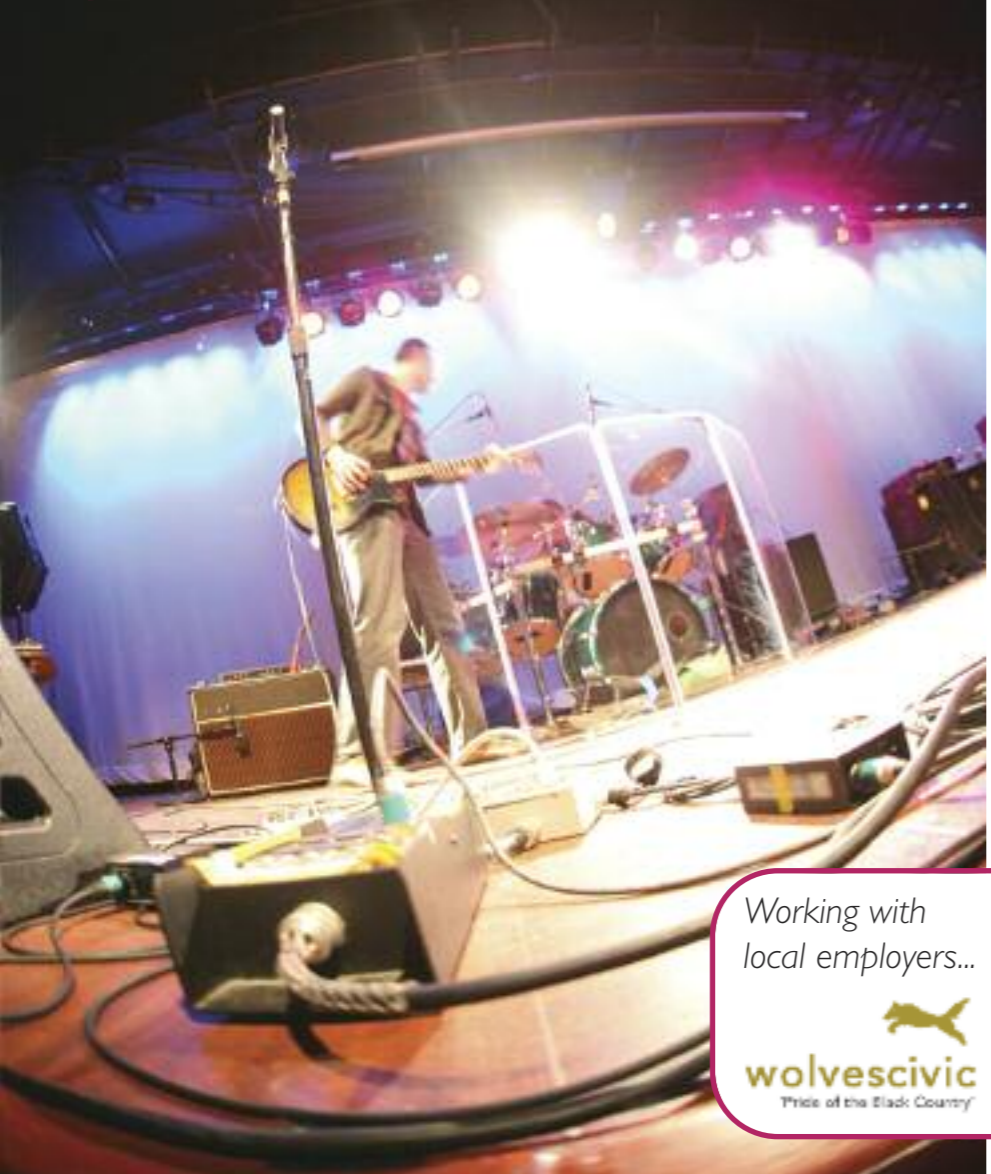


Creative Arts



While many other industries are either static or in decline, creative industries are one of the few resounding success stories in the UK economy.

