

CLIP is a not-for-profit community interest company, based in Lincolnshire UK, offering a wide range of local adult learning courses for people in rural and coastal areas.

Access to Higher Education Diplomas are one-year academic courses which support progression to degree courses in a range of subjects.

This new distance learning Access Programme is aimed at learners who can commit to substantial study but not to attendance on a weekly day/time. Applicants may reside either in the UK or overseas (while noting that attendance will be required once per term).



ACCESS TO HE: SOCIAL SCIENCE



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Community Learning in Partnership (CLIP)
Distance Learning
Starting September 2016

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Level 3):

Social Science (Distance Learning)

Aim of Access to Social Science (Distance Learning)

This Access Diploma provides an alternative to A Levels for adults who wish to progress to a degree level course in Psychology, Sociology, Health Studies, Social Policy and similar disciplines. It can lead to certain teaching degrees and social work qualifications, subject to any additional requirements (such as GCSEs).

What is an Access Diploma?

Access Diplomas are Level 3 courses that provide an academic preparation for adults who wish to progress to Higher Education to do a degree. Students need to be motivated to follow a substantial course of study. To achieve the Diploma, students must achieve 60 credits (45 at Level 3). CLIP will be offering a distance learning route for those who have time to study but who cannot attend at a regular, weekly time e.g. people at work or on shifts. Substantial use will be made of online communication, online resource banks and skype.

Course Content

Subject to confirmation, we shall be offering the following groups of units:

Psychology (21 credits) e.g. Key Studies in Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Health Psychology, Conformity and Obedience, Memory and Stress.

Sociology (18 credits) - Class and Stratification, Crime and Deviance, Sociological Theory and the Sociology of Health.

Human Biology and Health Studies (3 credits each) - Nervous System and A Medical Condition.

Study Skills/Introductory Subjects (15 credits) including Presentation Skills, Written Assignments, Research Methods, Referencing and English for Academic Study.

Mode of Study

Applicants need to commit at least the equivalent of 3 days per week to the course. In addition, learners must attend a one day conference each term (3 per year). Learning will be via distance learning materials posted online, online discussions with other learners and skype tutorials. Learners will complete regular assignments for assessment to achieve the qualification.

Do I need to live in Lincolnshire?

No. The course is designed for anyone who can only complete an Access course by studying through distance learning, including overseas students. The three conference days will be on Saturdays in Lincoln and (subject to demand) also in Brighton. They are compulsory and the dates for 2016-2017 will be published by the end of June 2016.

Fees

The fee for the one-year Access Diploma in Social Science is £3022. Most applicants from England who do not already have a degree can apply for an Advanced Learning Loan to cover all or part of the cost - this is written-off when you graduate with your degree or starts to be paid back when you earn £21,000 or more per year. It is not means-tested.

Entry requirements

Applicants need to complete an initial assessment and attend an online interview. In addition, course members must have GCSE English at Grade C-A* (Maths is also desirable especially if required for the HE course to which you hope to progress). Alternative qualifications are acceptable for overseas students. Learners must be at least 19 years old on 31 August 2016 to be eligible for the course. There is no upper age limit.

How to apply

Please go to www.cliplearning.com and click on the Access page where you will find the Application Form. Once completed, it should be emailed to Janet Farr (details overleaf). You will then be invited to a skype interview and to undertake some initial assessments.

Induction Sessions

We plan to run online Induction Sessions later in the Summer where you can find out more about the course, entry requirements, Advanced Learning Loans and the application process. Contact Janet Farr (details overleaf) to find out more.

Further Student Support

Support will be offered through skype tutorials and email. Help with identifying suitable degree courses and applying to university via UCAS will also be provided for all learners.