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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

**PHOTOGRAPHER
DANCER**

ACTOR

MUSICIAN

ARTIST

JOURNALIST

GAMES DESIGNER

FASHION DESIGNER



Photography by Sarah Johnson, NCTJ Photojournalism student



Amy Weston

Amy Weston has been listed as a top ten winner in the international design and advertising industry's equivalent of the Oscars.

Amy is studying on the Foundation Degree in Graphic Design at Norton College. The prestigious D&AD Student Awards 2011 receive entries from learners worldwide and help the design and advertising industry discover new talent.

Amy said: "I am absolutely overwhelmed. It means so much to me. I didn't expect this type of recognition for my work. All the sacrifices I have made to join the course seem so worthwhile."

Amy spent three years working in a hotel and then a bank before deciding to return to education. She started the course at Norton College having always been interested in art and design, pursuing it as a hobby outside of work.

She added: "It has been tough, and it was difficult giving up a full time wage and the lifestyle that goes with that. But I am really loving the course, and have immersed myself in it. The tutors are fantastic and so supportive."

For the competition, Amy had to submit an advertising campaign brief on behalf of Oxfam. She was listed as a top ten winner in the Open Advertising 2 organ category.



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Entry 3/Foundation Learning Programmes are run at Hillsborough, Norton and Peaks. See page 24 for more detail.



Art, Media & Photography

BTEC Level 1 Diploma

Norton College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grade E (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language.

About the course

This course is a broad introduction to art, media and photography. During the course you will cover practical photography skills and mixed media art techniques including painting and drawing. You will study graphic design and design T-shirts and posters and also have an introduction to digital media. During the year you will look at enterprise and vocational employment studies considering how you can get paid for your work in the creative industries.

This course is 70% practical and 30% theoretical. You will always work to complete assignments using research, idea development, concept work, final designs and evaluation.

You will be expected to work at improving your functional skills in English, maths and ICT.

Will the course suit me?

To be successful on this course you will have to have a keen interest in the creative media and be able to express your ideas visually. You will be willing to look at different sources for ideas and inspiration.

Where can it lead?

We encourage all students to progress to Level 2 courses, apprenticeships or employment.

Art & Design

BTEC Level 1 Diploma

Hillsborough College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grade E (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language and an art related subject.

About the course

This course is a broad introduction to art, craft and design using a range of media and techniques.

Units include: fashion and textiles, fine art and mixed media, 3D fine art and sculpture relief, ceramics, printmaking, photography and graphics.

Trips to galleries, museums and fashion shows are organised throughout the course.

It will be necessary for you to undertake periods of project work at home (at least 3-4 hours per week).

You will be expected to work at improving your functional skills in English, maths and ICT.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated with a desire to learn and express their ideas visually.

Where can it lead?

Successful completion of the course allows students to progress either into employment or on to a Level 2 programme which may be in art and design.

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Art & Design

BTEC Level 2 Diploma
Hillsborough College & Norton College
- 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grade D (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language and an art related subject.

About the course

This course introduces you to the dynamic area of art and design. You will learn by completing project briefs based on realistic work-based activities. There will be the opportunity to explore materials and experiment with new techniques. In order to assess your skills and interests, you will sample a range of areas including drawing, painting, printmaking, 3D work, ceramics, photography, graphics, fashion and textiles. You will also study the work of other artists and designers.

You are expected to work independently on project work away from college and will take part in regular tutorials to support your studies. Tutor-led demonstrations and presentations, trips to galleries, museums and fashion shows are organised throughout the course.

You will be expected to work at improving your functional skills in English, maths and ICT.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated with a desire to learn and express their ideas visually.

Where can it lead?

Successful completion of the course could lead onto a Level 3 course in art & design. Alternatively, you may wish to enter employment.



Art & Design

(3D Design Technology & Interior Design)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Hillsborough College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language and an art-related subject.

About the course

This course focuses on the practical development and application of knowledge and skills required by anyone wishing to pursue a career in 3D design technology or interior design.

Specialist units could include: interior design, product design, 3D design media, techniques and technology, exploring specialist ceramic techniques, exploring resistant materials, 3D computer modelling, small/large scale working and small/large scale design.

In addition to studio based project work you will be expected to work independently on project work away from college and take part in tutorials to support your studies.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated with a desire to learn and express their ideas visually.

Where can it lead?

