

UNIVERSITY FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION FOR:

BA (HONS) GAMES DESIGN¹

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION [ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20]

This Programme Specification is designed for prospective students, current students, academic staff and potential employers. It provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the intended learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the teaching, learning and assessment methods, learning outcomes and content of each unit can be found in the Unit Descriptors.

¹ Formerly known as BA (Hons) Computer Games Design

Section A – Material Course Information

Validating Body	University for the Creative Arts ²			
Teaching Body	University for the Creative Arts			
Final Award Title and Type	BA (Hons)			
Course Title	Games Design			
Course Location and Length	Campus: Rochester		Length: Full-time - 3 Years	
Mode of Study	Full-time	✓	Part-time	
Period of Validation	2017/18 - 2021/22			
Name of Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body	Not Applicable			
Type of Accreditation	Not Applicable			
Accreditation due for renewal	Not Applicable			
<p>Entry criteria and requirements³</p> <p>As the UK's highest-ranking creative arts university, we want to attract the best and most creative minds in the country – so we take a balanced approach to candidate assessment, taking both individual portfolios and exam results into account.</p> <p>That's why your portfolio is an especially important part of your application to study with us – and we can help. Our academics can offer you expert advice on how to showcase your creative work and build a portfolio that will make your application stand out.</p> <p>More advice on how to create an exceptional portfolio is also available here, along with specific portfolio requirements for this course.</p> <p>Along with your portfolio, the standard entry requirements** for this course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 112 UCAS tariff points from accepted qualifications*, or • Pass at Foundation Diploma in Art & Design (Level 3 or 4), or • Distinction, Merit, Merit at BTEC Extended Diploma, or • Merit at UAL Extended Diploma, or • 112 UCAS tariff points from an accredited Access to Higher Education Diploma in appropriate subject. <p>And four GCSE passes at grade A*-C and/or grade 4-9 including English Language (or Functional Skills English/Key Skills Communication Level 2).</p> <p>Other relevant and equivalent level 3 UK and international qualifications are considered</p>				

² Regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England

³ This should be the standard University Criteria unless otherwise approved by the Academic Board and include UCAS entry profile for undergraduate courses.

on an individual basis, and we encourage students from diverse educational backgrounds to apply.

If your first language is not English, you will need an IELTS score of 6.0 or equivalent. If you require a visa to study in the UK, you will also need a minimum score of 5.5 in each individual component.

***To see the accepted QCF qualifications, visit: <http://uca.ac.uk/study/accepted-qualifications/>*

*** We occasionally make offers which are lower than the standard entry criteria, to students who have faced difficulties that have affected their performance and who were expected to achieve higher results. In these cases, a strong portfolio is especially helpful.*

Overall methods of assessment ⁴	Written exams:	Practical exams:	Coursework:
Stage 1	0%	0%	100%
Stage 2	0%	0%	100%
Stage 3	0%	0%	100%
Overall Learning & Teaching hours ⁵	Scheduled:	Independent:	Placement:
Stage 1	39.2%	60.8%	0%
Stage 2	470 hours	730 hours	0 hours
	36.7%	63.3%	0%
Stage 3	440 hours	760 hours	0 hours
	17.5%	82.5%	0%
	210 hours	990 hours	0 hours
General level of staff delivering the course ⁶	The University's current recruitment policy for Lecturers and Senior Lecturers states that they must have either an MA or equivalent professional practice in a relevant discipline or field. All lecturing staff are encouraged to work towards a teaching qualification or professional Recognition by the Higher Education Academy and this is a requirement for Senior Lecturers. Senior Lecturers are required to be professionally active or engaged in research in their discipline. All Lecturers and Senior Lecturers undertake scholarship in their disciplines. There are also Sessional Staff to link courses with professional practice and Technicians to provide technical support.		
Language of Study	English		
Subject/Qualification Benchmark Statement:			

⁴ As generated by the most popular unit descriptors and calculated for the overall course stage data.

⁵ As generated by the most popular unit descriptors and calculated for the overall course stage data.

⁶ Include general information about the experience or status of the staff involved in delivering the course, for example Professor, Course Leader, Senior Lecturer

Art and Design
Computing

Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)

The course structure

The structure of all of the University's awards complies with the University's [Common Credit Framework](#). The Common Credit Framework includes information about the:

- Rules for progression between the stages of a course;
- Consequences of failure for reassessment, compensation and exit awards;
- Calculation and classification of awards;

Unit codes and titles	Level	Credit value	Elective/ Core	Most popular student choice of optional elective units or elective options in core units?
Year/Stage 1				
RGMD4001 Art and Design	4	30	Core	
RGMD4002 Animation	4	30	Core	
RGMD4003 Interaction	4	30	Core	
RGMD4004 Moving Image Culture: Understanding and Interpretation	4	30	Core	
Year/Stage 2				
RGMD5001 Games Design	5	30	Core	
RGMD5003 Game Production	5	60	Core	
RGMD5002 Gaming Culture	5	30	Core	
RGMD5004 Game Production (Study Abroad Option)	5	30	Elective	No
Study Abroad with Host Institution	5	60	Elective	No
Year/Stage 3				
RGMD6001 Final Major Project - Pre-Production	6	30	Core	
RGMD6002 Final Major Project	6	60	Core	
RGMD6003 Dissertation	6	30	Core	

▪