

Welcome to the Foundation Degree (FdEng) Motorsport Engineering

We are delighted that you have accepted a place on the Foundation Degree (FdEng) Motorsport Engineering. If your offer is conditional, we hope that you achieve the required qualifications and decide to join us at Wiltshire College & University Centre. To help you prepare for the course and the beginning of term, we would like to provide you with some further information. Please be sure to read it all and give us a call if you have any questions.

Where will I study?

You will study at our Castle Combe campus, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN14 7EY

What is the cost of my course?

The fee for a UK student on the first year of the course is £7570

When do I enrol on my course?

Online enrolment opens on Monday 22 August and if you are either holding an unconditional offer or have met the conditions of your offer, you will be emailed a link to enable you to complete the enrolment form (if your offer is confirmed later than 22 August, you will be emailed the link at this point). Please check your both your inbox and junk folder of the email account you used for your application and let HE Admissions know if you change email details.

Enrolment is an important step and will allow us to set up a Student Account for you ready to start your course.

You will also be emailed by Oxford Brookes University details on how to access and complete their online enrolment.

Induction Day

We will be holding an Induction Day for all Higher Education students on Friday 9 September at Wiltshire College & University Centre Lackham, Lacock, Chippenham, SN15 2NY (if using a Sat Nav please use post code SN15 2NX).

The day will start at 9.30am and will finish at approximately 4.30pm. Please sign in at the main reception and you will be directed to the Induction session in Lackham House (You will attend the morning session between 9.30 and 1.00 at Lackham, and then at Castle Combe from 2.00 to 4.30).

There is parking on site and the campus canteen will be open for refreshments.

When does my course start?

Your course induction will be on Monday 12th September 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Castle Combe. Your tutor will give you a timetable during induction, but you need to plan to be in college on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is currently provisional and may change before the start of the year.

What can I do to prepare for my studies?

Having access to a computer for private study is very important. Much of the course material is made available to you through the college's Virtual Learning Environment and the course uses Microsoft Teams. You will also be expected to have completed Maths exercises in the following; Algebra and Numbers, Trigonometry, Vectors and Differential Calculus. This is vital revision for before the year starts. If you have a laptop, the college has wi-fi zones. For example, in the library and the Higher Education spaces which will enable you to connect to the internet and the college network. The college can help configure your laptop to ensure that you can access the network and details will be made available to you at induction.

Equipment you need to bring with you

- Stationery (including A4 Leaver Arch Files, Pens, Pencils, Eraser, Ruler, Writing Pads), Memory Sticks and a scientific calculator (Casio 'FX83GTplus' or 'FX85GTplus' layout recommended).
- You will require the correct PPE which will be available to buy through our shop. (Steel toe capped boots or shoes, as well as a Black Lab coat and or coveralls, these can be bought with the Wiltshire college motorsport logo, from the college store)
- It is highly recommended that you have a laptop that can run software Solidworks 2020.
- You must also have your own vernier callipers, Zeus precision data book, 6 inch engineering steel rule.

Additional costs you may incur

- Print vouchers (for use on college photocopiers and printers) - all students are provided with some printing credit. Once used, additional printing credits can be purchased from Student Services in values of £5, £10 or £20.
- <http://shop.wiltshire.ac.uk/> Other visits may take place during the year – these will be discussed as they are agreed.
- A list of recommended books that will support you during your course will be provided during induction and the college does have a fully equipped library. However, you are expected to obtain your own copy of *Engineering Mathematics by John Bird (7th Edition)* ISBN 10: 041566280X.

Steel toe capped boots and overalls in black are required and are available to purchase from several local workwear and shoe shops at an approximate cost of £20 each.

In the second year, you will be required to purchase an Arduino which are currently selling for around £20.

Note: Further information on the above-mentioned costs will be available during Induction.

UCAS Track and Exam Results

Exam Results (conditional offer holders only)

Exam results for many students holding conditional offers are supplied through UCAS and you will notice that your places become 'confirmed' on UCAS track as and when we receive your results.