Students have progressed to a wide range of art and design higher education courses. Alternatively, you may wish to look for employment.

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Art & Design

(Fashion & Textiles)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Hillsborough College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language and an art-related subject.

About the course

This course focuses on the practical development and application required by anyone wishing to pursue a career in the fashion industry.

Project briefs are responsive to current trends within the fashion industry. Specialist units include: computer applications in fashion, design principles, fashion media, techniques and technology, fashion presentation techniques, fashion visualisation, garment and accessory production.

In addition to studio based project work you will be expected to work independently on project work away from college and take part in tutorials to support your studies.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated with a desire to learn and express their ideas visually.

Where can it lead?

The next step could be to our own Foundation Degree in Fashion Design & Manufacture or to another higher education course in this field. Alternatively, you may wish to look for employment.

Art & Design

(Fine Art & Photography)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Hillsborough College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language and an art-related subject.

About the course

This course will introduce you to the essential skills of fine art and photography.

Units could include: painting, observational drawing, printmaking, sculpture, experimental imagery in photography, computers in art and design, lens-based image making, location photography, darkroom practices and applications and Illustration.

In addition to studio based project work you will be expected to work independently on project work away from college and take part in tutorials to support your studies.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated with a desire to learn and express their ideas visually.

Where can it lead?

You can progress to a range of higher education courses including fine art, design, creative art practices, illustration and advertising. Alternatively, you may wish to look for employment.

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Art & Design

(Graphics & Digital Media)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Hillsborough College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language and an art-related subject.

About the course

This course focuses on the practical development and application required by anyone wishing to pursue a career in graphics or digital media.

Live project briefs are dynamic and responsive to current design trends.

Specialist units include: computers in art and design, digital image, capture and editing, lens based imagery, mixed media image making, graphics for 3D applications, website design, graphic image making and 3D computer modelling.

In addition to studio based project work you will be expected to work independently on project work away from college and take part in tutorials to support your studies.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated with a desire to learn and express their ideas visually.

Where can it lead?

Students have progressed to a wide range of art and design higher education courses. Alternatively, students may wish to look for employment.

Art & Design

(Fine Art, Photography & Textiles)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include an Art-related subject and English Language.

About the course

On this course you will learn about many key elements of Art & Design including (but not limited to) drawing, painting, fashion, textiles, art film, illustration and photography.

In the second year you will work with increasing independence as you prepare for higher education and the world of work. You will study professional practice, portfolio preparation and finish your qualification with a final major project along with a real exhibition of work at a Sheffield venue.

You will be expected to work independently on project work away from the college and will be expected to study English, maths and ICT (Functional Skills) where necessary. Visits to exhibitions are arranged during the course.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal person for this course is one who is motivated and curious by nature with a keen interest in the world of art and design. You should consider yourself to be creative and have some skill at drawing.

Where can it lead?

The next step could be a Foundation Degree in art & design or other higher education courses within the art & design field including photography, fashion, textiles and illustration.

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Art & Design BTEC 18+ Foundation

BTEC Level 3 & 4 (QCF)
Hillsborough College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language with A-Level or BTEC National Diploma equivalent in art and design. Students must be aged 18 or over on 1 September of the year of entry. All applicants will be invited to attend an interview with a portfolio of work.

About the course

This course bridges the gap between A Levels and undergraduate study in all areas of art and design and is a pre-requisite for many art and design higher education courses. It offers the opportunity for you to experiment within a broad range of art and design disciplines before moving towards a specialist area of study. This intensive course will culminate in a major project and final exhibition and enable you to prepare a portfolio for higher education interviews.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated with a desire to learn and express their ideas visually.

Where can it lead?

The next step will be to progress onto a higher education course. Support will be given to help students prepare for higher education interviews.

3D Design (Fashion Accessories)

HNC Level 4
Hillsborough College - 2 Years part-time

Minimum entry requirements

Students will have at least one of the following: 4 GCSEs at grade C or above including English and Mathematics AND one A Level in a related area OR a National (Extended) Diploma OR National Certificate OR AVCE in a related area OR a Foundation Diploma in Art & Design OR equivalent qualifications AND / OR industrial experience.

About the course

On this course you will explore a wide range of materials, techniques and processes associated with the fashion accessory industry and will develop a high level of skill within this field. You will also develop your design and presentation skills using illustrative techniques. There is a program of work-based visits to appropriate companies and studios as well as visits to relevant exhibitions. There will be the opportunity to study a 'business start up' module alongside the course.

