

What is the course about?

The Diploma in Art & Design – Foundation Studies is a pivotal qualification, which provides a transition from general education to specialist art and design education. This enables students to make an informed decision when applying to Higher Education or seeking employment within a related industry. The programme therefore builds on students' prior experience, linking skills already acquired with ideas and challenges, which will expand their critical independence and enable them to demonstrate a full understanding of the relevant standards necessary to progress to Higher Education or to a career of their choice. UAL Awarding Body qualifications are characterised by academic rigour and student centred learning culture, encompassing; analytical principles; exploratory and investigate practices; contextual research and material experiences. These are delivered through a coherent and integrated sequence of learning activities which will enable students to identify and capitalise on their strengths and affinities.

You will be provided with studio space as well as access to well-equipped specialist workshops in photography, video and multimedia, ceramics, printmaking, 3D Design, jewellery, textiles, fashion and graphic design. Apple computers are available to all students with software to industry standard.

The Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design is made up of 7 Units. Units 1 -6 will be internally assessed and internally moderated against assessment criteria for those units. Unit 7 will be internally assessed, internally and externally moderated against the assessment and grading criteria for those units. The units are graded Pass, Merit or Distinction.

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?

Applicants to this course should provide suitable evidence of their learning and achievement in the form of a portfolio of work. Applicants will be invited to attend a personal interview to enable interview(s) to assess their aptitude and potential to benefit from the course.

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at C or above, including Maths and English and one A Level (or equivalent Level 3 qualification), preferably in a relevant creative subject.

If students show promise in art and design but lack GCSE Maths and/or English, centres are permitted to deliver these subjects alongside the FAD programme.

What will I study?

The course is designed to develop your knowledge and skills in a broad range of art and design subjects, including: Fashion and Textile Design, Printmaking, Painting, Sculpture, Illustration, Graphic Design, Visual Communication/Studies, Photography, History of Art & Design, Ceramic Design, 3D Design, Jewellery Design, Life Drawing, Multimedia and Animation.

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed at regular intervals approx. every six weeks and close tutorial guidance is given throughout the course. In the Spring Term students will prepare a portfolio of work for application to Higher Education courses. The course culminates in a Final Major Project towards which students work independently for six weeks on an assignment they have written themselves.

What are my progression and career 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 college reception on 648200 or email applications@ucm.ac.im