

Access to Higher Education – Creative Media & Games

Why choose this course?

Would you like to make games, films or creative and eye-catching graphics? The Access to Creative Media and Games serves as a concise and complete introduction to the skills required to enter the creative digital industries and access a range of university level courses relating to Computer Games Development, Film Production, Graphic Design and Digital Photography. You don't need any experience, just strong software skills and a willingness to learn.

The course leads to a number of Foundation degrees provided both by the college and other providers locally. It has a national appeal too and you will be able to access a number of specific skills and techniques used within growing industries to produce video game and digital media content. As part of this programme you will undertake general study skills units. It will support pathways to Higher Education or to employment. You will investigate areas of creative and digital media and will identify and develop creative, technical, theoretical, practical and personal skills. Subject areas studied will include: games design, photography, moving image, 3D design, Animation and graphic design. Students will also develop their academic and research skills. Specialist facilities include media and photography suites and studios, a photographic darkroom, specialist Apple Mac and PC computing facilities, and a TV studio.

Why Study Here?

Our Lecturers are enthusiastic professionals in their field and we provide you with up to date technology, small group sizes and excellent local progression here onto university courses in HND Media Moving Image, FDA Computer Games Design and BA Applied Media

Facilities

Purpose built editing suites running the Adobe Creative Suite, Autodesk 3D Studio Max and the Unreal Engine. Production and photographic studios are available. There is a range of games consoles, industry standard cameras and lighting equipment in the department that can be used by students.

What will I learn?

- 3D modelling for games
- Moving Image Digital Video Skills
- Digital Photography
- Digital Graphics for Creative Digital Industries
- Creative Coding
- Computer Game Engines
- Project – in either Creative Media or Games Design (Your Choice)

Assessment Arrangements

You will learn in a friendly and highly supportive atmosphere and are assessed via assignments (mainly essays). You are provided with a list of these assignments immediately and are taught all that is needed for you to write them plus offered additional support from the staff.

The course is credit based each module is worth 3 credits. Students need to collect 15 credits at Level 2 (5 modules) and 45 credits at Level 3 (15 modules). Most credits are gained by continuous assessment or assignments. You will complete 20 modules during the course.

Information & Support

Study skills and educational guidance form essential parts of the course. Our excellent specialist teaching staff are here to support you and we also encourage all students to read widely and conduct their own research into their future career and into all subjects covered on the course. Our library staff can help you with all aspects of this. Our study skills team can also offer additional 1:1 support sessions to ensure your academic progress. Our student services team can help you with all things outside of your coursework including childcare, transport, financial advice and counselling.

What do I need?

There are no entry requirements to come on to the Access Diploma however, most universities require you to have GCSE English Language and Maths at a minimum of grade 5 alongside the Access Diploma in order to progress on to the degree. There may be the opportunity for you to study one GCSE alongside your Diploma timetable.

Where will it take me?

The Access to Higher Education programme is designed to give you the necessary grounding to progress on to Higher Education courses. The majority of British Universities will accept Access to Higher Education courses as an alternative to A Levels and other more traditional routes. Employer & progression links include: Plymouth University, Truro and Penwith College, Cornwall Film Festival, assisting work with various locally based photographers, graphic designers and production companies.