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TV and Film Higher National Diploma

Course Overview

This is a 2-year full-time programme run by Leicester College and the National Space Centre Creative – Immersive Academy. The Higher National Certificate (HNC) is completed in year one and Higher National Diploma (HND) in year two. Upon completion of the 2-year HND, students can top-up to a full degree in TV Film Production or other relevant subject area.

 The course is aimed at people who work or who wish to work in the TV and Film industries. The HNC Level 4 course is a natural progression route for students that have previously studied TV and Film, Creative Media or any lens-based media programme, but would also be suitable for those with a background in other visual arts such as Photography or Graphics.

 Units focus on the creative and technical aspects of TV and Film from pre-production to delivery, offering an integrated blend of classroom instruction, studio work, and location filming.

 Our TV and Film facilities at Leicester College include a filming studio with green screen and live video broadcasting environment, podcasting space and multiple editing suites for both moving image and audio editing. You will have access to a wide range of the latest cameras from camcorders to DSLRs to 360 action cameras plus a range of sound recording equipment and image stabilizers for all manner of shooting scenarios. You will also study at the National Space Centre, a world-leading immersive creative studio and an established City Centre Design and Media educational provider. There you will have the opportunity to engage in 3D modelling, animation, motion graphics and visual effects using software such as Blender and After Effects, all of which will enrich your filmmaking credentials for both fiction and non-fiction.

 This course is subject to internal and Pearson approval - updates will be published shortly including UCAS Course Codes

What you will learn

Over the two years, the course will cover both Documentary and Narrative filmmaking techniques. You will study:

 - Animation
 - Art Direction
 - Cinematography
 - Cultural Contextual Influences
 - Design Marketing
 - Editing
 - Film Studies
 - Lighting
 - Motion Graphics including title creation
 - Preproduction, Production, Reflection
 - Presentation Skills
 - Professional Networking
 - Scriptwriting
 - Sound Design Audio Technologies
 - Team Building Skills
 - Visual Effects

In the second year you will continue to study the units undertaken in year 1 as your skills develop and your learning progresses.

 The programme has two second year units including personal professional development, which aims to show the student's awareness of their own professional development, through both creative and technical processes, and their ability to produce detailed plans and materials for continued professional development.

 The final course unit professional project will include a diverse range of professionally relevant creative and technical outcomes, based on the student's response to a professional brief. Evidence will include work that shows the ability to plan and manage a professional project through different stages and arrive at professional quality outcomes that are presented using industry-standard methods.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry to this course requires a minimum of 32 UCAS points from a recognised level 3 qualification in a related subject (i.e. two A2s at grade D, extended diploma PPP, or an Access to HE). You are expected to hold GCSE English and maths at grade 4/C or equivalent.

 We welcome applicants who do not match standard entry requirements but who can demonstrate the ability to study this subject at university level and who can evidence relevant experience. An interview and Portfolio review is also part of the entry requirements.

 Mature Students without any prior knowledge of the subject area can also successfully apply for the course but an interview would be an essential part of their application process. Tv and Film is a diverse area that requires a broad range of skills and talent, at this stage it is only essential that you have the drive and passion to learn about a variety of aspects of moving image, perhaps with an ambition to work within the industry.

Course Progession

The Pearson Higher National in Film and Television provides a solid introduction to the industry, helping you develop the essential skills and knowledge needed to specialise in specific career paths or prepare for degree-level 'top-up' study.

 After completing the Level 5 HND, you'll be ready to take the next step - whether that's starting a new role in the industry, advancing in your current job, joining a professional organisation, continuing with professional development, or progressing to university.

What Happens Next

Applications to our full-time undergraduate courses made through UCAS at ucas.com using the course code P003, institution code L36. If you haven't started a UCAS application yet, and only want to apply to Leicester College, you can apply directly to us using our direct application form via the College Website and we will process a UCAS application on your behalf. Due to the nature of this programme, you may also be invited to attend an interview, or where necessary, other means of interview (i.e. telephone, web-based, Microsoft Teams) can be arranged. You may also be asked to submit a portfolio of work.

Course Details

Course Code P01003

Start Date 27/09/2027

Study Hours Full Time

Duration 2 years

Campus St Margaret's Campus

Level 5

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