

Course Specification

Course Summary Information				
1	Course Title		BSc (Hons) Digital Film Production with Foundation Year	
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US1006F	1062
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University	
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)			
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)			

6	Course Description			
	Are you interested in a career making films and videos? This Digital Film Production with a Foundation Year ensures you will develop a range of academic and technical skills relevant to technology in film. You'll explore filmmaking fundamentals such narrative, composition and film theory to camera testing, designing digital production workflows and post-production. On this course, you'll develop a broad range of technical and creative skills with the support of our cutting-edge facilities and software, including our four professional TV studios in The Parkside Building. About the Foundation Year The Foundation Year course option enables you to study for our BSc (Hons) degree over an extended full-time duration of four years by including a Foundation Certificate (year one of four). The Foundation Certificate provides a broad study programme that underpins the follow-on degree. To progress to the next year of your degree, it is necessary to achieve a pass in all of the modules of the Foundation Certificate. What's covered in the course? This Digital Film Production degree with foundation year focuses on fundamental technical concepts, including the physics of sound and light being captured during production (and the tools and approaches used to do this), as well as the techniques used to digitally store and manipulate both images and audio in post-production. The course aims to produce well rounded filmmakers with a mix of technical, creative and business skills, able to work with digital video in a variety of industries. To achieve this, as well as its focus on the process and practice of producing films, the course covers a range of important subjects, such as visual composition, narrative design, production design, the film business and cross-platform productions. This course is taught in the heart of Birmingham across our City Centre Campus which boasts an active and accessible film-making community. You will be studying on the same campus as undergraduates studying a range of arts, including acting, music, photography, fashion and theatre, which means that there will be lots of opportunity to collaborate with other students to develop your skills and build a portfolio of work.			

	You'll also have opportunities to engage with industry, allowing a number of flexible paths to gaining work experience, including: basing selected modules around work experience, taking a placement year and working on commercial productions within the University.
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Digital Film Production	6	480
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Digital Film Production with Professional Placement Year	6	600
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Foundation Certificate Computing	3	120
	Certificate of Higher Education Digital Film Production	4	240
	Diploma of Higher Education Digital Film Production	5	360
	Bachelor of Science Digital Film Production	6	420

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study
	Full Time	City Centre	4 years
	With Professional Placement Year	City Centre	5 years

10	Entry Requirements
The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.	

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	Knowledge and Understanding
1	Explain and interpret technical principles underpinning film and video production workflows and equipment, including the underpinning physics and mathematical concepts, relating them to use of digital video production tools.
2	Relate aesthetic, design and narrative principles to the production of films and international movements in film.
3	Discuss and explain relevant international regulatory and standards bodies and legislation on: media; copyright; intellectual property; health and safety; work permits and freedom of information.
4	Relate management, organisational and business theories to the process of producing films and wider career development.
	Cognitive and Intellectual Skills
5	Design and implement bespoke approaches and solutions, to producing films and conducting investigations, utilising and integrating production and post-production tools and technologies.
6	Assimilate, interpret and analyse information from a wide variety of research sources, constructing effective arguments and expressing justified conclusions.
7	Judge the merits of different viewpoints and perspectives objectively and constructively take on board criticism.
8	Be able to critically evaluate and reflect on their own work and the methods used, then independently develop their knowledge and skills in response.
	Practical & Professional Skills
9	Use industry standard approaches to planning and organising productions such as: group/collaborative work; regular production meetings; implementing and working within production workflows or pipelines and taking iterative or progressive approaches to production development.
10	Utilise a fusion of creative, technical and business skills, to adapt to working in digital video production in a variety of changing and evolving industries.
11	Utilise testing methodologies to objectively measure, compare and calibrate film production equipment.
12	Effectively and safely use of a variety of hardware and software tools, in a highly competent manner.
	Key Transferable Skills
13	Demonstrate and use technical, research, analytical, planning, design and organisational skills, which are highly transferable and can be used in a wide variety of disciplines.
14	In co-operation with others, plan and undertake tasks and work effectively in a multi-disciplinary team of creative, technical and organizational production roles.
15	Communicate effectively in writing and presentations to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
16	Demonstrate an understanding of how video production skills relate to production in different media and their application variety of different industries.

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Professional Placement Year (optional)

To qualify for the award of Bachelor of Science with Honours Digital Film Production with Foundation Year and Professional Placement Year, you must successfully complete all the modules listed as well as the following Level 5 module:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PPY5004	Professional Placement	120

Level 6:

To complete this course, you must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
DIG6114	Production Project	40
DIG6200	Individual Honours Project	40
DIG6208	Virtual Production	20
DIG6207	Professional Futures	20

12b Structure Diagram

Semester	Year 1 - Level 3		
1	Media Production Practice 20 Credits	Media Audiences 20 Credits	Professional and Academic Skills 20 Credits
2	Media Concepts and Investigation 20 Credits	Collaborative Media Production 20 Credits	Media Project 20 Credits
Year 2 - Level 4			
1	Video Production 20 Credits	Visual Design 20 Credits	Capture and Acquisition 20 Credits
2	Studio Production 20 Credits	Sound for Film 20 Credits	Audio and Video Technology 20 Credits
Year 3 - Level 5			
1	Production Practice 20 Credits	Narrative Design 20 Credits	Production Workflows 20 Credits
2	Post Production 20 Credits	Collaborative Practice 20 Credits	Research and Testing Methods 20 Credits
Professional Placement Year 4 (optional)			
Professional Placement Module (120 credits)			
Year 5 - Level 6			
1	Production Project 40 Credits		Individual Honours Project 40 Credits
2	Virtual Production 20 Credits	Professional Futures 20 Credits	

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 3

Workload

32% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	276
Directed Learning	660
Private Study	264
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	83%
Exam	0
In-Person	17%

Level 4

Workload

24% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	288
Directed Learning	392
Private Study	520
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	83%
Exam	0
In-Person	17%

Level 5

Workload

24% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	288
Directed Learning	316
Private Study	596
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	0
In-Person	0

Level 6

Workload

19% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	222
Directed Learning	228
Private Study	750
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	85%
Exam	0
In-Person	15%