

UNIVERSITY

Vs

APPRENTICESHIP

Deciding what to do after you finish your A-levels is a big decision. Do you enter the world of work with an apprenticeship or continue your studies at university?



Why choose University?

- nationally recognised qualification
- range of career path options
- good earning potential
- independent living
- great social life opportunities



Attend University

Study for degree in engineering.



Achievement: Bachelor of Engineering (BEng)

Completion time: 3-4 years.



Achievement: Masters Degree (MEng)

Completion time: 3-4 years.



Why choose Apprenticeship

- debt free learning
- nationally recognised qualifications
- job security
- career progression opportunities
- route to great pay



Earn while you learn

Through on the job training and study at college or with a training provider or employer.



Achievement: Degree Level apprenticeship at Level 6 and/or level 7

Completion time: 3-4 years.

Top up to achieve Bachelor of Engineering (BEng)



Achievement: Masters Degree (MEng)

As part of Level 7 Apprenticeship with an employer.

FUTURE PROGRESSION

HOW DOES AN

APPRENTICESHIP WORK?

Firstly it is important to understand the key difference of the apprenticeship pathway.

Apprenticeships are real jobs. This means you will have to apply to an employer and compete against other applicants. Entry requirements vary depending on the level of the apprenticeship and the nature of the job and apprenticeships take 1 to 4 years to complete depending on their level.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

As an apprentice you will:

- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- earn a wage and get holiday pay
- study towards a related qualification (usually one day a week)
- Potentially progress to degree level

Who can apply?

You can apply for an apprenticeship you will need to be:

- 16 or over
- living in England
- not in full-time education.

How can I apply?

There are 3 common steps to applying for an apprenticeship.

1. Search for an apprenticeship – There are several places to look. You could start with contacting SEMTA, use the government website or go straight to potential employers.
2. Visit the Government's apprenticeships website and create an account.
3. Complete and submit your application as directed.

The National Careers Service has advice on writing applications and what to do at interviews.

For more information visit theleighuttc.org.uk

What levels of apprenticeship are there?

Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels.

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grades A* to C
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree