UAL Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (601/3927/4)

Overview

The Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology has been designed to provide students with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to progress to further study and training in a range of media related subjects, including games design, website design, film, TV, radio, sound engineering and others.

The qualification has been designed for students who have an interest in media, often a specific discipline such as games design, who wish to explore and extend this interest via a full-time, immersive learning experience. Many students will have identified a specific career in the creative industries that they wish to progress to (eg games designer, app designer, broadcast technician, cameraman, director etc), using this qualification as a starting point.

The content of the UAL Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology was developed with universities, further education colleges, 6th form colleges and employers to ensure that it provides students with the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to progress to the next level of education and training.

The qualification is made up of nine units and students must successfully complete eight of them; seven are mandatory and one unit is optional from a choice of two. All units relate to the creative media sector, all are delivered through vocational learning, and collectively they total 480 Guided Learning Hours.

The units focus on the skills, knowledge and understanding that support all creative media production and technology activity. The units have been designed to allow colleges to deliver them in a way that meets the specific needs of their students, taking into account the college resources, relationships with local creative employers and responding to the fast-paced nature of the creative industries.

Students are assessed via a ‘Final Major Project’ which takes place at the end of the course when they are at their best. This large project allows students to demonstrate all the learning that has taken place through completion of the other units. This unit is graded Pass, Merit or Distinction and determines the overall qualification grade.

This qualification will provide students with:
- An introduction to a range of activities essential to the development and delivery of media-based outcomes including research, ideas development, the use of technical skills and evaluation
- An introduction to the diversity of roles and responsibilities in the media sector and the personal and professional characteristics needed for a career in the creative media industry
• An introduction to the communication skills used in the media sector and exploration of the specific skills and attributes required for communicating with an audience in the production of media outcomes
• An opportunity to demonstrate understanding through the production of a portfolio of evidence via a final major project
• An opportunity to research the history and context of media disciplines and develop an understanding of the value of contextual research in informing practice
• An opportunity to integrate and use previously acquired skills, knowledge and understanding and to explore and develop more specific techniques, skills and attributes across media disciplines
• An opportunity to integrate and use skills, knowledge and understanding and to explore and develop specific techniques, skills and attributes for production in media
• An opportunity to take greater responsibility in the management of an assignment of personal interest, via the final major project, and prepare for progression within a chosen discipline.

UAL Awarding Body requires Centres delivering this qualification to recruit with integrity and on the basis of the students’ anticipated ability to successfully complete the requirements of the qualification.

UAL Awarding Body recommends that students have a minimum of 4 x GCSE’s at grade D or above.

Students are advised to discuss opportunities for re-taking English and Maths to achieve Grade C or above with their admissions tutor.

There are no age restrictions for this qualification. The majority of students are 16-18 year olds, some are 19 and over.

The UAL Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology is not currently available as part of an apprenticeship.

What could this qualification lead to?

The majority of students completing the UAL Level 2 in Creative Media Production & Technology will progress to further study via ‘Applied General’ or ‘Tech Level’ qualifications or onto apprenticeships in related industries such as design. Some students may progress directly into entry-level roles in the creative industries.

The UAL Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology is generally delivered over one year and will enable students to develop a portfolio of work that could support progression into a range of qualifications at Level 3.

Typically, students will progress to the UAL Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology or the UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology, often within the same college. The majority of colleges delivering the UAL L2 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology also deliver the UAL Level 3 Diploma and Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology.
Students may also progress to the UAL Level 3 Diploma in Art & Design or the UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design.

A ‘qualifications map’ indicating progression routes can be found here.

**Who supports this qualification?**

The qualification is recognised as providing students with opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to progress to the next level of education and training by the following Further Education Colleges:

- Stanmore College
- Sussex Downs College
- West Thames College.

Many other colleges also deliver the UAL Level 3 Diploma and Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology and accept the UAL Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology as an entry qualification. A list of approved UAL Awarding Body Centres can be found here, and entry requirements for individual course can be found on each college’s own website.

**Further information**

Additional information for this qualification can be found on the UAL Awarding Body website here:

http://www.arts.ac.uk/about-ual/awarding-body/qualifications/creative-media/