Higher Education Course Regulations
2016/17

Section 1: Admissions

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The following regulations apply to all taught Higher Education courses at the University of the Arts London. Further Education regulations and guidance are provided by the University of the Arts London Awarding Body.
Admissions

1.1. Admissions Requirements

1.1.1. An applicant will be considered for admission where they can demonstrate:

a) Possession of the entry qualifications for the level of study (see 1.2 below);

b) Possession of equivalent qualifications;

c) Prior experiential learning, the outcome of which can be demonstrated to be equivalent to formal qualifications otherwise required, or;

d) A combination of formal qualifications and experiential learning which taken together can be demonstrated to be equivalent to formal qualifications otherwise required.

1.1.2. Some courses may require passes in specific subjects at GCSE, GCE Advanced Level or Undergraduate Level. The specific entry requirements for each course are stated in the individual Programme Specification in the Course Handbook.

1.1.3. Some courses may specify equivalent qualifications particularly appropriate to the course. Equivalent qualifications for each course are stated in the individual Programme Specification in the Course Handbook.

1.2. Course Entry Requirements

Foundation Degree Entry Requirements

1.2.1. An applicant will be considered for admission to a Foundation Degree who has already achieved a minimum educational level equivalent to a pass in one subject at GCE Advanced Level (16 new UAC tariff points / 40 old UCAS tariff points, normally one single award), supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE Grade C or above.

Honours Degree Entry Requirements

1.2.2. An applicant will be considered for admission to an Honours Degree who has already achieved a minimum educational level equivalent to either:

a) Passes in two subjects at GCE Advanced Level (32 new UCAS tariff points / 80 old UCAS tariff points, normally including one single award), supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE Grade C or above.

OR

b) 1 subject at GCE Advanced level (16 new UAC tariff points / 40 old UCAS tariff points) and Foundation Diploma in Art and Design supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE Grade C or above.

Diploma in Professional Studies Entry Requirements

1.2.3. Admission onto the Diploma in Professional Studies placement year requires students to have completed 2 years’ previous study up to Level 5 (or equivalent) in the subject area of the course.
Graduate Certificate and Diploma Entry Requirements

1.2.4. An applicant will be considered for admission to a Graduate Certificate or Diploma who has already achieved a minimum educational level equivalent to an Honours Degree.

Postgraduate Entry Requirements (including Continuing Professional Development)

1.2.5. An applicant will be considered for admission to a Postgraduate course who has already achieved a minimum educational level equivalent to an Honours Degree.

Integrated Masters Degree Entry Requirements

1.2.6. An applicant will be considered for admission to an Integrated Masters course who has already achieved a minimum educational level equivalent to either:

a) Passes in two subjects at GCE Advanced Level (32 new UCAS tariff points / 80 old UCAS tariff points, normally including one single award), supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE Grade C or above.

OR

b) 1 subject at GCE Advanced level (16 new UAC tariff points / 40 old UCAS tariff points) and Foundation Diploma in Art and Design supported by passes in three other subjects at GCSE Grade C or above.

1.3. English Language Ability

1.3.1. Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate their competence in English to the required minimum level for the course by the production of a current IELTS Certificate or evidence of an equivalent level of achievement.

1.3.2. The University English Language minimum requirements for 2016/17 are:

a) FE 5.0 with a minimum of 4.0 in all skills
b) FdA/FdSc 5.5 with a minimum of 4.5 in all skills
c) BA/BSc 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in all skills
d) Progression from FdA to BA 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in all skills
e) Grad Cert/ Dip 6.0 with a minimum of 55 in all skills
f) PG Cert/ Dip 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in all skills
g) Masters 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in all skills
h) PG CPD Units 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in all skills

1.3.3. Some courses may require a higher level of English language ability. The specific entry requirements for each course are stated in the individual Programme Specification in the Course Handbook.

1.4. Admission with Academic Credit

1.4.1. An applicant may be considered for admission at a point in the course later than the start of the planned programme of study, provided that the applicant has fulfilled, in a way judged to be equivalent, the requirements of the intended programme of study prior to the proposed point of entry.
1.4.2. In order for an applicant to be admitted under 1.4.1 above, the University must be satisfied that by successfully completing the remaining part of the course, the applicant would have fulfilled the objectives of the course and have the opportunity to attain the standard required for the award.

Prior Learning on Continuing Professional Development

1.4.3. At the discretion of the course team, the Exam Board may take into consideration credits accrued from prior learning when recommending the award of PG Cert, PG Dip or MA under the Continuing Professional Development framework, provided that those credits are at an appropriate level and in an appropriate subject. Credit accrued from prior learning may amount to no more than one third of the final award.

1.4.4. In order for a candidate to be considered under 1.4.3 above, the University must be satisfied that by successfully completing the remaining part of the course, the applicant would have fulfilled the objectives of the course and have the opportunity to attain the standard required for the award.