

## What is the course about?

This exciting and challenging NCFE course combines developing skills with extending knowledge and understanding of the creative craft process at the same time as acquiring an appreciation of enterprise skills and attributes. It will improve your creative and intellectual abilities in communication, innovation and critical evaluation and extend understanding of health and safety issues. Learners enrolled on the NCFE certificate will investigate creative enterprise and employment opportunities in the creative sector.

It is expected that learners on this course will already be competent and skilful makers, deploying the range of skills and techniques that have been developed elsewhere. The responsibility to extend the use of materials and techniques to an advanced level is the responsibility of the learner. What this course aims to do is enable craftspeople to develop an understanding of creative craft concepts and materials whilst responding to the requirements of a commercial brief. Receiving support within a group of likeminded crafts people, learners will develop a unique and innovative approach to using materials at the same time being encouraged to seek out, explore and develop ideas in relation to real and imaginary briefs.

The Isle of Man is a special place to live, work and visit. Being the first entire Island National in the world to receive UN ESCO Biosphere makes this an even more special time and place to be a creative. The culture and heritage of our community provides us with a great source of inspiration, with a history of fostering many creative initiatives. There is clear evidence of how these initiatives are contributing and enhancing our lives and providing our community and visitor economy with local produce to enjoy and consume.

Crafts includes the following – Textiles, Knitting, Weaving, Crochet, Feltwork, Cushions, Quilting, Jewellery, Maritime skills (Net and Sail making), Leatherwork, Cake baker, Chocolatier, Craft Beer, Blacksmith, Ceramics, Painting, Prints, Furniture, Candles, Confectionary, Mascots, Gifts, Keepsakes, Cards and Wood Turning.

## What are the entry requirements?

There are no specific entry requirements but it is recommended that you have achieved a Level 2 qualification.

## What will I study?

The qualification is made up of the following three units –

Explore commercial craft briefs -

In this unit, learners will interact with clients, perhaps both real and imaginary, to develop the skills of working for others and responding to their needs as commercial ventures. Learners will interpret commercial briefs to look for creative opportunities and respond with ideas and suggestions, developing plans, schedules and examples as necessary. They will also carefully consider the financial implications of the brief and communicate with the client for feedback and clarification.

Craft techniques, material, tools and equipment –

Learners will take responsibility for their own work to extend their use of materials and techniques to an advanced level. Learners will respond to the requirements of a commercial brief and will develop a unique and innovative approach to using materials. They will seek out, explore and develop ideas in relation to the brief, working within complex and uncertain parameters. Health and Safety procedures will also be followed.

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Produce craft work in response to a commercial brief –

This unit provides the opportunity for learners to plan, produce and reflect upon the work they create in response to commercial briefs. Learners should strengthen and embed a continual process of planning, doing and evaluating which will form the basis of their professional practice throughout their creative lives. Learners should deploy their range of skills and techniques that they have developed elsewhere, to full effect and produce high quality pieces of craft work which should be suitable to support applications for professional employment or entry to higher education.

The estimated time that you need to give to this qualification is estimated to be 200 hours.

**How will I be assessed?**

Internally assessed and externally quality assured portfolio of evidence.

**What are my progression options?**

This course can provide a basis from which to progress onto further study or employment.

**Who should I contact?**

Please contact college reception on 648200 or email [applications@ucm.ac.im](mailto:applications@ucm.ac.im)