If you are looking to gain employment in this field, the college provides extensive professional training, and if you are intending to set up in business on your own the college runs advice and business planning seminars to help you prepare.

Why study with us?

- Our facilities and equipment are kept to the highest standards expected in the industry:
 - Media have their own air-conditioned TV studio, two editing suites running industry-standard 'Final Cut Pro' software and a mix of standard and HD cameras.
 - Music technology have their own recording studio and Midi Suite.
 - Art and Design studios have a print room, a 3D studio and fine art and graphics studios and dark rooms for photography
 - Performing Arts have professional dance and performance studios with access to a fully functioning theatre.
- Learn from experienced tutors – we have a huge range of professional experience covering the creative industries, from ex-BBC journalists to sound engineers. Many of our tutors are current practitioners whose work is exhibited or performed locally and nationally.
- We frequently invite TV producers, practising artists, actors and musicians as guest lecturers to share their knowledge and experiences.

Working with local employers...



- We are one of the founder colleges of the National Skills Academy (Creative and Cultural). The NSA ensures that training provision meets employers' needs.
- Mediacove, the college's video production company, gives our media students experience on live projects. Some students gain experience working abroad: last year a group from Creative Arts were in Italy for three months on a work placement totally funded by the EU's Leonardo da Vinci grant programme.
- Get involved with the British Youth Film Academy's summer feature film. Students are involved in every aspect of the film making process and learn from professionals on the film set. Last year the film was shown at the Cannes Festival.
- Showcase your work at the End of Year shows and exhibitions:
 - Performing Arts students perform their own shows at the Wulfrun Hall - last year it was 'The Little Shop of Horrors'.
 - There is an annual Media Show organised by staff and students and held at the Light House.
 - Art and Design Show was held in a store in the Mander Centre.
 - Music students performed at the Slade Rooms.
- Go on exciting educational trips around the world - in the past students have been to Budapest, Prague, and New York.
- Art & Design students go on days out to art galleries and museums in Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Liverpool and London.





BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Visual Arts

Paget Road campus • 1 year

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required. You will attend an interview and an introductory programme.

This course covers how to make art and design work in visual studies, printmaking and 3D studies. You will learn how to carry out research, develop creative ideas when working with a range of media, materials and processes. The creative focus of the course is also supported with employability and work based skills, developing communication, team building and independent working.

Future options

First Level 2 Diploma Art & Design, Level 2 Diploma in Fashion and First Diploma Media, other Level 2 programmes or work based learning.

Fashion & Clothing BTEC First Level 2 Diploma

1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs A*-D or BTEC equivalents, interview, presentation of a portfolio of work.

This course covers a range of different areas and could be the starting point for a career in Fashion and Clothing. You will learn how to develop personal ideas in a range of skills and techniques in fashion and clothing, and the personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life. The units include 2D and 3D visual communication, exploring, developing and presenting fashion design ideas, Pattern Construction Techniques and processes and producing personal fashion projects. This course is the equivalent to four GCSEs.

Future Options

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design.



Art & Design BTEC First Level 2 Diploma

1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs A*-D or BTEC equivalents, interview, presentation of a portfolio of work.

The course covers a range of different areas and could be the starting point for a career in Art and Design. You will learn how to develop personal ideas in a range of media, using various materials and processes. The units include 2D and 3D visual communication, exploring and developing art and design ideas, and producing personal art and design projects. This course is the equivalent to four GCSEs.

Future Options

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design or a Creative Apprenticeships.



Art & Design BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

2 years • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade C or above or BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design; interview and portfolio.

This course is ideal if you want to get a high level qualification equivalent to three full A Levels and progress to higher education or employment. In the first year you will undertake exciting projects in a range of disciplines including Graphic Design, Digital Print, Fashion, Textiles, Printmaking, Drawing, Painting, Illustration and 3D Design. In the second year, you will have the opportunity to work within your chosen specialism and to build a specialist portfolio of high quality work for progression to higher education.

Future options

Courses: HND in Art and Design at City of Wolverhampton College; BA Hons in a range of Art and Design disciplines at university: Textiles, Fashion, Fine Art, Photography. Career: photographer, fashion designer, graphic designer, textile artist, fine artist.