The 3-D design department has spacious facilities comprising fashion, printed & constructed textile, ceramic and 3-D workshops and a variety of well equipped studios.

Where can it lead?

The qualifications provide a thorough grounding in the key concepts and practical skills required in their sector and their national recognition by employers allows direct progression to employment.

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Fashion Design and Manufacture

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Foundation Degree Level 5
Hillsborough College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

One of the following: One A Level pass in a relevant subject, 2 GCE AS Level pass in a relevant subject, BTEC National Diploma in any Art & Design subject, BTEC Foundation (Pre-Degree) Diploma (Level 3) in Art & Design or an OCN Access to HE Certificate. A GCSE English or Key Skills Level 2 in literacy and numeracy is desirable.

About the course

The course seeks to develop creative designers with a high level of contextual and technical understanding, who are well equipped to succeed in the competitive commercial environment of the fashion industry. This course is also suitable for someone already within the fashion industry/self-employment area, seeking to develop their skills further. Students will be challenged to support their creative expertise in fashion design, with an understanding of pattern construction and garment manufacturing techniques and processes.

Where can it lead?

You will receive an offer for the designated progression route at Sheffield Hallam University provided that you submit an application via UCAS by the specified deadline including a satisfactory personal statement and reference, and subject to meeting literacy and numeracy requirements and satisfying any non-academic conditions.

Graphic Design, Web & Advertising

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language and an art related subject.

About the course

Graphics is a visual communication between the designer and the viewer. Perhaps you have seen a billboard today or played on game software? You might have read a magazine, looked at product packaging or bought a poster? All this is graphic design. It constantly revolves around everyone and is a powerful tool in delivering what we should all be aware of, what we should buy, what we should watch and what we should be informed about.

This course introduces you to many aspects of graphic design. You will start with basic techniques and processes using illustration, advertising, packaging, logos and typographic design, before progressing through to live client briefs. The programme has excellent professional links and training in industry standard software such as Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated and has an interest in the world of design. You should consider yourself to be creative and have a good eye for detail.

Where can it lead?

The next step could be to our own Foundation Degree in Graphic Design or other higher education courses in the art & design field.

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Graphic Design

Foundation Degree Level 5
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

Typical entry requirements would include passes in design/art related subjects with a minimum of 120 Tariff points from the following: BTEC National Diploma, AVCE Double Award, GCE A Level, 18+ Art & Design Foundation.

GCSE maths and English at grade C, or equivalent, including basic skills qualifications may be required for students wishing to progress to a top-up year. Mature students and those with access qualifications are also encouraged to contact us.

About the course

A highly professional course with an enviable track record for graduate employment, the Foundation Degree in Graphic Design is a two year, full time, modular course for students interested in graphic communication design.

The course equips you with the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills required for success in current and future employment in the graphic design sector.

Where can it lead?

You will receive an offer for the designated progression route at Sheffield Hallam University provided that you submit an application via UCAS by the specified deadline including a satisfactory personal statement and reference, and subject to meeting literacy and numeracy requirements and satisfying any non-academic conditions.

Photography

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language.

About the course

This course leads you through all aspects of photography starting with basic techniques and processes before progressing through studio work, working with people; looking at ideas, concepts and influences from art and design; advertising; studio techniques; Adobe Photoshop and photomontage and location photography.

In the second year, you will work with increasing independence as you prepare for higher education and the world of work. You will study professional practice, experimental techniques, magazine work, large format camera work and finish your qualification with a final major project.

Approximately 30% of the course is theory and contextual work and 70% practical. You will be expected to work independently on project work away from college.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is someone who is motivated, has a desire to learn and wants to express their ideas visually. You will love how images work and how they affect people.

Where can it lead?

The next step could be to our own Foundation Degree in Photography or other higher education courses in this field or employment.

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Photography

Foundation Degree level 5
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

120 UCAS points either through AS/A Level of BTEC National Diploma in a creative area. Applications from mature students who have the appropriate work experience and employer references are also welcomed.

Students who are required to attend for interview will be expected to present visual evidence of their creative ability (portfolio, showreel etc).

About the course

You will be encouraged to practice in an aspect of photography which is appropriate to your abilities and to develop a style which is identifiable as your own. You will be given the opportunity to develop your skills in image making, using the wide variety of equipment available to photographers.

