
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology

What is the course about?

The Level 3 Diploma and Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology courses are designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills and understanding necessary to access and progress to degree level study or employment in the media sector. They provide an opportunity for those who have an interest in media to explore, develop and test their creativity within a qualification structure that is stimulating and demanding and provides a supportive transition from general to more specialised study.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology is made up of 12 mandatory and two optional units. Year 1 – Units 1 to 8. Year 2 – Units 9 to 14. Units 1 – 7 will be internally assessed and internally moderated against the assessment criteria for those units. The units are graded Pass, Merit or Distinction.

In Year 2 around November time for a week, students will have the opportunity to go on an educational trip to London. The London trip is a chance to visit/explore university options in and around the London area, and visit the UCAS fair along with galleries, museums, media studios, shopping, current major exhibitions and high fashion boutiques. Approx £380. Research the universities, make sure it is relevant to your course of study. It is an educational trip, not a holiday. Around June time, there is also a day trip to Manchester to see the Art, Design and Media degree show at Manchester School of Art (Manchester Metropolitan University) and Manchester/Liverpool Art Galleries.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to see the exhibition that the Manchester students are mounting at the end of their three year degree experiences, particularly as you will have recently set up your own end of year exhibition.

What are the entry requirements?

4 GCSEs at grade C or above, at least one of which should be in a media or art and design subject, or an equivalent Level 2 qualification in a relevant subject, with a Level 2 profile at merit and distinction grades. Students should be advised that some university degree courses require students to have gained a GCSE at C or above in maths and English. Students may be advised to complete these qualifications to ensure they have the best possible chance to progress to Higher Education. A Portfolio of Digital Media, Art and Design or Design Technology work should be presented at interview, along with either a reference or school report/Record of Achievement.

What will I study?

You will have the opportunity to work in the following subject areas, Web Design, Video and Film Production, Sound Design and Production, Graphic Design, Photography, Games Design and Animation.

Year 1 – you will be introduced to the principles of art design and media theory, plus technical and practical skills. You will explore and experiment in relation to design briefs, to help you choose a specialism. You will finish the year with real-life projects with external organisations and will exhibit your work in the end of year show.

Year 2 – you will be stretched and challenged as you extend your knowledge and experience of the disciplines within which you are working. You will prepare for degree level study by becoming increasingly independent. You will be fully supported by staff with your Higher Education application interviews and producing a portfolio. You will be working with subject specialist briefs through the year and will produce a final major project which you will exhibit in an end of year exhibition.

How will I be assessed?

The course is based on continual assessment approx. every six weeks and takes the form of an exhibition of the work completed during this period. At the end of the course you will produce a final project which demonstrates your skills and creativity in your chosen specialist discipline. This body of work is displayed in the end of year exhibition. You will also produce through the course a portfolio of work for progression onto a higher education course/university or employment.

What are my progression options?

Higher Education / University / Employment opportunities in art and design including but not limited to: Visual Communication, 3D Design, Fashion/Textiles, Fine Art.

Who should I contact?

Please contact the Programme Area Secretary on 648200 or email applications@ucm.ac.im