



UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication - VA301

This is a two year programmes and is accredited by University of the Arts London. The Extended Diploma in Creative Practice will enable you to experience the main areas of Art and Design including Fine Art, Graphic Design, Sculpture/3D Design and Fashion/Textiles. This will provide you with a broad range of experience to assist your progression.

COURSE DETAILS

The UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Practice Art, Design and Communication is a Level 3 vocational qualification that provides post-16 students with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to progress into further or higher education and training.

The skills developed throughout these qualifications may also support students to progress into appropriate entry level roles, training programmes or apprenticeships in the creative sector. Both qualifications provide an opportunity for those who have an interest in the visual arts to explore, develop and test their creativity within qualification structures that are stimulating and demanding.

The Diploma and Extended Diploma aim to develop students' understanding and application of visual language and the creative process, enabling them to develop creative ideas and produce creative outcomes.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- Level 3 courses are usually 2 years in length.
- You will need 4 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above. One of the 4 GCSE's to be Maths or English at Grade 4 (or functional skill level 2) to study at this level.
- If you have a level 2 qualification in the subject you want to study and a maths or English GCSE at Grade 4 (or functional skill level 2) you can study at this level.

- Entry requirements for Level 3 courses in some sectors may be more specific. If you're unsure whether you meet these requirements, don't worry — we can help you find a suitable course that aligns with your skills and experience.

If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

To learn effectively on your course you will need to use certain items of equipment and undertake particular activities as part of your studies. To further enhance your learning experience the following will be required: Art & Design Materials £50 Art & Design Portfolio £40 Supplementary Prints £20 Equipment £40 If you need support with these costs, don't worry, click on the link below and complete a bursary application form. <https://www.wmc.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/bursaries-loans> Equipment purchased will be yours to keep and you will be able to use them for practice at home and in your future career. N.B. prices correct as of 23/06/2021

ASSESSMENT METHOD

All units are assessed and graded through project and assignment briefs and an overall grade for the qualification is awarded with the Final Major Project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The course is delivered in a pathway system and students progress through two programmes beginning with the Diploma and ending with the Extended Diploma. This may include further assistance from the Advice and Guidance team based in the college.

Are you aged 16-18?

Study programmes are full-time courses for 16-18 year olds which include:

- A qualification such as BTEC Extended Diploma
- Meaningful work experience or preparation for work
- English and maths, if you don't already have GCSE grade A* - C or Grade 4 or above in English and maths
- Non-study activities such as tutorials, voluntary work, fund-raising/charity work, sport or trips

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

UAL Level 3 Extended Diplomas are valued by employers and higher education (universities and colleges). If you want to get a job straight away you could work in a range of careers including:

- Interior design
- Fashion production / Retail
- Fabric and textile design
- Graphic design
- Freelance photography
- Gallery work

This course prepares you for employment and provides a good grounding to go on to a more advanced course such as:

- Diploma in Foundation Studies Art and Design
- Foundation Degree - 3D Design/Fashion and Textiles/Fine Art/Graphic Design/Multimedia/Photography
- BA Hons - Art related subjects

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

| CAMPUS | ATTENDANCE | COURSE CODE | PLANNED TIME TABLE |
|--------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Full Time | VA301-25 | |

If you are aged 16-18:

This study programme will be FREE for most students who are aged 16-18 on 31 August, or students aged 19-24 with an Education, Health & Care Plan.

If you are aged 19 or over:

Fee : £8583.00

The fee quoted is for the academic year 25/26.

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 15th September, 2025 and may be subject to change.