Art & Design Foundation Studies Diploma Level 3-4

2 years • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Interview and portfolio. At least one A Level at grade A-C.

This course is designed to improve your qualification level before going on to Higher Education. It also helps you to choose a career pathway in Art & Design, that reflects your particular aptitude and skills. As part of this course you will take part in a week-long residential visit to Dublin where the programme is involved in a joint project with the Irish Museum of Modern Art.

Future options

Courses: HND or BA Hons in a range of Art & Design disciplines including HND in Art & Design at Wolverhampton College and HND in Graphic Design
Career: Photography, Fashion, Graphic Designer, Textiles, Fine Art



**Media
BTEC Level 2 Diploma**
1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements
Four GCSE's A*-D or BTEC equivalents, good English skills and an interview.

This is a hands-on practical course with some theory and is ideal if you are thinking of a career in broadcasting, journalism, video or film production as you are introduced to a wide range of media skills. Modules include: video production, factual programme production, animation and web authoring. Employability and Functional skills are an integral part of the course. This course is the equivalent to four GCSEs.

Future options
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Media Production or Games Development or a Creative Apprenticeship.

**Media Production
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma**
2 years • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements
Five GCSEs A*-C (including English) and interview

This course is equivalent to three full A Levels and is aimed at students who want a career in broadcasting, journalism, video or film production. You will be introduced to a wide range of media skills and have the opportunity to gain work experience with local media production companies. Modules include: video and radio production, drama and news production, motion graphics and animation and writing for TV and Screen. There is an opportunity for you to study additional A Levels in Film Studies or English.

Future options
Courses: Higher Education courses in Media including Foundation Degree in Commercial Video Production, Foundation Degree in Broadcast Journalism and HND in Creative Media Production.
Employment: Direct entry into the Media Industry.



**Games Development
BTEC Level 2 Diploma**
1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements
Four GCSEs A*-D, good English skills and a successful interview

This is a hands-on practical course with some theory and is ideal if you are thinking of a career in Games Development. You will be introduced to a wide range of skills and have the opportunity to gain work experience. Subjects include story development, animation, video production skills for interactive media. You will also take part in location shoots and educational visits along with career research. Employability and Functional skills are an integral part of the course. This course is the equivalent to four GCSEs.

Future options
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Games Development or Media Production

**Games Development BTEC Level 3
Extended Diploma Level 3**
2 years • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements
Five GCSEs grade A-C (including English) and an interview.

Ideal if you have enthusiasm and interest in game design from both creative and technical perspectives, this programme covers all aspects of game development from initial concept, through development, all the way to marketing and launch. Subjects include story development, graphic design, animation, video production skills for interactive media. You will also take part in location shoots and educational visits along with career research. Visits by guest speakers from the creative industries are arranged.

Future options
Courses: Higher education courses in graphics, interactive media, games design including HND Interactive Media at City of Wolverhampton College
Employment: in the Games Industry.

NCTJ Newspaper Journalism Level 3 Diploma

1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Registration with NCTJ (<http://www.nctj.com/>) and an interview and aptitude test at college.

This is a high level course ideal if you want to become a professional journalist. It aims to provide you with an understanding of newspaper journalism and related subjects and is a qualification accepted by newspapers. You will visit Wolverhampton Magistrates Court, Birmingham Post and Mail, Express & Star, West Midlands Police Headquarters, and the Houses of Parliament. The course runs for three days a week, plus work experience one day a week for a minimum of 12 consecutive weeks. The course boasts great industry links and most students go on to gain employment in the industry.

Future options

Employment with a newspaper - full achievement in all seven mandatory subjects, plus a minimum of 18 months employment on a newspaper, qualifies a candidate to take the NCE qualification.

Performing Arts BTEC Level 2 Diploma

1 year • Newhampton Centre

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications required: interview and audition.