You will gain experience in the use of most digital camera formats. The future of commercial photography undoubtedly lies in the digital environment which is now the norm in commercial practice. For this reason we have opted to focus the course exclusively on digital image generation.

Where can it lead?

You will receive an offer for the designated progression route at Sheffield Hallam University provided that you submit an application via UCAS by the specified deadline. We would, however, expect any student completing to be equipped with the skills necessary to have the confidence in their ability to function as a professional photographer in their own right.



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Photo-Journalism NCTJ

Level 3
Norton College

Minimum entry requirements

A minimum age of 18 at the start of the course, Mature students are welcome to apply. For direct entry, 5 GCSEs at grade C must include English Language. For the full-time course, 1 GCE A level.

About the course

Photo-journalism, as the term implies, is a journalism-based course with photography as its foundation. Tutors will help you develop natural news sense along with an ability to use a camera and ancillary equipment to the best advantage; there is also a comprehensive reporter module.

The Press Photography course contains all the above elements without the reporter module.

Qualities you need to be accepted on the NCTJ course and to be a photo journalist/press photographer are energy, drive, commitment, single mindedness, personality and an enquiring mind which can look at the obvious and see something different - or better - by way of a news "line" and picture. If you are successful in getting a place you will undergo intensive practical and theoretical training to prepare you for your career.

To apply for a place on the course, you should contact NCTJ and ask for an application form or download one from their website www.nctjshffield.co.uk. Fill it in and return it to them. They will then forward it to us and we will invite you for interview.

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Diploma in Journalism NCTJ

Level 3

Norton College - 22 Week Fast Track

Minimum entry requirements

You need to have at least two A Levels or equivalent and GCSE English at Grade C, however, there are occasions when individuals who show exceptional talent, but who do not have the minimum academic qualifications, may be granted a waiver.

About the course

The 22 week fast-track course is an intensive and challenging course reflecting the demands required in news rooms.

All our courses are taught through a combination of lectures and hands-on practical experience in a working newsroom environment. We have excellent contacts with editors who regularly showcase students' work in their publications.

You will also have your own website to showcase your work at www.nctjsheffield.co.uk, a Facebook page and Twitter feed.

The NCTJ Diploma modules are: reporting (multi-platform news writing), video journalism for online, essential media law, media law court reporting, essential public affairs, portfolio and shorthand.

To apply for a place on the course, you should contact NCTJ and ask for an application form or download one from their website www.nctjsheffield.co.uk. Fill it in and return it to them. They will then forward it to us and we will invite you for interview.

Creative Media Production

Level 1

Peaks College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grade E (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language.

About the course

This course is an introduction to the Media industry.

The course is mainly practical and you will make videos, radio programmes and animations using professional equipment.

Each project will contain some written work and throughout the year you will continue to study Functional Skills in maths, English and IT.

Peaks College has a wide range of professional equipment for your use and trips to Norton will allow access to the professional TV studio.

The Media department have many close ties in the industry and trips and visits are encouraged throughout your time at college.

Will the course suit me?

To be successful on this course you will have to have a keen interest in all aspects of the Media. Your personal tutor will support you to help you develop the necessary skills to achieve your qualification.

Where can it lead?

We encourage all students to progress to Level 2 courses, apprenticeships or employment.

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Introduction to iMedia and the world of work.

Entry Level 3

Sheffield City College - 1 Year full-time



Minimum entry requirements

No formal entry requirements but those in education will be expected to complete their current learning programme.

This is an introduction to iMedia and you will take qualifications in Vocational Studies and Personal and Social Development.

iMedia: Creative Media Production

Level 1

Sheffield City College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grade E (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language.

About the course

The course provides a broad introduction to the world of iMedia, helping you to develop their skills in a variety of digital media themes. It will also allow you to develop your skills in preparation for a Level 2 course in a similar field.

The course will cover: Pre-production skills, digital media skills for asset production, sound effects, exploring the digital world of media, creating and animated objects, digital graphics editing, creating a digital audio-visual sequence and design and test computer games.

Will the course suit me?

The course is practical and involves building a portfolio of assignments. There are no exams. Some reading and writing is involved.

Where can it lead?

Successful students can progress to the Level 1 or 2 course as appropriate.

Creative Media Production

Level 2

Norton College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grade D (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language.

About the course

This is an exciting course that will introduce you to the many skills needed in the production of media. You will develop skills in four main areas: TV and film production, radio production, print and animation.

