## **Progression**

This qualification gives students specialist knowledge and skills, enabling entry to an apprenticeship or other employment, or progression to related further education and higher education courses. Many students have progressed onto the Foundation Courses at UCA, others have gained places at various universities. There are a vast range of careers within the photography world including Advertising, Fashion, Product, Travel, Television and Film. Photography gives you specialist knowledge and skills which can enable entry to further or higher education, apprenticeship or employment; it also makes a great hobby!







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# A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

The Art department offers A' Level Photography by AQA. This course allows you to study a range of techniques and genres through digital and traditional photographic processes.

### Why study Photography?

- It is a very valuable subject to study if you:
- Enjoy being creative.
- Enjoy using and manipulating media and materials in an expressive way.
- Want to learn more about images and your camera.

#### Am I suitable for the A Level course?

Yes, if you have:

- Minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 (or equivalent) including Grade 5 in Art or Photography. (Grade 4 may be considered)
- An aptitude for and an interest in art.
- Possible career aspirations that are linked to art/media/fashion/advertising/architecture/
  - photojournalism/editing etc.
- Initiative, drive, energy and good independent learning skills.
- A love for taking photos!

#### What is the course structure?

The A Level course is 100% practical, it is made up of 2 components:

Coursework 60% - A personal investigation chosen by you based on a theme or style of photography which you like. In year 12 you will start the course by experimenting and exploring possible ideas which will enable you to confidently complete this extended project. You will be inspired by appropriate photographers and create several final outcomes. If you have not previously taken a Photography qualification you will be taught all the required skills.

In year 13 you will also be required to write a 1-3000 word essay which is based on your theme.

Externally Set Task 40% - The exam paper is issued on February 1st and provides a broad range of themed questions for you to choose from. You will select one question to investigate, explore and develop prior to the exam. The final outcome will be created during a 15 hour practical exam.

#### DIGITAL STUDIO PHOTO-MANIPULATION PORTRAIT LANDSCAPE TRADITIONAL







#### PHOTOSHOP DARKROOM EDITORIAL FASHION ALLEGORY CLOSE-UP ABSTRACT

#### What will I learn on the course?

You will:

- · Develop your ability to respond to and appreciate the visual world.
- · Develop a working knowledge of techniques, practices and technology within photography.
- Learn how to employ analytic, creative, presentation and problem solving skills in order to communicate visual ideas and meanings.
- · Gain knowledge of photographers and experience of developing ideas with the context of Western and non-Western cultures.
- · Be inspired by others to create your own responses in a creative way.

How is the course assessed?

You will receive continued verbal and written feedback throughout the course. On completion your work is internally assessed and externally moderated.