# **Creative & Digital Arts**



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# **Purpose of the Course**

The creative sector covers a multitude of different fields - graphic design, 3D animation, fashion design, illustration, photography film making, textile design, model making, sculpture, painting. These courses are designed to give you a wide and varied exposure to the many different types of creative media focusing on the essential skills required for all creative industries, as well as giving you the opportunity to specialise in an area that supports your career ambitions.

Our Level 3 course will prepare you well for progression to a prestigious university or art college. Alternatively, you can progress into the thriving creative industry on island, or enroll onto our HNC/D in Art & Design which has been developed with a strong collaboration with local employers giving you excellent opportunities to undertake work placements and live projects.

We pride ourselves on our commercial and employer links, and have developed many initiatives where you will be able to learn industry techniques from professionals and visiting artists as well as tackling live briefs from external clients, which all contribute to your developing essential skills for working in a creative industry.

#### **Course Duration**

Level 2: one year, full-time Level 3: two years, full-time

#### **Campus**

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## **Course Outline**

Level 2: Diploma in Art and Design Level 3: Extended Diploma in Art and Design

We are proud to be working with University of the Arts London - an art specific awarding organisation. UAL design and award creative qualifications that empower and inspire students to reach their full potential.

Our courses are delivered through a series of art and design projects that enable you to develop your skills in a wide range of creative media such as drawing, painting, sculpture, 3D animation, film making, computer games and graphic design. You will gain both fine art and digital skills on the course and the project structure allows you to explore an area of special interest.

The course equips you with a combination of practical skills and theory in order that you will be successful in entering the creative world through either university or industry. We celebrate your achievements with an end of year exhibition where all students display their work for employers, families and friends.

# **Personal Development & Skills**

There is a rich seam of skill acquisition throughout the course and alongside these specific areas you will also develop skills essential for the modern workplace, such as resourcefulness, creative problemsolving, teamwork, independent working, decision-making, presentation & oral communication, self-motivation and self-management. In addition, you will participate in enrichment activities such as healthy cooking, basic car maintenance, fitness, etc and develop a deeper understanding of the society we live in by having the opportunity to explore and discuss current affairs.

#### **Entry Criteria**

Level 2: four GCSEs at grade D/3 or above, in a range of subjects preferably English language and maths or successful completion of a Level 1 qualification, or relevant experience for mature students.

Level 3: five GCSEs at grades C/4 or above in a range of subjects including English language and preferably maths, or a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit or above, or relevant experience for mature students.

#### **Assessment Method**

A wide range of assessment methods are used such as practical project work, sketchbooks, written assignments, presentations, reflective journals etc, these will be assessed by your lecturers, internally verified and then externally verified by the awarding organisation. There is also an externally set and assessed assignment.

# **Progression Opportunities**

To progress onto the Art & Design Level 3 course you will need to have successfully completed your Level 2 programme with a merit or distinction, English language at Level 2 and attained overall attendance greater than 88%. There are also a range of employment opportunities where you can make full use of your transferrable skills, or progress onto an alternative Level 3 programme.

Completion of the Level 3 in Art & Design provides progression onto our HNC/D in Art & Design, or university, or art college, or into a broad range of entry level roles within the local creative sectors.

## **Additional Learning Support**

As part of your learning programme, if you have not yet attained a grade C/4 or equivalent in mathematics and English language, you will be required to study a Functional Skill or GCSE in these subjects.

Some students may require additional support for a number of reasons. At the start of your course you will be asked to complete an initial assessment in order for us to identify any additional needs that you may have. During your course, your personal tutor will be able to guide you on how best to access support.

We can offer the following:

- Progress Coaches
- Learner Support assistance (1:1)
- Learner Support assistance (group)
- Learner Support assistance (drop-ins)
- Specialist ESOL teaching
- Study lab sessions
- In-class support
- Special arrangements for exams

# **Equality & Diversity**

We welcome and celebrate the diversity of our student population. We value and recognise differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion or belief and age. Our aim is to provide a learning environment that is inclusive and we are committed to removing conditions that put anyone at a disadvantage.

For more details or how to apply, please contact: Gillian McCartney gillianm@gcfe.net (01481) 750200

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