University of Hertfordshire UH Online

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About your course

Course(s) covered

Code	Title
CTWMADGD	**MA Art and Design (Graphic Design) - Online**

You can find full details of your course, module information and entry requirements in the _Programme Specification_.

Key facts

Start dates:

Semester A intake: 27 September 2021

Credits:

Master level: 180 credits

How long it takes:

Part-time master level: 2 year

Academic Year

2021 – 2022

The University's academic year is made up of 3 semesters.

- Semester A runs from Monday 27 September 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022
- Semester B runs from Monday 24 January 2022 to Friday 13 May 2022
- Semester C runs from Monday 16 May 2022 to Friday 09 September 2022

Important points

IT Skills required:

Basic IT skills are a requirement for anyone wishing to study online. For example, you will need to be confident using an internet browser, communicating via email and using Microsoft Office tools (e.g. Word, Excel) or equivalent. An ability to learn and adapt to new technologies is also important, for example, you may be asked to participate in a virtual classroom session, contribute to a discussion forum or complete an online assessment/test.

For this course, it would also be helpful to have at least a basic understanding of Photoshop.

Course delivery

This course is delivered 100% online via the University's virtual learning environment StudyNet. Students are expected to commit to all elements of their programme of study, be punctual in their virtual attendance and meet deadlines. Students may be required to attend some specific timetabled online sessions for their programme, arranged in negotiation with the student.

Number of study hours will vary depending on your prior knowledge and experience with the subject. The expectation for a 15-credit module is 150 hours (equivalent to around 12 hours per week over 12 weeks).

Method of assessment

The Programme is modular in structure and delivery and assessment is 100% coursework. This will be a mix of presentations, written work, as well as the submission of group work and practical work.

The learning outcomes will be assessed against a standard appropriate to master degree level of study as set out in the learning outcomes.

Additional expenses

You can find full details of your course tuition fees in the *Fees and Finance Policy.*

Course specific requirements:

Distance learning students must have their own appropriate space/studio or equivalent during the period of study. They must also have sustained access to computer and internet facilities and the ability to ensure that work can be submitted electronically. They must also ensure that peer learning and tutor communication can take place through email and Canvas/StudyNet.

System requirements:

To study Online, you will need access to a suitable computer and a good reliable Internet connection. Most modern PCs and Macs (less than five years old) should be fine. As a guide, you need a minimum of:

Description	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost (UK prices 2021)
Desktop or laptop computer	Mandatory	Starts at £400
Headset with microphone (built in if using laptop)	Optional	Starts at £20
Webcam (built in if using laptop)	Mandatory	£15 - £25
Broadband Internet Connection (2mbps **minimum)**	Mandatory	Starts at £15/month
Microsoft Office 365 account for the duration of your studies The package will give you: • Full, installed Office applications Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, and OneNote on up to 5 PCs or Macs. • Office on tablets and phones for the Office experience on up to 5 tablets and 5 phones. • Online versions of Office including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. • File storage and sharing with 1 TB storage.	Mandatory	Provided by the University at no cost to students / FREE
A scanner or digital camera, in order to digitise your handmade work	Mandatory	Starts at £50
Basic video editing software, such as Windows Movie Maker or iMovie	Mandatory	FREE with most operating systems
You will also need whatever software you wish to use to produce your work. This will differ depending on the kind of work you hope to produce during your studies. Almost all students find that they need Adobe Photoshop. Graphic Designers will likely require Adobe InDesign and Adobe Illustrator. **Adobe offers a variety of Creative Cloud packages, with discounts for students.**	Mandatory	Start at £16.24 a month. For more information please visit the Creative Cloud pricing website.

Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony:

On completion of your programme of studies, you will have the opportunity to attend our UK Award Ceremony. When registering for the Ceremony you will receive 1 free graduate ticket for yourself.

Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony may incur additional costs i.e. guest tickets, travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on when you will graduate and where you are travelling from.

Details regarding attendance to the Award Ceremony can be found on the website http://www.herts.ac.uk/ceremonies