

Information for offer holders: MA Data Visualisation

This document contains important information from your course team about what to expect from your studies, including what kit you'll need to participate in your course.

We recommend visiting our [Coronavirus information](#) pages regularly for the latest advice and support to help you study safely.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to MA Data Visualisation course. We want to tell you a little more about our plans for the 2021/22 academic year.

We have planned a mixture of on-site and online activity during your first term with us. You will have two days a week on site, with one day dedicated to teaching where we will focus on workshops around visualisation tools, and seminars to discover and discuss the key discourse relating to the subject. Your other day will be for self-directed study.

We will also be working together online in asynchronous sessions which you can complete independently at a time to suit you, and synchronous group work which will be delivered at specified points during the week. These sessions will focus on (at different points in the term) your self-directed research and development work, technical tools including programming for data manipulation and visualisation, and design research methods and critical practice. There will also be a mixture of on-site and online inductions to workshops and technical facilities across the term, and bookable open access to resources – such as technical workshops and the library – which will also be available to you.

Our plans for the delivery in the term ahead have been informed by our experience working with the 20/21 group of participants at this point on their course, as well as consultation with student representatives and feedback and discussion at termly course committee meetings.

We know from experience that things can change very rapidly, so we have plans in place just in case we have to adapt to further restrictions or other events and have designed our timetables to make this possible. Timetables will be published and be made available to you in early September.

Key contacts

More details about your curriculum can be found on our [MA Data Visualisation course page](#).

Course Leader: Henrietta Ross (h.ross@lcc.arts.ac.uk) is the key contact for any questions about our proposed learning methods, or about the course itself.

Administration team: (gdc@arts.ac.uk) will be able to help with other matters.

Your course kit list

We recommend waiting until you're notified you're eligible to enrol before purchasing your course kit.

Digital kit

The minimum kit list to engage with UAL learning is:

1. Laptop or desktop computer (Mac or PC)
2. Stable internet connection
3. Ear/headphones which work with your laptop or desktop – preferably with an inbuilt microphone.
4. A standalone webcam if your laptop or desktop does not already have one.
5. Basic office software. You can download up to five free copies of the [Office365](#) suite.

Discounts and benefits

As a UAL student you have access to a range of educational discounts to assist with your studies. Read our [IT software and discounts](#) page to find out more.

Adobe Creative Cloud UAL student deal

You can access Adobe Creative Cloud programmes for free whilst on site, however you may want flexibility and guaranteed access at other times.

The UAL student deal gives you a subscription to the full Adobe Creative Cloud suite, plus 100GB of cloud storage until Saturday 13 August 2022 for a single £48 payment.

You should check your course requirements and [information on alternative software](#) before purchasing. If you need access to more than two Adobe Creative Cloud applications or want to access them remotely, it's worth considering this offer.

The deal will be available on the [UAL eStore](#) from 14 August 2021 for all UAL students. Read our [Get Adobe Creative Cloud for £48](#) story for details.

University Equipment Hardship Fund

If you think you may need financial support to purchase equipment to access online learning, the [University Equipment Hardship Fund](#) may be able to help.