	3	Level Two
UD23DEV20	Communication: Reading Strategies	3	Level Two
UD33DEV24	Communication: Report Writing	3	Level Three
UD23DEV19	Communication: Speaking and Listening Skills	3	Level Two
UD23DEV22	Communication: Writing for Meaning	3	Level Two
UD33DEV10	ICT: Advance Use of ICT	3	Level Three

UD33DEV15	ICT: Advanced Word Processing	3	Level Three
UD23DEV09	ICT: Using ICT	3	Level Two
UD26DEV24	ICT: Using ICT and Word Processing	6	Level Three
UD23DEV11	ICT: Using Presentation Software	3	Level Two
UD23DEV13	ICT: Using Spreadsheets	3	Level Two
UD23DEV14	ICT: Word Processing	3	Level Two
UD33DEV27	Personal Development: Applying for HE	3	Level Three
UD33DEV28	Personal Development: Setting Targets and Reflective Practice	3	Level Three
UD33DEV26	Personal Development: Study Skills	3	Level Three
UD33DEV32	Professional Behaviours	3	Level Three
UD33DEV30	Research: Practical Research for Psychology	3	Level Three
UA33DEV34	Safeguarding	3	Level Two
UD33DEV31	Science: Biological Practical Skills	3	Level Three
UD23DEV06	Science: Introduction to Biology	3	Level Two
UD23DEV08	Science: Introduction to Chemistry	3	Level Two
UD23DEV07	Science: Introduction to Physics	3	Level Two
UD36DEV37	Study Skills: Academic Skills for Access to HE	6	Level Three
UD36DEV38	Study Skills: Access Research Project	6	Level Three
UD33DEV18	Study Skills: Critical Analysis	3	Level Three
UD33DEV16	Study Skills: Developing Research Skills	3	Level Three
UD36DEV36	Study Skills: Research Skills and Using Information	6	Level Three
UD33DEV17	Study Skills: Using Research Skills	3	Level Three
UA33DEV35	The Prevent Duty	3	Level Two
UD23DEV02	Use of Number: Data Handling and Probability	3	Level Two
UD23DEV03	Use of Number: Maths Project	3	Level Two
UD23DEV04	Use of Number: Measure and Shape	3	Level Two
UD23DEV01	Use of Number: Numbers and Algebra	3	Level Two

Delivering this Qualification

Becoming a Provider

To deliver this qualification you must be a recognised Open Awards Provider. For more information, head to our [website](#) or contact the team on 0151 494 2072.

How to Deliver

If you are approved to deliver Access to HE Diplomas with Open Awards, you can apply deliver this Diploma by completing a [Merlin Form](#) and submitting via the Open Awards portal. For more information, see the Provider Handbook, or contact the team on 0151 494 2072 or customerservices@openawards.org.uk.

If you are not already an approved Access to HE provider, please contact the team on enquiries@openawards.org.uk to discuss the approval process.

Registering Learners

Access to HE learners should be registered within 6 weeks of the learner's individual start date or before the learner's official (usually UCAS) application deadline via the Open Awards Secure Portal. Please make sure that learners are registered with the correct details and on the correct Diploma. If learners are registered incorrectly, there will be an administration charge to rectify errors.

Learners can be added onto existing course runs but are subject to the 6-week registration deadline.

Amendments or late registrations may be requested up to 26 weeks from the learner's start date but are only considered in extenuating circumstances and on an individual basis. These requests may result in further investigations by Open Awards and control measures may be applied.

Learner registration data can be submitted using the provided 'LRF (Access to HE)' template or via a report generated from your own MIS system. The data provided must be in accordance with the Access to the HE Data Specification document which is available via the secure portal.

You will need to register your learners via the [the Portal](#). More information can be found in our Access to HE Provider Handbook.

Quality Assurance and Standardisation

Delivery of this qualification must be done so in accordance with Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) regulatory guidelines and in line with Open Awards' quality assurance processes. Please see our Access to HE Provider Handbook for more information.

Provider Staff Requirements

It is expected that providers will have occupationally competent staff with relevant sector experience for their role in the delivery of the units/qualifications being offered.

For the delivery and assessment of this qualification, it is expected that staff have a qualification at the level higher than the qualification in a related academic subject and have up-to-date working knowledge and experience of best practice in assessment and quality assurance.

Providers are responsible for ensuring that their staff are occupationally competent and have access to appropriate training and support. They are also responsible for notifying Open Awards of staff changes.

Assessment

Each Access to HE Diploma must be supported by assessment plans to ensure that students are able to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and confidence that will prepare them for the rigorous assessment regimes in higher education.

