Photography

Study Mode: Full Time

Is this course right for me?

If you're passionate about photography and visual storytelling, our University of the Arts London (UAL) Awarding Body photography courses will equip you with the creative, technical and professional skills needed for a successful career behind the camera.

You will practical photography skills, experiment with a range of photographic styles and techniques ,study contemporary and historical photography, learn how to communicate ideas through powerful visual imagery and build a diverse and professional portfolio.

You will study at the City Learning Quarter campus which boasts a modern professional photography studio, and will be taught be experienced tutors who are practising photographers and have many years of experience of working in teh industry.

Qualification available

- UAL Level 3 Diploma and Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication (Photography Pathway)

The qualification is equivalent to three A Levels upon successful completion of the full Extended Diploma.

Entry Requirements

To access this course, you will need:

- Four or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, ideally including English and maths, or a relevant Level 2 qualification in Art & Design, Media or Photography
- Attend an interview and present a selection of work demonstrating your creative ability and suitability for the course
- Demonstrate good attendance, punctuality and a positive attitude to learning

If you have not yet achieved Grade 4 in English and/or maths, you may be required to continue studying these subjects alongside your qualification.

For internal progression (already studying with us):
You must be able to demonstrate that you:

- Have successfully completed a relevant course that naturally progresses onto this programme, achieving a good standard
- Have improved your English and maths grades since enrolment
- Have maintained good attendance and punctuality
- Show a consistently positive attitude to learning

Additional course information

Work experience

As part of the course, you will complete a minimum of 30 hours of work experience or industry-related activity.

Opportunities may include:

- Overseas work experience in Florence, Italy through the Turing Scheme (for learners aged 18+)
- Photography projects with local music venues and live events
- Industry-focused collaborations and creative briefs

Professional development

Throughout the course, you will build a professional portfolio and receive guidance on progression opportunities, including university applications, apprenticeships and employment within the creative sector.

What will I learn?

- **Digital and Analogue Photography:** Understand the full range of photography, from modern digital techniques to the timeless art of shooting with film.
- **Creative Composition and Lighting:** Learn how to compose visually stunning images, using light to shape your subject and tell your story.
- **Studio Techniques:** Work with professional studio equipment, mastering lighting setups for portraits, product photography, and more.
- **Post-Production and Editing:** Get hands-on with industry-standard editing software like Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom, perfecting your images to a professional standard.
- **Photography Styles:** Explore different genres of photography, including portraiture, landscape, documentary, fashion, and fine art photography.
- **Building a Professional Portfolio:** Develop a high-quality portfolio that showcases your best work to potential employers or higher education institutions

What skills will I gain?

By studying this course you will:

- Develop your creative potential while improving your understanding of visual communication
- Learn how to use a wide range of artist and studio equipment, software and cameras
- Gain skills that can be applied in the industry, and learn what industry opportunities are available
- Gain valuable team working and communication skills
- Improve your employability skills

How will I be assessed?

The course is mainly project/assignment based, however there are exams in year 1 that are externally assessed. In year 2 there are no exams, and work is internally assessed and external moderated.

Throughout the course you will be continually assessed and it will culminate in a final project which will be graded as a pass, high pass, merit, high merit or distinction.

What can I do next?

The skills you will learn from this course will enable you to:

- Progress to Further Education including our HND in Art and Design (Photography) Level 5 course.
- Pursue an apprenticeship in photography, media production, or digital arts.
- Potential career paths include:
    - **Professional Photographer** (Portrait, Wedding, Fashion, Product, Event)
    - **Photojournalist** (Documentary, News, Editorial)
    - **Studio Assistant** (Supporting roles in professional studios)
    - **Photography Assistant** (On-location and in-studio support for professional photographers)
    - **Photo Editor** (Working for magazines, media outlets, or agencies)
    - **Digital Retoucher** (Enhancing and manipulating images for print or online use)
    - **Visual Content Creator** (Creating imagery for social media, blogs, websites, and online platforms)
    - **E-commerce Photographer** (Capturing high-quality product images for online retail)
    - **Videographer/Content Producer** (Expanding into video and multimedia content creation)
    - **Social Media Manager** (Creating and curating visual content for online brands)
    - **Advertising & Marketing Creative** (Working on campaigns with strong visual elements)

Delivery

Location: City Learning Quarter

Start Date: 06/09/2027

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

Course Code: X0056

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