

T Levels

Key things to know:

- Began in some subjects in September 2020
- Involve a work placement
- Two-year programme, like A Levels

Summary

As you will have learnt from the video at the beginning of this Unit, T Levels are a brand new 2-year qualification to give young people an extra choice after GCSEs.

They begin to be offered in 3 subjects, in some colleges from September 2020:

- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Education and Childcare

Many more subjects from Health Science and Digital Business Services to Science will be offered from September 2021, and more in subsequent years.

They will involve a mixture of classroom learning and 'on the job' experience during an industry placement of at least 45 days over the 2 year programme. The content of the technical qualifications has been produced in consultation with employers, and will be based on the same standards as apprenticeships.

They will give pupils a range of options for progression - to go onto skilled employment, an apprenticeship or higher education.

Grading and UCAS tariff points

Students who complete a T Level will receive an overall grade of pass, merit, distinction or distinction* and will be awarded with a nationally recognised certificate showing a breakdown of what they've achieved.

It will also confirm that a student has met the minimum requirements for Maths and English qualifications.

The table below shows how they equate to A Levels in terms of number of UCAS tariff points gained for each T Level grade.

UCAS tariff points	T Level overall grade	A level
168	Distinction* (A* on the core and distinction on the operational specialism)	AAA*
144	Distinction	AAA
120	Merit	BBB
96	Pass (C or above on the core)	CCC
72	Pass (D or E on the core)	DDD