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Orientation to art and design is a single 7 or 9 week course carefully created to help students with little or no art and design education to bridge the gap between their current skill level and the experience and visual thinking required to gain access to the Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (or other equivalent course).

This course has been designed for students who would like to study art and design in Britain but might not have had the opportunity to develop the portfolio of art work needed to apply to study at a UK art college or equivalent course.

Course structure

This course combines the studio and workshop practice of broad based art and design projects in line with the general requirements for entry to a foundation study program, giving you the chance to build your portfolio whilst expanding your creativity.

At the beginning of the course you are given a timetable of projects, which enables you to prepare for tasks that lie ahead, and will help you evaluate your completed work. Beginning with basic drawing and observational skills, the coursework will progress through:

- Painting and colour theory
- Life drawing
- 3D construction projects
- Architectural drawing
- Photomedia
- Design for the body

There will also be projects based around visits to local museums and galleries. All projects must be completed and the final part of the course will involve producing a portfolio of completed work. Progress on the course is regularly evaluated through tutorials that are scheduled as part of the timetable. Students are asked to provide their own materials for drawing, all other specialist materials are provided.
How to apply

To apply for this course please go to our website and click on the Apply button located at the top of the web page, you will be redirected to a course application form which you will need to complete.

We will only review completed applications, which must include:

- A completed application form
- A short statement (no more than 350 words)
- An up-to-date CV
- 15-20 high resolution images of your work

All international students from outside the European Union will need a Short-term Study Visa (STS) in order to attend one of our portfolio courses. To find out more please visit UAL’s Immigration guidance for short course students webpage.

Students with a Conditional Offer that attend the summer session may be able to apply for a Tier 4 visa. Please contact the Portfolio team for more information.

Entry requirements

This course is open to students aged 17 years and older.

Non-native English speakers should be at IELTS level 5.0 in English language, for more information please visit UAL’s English Language Requirements webpage.

To support your application you should have the beginning of a portfolio of 15-20 examples of your art and design work, for more information please visit UAL’s Portfolio Preparation webpage.

Fees and funding

Details of Home/EU fees and International fees can be found on our webpage.

Additional costs

In addition to tuition fees you are very likely to incur additional costs such as travel expenses and the cost of materials, for more details please visit the additional costs webpage.

Accommodation

View the Accommodation webpage to see the options available and how much they will cost.

Check website for exact dates and prices arts.ac.uk

Search: CSM Portfolio Courses

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Where
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Duration
Course 1 & 2
9 weeks full-time,
Monday – Friday
10.00 – 16.00

Course 3
7 weeks full-time,
Monday – Friday
10.00 – 18.00

When
Course 1
October – December
Course 2
April – June
Course 3
June – August
The full-time portfolio courses at Central Saint Martins are designed to help you build a portfolio for application to further study and/or professional practice.

Your course will take place in the College studios and workshops and you will have access to CSM’s specialist libraries and student facilities.

During your course you will work closely with CSM staff while you build your skills and develop confidence, through workshops and exposure to industry experts and special guests.

If you successfully complete the course you may be offered an interview for further study at UAL. Between 2011 and 2016, 89% of full-time portfolio course students who applied to a course at UAL successfully gained a place.

Not ready? Our short courses can help get you started...

Our portfolio courses attract students from all over the world and are designed to support the needs of all student pathways, including home, EU and international students.

Short Courses are available throughout the year and can be used to develop your skills in order to build a portfolio of work for application for further study or to develop your hobbies and personal practice.
Realise your creative ambitions with our portfolio courses

For more information, including full course descriptions and how to apply visit our website: arts.ac.uk

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