

UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma Art & Design: Photography

Photography is an art of observation. It has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them. It is a powerful language which speaks to our emotions. It allows us to tell our story and show others our framing of the world around us. If you enjoy creating photographic images, then the course will stretch and challenge you by providing an opportunity to engage in projects that encourage creativity, investigation, analysis and experimentation as a means of developing technical and expressive skills. It encourages the development of your own visual language while improving your understanding of the broad visual, cultural and theoretical contexts in which contemporary photographers operate.

Why choose this course?

You will learn a broad range of photographic and camera skills - both analogue and digital – utilising traditional darkroom and digital Photoshop techniques, working with industry-standard equipment and workspaces to support you from image capture through to exhibition. You will learn how to develop your contextual understanding and record your workflow in creative sketchbooks. The course will provide you with the skills and understanding to create innovative work. It will teach you to appreciate photographic theory and practice and understand the work of important artists and pioneers in the history and development of the photographic medium.

Photography offers you the chance to take risks, discover ideas and realise your creative potential. The course seeks to nurture perceptive, resourceful and creative photographers with strong transferable skills, that can be applied to a range of commercial and art based careers.

The UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design: Photography has been designed for those who want to study Photography full time, providing you with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to progress to degree level study in visual arts, into further education and training or into employment.

What will I learn?

The course is delivered over 14 hours per week. There is an expectation that you should devote the same amount of time to independent study outside of the classroom. You will complete the Extended Diploma over a two year period. To support retention, achievement and success rates, the Diploma offers an accredited and certificated 'jumping off point' at the end of year one should you choose not to progress into year two.

Assessment Arrangements

The Level 3 Diploma in Art & Design: Photography is made up of 9 mandatory units.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design: Photography is made up of 13 mandatory units including those gained at Diploma level.

Units 1 – 7 & 9 of the Level 3 Diploma will be internally assessed. Unit 8 will be externally moderated and graded Pass, Merit or Distinction; this determines the overall final grade for the Diploma.

Units 10 - 12 of the Level 3 Extended Diploma will be internally assessed. Unit 13 will be externally moderated and graded Pass, Merit or Distinction. Performance in Unit 13 determines the overall final grade for the Extended Diploma.

Information & Support

Camera equipment is available to loan from the department but many students opt to use their own; we recommend Canon models as they will then be compatible with the college inventory. You will have to provide film and photographic paper together with any specialist materials you may wish to use; most of which are available at our college shop. You will be allocated some initial printing credit; however, you must be prepared for expenditure of about £50 per term. The College provides all processing chemicals, printing equipment, and specialist equipment such as studio lighting and tripods.

Where will it take me?

This course is about progression; it is designed to build up your portfolio of work that will enable you to apply to a Higher Education course, or gain employment in your specialist area.

The UAL Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design: Photography is included in the UCAS tariff and attracts tariff points for each final grade as shown below:

Pass = 36
Merit = 60
Distinction = 84

The UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design: Photography attracts tariff points for each final grade as shown below:

Pass = 72
Merit = 120
Distinction = 168

What will I need?

Four GCSEs at Grade 4 to include either English Language or Literature and/or Maths. A Level 2 Diploma at Merit in an appropriate subject can also be considered (plus English and/or Maths). You should provide suitable evidence of your learning and achievement ideally in the form of a portfolio of work.

Additional Information

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