UCAS, however, do not supply us with all exam results and you are advised to check with UCAS to see if you need to send any of your results directly to us. If so, please scan and send copies of these to HEadmissions@wiltshire.ac.uk as soon as available.

Results should be official either in the form of certificates or results slips. If neither of these are available, we will be happy to accept written confirmation on headed paper from your school or college.

Please remember that you should aim to get your results to us before the 31st August where possible. Please contact HE Admissions if you are unable to meet this deadline.

Student Finance

If you are planning to apply for student funding but have not yet done so, it is not too late!

We suggest that you apply as possible to limit delays in your funding at the start of your course. You can apply online at: www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance.

When do you get your student loan?

You will get your loan once your enrolment is complete and we have confirmed your attendance on the course. The first instalment of your maintenance loan will be paid to you within 5 working days.

Tuition fee loans are paid direct to Oxford Brookes University. If you withdraw from your course, you will be liable for course fees as outlined in Oxford Brookes' terms and conditions.

You should also be aware that the college is legally required to share information about your enrolment with certain statutory bodies including the Student Loan Company and the UK Border Agency.

Please note that if you are withdrawn from the course, whether voluntarily or because the college requires you to do so, we will be obliged to report this to the appropriate agencies.

Bursaries and scholarships

If you are a student who has spent a period in local authority care and are considering undergraduate study at Oxford Brookes, there is a lot of additional support that the university can offer you.

If you have been in care since the age of fourteen, you are eligible for support from the Student Loans Company or NHS Business Services Authority and your household income is less than £35,000 per annum - **you may be eligible for the Transition from Care Bursary of £2,000 a year.**

Please visit the Oxford Brookes website for further information [University Financial Aid - Oxford Brookes University](http://www.oxfordbrookes.ac.uk/financial-aid)

Students with Additional Learning Support Needs

We believe in supporting all our students as best we can throughout their study. Sometimes this support needs to be more personalised to better meet their needs. If you feel this may apply to you, please contact HEAdmissions@wiltshire.ac.uk to request an ALS contact form.

If you think you will need extra support whilst studying, please apply for DSA (Disabled Students' Allowance) from Student Finance England. More information can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/overview>

Students applying for DSA will be required to have an external assessment. There is a charge for this assessment and whilst we can advise who to contact, we cannot provide the external assessment within the college so this needs to be arranged by you with support at the above link.

The DSA application process is quite a lengthy one and students are advised to apply prior to starting studies to ensure that equate support can be put in place as close to the start of term as possible.

Countdown Checklist

Have you:

- ✓ Applied for your student finance (tuition fee loan and maintenance loan) and DSA
- ✓ Sent us copies of all requested qualification certificates (if required)
- ✓ Applied for accommodation (if required)
- ✓ Applied for student discount schemes
 - [NUS extra | TOTUM, UNiDAYS - Fast, free, exclusive discounts for students \(myunidays.com\)](#)
 - [Free Student Discounts | Valid 2022 Codes \(studentbeans.com\)](#)
 - [Extra Funding for University - The Scholarship Hub](#)
- ✓ Considered becoming a member of our Student Alliance? More information to follow!

Useful Contacts

- ❖ **HE Admissions at Wiltshire College (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon - Fri)**
Call 01225 756200 or email HEAdmissions@wiltshire.ac.uk
- ❖ **Wiltshire College main switchboard (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon - Fri)**
Call 01225 350035 or email info@wiltshire.ac.uk
- ❖ **Accommodation team at Wiltshire College (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon - Fri)**
 - Lackham – 01249 466896 or email AccommodationLA@wiltshire.ac.uk
- ❖ **UCAS: (8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mon - Fri)**
Call 08714 680468
- ❖ **Student Finance England: (8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Mon – Fri, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sat & Sun)**
Call 0300 100 0607

I look forward to seeing you on the Induction Day at Lackham on 9 September.

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