

What is an Art Foundation Course?

Most university art and design degree courses require applicants to have taken a one-year Art Foundation course first. Foundation courses last one year and offer students the opportunity to explore a wide range of design areas – including painting, sculpture, graphic design, fashion & textile design, 3D design and computer-aided design. The course helps students to put together an appropriate portfolio for their chosen design area.

Applications for Foundation courses are made directly to each institution, whether a university or college, and **not** through UCAS. Students can apply for as many Foundation courses as they like, although many finally choose to attend one near home for financial reasons.

An Art Foundation course may be referred to as “Foundation Studies in Art and Design” or as a “Foundation Diploma”. Don’t confuse it with a Foundation Degree, which is something different.

More information is available to students in the Art section of the Careers’ pages on *Godalming Online*.

What finance is available?

No tuition fees are charged to Home and EU students who are under 19 years of age at the start of their course. However, Art Foundation courses are classified as *further education* and students **are not able to apply for a student loan to cover their living expenses**. Students need to think carefully about how they will fund their living costs before applying to a college away from their home area.

What are the courses like?

The best way to find out is to visit. Check individual college websites (several are listed overleaf) for details of their open days. These are often oversubscribed and you will need to book a place.

When do students apply for Art Foundation courses?

The college deadline for students to complete and hand in their applications for the references to be added is **Thursday 1 December 2016**. The application deadline for many Art Colleges will be the end of January 2017, but students need to **CHECK CAREFULLY** as deadlines vary and some may be as early as the beginning of December 2016.

Where to study Art Foundation Courses? The following institutions have been popular in the last few years with Godalming students:

UCA - University College for the Creative Arts (includes the colleges at Epsom & Farnham. Individual applications are made to each college.)

www.ucreative.ac.uk

UAL - University of the Arts London (This group includes several popular art institutions. You can only apply to one institution within the group for an Art Foundation course.)

- **Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design**
<http://www.arts.ac.uk/csm/>
- One Foundation course is offered across **Camberwell, Chelsea and Wimbledon Colleges (CCW)** based at the CCW Progression Centre at Camberwell College of Arts in South London.
<http://www.arts.ac.uk/camberwell/>

Arts University Bournemouth

www.aub.ac.uk

Kingston University

www.kingston.ac.uk

Falmouth University

www.falmouth.ac.uk

Oxford Brookes University

www.brookes.ac.uk

Loughborough University (LUSAD)

www.lboro.ac.uk

Leeds College of Art

www.leeds-art.ac.uk

Manchester Metropolitan University

www.mmu.ac.uk

Ravensbourne

www.ravensbourne.ac.uk

City College (Brighton & Hove)

www.ccb.ac.uk

East Surrey College

www.esc.ac.uk