In the final term you will be able to specialise in a subject area of your own choice and be encouraged to work independently.

The course will develop your writing skills and critical viewpoints and prepare you for studies at Level 3.

For each subject you will produce your work using the industry standard facilities and equipment in the department.

You will develop your skills across a range of assignments and an extended project that will enable you to manage your own learning and to work with increased independence.

You will be expected to work at improving your functional skills in English, maths and ICT.

Will the course suit me?

Grading is coursework-based and there are no examinations.

Where can it lead?

Students have an excellent record of progressing to Level 3 courses within the college including the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production.

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iMedia: Creative Media Production

Level 2

Sheffield City College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grade D (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language.

About the course

The course provides a detailed introduction to the world of interactive media, helping you to develop your own skills in a variety of disciplines. The course will allow you to develop your skills in preparation for a level 3 course in a similar field, such as the BTEC National Diploma in Creative Media Production. You will need to do between 6 to 10 hours of self study each week.

Will the course suit me?

This is a practical course that has working within the industry as a goal for all of its units. Although it is a practical course, reasonable reading and writing skills are essential.

Where can it lead?

The qualification is a stepping stone towards employment in the creative media industry. Successful learners can progress to the BTEC Diploma in Creative Media Production level 3.

iMedia: Creative Media Production

BTEC Level 3 Diploma

Sheffield City College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSE's at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language.

About the course

This course will allow you to take a wide range of digital media subjects. It helps you to gain the skills, experience and qualifications needed for working in the creative media industry and for study at university.

In year one you will study a range of units including: web animation, games story development, digital graphics and interactive media authoring.

In year two you will take units in: creative media production management, working to a brief, page layout and design, film studies, social action and community media production, and understanding the creative media sector.

Subject to the learners' incoming grades you might have the opportunity to take an additional A Level or equivalent qualification.

You will be assigned to a tutor mentor who will also give personal support.

Will the course suit me?

This is a practical course that has working within the industry as a goal for all of its units. Although it is a practical course, written work in the form of research, analysis and evaluation is required.

Where can it lead?

This qualification is a stepping stone towards employment in the creative media industry.

To apply go to applysheffield.co.uk



Creative & Media

Level 3 Advanced Diploma
Hillsborough College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSE's at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include maths and English Language.

About the course

By taking the best elements and concepts from academic and vocational qualifications, the Advanced Diploma in Creative & Media is a rigorous and demanding qualification.

The course is built around five components: principal Learning, extended project, generic learning, work experience and additional/ specialist learning (this will be an AS Level subject).

The course is focussed around disciplines of TV and film, creative or performing arts, journalism and other media. You will also be required to demonstrate personal learning & thinking skills. These will measure your independence, creativity, self management, personal and team working skills.

Will the course suit me?

This course has been designed to be academically rigorous and to stretch and challenge you throughout the course. Much of the course will require demanding research, investigation and written analysis and evaluation.

Where can it lead?

The majority of the creative and media industries recruit from higher education so the Advanced Diploma as been designed to support progression into higher education.

Creative Media

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at C (or acceptable alternatives).
Must include English Language.

About the course

The course will take you through an exciting series of assignments that will enable you to fully engage with the production of media products.

In year 1 you will study a number of media practices including: TV and film production, radio production, interactive journalism, photography and animation.

For each subject you will produce your work using the industry standard facilities and equipment in the department.

In year 2 you will be given the opportunity to specialise and take one of the following three pathways: TV and film production, interactive journalism and mixed media.

Will the course suit me?

Grading is coursework based and there are no examinations.

Where can it lead?

The course offers up to 420 UCAS tariff points (the equivalent of 3 A*s at A2). Our students have an excellent record of progressing to prestigious degree programmes across the country as well as internally progressing to the Foundation Degree in Media Production at Norton College. Apprenticeships or employment are other alternatives.

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Media Production

Foundation Degree Level 5
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

Applicants are expected to have a minimum of 120 points gained through either relevant vocational qualifications such as: BTEC National Diploma, A levels (preferably including Media), 16 units (12 at Level 3) from a Media related Access course.

About the course

The course has a strong emphasis on practical media production. You will develop camera, lighting, TV studio, post-production and audio skills in an environment resourced to industry standards.

Norton College is an Apple Authorised Training Centre. In addition to the main programme, students are also given the opportunity to study for Apple Certified Pro examinations in Final Cut Pro.

