
NCFE Level 2 Award / Certificate in Creative Craft

What is the course about?

The Craft industry encompasses many different careers. All sectors of the industry require craft workers who are able to use their creative skills to translate of a client's designs into finished pieces using hand-eye co-ordination and through the safe use of appropriate tools. Clients will expect craft workers to be responsible for their brief, interpreting their vision, whilst working to an agreed budget and timescale. Craft workers, who work independently, will research and understand current market trends, making, promoting and marketing their products effectively. All craft workers are continually learning and developing new skills and techniques by experimenting with new materials and production practices.

An exciting new course that 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. Learners' understanding of health and safety issues will be extended and provide the opportunity for further development. Students enrolled on the certificate will investigate creative enterprise and employment opportunities in the creative sector.

- Extend and further develop learners' skills
- Extend learners' knowledge and understanding of the creative craft process
- Extend learners' understanding of health and safety issues provide the opportunity for further development
- Provide a basis for progression onto further study

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This qualification is designed for learners with an interest in craft and can be delivered in a variety of contexts. Examples could include the following

Textiles, Knitting, Weaving, Crochet, Feltwork, Cushions, Quilting, Jewellery, Maritime skills (Net and Sail making), Leather work, Cake baker, Cake Decoration, Chocolatier, Craft Beer, Blacksmith, Ceramics, Painting, Printmaking, Furniture, Candles, Confectionary, Mascots, Gifts, Keepsakes, Cards and Wood Turning, Wood Rafts, Floristry, Garment Making, Stained Glass, etc.

The estimated time that you need to give to this qualification is estimated to be 100 hours for the award and 150 hours for the certificate.

What are the entry requirements?

This qualification is designed for learners aged 16 and above who wish to develop skills and knowledge in craft. There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they've already achieved a Level 1 qualification.

What will I study?

There are a number of pathway options that are available under this qualification. UCM will be offering the Heritage and Traditional Crafts pathway. Focusing on the inspiration derived from our local heritage will provide the context for this course.

Heritage and Traditional Crafts –

- Use materials, tools and equipment to develop craft techniques
- Develop craft ideas
- Create, present and evaluate final heritage and traditional crafts item

Learners will explore different materials and develop an understanding of the visual and tactile qualities of them. They will develop their techniques for manipulation of different craft materials and develop the use of tools needed whilst ensuring that they observe the health and safety aspects of the materials, tools and techniques used.

Learners will research and compare sources and contexts to inspire their ideas for craft. Learners will have the opportunity to present their ideas to others to gain feedback with which to adapt or improve their idea. They will develop their ideas by researching, debating and modifying before selecting and justifying their final choice.

Learners will have the opportunity to display their finished piece in an appropriate manner or setting for others to see. Learners will also evaluate the whole creative process and record any issues/challenges they faced and any areas for improvement.

Learners enrolled on the certificate will complete the following additional unit –

- Investigate creative enterprise and employment opportunities.

Learners will research enterprises in their chosen craft area and understand what makes them successful. They'll also explore employment opportunities, identify their own strengths and areas for development and devise an action plan to meet their career aspirations.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is the process of measuring a candidate's skill, knowledge and understanding against the standards set in a qualification. The NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Craft is internally assessed and externally moderated.

Each candidate must create a portfolio of evidence, which demonstrates achievement of all the learning outcomes and assessment criteria associated with each unit.

- Record of oral and written questioning
- Candidate and peer reports
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

What are my progression options?

This course can provide a basis from which to progress onto further study at Level 3.

Who should I contact?

Please contact college reception on 648200 or email applications@ucm.ac.im