This is an exciting one-year course if you want to develop the essential skills to become a live performer. You will study acting, dance and musical theatre and participate in devising performances and improvisation techniques. The course is also ideal for anyone wishing to develop confidence with movement and voice. You will take part in several shows, large and small, in a range of venues. The course also teaches you about 'showbiz' with technical theatre and backstage work. Functional Skills in English and Maths are an integral part of the course. This course is equivalent to four GCSEs.

Future options

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Performing Arts, or work-based learning.

Performing Arts BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

2 years • Newhampton Centre

Entry requirements

Four GCSE passes at grade C or above or BTEC First Diploma at merit level and a successful audition.

The course takes you through a range of performance disciplines including acting, dance and musical theatre. You will gain a thorough understanding of the industry with theoretical and business-related units, as well as by putting on shows and performances. You also learn about 'show biz' with technical theatre and backstage work. You have the opportunity to work in local theatre and observe visiting dance performances and professional theatre productions. This course is equivalent to three full A Levels.

Future options

Higher Education in the Performing Arts including HND in Performing Arts at City of Wolverhampton College.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Technical Theatre (Production Arts)

2 years • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Interview plus five GCSEs grade A-C desirable but not essential.

This is a hands-on practical course which teaches backstage skills for the Performing Arts and Live Entertainment industries. The course covers Stage Management, Technical Maintenance, Technical Theatre, Lighting, Live Sound, Recording Studio Techniques, Set Design and Costume Design. You will gain practical experience in a wide range of college productions as well as possible work experience in venues around Wolverhampton. City of Wolverhampton College is one of 20 founder colleges of the National Skills Academy for Creative and Culture and, through this, have many links with technical theatre and live sound industry specialists. We are committed to training the technicians of the future.

Future options

Course: Higher Education in the Performing Arts including HND in Performing Arts at City of Wolverhampton College.
Employment: in the creative industries.



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Music Technology BTEC Level 2 Diploma

1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs A*-D and/or interview plus diagnostic tests.

If you are interested a career in sound engineering and the music industry then this is the course for you. You will gain the skills to use computers for music creation, develop recording techniques in the 24-track studios and develop an understanding of the music industry. You will also create music for film and develop projects. Topics covered include exploring the computer systems used by musicians, planning and creating a music product, exploring musical composition and producing a musical recording. You also have the opportunity to take part in trips to music studios and live music events.

Future options

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Music Technology.

Music Technology BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

2 years • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Interview, four GCSEs at grade C or above (including English Language).

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in sound engineering and the music industry. You will gain the skills to use computers for music creation, develop recording techniques in the 24-track studios and develop an understanding of the music industry. You will also create music for film and develop their own projects. During this course you will take part in live music events, visits to music studios and live performances. Modules include computer-based systems, planning a music recording, a production project, music industry sound recording techniques, a special subject investigation and music and sounds for multimedia.

Future options

Courses: Higher Education courses including Foundation Degree in Creative Music Production and HND Music at City of Wolverhampton College.
Employment: in the Music Industry.

James Prosser was a music production student who started on a Level 3 course, he progressed to become the colleges first Creative Apprentice and he is now a music lecturer in our Music Technology Department.



Creative Apprenticeships Music, performing arts, cultural heritage, community arts, and digital media production

2 years • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Interview and initial diagnostic test; evidence of talent and commitment. Note: This programme is not aimed at graduates.

Do you already work in the creative industry and want to gain a qualification while you work? The Apprenticeship programme offers flexible, work-based training designed to compliment your job and the needs of your employer.

City of Wolverhampton College works closely with the creative industries to ensure that the courses and learning we deliver are relevant to the real world of work. Creative Arts Apprenticeships are available in: Music: live events and promotion/music business; Performing, literary and visual arts: technical theatre/costume and wardrobe; Cultural heritage: cultural and heritage venue operation; Community arts: community arts management; Creative and Digital media.

Future options

You can progress to higher education including Foundation Degrees and HNDs offered at City of Wolverhampton College which are part-time so can fit around your job.

creative apprenticeships