Tutors must develop plans which show how they intend to assess each unit and the Diploma as a whole. These plans must be internally moderated. The assessment plan should cover the whole Diploma and include:

- Number of assignments
- Type and range of assessments
- How tasks will allow for differentiation
- An assessment strategy for the whole Diploma
- A schedule of delivery and assessment/ scheme of work
- Consideration as to whether the strategy prepares learners for Higher Education

In order to achieve the Diploma, learners must meet all Learning Outcomes and associated Assessment Criteria in all units approved in the Diploma specification.

Each Assessment Criterion must be assessed only once. For graded units, a grade can only be determined upon completion of all unit learning outcomes.

There are three Grading Standards which must be applied equally to all units and all assessments within graded academic units. The three grading standards are:

1. Knowledge and Understanding
2. Subject Specific Skills
3. Transferable Skills

For more information on grading, please see the Provider Handbook or visit the QAA website [here](#).

A variety of assessment methods should be used which will allow learners the opportunity to develop experience and skills required for HE study. At least one unit from each module should be assessed using a formal and controlled assessment method e.g. examinations.

Where a unit is assessed by more than one assignment, the assessment strategy must clearly state which graded descriptors will be considered for each assignment and how you will apply a single grade for the unit.

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards. Reasonable adjustments may be required for individual learners to enable them to undertake assessments fairly. Please see our Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy for more information.

Preparing Assignments

One of the many benefits of an Open Awards Access to HE Diploma is that tutors design the assignments for their own provision to suit the context of delivery and to make the most of the variety of assessments methods available in individual circumstances. Please see our [Access to HE Provider Handbook](#) for more information.

Drafts, Submissions and Re-submissions

It is a requirement that you publish procedures for the formal submission of work for assessment in your course handbook. These procedures must be the same for all the Access Diplomas that you are approved to deliver.

Please see our [Access to HE Provider Handbook](#) for more information.

Internal Verification

Internal verification is a process by which the provider systematically samples and evaluates its assessment practices and decisions, and acts on the findings to ensure consistency and fairness. The main purpose is to improve and standardise practice in the assessment of learners.

The Access to HE Coordinator must take responsibility for internal verification of all Access to HE Diplomas at your organisation and we will expect that you have the appropriate levels of resources to implement these processes.

Verification activities must include:

- Pre-delivery verification
- Verification of achievement

Internal Standardisation

Standardisation is a vital component of any robust quality assurance system and as a condition of provider approval all Open Awards Access to HE providers agree to participate in standardisation activities.

Where more than one tutor / assessor makes assessment decisions and recommendations for the award of credit to learners on the same Diploma or similar courses it is essential that internal verification processes include the standardisation of their practice.

Open Awards expect providers to plan and undertake standardisation of internally-set tasks and the outcomes of internal assessment **at least twice a year**.

Please see our [Access to HE Provider Handbook](#) for more information on verification and standardisation activities required.

External Standardisation

Standardisation is a vital component of any robust quality assurance system and as a condition of provider approval all Open Awards Access to HE providers agree to participate in standardisation activities, both internally and externally.

Open Awards runs a series of standardisation activities that are accessible to all Access to HE providers.

Open Awards runs live standardisation events for each pathway to allow practitioners to peer review and learn from each other through networking. We are aware that some staff may wish to participate in standardisation activities but will be unable to attend events at the Open Awards office.

We also offer online standardisation activities. You will be provided with access to an online repository of standardisation activities, training and opportunities to share best practices.

For more information on each of these processes, please see the [Access to HE Provider Handbook](#).

Training and Support

Open Awards offers a variety of training and support to Providers. Our online training and support is free of charge and can be accessed on the following link <https://oalearn.org.uk/shop>. An everlasting coupon (PLUC code) will be issued to each Provider to gain free access to these resources.

Recognition of Prior Learning and Achievement (RPL)

Learners presenting evidence of accredited prior learning on non-Access courses can apply for exemption for credit on relevant Level 2 and Level 3 units where appropriate.

Learners who have achieved Access to HE Diploma credits (either from Open Awards or another AVA) may wish to claim credit towards an Open Awards Diploma. Credit transfer is dependent on the content of the unit/s from which those credits were gained matching the content of the unit/s for which they wish to claim.

For more information, please see our Recognition of Prior Learning Policy found on [the Portal](#).

Appendices and Links

The following documents can be viewed on the Open Awards [website](#):

1. Provider Handbook
2. Enquiries and Appeals Policy and Procedures
3. Complaints Policy
4. Equality and Diversity Policy
5. Invoicing Policy
6. Privacy Policy
7. Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy and Procedures

Additional supporting documents can be viewed in the Open Awards Portal.

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