

VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

East Surrey College, Gatton Point, London Road, Redhill, RH1 2JX, 1 year Full-time, 3 days per week.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

One A Level in an Art or Design subject, or an Extended Diploma in Art or Design, plus a recent portfolio of artwork as evidence of ability, and a minimum of 5 GCSE's grade 4-9. This course also acts as a comprehensive progression route into university for students with an Extended Diploma qualification. Mature students who do not have formal qualifications are encouraged to apply and bring a portfolio to their interview. All students regardless of grades will be considered for this course if they can demonstrate their appropriateness for this subject field.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

Art & Design Level 4 UAL Foundation Diploma: You will achieve a qualification, which is highly recognised by all the Arts universities alongside your already achieved UCAS points – it is the equivalent of achieving the first year of a Degree qualification.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Art & Design Foundation Diploma provides an excellent grounding for application to higher-level courses. This course is a prerequisite for progression to BA and specialist courses in art and design. The FAD programme enables students to make a decision about their personal pathway in art and design through support, guidance and studio practice. This programme deals with the development of an individual's personal creative intentions and provides rigorous preparation for application to higher-level courses in all areas of art and design. You will receive individual support with all aspects of application to university; writing personal statements, making digital portfolios, portfolio construction, designing a website, photography/film recording, interview techniques, etc.

The course will include a variety of research trips to art galleries, museums, and places of special interest that will support your studio work, and if possible a residential research trip. You will enjoy the chance to use well-resourced specialist Art and Design workshop facilities, and have a series of life drawing workshops, which will enhance your portfolio of work. You will also get a number of opportunities to exhibit and work in our large, unique, purpose-built gallery as part of your Foundation Diploma experience.

On this course you have the opportunity to specialise in:

- Fine Art - Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture; Time-Based Art; Installation; Performance.
- Graphic Design, Visual Communications and Illustration; Game Design and Concept Art; Animation.
- Fashion, Promotion, Styling, Forecasting, Textiles, Costume Design and Interior Decoration; Digital Design.
- Three-Dimensional Design, Crafts, Metalwork, Jewellery, Furniture Design.
- Model Making and Special Effects; Theatre Design, Props and Screen Arts; TV Film and Theatre Arts.
- Product Design, Industrial Design and Automotive Design.
- Architecture, Architectural Engineering, Interior Architecture and Interior Design.
- Photography, Web Design, Digital Arts and Film
- Art History, Design History and Contextual Studies.
- Academic study for non-Art courses at university.
- Personal development of a marketing strategy to sell/promote your own work online.

UCAS application is given a high significance; students will be coached through the process to support their application through digital portfolio, website presentation, and building an effective portfolio for interview. This course prides itself on very high success and progression rates into top universities, as well as a strong enrichment program, including a number of research trips, UCAS Create Your Future in London, and trips to national museums and art galleries. It also is one of the highest graded UAL Foundation Diplomas in the country, and is a UAL Centre of Excellence for Foundation Diploma and digital portfolios.

UNITS/TOPICS COVERED:

The UAL Level 4 Foundation Diploma Specifications

Stage 1 - Unit 1: Diagnostic Investigation into Creative Practice Level 3 - 29 Credits: This Stage will give you opportunity to experiment and discover your specialist interest in Art and Design through short energetic projects.

Stage 2 - Unit 3: Developing Specialist Practice Level 4 - 46 Credits: This stage will be an opportunity to explore in-depth your specialist subject with a small number of 6week projects using the workshops, the Gallery and the studios.

Stage 3 - Unit 4: Consolidating Practice Level 4 - 45 Credits: This stage is your Final major Project which is a subject of your choice and a project of your design, hopefully culminating in a public exhibition of your work in the Gallery.

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT:

On-going formative assessment takes place throughout the academic year, including individualised developmental 1 to 1 tutorials, and formal assessment at specific points on the academic calendar. A UAL Assessor also externally moderates the course at the end of the year.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD?

Careers guidance and portfolio preparation is an important feature of the course along with support with your UCAS application. The Foundation course has a very high reputation for placing students on exceptional undergraduate degree programmes across the country, both within London, further afield and internationally.

COURSE FEE:

If you are under 19 on 31/08/2025, tuition is free. If you are 19 or over, please consult Client Services for advice and guidance on funding and eligibility, this can include eligibility for the Advanced Learner Loan.

Please be aware that there may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits. This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you have any outstanding queries please contact our Client Services team on 01737 788444 or at clientservices@esc.ac.uk.

To apply online for this course please visit www.esc.ac.uk.

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