The course is centred on vocational training working closely with local and international employers to create a programme of study that addresses the real needs of the current media production market.

Where can it lead?

You will receive an offer for the designated progression route at Sheffield Hallam University provided that you submit an application via UCAS by the specified deadline including a satisfactory personal statement and reference, and subject to meeting literacy and numeracy requirements and satisfying any non-academic conditions. Alternatively, you may choose to enter employment in the media production sector or related creative industries.

Video Games Development

Level 2
Peaks College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at D or (acceptable alternatives).
Must include English Language.

About the course

You will learn about the key elements of video games development and be given insight into the fastest growing creative industry worldwide. You will learn how to produce game concepts and associated art work and develop games environments in 3D by utilising cutting software such as Vue.

Approximately 30% of the course is theory and contextual work whilst 70% is practical. You will be expected to work independently on project work away from the college.

You will be expected to work at improving your functional skills in English, maths and ICT.

Equipment is available to hire and you will be able to borrow equipment needed for study. At Peaks College you will also have access to our newly constructed cutting edge games development base room.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated and curious by nature with a keen interest in the world of art & design. Prospective students should consider themselves to be creative and have some skill at drawing.

Where can it lead?

The next step could be an Extended Diploma qualification in art & design, graphic design, photography, media or games development.

To apply go to applysheffield.co.uk

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Games Development & Interactive Media

(Art & Design)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language and an art related subject.

About the course

This course will lead you through the key elements of video games development and give you insight into the fastest growing creative industry worldwide. You will learn how to produce game concepts and associated art work as well as develop games in both 2D and 3D by utilising cutting-edge games engines such as UDK (*Gears of War* amongst many other titles).

In the second year you will work with increasing independence as you prepare for higher education and the world of work. You will study professional practice, portfolio preparation and finish your qualification with a final major project and a real exhibition of work at a Sheffield venue.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student is one who is hardworking with a keen interest in the world of art & design. Prospective students should consider themselves to be creative, have some skill at drawing and play computer games.

Where can it lead?

The next step could be a degree in games development or other higher education course within the games field including illustration, animation or asset creation amongst others.

eCommunications

Foundation Degree Level 5
Sheffield City College

Minimum entry requirements

Students with A Levels are eligible for the course. Students with no formal qualifications are encouraged to apply if they are able to show evidence of writing skills at Level 3. Students who are unconfident writers but have a background in ICT may be considered.

About the course

This is an innovative online Foundation Degree that will open up opportunities in the current and future communications industry

Course modules include: approaches to communications, professional and personal development (Level 4), The social web, communications and organisations, Writing for digital communication, popular culture and the internet, ePromotion and eMarketing, profession and personal development (Level 5), sound and vision, effective eMentoring, community, communication and the internet and eCommunications.

Where can it lead?

Students who successfully complete the Foundation Degree will receive an offer for the designated progression route at Sheffield Hallam University, provided that they submit an application via UCAS by the specified deadline, including a satisfactory personal statement and reference, and subject to meeting literacy and numeracy requirements.

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Performing Arts

(Performance)

BTEC Level 2 Diploma
Norton College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grade D (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language. It is desirable that applicants have some recent experience of performing in front of an audience.

About the course

This is an exciting, mainly practical, course combining practical exploration of styles and techniques in both acting and contemporary dance with related written assignments. The main focus is on the development of performance skills and the understanding of both acting and dance in order to create performances both separately and in combination. It will also give you knowledge of the performing arts as a business. You will learn about the range of professional roles which support performance (ie. production design, publicity and marketing). Having skills in both dance and drama can be a real advantage when progressing to Level 3 courses.

You will be expected to work at improving your functional skills in English, maths and ICT.

Will the course suit me?

The course is assessed entirely by coursework, therefore students need to have good time management skills and be able to work to targets and deadlines.

Where can it lead?

Progression can be to any Level 3 course, but most learners progress to either the Dance or Drama BTEC Extended Diploma courses.

Performing Arts

(Acting)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language. An audition will be required.

About the course

This course combines a great deal of practical work with closely related written assignments. These include research, where you gather and present information in your own words, and reflecting in writing upon the development of performances. You will gain experience of performing to others in a wide range of theatre genre. The first year focuses on the development of skills through a range of units which enable you to grasp the principles of acting, learn how to use your voice and body within a performance, devise theatre and perform from scripts. As part of crafting performances you will also partake in the development of design ideas for costume, set, props and lighting. The core units include Performance Workshop, Historical Context of Performance, and the Performing Arts Business.

