

UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design

Study Mode: Full-time | Course Level: 3

Is this course right for me?

This focused and intensive course will prepare you for your future as one of the next generation of artists and designers. It provides a transition from school or a Level 3 college course to specialist art and design study at a higher level.

This course offers you the opportunity to explore a wide range of practical media, technical methods and a variety of theoretical ideas that are central to art and design in its contemporary context. It provides an intensive and realistic experience in a range of specialist areas and is organised in such a way that you are encouraged to build upon your previous experience whilst developing new skills, knowledge and understanding of your personal practice.

This course will give you experience in different art and design disciplines including 3D design, visual studies, textiles, illustration, print making and graphic design. Each term you will work on a number of assignments and exhibit your practical work around the college with an end of year final exhibition in the city centre.

You will take part in practical workshops, lectures, debates, gallery visits and independent research. You will learn new skills and develop experience in a number of specialist techniques and approaches from experienced and dedicated tutors together with a range of guest speakers. We will develop your creative potential while improving your understanding of visual communication.

To enable you to put the skills you learn on the course into practice, you will be expected to complete 30 hours of work experience. Students are expected to find their own work placements, however will be provided with support and guidance from teaching staff to find these. We have a small range of WEx opportunities available for over 18s including work experience in Florence Italy through the Turing scheme, and Walsall Art gallery.

Our creative arts courses have been named the best in the country and earned the college a prestigious national award. We have been named Training Provider of the Year at the Creative and Cultural Skills Awards 2019! Our creative arts department is forward thinking, innovative, committed and that's why we have been nationally recognised.

City of Wolverhampton College is an approved centre for UAL Awarding Body Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

Arts Council England has endorsed the quality of our teaching and learning and links with employers by awarding us 'Arts Mark Gold'.

Entry Requirements

To access this course you are required to:

- Have five or more GCSEs at grade C 4 or above, and a full Level 3 (either A Level or BTEC)

qualification (not necessarily in art)

- Attend an interview with one of the college's admissions tutors
- Present a portfolio of recent art and design work which demonstrates your interest, enthusiasm and commitment to undertaking a course at this level

We also consider applicants without formal qualifications, such as adult learners. In these instances we would require a portfolio of artwork to assess suitability for the course.

What will I learn?

During this course you will study:

- Fine art
- Visual communication
- Graphic design
- 3D design
- Textiles/Fashion

What skills will I gain?

By studying this course you will:

- Be part of a programme of study that has excellent pass rates
- Be taught by our enthusiastic, experienced and talented art and design lecturing team
- Learn in a range of dedicated studios including graphics, 3D, fashion and print making
- Have the opportunity to use a wide range of artist and studio equipment, software and cameras
- Understand how all of the skills you are learning can be applied in the industry
- Improve your knowledge of what art and design industry opportunities are available
- Gain valuable team working and communication skills
- Improve your employability skills
- Learn in a creative arts department awarded 'Arts Mark Gold' by Arts Council England for the level and quality of our education provision in creative industries

How will I be assessed?

This course is project/assignment based and assessment is continuous throughout the year both in lessons, set work and through observations. Each unit will be assessed and awarded with a final grade of pass, merit or distinction. Some units may be subject to external assessment.

What can I do next?

The skills you will learn from this course will enable you to

- Pursue a career as a graphic designer, illustrator, architect, fine artist, interior designer, product designer, fashion designer and stylist, sculptor or concept artist
- Progress on to university
- Gain employment in a relevant field

Why study with us?

You'll train in our dedicated facilities which include dedicated 3D, Graphics, fashion and print making studios together with a range of classrooms and facilities on campus available to you including digital recording studios, TV Studios and editing suites. All tutors are active within the art

and design industry and have a wealth of knowledge and experience to call upon enabling you the best opportunity to progress in your chosen career.

As part of the National Skills Academy for Creative and Culture we pride ourselves as being at the forefront of education and training for the ever changing Art and Design industry. Linking with local artists and companies and regularly hosting guest speakers it allows all learners to gain current and relevant training which gives them not just a qualification, but the experience in the career they wish to pursue. Arts Council England has endorsed the quality of our teaching and learning and links with employers by awarding us 'Arts Mark Gold'.

Delivery

Location: Paget Road Campus

Start Date: 01/09/2025

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

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