

Statement of Purpose

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**Level 2 Diploma
in Art and Design**

UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design (600/3807/X)

Overview

The University of the Arts London Awarding Body Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design has been designed to provide students with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to progress to further study and training in a range of art and design subjects, including fine art, photography, graphic design, fashion, textiles, product design and others.

The qualification has been designed for students who have an interest in art and design or a related subject, 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 (e.g. fashion designer, graphic designer, product designer, architect), using this qualification as a starting point.

The content of the qualification was developed with representatives from universities, further education colleges, sixth 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 art and design sector, all are delivered through vocational learning, and collectively they total 460 Guided Learning Hours.

The units focus on the underpinning skills, knowledge and understanding that support all art and design 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 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.

The qualification will provide students with:

- 1** An introduction to a range of activities essential to the development and delivery of art and design outcomes including research, ideas development, the use of technical skills and evaluation
- 2** An introduction to the diversity of roles and responsibilities in the arts, design and creative industries and the personal and professional characteristics needed for a career in the creative media industry
- 3** An introduction to the communication skills used in the arts, design and creative industries and exploration of the specific skills and attributes required for communicating with an audience in the production of art and design outcomes
- 4** An opportunity to demonstrate understanding through the production of a portfolio of evidence via a final major project
- 5** An opportunity to research the history and context of art and design disciplines and develop an understanding of the value of contextual research in informing practice
- 6** An opportunity to integrate and use previously acquired skills, knowledge and understanding and to explore and develop more specific techniques, skills and attributes across art and design subjects
- 7** An opportunity to integrate and use skills, knowledge and understanding and to explore and develop specific techniques, skills and attributes for production in art and design
- 8** 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 subject.

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 Art and Design 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 Art and Design 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 Art and Design 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 Art and Design or the UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design, often within the same college.

Students may also progress to the UAL Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology or the UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology.

A 'qualifications map' indicating progression routes can be found on the UAL Awarding Body website.

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:

- City College Brighton
- Exeter College
- South Essex College.

Many other colleges also deliver the UAL Level 3 Diploma and Extended Diploma in Art and Design and accept the UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design as an entry qualification. Entry requirements for individual courses 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.