

# Statement of Purpose

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**Level 3 Subsidiary  
Diploma in  
Visual Arts**

# UAL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Visual Arts (603/5871/3) Overview

## Who is this qualification for?

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The UAL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Visual Arts has been designed for post-16 students studying within the sixth form environment. This qualification has been designed to be delivered over two academic years, with the intention for it to be delivered alongside two other similarly sized Level 3 qualifications.

This qualification is appropriate for students who have an interest in the visual arts and who would like to develop skills, knowledge and understanding within this area. This qualification will allow students to experience a range of visual art skills, materials and processes before presenting them with an opportunity to apply an appropriate selection of skills, knowledge and understanding to an externally set synoptic project.

There are no formal entry requirements on to the qualification, however it is recommended students have a minimum of 4 x GCSEs at grade 4 or equivalent, and at least one should be in a creative subject.

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## What does this qualification cover?

This qualification provides an opportunity for those students who have ambitions and aspirations of a career in the visual arts to explore, develop and test their creativity within a qualification structure that is stimulating and demanding.

The objectives of this qualification are to enable students to:

**1** Explore the range of specialisms within the area of visual arts

**2** Develop the knowledge, skills and attributes associated with the creative process and visual arts specialisms

**3** Gain confidence, knowledge and understanding of 2D or 3D or 4D materials, methods, techniques and processes

**4** Generate ideas, solve creative problems and produce outcomes that communicate clear and individualised intentions and purpose

**5** Effectively use ongoing evaluation to inform their own learning, development, decision making and progression

**6** Respond to an externally set brief

Students will also have the opportunity to develop transferable skills to support personal development and education progression into a range of further and higher education courses, as well as employment.

The qualification contains the following units:

**Unit 01: Exploratory study in Visual Arts**

This unit introduces students to the breadth and diversity of specialisms within the visual arts, providing them with a framework to experiment and discover areas of interest and skills development. Students will gain an understanding of the context in which the visual arts are situated and be equipped with the skills and knowledge required to make an informed decision about their own personal strengths and the direction in which they wish their work to progress.

**Unit 03: Specialist investigation in Visual Arts**

This unit will focus on developing students' skills and knowledge within a selected specialist practice(s). It will also reinforce students' ability to research, problem solve and evaluate work. Students will then be required to undertake an investigation into an externally set synoptic brief and demonstrate their ability to draw on a relevant selection of skills, knowledge and understanding developed throughout the qualification.

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**What could this qualification lead to?**

**Further education and vocational courses**

This qualification will support students to progress to a range of further education or vocational courses, such as:

- UAL Level 3 and Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design
- UAL Level 4 Diploma qualifications

**Higher education**

This qualification has been designed to attract UCAS Tariff Points (points to be confirmed) and therefore be recognised by higher education providers as meeting admission requirements, alongside other appropriate Level 3 qualifications.

### **Which subjects might complement this qualification?**

This qualification has been designed to sit alongside other specialist creative subjects such as:

- Graphic design
- Fashion and textile design
- Fine art
- Photography

However, this qualification will also be appropriate to sit alongside two other non-creative subjects such as:

- English literature
- Drama
- Business studies

### **Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?**

The qualification may support students to develop a portfolio of work enabling them to make applications to appropriate entry level roles, training programmes, apprenticeships or self-employment.

### **If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?**

The UAL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Visual Arts is the only qualification of its size that UAL Awarding Body currently offers. It is equivalent in size to 1 A Level and is typically delivered over two years of study. The qualification is ideal for students who are interested in the visual arts and are looking to explore the breadth and diversity of specialisms within the area.

### **Further Information**

Further information regarding this qualification can be found on the UAL Awarding Body website.

[arts.ac.uk/awarding](https://arts.ac.uk/awarding)