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1. Which degree course options can I apply for from my access programme?

There are hundreds of degree course options available to SWAP East students who complete their access programmes. Use the [progression route finder](#) (found at the bottom of the SWAP East home page) to see which degree courses you can apply for from the access programme you are doing or want to do. Follow these steps:

1. Select the access programme you are on from the drop down menu.

Are you already at college, or already decided which college you will attend?

Are you already on an access course at this college?

If you are not on an access programme yet, select the corresponding options.

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Are you already on an access course at this college?

2. Type in the subject you are interested in studying at university.

What are you interested in studying?
Start typing your preferred subject(s), then click to add your word to the search, or choose from the dropdown suggestions. You can add multiple terms. Click the **x** next to added terms to remove them.

x languages

Results found: 2 possible degree courses

3. Choose the university you are interested in studying at.

Universities where subjects are available (select your preference)	Access courses
University of Edinburgh X Languages (joint honours) at University of Edinburgh Grades required: ABB Requires a pass in 2 Language units (3 credits) other than English at SCQF Level 6 (Higher) or above with a Profile Grade B. If any applicant following a SWAP Programme which does not offer Higher Language units wishes to apply for these degree programmes please contact the College Admissions Office. If French is one of the chosen degree languages but is not taken at Higher level, a National 5 (SCQF Level5) in French at Profile Grade B is required in addition to another Higher language. View additional university notes (if any) (opens in a new window)	
Modern European Languages at University of Edinburgh Grades required: ABB Requires a pass in 2 Language units (3 credits) in one of the chosen degree programme languages at SCQF Level 6 (Higher) or above with Profile Grade B. If French is one of the chosen degree languages but is not taken at Higher level a National 5 (SCQF Level 5) in French at Profile Grade B is required in addition to another Higher level language. View additional university notes (if any) (opens in a new window)	

NB When searching for degree course options at the University of St Andrews, you will only find MA General Degree (Arts) and BSc General Degree (Science). At St Andrews you specialise once you are there; you cannot apply for specific subjects. If you are successful in getting a place on the MA or BSc General Degree at St Andrews, you will choose your subjects at the start of first year. At the end of second year, if you have performed well enough academically, you may be selected for a four years Honours degree in your chosen subject. If not, you will complete three years with a General Arts or Science Ordinary degree.

Under each degree course title within the progression route finder, you will find a standard format. Here is an example of the most common format:

Sociology (MA) at University of Edinburgh Grades required: ABB View additional university notes (if any) (opens in a new window)

The first line refers to the degree course, the qualification and which university is offering it. The second line refers to the SWAP profile grades that are required for entry to this course. NB This line will never refer to SQA exam grades; if an SQA exam grade is required, it will be listed below the required SWAP profile grades. This is where the university will detail any additional, more specific, entry requirements that will be necessary to be considered for this degree course, for example:

Modern European Languages at University of Edinburgh

Grades required: **ABB**

Requires a pass in 2 Language units (3 credits) in one of the chosen degree programme languages at SCQF Level 6 (Higher) or above with Profile Grade B. If French is one of the chosen degree languages but is not taken at Higher level a National 5 (SCQF Level 5) in French at Profile Grade B is required in addition to another Higher level language.

[View additional university notes \(if any\) \(opens in a new window\)](#)

If you would like more information about SWAP profile grades, click [here](#).

2. Can I apply to a university that is not on the progression route finder?

SWAP East access programmes only have formal progression agreements with universities on the SWAP East progression route finder. However, some applications to universities in the west of Scotland and also to universities in England and Wales are considered. Please contact the SWAP East office for advice if you wish to make an application to a university that is not listed.

3. Can I apply for a course that is not on the progression route finder?

If there is no formal SWAP East progression route, your chances of being offered a place may be very slim – at best. So, in the first instance, if you are interested in a course that does not appear on the progression route finder, you should contact SWAP East to discuss your options.

4. Is progression to HNC/HND possible?

If you prefer to take the HN route at college (as an alternative route for moving on to university at a later stage or because the HN qualification is what you are looking for), then your access programme can also qualify you for entry to HNC/HND courses. HN courses are not listed in the progression route finder. For information on HN courses, you should refer to the website of the college you are interested in studying at.

5. I cannot manage full-time study at the moment, are there any part-time options in higher education?

If full-time study (post-access) is not a viable option for you, there are part-time courses available at our partner colleges and universities. Follow the links below:

[University of Aberdeen](#)

[Abertay University](#)

[University of Dundee](#)

[University of Edinburgh](#)

[University of the Highlands and Islands](#)

[Edinburgh Napier University](#)

[Heriot-Watt University](#)

[Queen Margaret University](#)

[University of St Andrews](#)

[University of Stirling](#)

Another option is the Open University. They have been the experts in distance learning for over 50 years, allowing anyone to fit study around their life. The OU has [a wide variety of degrees](#) and other qualifications available to be studied flexibly with an immersive and interactive learning experience.

6. Will I have to pay tuition fees if I study part-time?

For part-time study, tuition fees are not automatically paid by the Students Award Agency for Scotland (SAAS). However, there is a [part-time fee grant](#) available from SAAS, which can help pay some of the costs.