

# GCE in Leisure Studies

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## Student Guide

### What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

You would benefit most from a GCE in Leisure Studies if you have one or more of the following:

- four GCSEs at grade A\*-C
- other level 2 qualifications such as GCSE (Double Award) in Leisure Studies at grades AA-CC; Intermediate GNVQ in Leisure and Tourism; an Edexcel BTEC First Certificate or Diploma in Sport

You should also have an interest in exploring the breadth of the extremely varied and rapidly growing leisure sector.

### What kind of student is this course suitable for?

You will enjoy this course if you would like to develop:

- an understanding of the structure of the leisure industry
- an appreciation of the knowledge, understanding and skills required of anyone working in the industry
- an understanding of the connections between the different parts of the industry

### Is the qualification structured like other GCEs?

Yes the qualification has an AS/A2 structure.

AS is short for Advanced Subsidiary. This is the first half of the Advanced GCE course. It is a stepping stone to the full Advanced GCE qualification. You can take the AS on its own, if you and your teacher agree that this is best for you. You can also decide at the end of the AS course to continue with the course and take the A2 units for the full Advanced GCE qualification.

You can study for:

- A Single Award AS GCE (3units): units 1 -3
- A Single Award Advanced GCE: all 6 units

### What will I learn about on this course?

In the AS units you will learn about:

- The Leisure Industry - Unit 1
- Working Practices in Leisure - Unit 2
- The Leisure Customer - Unit 3

In the A2 units you will learn about:

- Leisure in Action - Unit 4
- Employment in Leisure - Unit 5
- Current Issues in Leisure - Unit 6

### How will I be assessed?

You will have a written examination in a question and answer booklet form lasting for one and a half hours in Units 2 and 5.

For the other units you will be assessed by coursework. In Unit 6 you will have the opportunity to investigate in depth one issue that is of particular interest or importance to you.

### What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

The GCE in Leisure Studies qualifies for UCAS points so if you complete it successfully you could move on to study for a degree or BTEC Higher National Certificate or Diploma in a related subject. You could progress to NVQs in sport, recreation and allied occupations, to Modern Apprenticeships or to relevant employment.