

Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design

100%
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to HE

75%
High Grades

46%
Distinction

Exciting
visits and
projects

Outstanding
teaching



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The UAL Foundation Diploma in Art & Design is an intensive one-year course which students complete after their A level or L3 Vocational studies and before progressing onto a degree. Foundation is effectively a 3rd year at 6th form. It is primarily designed to bridge the gap between Sixth Form and University studies, supporting progression to a subject specialist art and design programme at Art College, or to an Honours Degree at University.

On the course you will be introduced to a variety of art and design disciplines and will experiment with a range of media, materials and working methods to enhance your creative talents, identify your strengths and build a substantial art portfolio. Our students use their Foundation year to develop a creative maturity and to define an increasingly independent and individual approach to their creative practice. Wide ranging research and a willingness to experiment and explore are an important part of the course.

The UAL Foundation Diploma in Art and Design is delivered through 3 units:

Unit 1: Diagnostic Investigation into Creative Practice

In this unit, students will undertake a diagnostic investigation into visual language and creative practices. This exploratory investigation allows students to become familiar with and experiment within a wide range of (art, design, craft and media) creative disciplines as part of their journey to, or reinforcement of, specialism in Unit 2.

Unit 2: Developing Specialist Practice

This unit will provide students with the opportunity to reflect on the knowledge, skills and practices they have developed in Unit 1 of the qualification, and to define their creative ambitions by encouraging a holistic approach to a range of activities, which will support, contextualise and position their creative endeavour within their chosen specialist practice.

Unit 4: Consolidating Practice

This unit aims to provide students with an opportunity to take control of their own learning and

demonstrate their achievement by independently initiating, researching, completing and evaluating a project proposal and realisation within their chosen professional context. Unit 4 is the culmination of the course and an opportunity to further refine and demonstrate specialist skills.

You will take part in numerous visits to Art Galleries, outdoor locations, exhibitions and museums to inform your practical work.

Our students have excellent prospects, progressing to respected and prestigious art and design degrees across the UK.

Entry Requirements:

Students must be aged 18+ and have achieved a Grade C or above in an Art based A Level, or MMP in a vocational L3 creative subject, M or above in UAL L3 creative subject. Special consideration for students from a non-art background.

What's great about this course?



Friendly and approachable staff



Helps you feel ready and prepared for university



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