Will the course suit me?

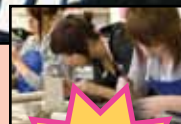
An ideal student for this course is one who is flexible and receptive, willing and eager to learn, and prepared to perform in front of an audience.

Where can it lead?

Most students go on to do a degree or foundation degree, at a university or drama school, including our own Foundation Degree at Norton College.

To apply go to applysheffield.co.uk

ART, PERFORMANCE AND MEDIA



Performing Arts

(Dance)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language. An audition will be required.

About the course

The course is aimed at students with some contemporary dance experience and a genuine interest in following a career in dance.

The course consists of a range of units of study, the work approximating to 70% practical, 30% theory. Units in contemporary dance; performing dance; classical ballet;; physical theatre, choreography and improvisation are all studied along with units in the performing arts business; contextual & freelance studies and health and fitness. In both the first and second years you will complete a major project.

You will participate in weekly theory sessions aimed at developing your background knowledge of dance. These sessions will cover dance history, the dance industry, job and training opportunities, production skills, anatomy, physiology, fitness and nutrition.

Will the course suit me?

The BTEC Extended Diploma modules are continually assessed as the course progresses.

Where can it lead?

This course is designed to give you the necessary skills to progress onto the next level of study such as university.

Performing Arts

(Drama)

Foundation Degree Level 5
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

120 UCAS points either through AS/A Level or BTEC National Diploma. Applications are also welcomed from mature students without the formal entry requirements.

About the course

This course allows you to explore the different elements of performing arts with a focus on acting. You will be given the opportunity to create performances for a variety of audiences, and to forge links with local professionals in the arts community.

The aim of the course is to provide you with a broad based area of study in the field of performing arts. It will help you to both extend your knowledge of drama and to expand your abilities and experiences as an actors. The course will include modules on practitioner skills, community arts, contextual studies and performance projects.

Will the course suit me?

There will be a variety of assessment methods including performance, creative process and written projects.

Where can it lead?

Successful students will acquire a range of skills to enable them to work within a range of performing arts areas. You will receive an offer on the progression route at Sheffield Hallam University provided that you submit an application via UCAS by the specified deadline including a satisfactory personal statement and reference, and subject to meeting literacy and numeracy requirements.



ART, PERFORMANCE AND MEDIA



Music

BTEC Level 2 Diploma
Norton College - 1 Year full-time

Minimum entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grade D (or acceptable alternatives). Must include English Language. Applicants need to be able to play an instrument to a competent level or sing. An audition will be required.

About the course

You will have the opportunity to work with different musicians across a variety of musical styles and will develop your skills and creativity through live performances at a variety of performance venues across the city. The course is practical in nature, focusing on performance, instrumental development, composition and music sequencing as well as recording. You will have the opportunity to develop your listening and theoretical skills. Whilst studying the music industry you will look at how music business functions. You will also look at the broader employment opportunities available within the industry including performance, management and public relations.

You will be expected to work at improving your functional skills in English, maths and ICT.

Will the course suit me?

The course is assessed through coursework therefore students need to have good time management skills and be able to work to deadlines.

Where can it lead?

The high level of satisfaction of students taking this course is reflected in the number who choose to progress with us to the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music.

Music

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Norton College - 2 Years full-time

Minimum entry requirements

Minimum entry requirements: 5 GCSEs at C (or acceptable alternatives). Must include Music and English Language. Alternatives to Music GCSE may be considered, including practical grades from Rock School (4 and above) and ABRSM theory grades (3 and above). An audition will be required.

About the course

This is a popular music course covering a variety of genres from 1950 to the present day. You have the opportunity to study across a variety of musical disciplines and develop practical skills in performance, composition, sequencing, recording and improvisation. The course also allows you to develop your theoretical understanding of music providing the opportunity to develop your sight reading, aural perception skills and ability to communicate ideas effectively to other musicians.

You will have the opportunity to develop instrumental skills through weekly lessons in guitar, keyboard, vocals or drums.

Will the course suit me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is keen, motivated, open minded about musical styles and is willing and comfortable about performing both on their own and with others to an audience.

Where can it lead?

A degree course in higher education or at a music school.