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Foundation Degree (FdA) Digital Media Development

Location	Stockport College
Course Type	University level
Department	Art & Design
Start Date	Monday 14th September 2026
Duration	Full-time, 2 Years
Time	-
Fee	£ 8250.00
Course Code	SFQ-HT5H-1100

Course Overview

This course is for those with a passion for creative technology and media production. It will appeal to filmmakers, content creators, gamers, designers, digital artists, and image makers looking for a dynamic, multi-disciplined Digital Media environment that harnesses breadth and the opportunity for specialised depth also. As such, this course will be of particular interest to those who wish to work within the Creative Media Industry in roles within TV, Film, Graphics, VR, XR and AR, animation and content creation.

Course Requirements

Whilst applications are considered on an individual basis, offers are usually based on a requirement to have:

64 UCAS points from either:

- A L3 qualification in a relevant subject
- GCE A levels
- An Access to Higher Education Diploma

Successful applicants will have 4 GCSEs at grade C/grade 4 or above including Maths and English.

What You Will Learn

You will fuse traditional and digital media to shape new forms of communication. Alongside foundations in cinematography, content creation, audio and video editing, graphic design, and animation, you will explore areas such as virtual and augmented reality. Knowledge of more immersive interactive applications will be beneficial in a rapidly changing field, where the industry now requires multi-skilled digital media practitioners, creative but also competent in a range of technology. Throughout, you will be working with live briefs and embedded industry placements to enrich and replicate 'real-world' experiences and build your employability skills.

Assessment

Coursework based

Progression

On completion you may choose to complete our 1 year Level 6 BA (Hons) Contemporary Art & Design Practice (top up), awarded by Sheffield Hallam University. Alternatives include top-up degrees in areas such as Digital Media, Animation, Graphics, Media or Film Production.

Career Options

On completion you may choose to enter or further develop your career in roles such as: Content Creator, Games Designer, Animator, Graphic Designer, Podcaster, Social Media Marketing, Editor, Producer, Art Director, Motion Graphic Developer, Curator.

Mandatory Units

At level 4 you will study:

Digital Production
Industry Evolution
Exploration and Fundamentals
Collaborative Design Project

At level 5 you will study:

Industry and Employability Project
Immersive Technologies
Transmedia Storytelling
Independent Research Project

Extra Costs Involved

Students will be expected to purchase a 250GB hard drive and suitable SD card to store their footage. Students will cover the cost of travel to and from local filming locations and placements.

Optional educational or work-based trips in the UK and internationally will be offered and a fee may be attached should you wish to participate. Where possible, we endeavour to visit free exhibitions and workshops but travel abroad will incur additional costs.

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Hours Per Week

12 hours a week

How Long To Complete

2 Years

Programme Structure

This programme has been designed so that in year 1 you can experiment with and understand a broad range of digital media.

In year 2, concepts and techniques are further developed. You also begin to identify your chosen area of specific interest, take part in industry briefs and work experience, and refine your craft culminating in a final exhibition of your work. You will complete 120 credits in each year.

Contact Details

For further information please email HEenquiries@tcg.ac.uk

Disclaimer

Although every care has been taken to ensure that the information contained within this document is accurate, there may be changes to this programme and provision. We will endeavour to keep prospective and current students updated where appropriate and when the information becomes available.