

Art, Graphic Design and Fashion

UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design

Campus: Rotherham College

Code: R01AC03

Type: Full Time

About This Course

By choosing this qualification you will perfect your skills and build a portfolio of artwork bridging the gap between study at Level 3 and degree level study.

You'll gain a valuable introduction to a wide range of creative disciplines, which allows you to experiment before specialising in your chosen area and enables you progress onto a range of prestigious, highly competitive degree courses in art-based specialisms.

Whilst using Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and Animate, you'll explore the principles and fundamental theories of art and design so you can specialise in a particular area of interest.

On completion you will gain the following UCAS Tariff points: 80 for a pass, 96 for a Merit and 112 for a Distinction.

This course is free for those aged under 19.

What Will I Study?

The course is in three parts:

- Part one allows you to explore your creative thinking through introductions to the main areas of art and design including fine art, graphic design/illustration, animation, fashion and textiles and 3D design
- Part two builds on the skills and understanding of the first part, allowing you to specialise and develop your skills in a chosen area e.g. fine art, illustration, animation interior design, architecture, ceramics, textiles, product design, craft...

- Part three allows you to become more independent as you plan and implement your own major project in preparation for study at degree level.

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will investigate a wide range of skills and processes within art and design including, drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, model-making, digital art, screen printing and laser-cutting.

- Explore the principles and fundamental theories of art and design
- Explore the skills required to specialise in a particular area of art and design practice.
- Learn industry standard software including Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and Animate.

Develop a creative and focused portfolio for progression into Higher Education or work in the creative industries

Why Study Here?

With access to professional standard studios and equipment, you'll work within industry-standard facilities and be taught by experienced professionals.

You will have access to professional standard studios and equipment including laser cutting, screen-printing, 3D workshop, printmaking, ceramics and digital.

Your assignment briefs will challenge and encourage you to develop your specialist skills in order to progress to work as a practitioner, to work within the creative industries, or onto further study.

There will be exposure to masterclasses, educational visits and exciting opportunities for you to work on live briefs. Visits include a major European city and galleries throughout the UK.

Entry Requirements

- A-Level at grade C or above in Art or two AS Levels at grade C or above to include Art
- GCSE English and Maths at grade C/4 or above or equivalent
- Successful completion of BTEC/UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design
- A portfolio of Artwork is desirable

How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of this page.

For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing info@rotherham.ac.uk [mailto:info@rotherham.ac.uk] or by calling **01709 362111**.

What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

Once you have completed the course you can progress onto a creative degree at university in your chosen specialism.

There are also a wide range of Higher Education courses available at UCR, including:

- BA (Hons) in Fine and Applied Art
- BA (Hons) in Fashion*
- BA (Hons) in Graphic Communication Design
- BA (Hons) Media and Moving Image
- BA (Hons) Games Design

*subject to validation

Tuition Fees

- 16-18 year olds do not need to pay course fees
- Those aged 19 or over may not need to pay fees depending on their circumstances. Find out if you qualify for help with your fees [<https://www.rotherham.ac.uk/course-fees/>] .

If you need further advice or guidance please contact the Enquiries Team on **01709 362111**.

Additional Information

Students are asked to purchase an art kit and to contribute to the cost of gallery visits.

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