



BTEC Extended Diploma in Photography 2nd year only - CA302

The Level 3 Extended Diploma in Photography provides learners with opportunities to develop a range of skills needed for a career in the lens-based media sector, while also supporting routes into higher education.

COURSE DETAILS

This level 3 course explores a diverse range of technical and creative disciplines within Photography.

Students will build a grounding foundation in both digital and film formats, developing skills that will enhance them to progress internally to our HND or HNC Photography programs, other HE courses or straight into the industry.

Students will learn how to use professional camera equipment, darkroom, studio and editing software.

Exploring a range of topics within photography such as, portraits, journalism, experimental and advertising. As well as looking into the work of key practitioners, learning how to analyse and critically reflect, both their own work and the work of others.

With opportunities to exhibit work, take part in workshops, meet guest speakers and trips, students will be able to explore and develop photography skills on this exciting and diverse course.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

This is a Study Programme and priority will be given to students who are 16-18 years of age

To study a Level 3 qualification, you will need:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grades 4-9 including English and/or Maths (or L2 Functional Skills in English and/or Maths)

OR

A relevant Level 2 qualification and English or Maths at Grade 4 or above (or L2 Functional Skills in English and/or Maths)

Applicants must also provide a portfolio of work.

If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

To learn effectively on your course you will need to use certain items of equipment and undertake particular activities as part of your studies. To further enhance your learning experience the following will be required: Photography Equipment such as SD cards, USB and portfolio etc. £85 If you need support with these costs, don't worry, click on the link below and complete a bursary application form. <https://www.wmc.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/bursaries-loans> Equipment purchased will be yours to keep and you will be able to use them for practice at home and in your future career. N.B. prices correct as of 23/06/2021

ASSESSMENT METHOD

This course is assessed through a variety of written and practical assignments. There are no external exams.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At interview you will need to:

- Show evidence of current or predicted GCSE grades/qualifications.
- Show that you are a motivated and committed with good attendance and punctuality.
- Present a school report from your current or most recent place of education.
- Present a positive school reference from your current or most recent place of education.

Students will receive an Art and Design certificate on the successful completion of this diploma.

Are you aged 16-18?

Study Programmes are full-time courses for 16-18 year old which include:

- A qualification such as BTEC Extended Diploma
- Meaningful work experience or preparation for work
- English and maths, if you don't already have GCSE grade A* - C in English and maths (grade 4 and above).
- Non-study activities such as tutorials, voluntary work, fund-raising/charity work, sport or trips

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Photography / BTEC Higher National Diploma in Photography.

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	STARTS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	08th Sep 2025	Full Time	CA302-25	
<p>If you are aged 16-18:</p> <p>This study programme will be FREE for most students who are aged 16-18 on 31 August, or students aged 19-24 with an Education, Health & Care Plan.</p> <p>If you are aged 19 or over:</p> <p>Fee : £8583.00</p> <p><i>The fee quoted is for the academic year 25/26.</i></p>				

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 12th July, 2025 and may be subject to change.