

UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology

The media is a powerful entity which plays a significant role within society. The centrality of the media to human experience - from the conduct of everyday life, to the exercise of power, to the creation of culture - is inescapable. We live in an intensely mediated world, as philosopher Marshall McLuhan famously said, "The Medium is the message".

Why choose this course?

UAL Creative Media Production and Technology (CMPT) has been designed for those who want to study media full time and will provide you with the knowledge, skills and understanding necessary to progress to degree level study or employment in the exciting & dynamic creative media industries.

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 should to independent study outside of the classroom. There is also a one-hour Tutorial slot. It may also be possible to study an additional A Level alongside this qualification.

You will complete the Extended Diploma in CMPT 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 1 should you choose not to progress into Year 2.

The course provides an opportunity for you to engage with a diverse range of media - TV, filmmaking, radio, animation, photography, graphic design, social media, marketing - often in the form of 'live' or 'real-world' briefs and assignments where you will explore, develop and test your creativity within a stimulating and demanding environment. The course will provide you with opportunities to develop and utilise broad, transferable skills through encouraging an ethos of personal and professional development. We expect you to demonstrate initiative, independent inquiry, creative thinking, reflective learning, team-working, self-management, effective participation, problem solving and communication in order to reach your creative potential.

Assessment Arrangements

The Level 3 Extended Diploma is made up of 12 mandatory and one optional unit – the Personal Project.

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

Units 9 - 12 of the Level 3 Extended Diploma will be internally assessed. Unit 13 will be externally moderated & graded Pass, Merit or Distinction. Performance in Unit 13 determines the overall final grade for the Extended Diploma.

Information & Support

The Media department offers the loan of a variety of technical equipment, from cameras to lighting kits and provides editing suites with industry standard programmes such as Adobe Creative Suite. You will, however, need to purchase your own hard drive, SD cards and card reader. Although you are provided with initial printing credit it is your responsibility to top it up over the course of the year. We also offer enrichment opportunities such as trips to London and New York.

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 CMPT is included in the UCAS tariff and attracts tariff points for each final grade as shown below:

Pass = 100 Merit = 160 Distinction = 210

The UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in CMPT attracts tariff points for each final grade as shown below:

Pass = 180 Merit = 280 Distinction = 420

What will I need?

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above or a Level 2 Diploma in appropriate subjects (to include English Language or Literature and/or mathematics at grade 4 or above). You should provide suitable evidence of your learning and achievement ideally in the form of a portfolio of work.

Additional Information

Awarding Body:

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