

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The table below outlines the entry requirements for the different types of courses we offer. It is our intention to support all applicants to be placed on the right course for them. If a course requires additional qualifications or evidence of suitability (e.g. a portfolio) this will be stated on the course description page. Please note, all courses require an application review.

Level	Entry requirements	Equivalent to	Progression
Entry	Appropriate level of skills and 'college readiness' assessed as part of the Application Review process.	Pre-Entry Entry Level 1–3	Entry Level 1–3 Level 1/2
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of two GCSEs grade 9–1 or achievement of an Entry Level qualification (to include English and maths or be able to demonstrate the ability to work at the appropriate level). Appropriate level of aptitude and skills may be assessed as part of the application review (e.g. technical test, portfolios of creative work or audition). 	NVQ Level 1 Level 1 Diploma	Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship Employment
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of three GCSEs grade 9–3 (to include English and maths GCSE or Functional Skills at L1/L2). In some cases, specific subjects and grades at GCSE will be required. Some courses require completion of a relevant Level 1. Appropriate level of aptitude and skills may be assessed as part of the application review (e.g. technical test, portfolio of creative work or audition). 	NVQ Level 2 BTEC/UAL Level 2 Diploma Intermediate Apprenticeship	Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship Full-time employment
Level 3 (Most carry UCAS points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of four GCSEs grade 9–4 including English and maths (or to be able to demonstrate the ability to achieve Grade 9–4). In some cases, specific subjects and grades at GCSE will be required. Some courses require completion of a relevant Level 2. Appropriate level of aptitude and skills may be assessed as part of the application review (e.g. technical test, portfolio of creative work or audition). 	2–3 A-levels Access to HE NVQ/BTEC/UAL Level 3 Diploma BTEC/UAL Extended Diploma Advanced Apprenticeship 2–3 A-levels	Level 3 (year 2) Level 4 or 5 Foundation/Bachelor Degree Higher Apprenticeship Full-time employment
Level 3/4 (Art & Design Foundation and post A-level Photography)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of grade C in at least one A-level in a related subject. Five GCSEs at grade 9–4 including English and maths. Appropriate level of aptitude and skills will be assessed as part of the application review (e.g. technical test, portfolio of creative work or audition). 	Year 0 at university	Level 4 or 5 Foundation/Bachelor Degree

GCSE EQUIVALENT

Changes to GCSE grades

English and maths GCSE grades received in 2017 and after use the new grading scale. The numbers 9–1 identify levels of performance (with 9 being the top level).

To reach the minimum entry requirement of a grade C, students will need to achieve a grade 4 on the new grading scale.

Another 20 GCSE subjects will have 9–1 grading in 2018, with the majority following in 2019.

New grading structure	Old grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
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