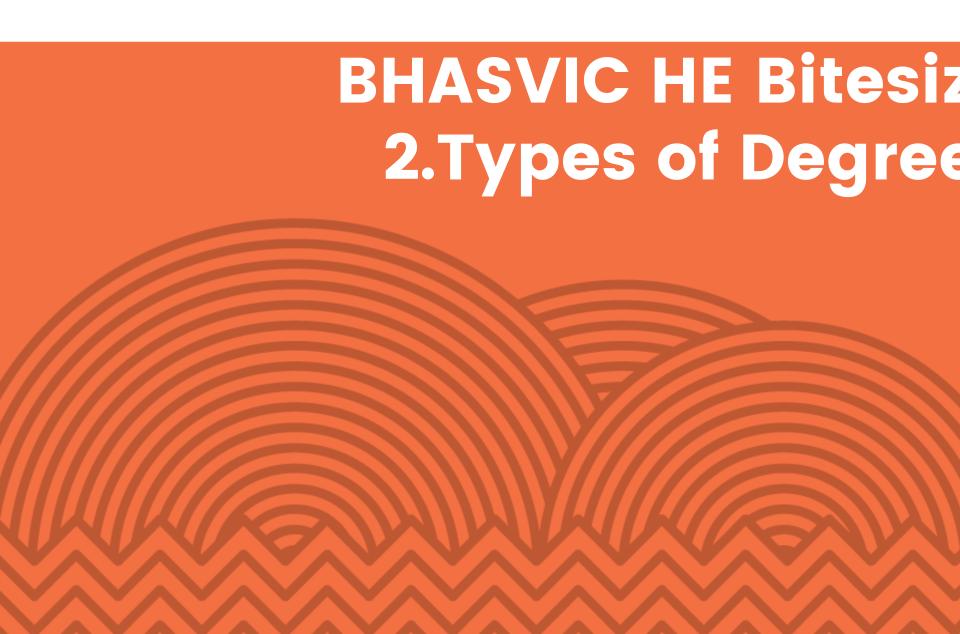
### **BHASVIC**



### Aims of the Session

□ To understand different types of degrees

To think about why work placements and spending time studying abroad can be useful

### **Courses & Universities**

- There are thousands of different courses and combinations
- 300+ different HE and FE providers

### Larger and smaller providers

- \* University of Sussex, University of Brighton, University of Chichester
- \* They were obvious.....also...
- Brighton and Sussex Medical School (medicine)
- \* BIMM (music/performing)
- \* Greater Brighton Met Northbrook and Brighton Met (creative arts/games/engineering)
- Brighton Film School (film/media)
- \* Sussex Downs (journalism/media/healthcare/sports)
- Plumpton College (animals/agriculture)
- \* Chichester College (business/catering/computing/management)
- \* BRICTT (dance/performing)
- \* Sussex Coast College Hastings (creative arts/teaching)
- Waterbear (music production/management)

There are 13
different HE
providers in
Sussex alone
offering degree
level courses.
Can you name
them?

# Types of Degrees

- Single subject degree
- \* Joint/combined/multidisciplinary (our biggest rise in applications in the past two years)
- \* Sandwich work placement/year abroad
- Degree with Sponsorship/Degree
   Apprenticeships
- Foundation degrees

There are several different types of degrees.

Can you suggest some?



# Single subject degree

1. Professional courses - where in effect you're applying for the profession as well as the degree. may lead on to professional accreditation, but may not.

#### **Examples?**

Nursing, Teaching, Accountancy

2. Non-vocational courses - which can still keep many options open provided you develop your employability skills alongside

### **Examples?**

**Psychology, History, Business** 

# Joint, Combined or Multidisciplinary Degrees

Combine 2 subjects

**Examples?** 

History and Spanish or Physics and Music Performance

Combine 3 subjects

**Examples?** 

PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics)

Take a major/minor course

**Examples?** 

**Maths** with Management

Or a multidisciplinary course

**Examples?** 

**Natural Sciences** or **Liberal Arts** or **Arts & Sciences** 

# Degree apprenticeships

- \* Great opportunities but in particular areas
- \* Very competitive often not applied through UCAS so you will need to do your own research

Anyone heard of degree apprenticeships?

- \* Average salary = £16K + all uni costs paid for
- \* Employers: Accenture, BT, Capgemini, Ford, Fujitsu, GSK, HMRC, HP, IBM, John Lewis, Lloyds Banking Group, Network Rail, Tata
- \* Universities: Chichester, Portsmouth, Exeter, Greenwich, Loughborough, Manchester Met, UCL, UWE Bristol, Winchester

## **Foundation Degrees**

- \* These offer a terrific option if you are concerned that you might not reach the high grades for your chosen uni courses.
- \* For example: University of Sussex offer a CCC grade Foundation Degree which is modular so you could study law alongside psychology or international relations.
- \* If you pass the year you get automatic entry into the AAA grade degree courses.
- \* Lots of other universities offer Foundation years
- \* And data shows that more students go onto complete Masters degrees and Doctorates from Foundation degrees

Anyone heard of foundation degrees?

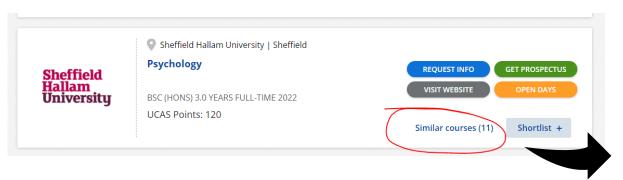
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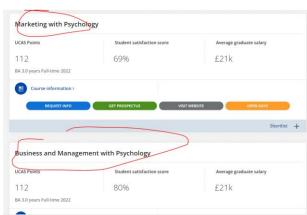
- Choose what you enjoy
- \* Think outside the box
- Seek out hidden gems
- \* Be aware of skills shortages
- Hospitality, logistics and construction, cybersecurity, anything environment related
- But equally, be aware that 50-60% of graduate jobs are open to graduates of any discipline



# **Top Tips**

- Remember the SACU test careers and subject cloud for all the fringe courses that might be worth considering
- \* https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/ will show you related courses
- \* Also the UCAS hub





## **Competitive Courses**

- Certainly subjects like Law and Psychology have become VERY competitive over the last few years
- \* Think what you might do with that degree? (solicitor?)
- \* Would you want a career in that area (police, probation?)
- \* Think what you enjoy first but also consider related degrees check out the **Employability and Higher Education Subject Guides** for more ideas

### What to do next

- \* Keep researching! (Uni Guide and UCAS Hub)
- Talk to your subject teachers and tutors
- \* Attend **open days and ask questions** see Thursdays webinar these can be online as well as in person
- \* Download the **subject guide for your subject** and look at what other students from BHASVIC have studied and the wide range of courses
- \* You will likely be still doing this until the autumn term when you will send off your application.