



International Foundation Diploma (IFD)

January 2022 start

Find your creative voice, boost your existing skills and gain a diploma qualification at the same time as producing a portfolio of work, ready to progress to one of our degree courses.

- Fast-track, preparatory programme, **January 2022 start**
- Gain a diploma in Art and Design Foundation Studies (Level 3) (awarded by the University of the Arts London)
- Guaranteed place on a BA degree at AUB upon successful IFD completion
- Progression Bursary of £9,000 available for all successful IFD students to support their BA course studies at AUB.
- Small group tuition with a high level of tutor contact time
- Specialist technical workshops in a variety of creative subjects
- Preparation for academic study sessions
- Creative lectures
- English language tuition (optional)



Who is this course for?

Do you need to develop your creative skills or portfolio and perhaps improve your English before studying a subject at BA level? Are you unable to start our one-year Foundation in September?

Join our International Foundation Diploma (IFD) which starts in January and be ready to progress to one of our degree courses in the same year.

This course is a fast-track preparatory programme in Art, Design and Media, with a programme of preparation for academic study, alongside the creative aspects of the course.

To be considered for a practice-based undergraduate course, you'll preferably need to have a strong portfolio, awareness of contemporary practice and the ability to think critically. Our preparatory course provides an opportunity for you to develop the skills, experience, body of work and qualification needed for further study at undergraduate level.

Delivered through a blended learning approach, the course is flexible and student centred, within a creative learning environment. It includes practical workshop and studio sessions as well as online lectures, creative tutorials, self-guided study projects and group discussions. The course aims to develop your ability to learn independently – an essential skill for further study – so you'll be encouraged to experiment, take risks and be ambitious in your thinking and ideas. Your tutor will support you with regular feedback and mentoring sessions to develop your confidence and help you decide upon your artistic direction. The course will give you the space and opportunity to explore your artistic expression through a collaborative and intercultural approach.

After successful completion of this course, students are awarded the widely recognised **UAL Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Media (Level 3)**.

To further support your creative journey, **students graduating from the IFD course are eligible for an AUB Progression Bursary of £9,000 (over 3 years)** when they continue their studies with one of our BA courses.



Preparation for academic study

The course also includes a supportive programme of preparation for academic study sessions alongside the creative aspects of the course, giving you the opportunity to develop your academic English language and study skills in the context of art and design.

Sessions include:

- Writing effective essays
- Listening and note taking
- Presenting your work
- How to critique and evaluate

All content is tailored to studying at an arts institution and will involve interactive, student-centred learning. Tutorials will also be available for students who would like more focussed academic support.

The course contains regular assessments that test the skills and language studied during the course. Successful completion of the course will ensure progression onto your chosen BA pathway.

Accommodation

IFD students can choose to live in our brand new **Campus Halls or Madeira Road Halls**, located in the centre of Bournemouth. You can move in before the start of your course, giving you time to settle in before your course induction week.



“On top of learning the multifaceted nature of the creative practices, I also learnt how to be a learner outside of a university setting. The discussions I had and the advice I got from the tutors were incredibly useful. Their influences will remain an integral part of my creative journey as it continues to grow.”

Thanatchaporn Pongponprom – Thailand
IFD – Costume/Fine Art Pathway



“The IFD course is a good stage to determine your future specialism as you are will be exposed to a lot of new things. I was most interested in the IFD technical workshops because I really enjoyed learning software skills. The campus is a vibrant and creative academic community. Here you will find everything you need to flourish in the arts, including the best facilities and high quality teaching.”

Crystal He – China
IFD – Visual Communication Pathway

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IFD key Information

Course dates

Monday 17 January 2022 to Friday 1 July 2022

Course duration

6 months

Fees

£13,250 GBP

A £3,000 Progression Bursary is available to all students starting IFD who have completed the Creative Practice 6-week online course

Progression Bursary of £9,000 available for all successful IFD students to support their BA course studies at AUB

Entry Requirements

You must be 17 years+ at start of the course

You'll need 12 years of education (or Level 3 qualification) with good grades and a portfolio

English Language Requirements

IELTS minimum overall score of 5.0 with a minimum of 4.5 in each band (reading, writing, speaking, listening)

You can find guidance about which language qualifications we accept on our **website**.

Visa

You can attend this course on a Visitor visa or a Student Route visa, where applicable. Please refer to our **website** or alternatively **GOV.UK** for more information about your visa.

For more information about the course, please visit **aub.ac.uk/ifd**

Alternatively, you can **apply now via our website**.

AUB Foundation Courses

It can be a little confusing to know the differences between the International Foundation Diploma (IFD) and the Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Media.

We have put together this information chart to show that you still get the same Diploma qualification, the same brilliant teaching, but in slightly different ways.

	International Foundation Diploma	Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Media
Length of programme	6 months	9 months
Start date	January 2022	September 2022
End date	July 2022	May 2023
Taught days	4-5	3
Fast track	✓	X
Diploma in Art, Design and Media Foundation Studies (Level 3) certificate. Awarded by the University of the Arts London	✓	✓
£13,250 course fee	✓	✓
Eligible for AUB Progression Bursaries	✓	✓
Free online 3-week introduction course to IFD	✓	X
Tutorials and illustrated lectures	✓	✓
One-to-one tutor sessions	✓	✓
Smaller group tuition	✓	X
Specialist technical workshops in a variety of creative subjects	✓	✓
Use of AUB studios and workshops	✓	✓
Preparation for academic study sessions	✓	X
Access to AUB Halls of Residence	✓	✓
English language tuition (optional)*	✓	X
Be a part of the AUB student and staff community	✓	✓
Blended learning with on campus and online teaching	✓	✓
Guaranteed place on a BA degree at AUB upon successful course completion	✓	✓
Be an AUB Student Union member	✓	✓
Showcase your work at AUB Summer Shows	✓	✓

*Included for those with IELTSs of below 5.5 overall or below 5.0 individual

Introduction to IFD: online course

- Three-week online programme
- Continue your creative work
- Tutorials and illustrated lectures
- Prepare for your IFD course
- One-to-one session with your IFD Course tutor
- Meet AUB staff and fellow students
- Learn more about AUB
- Up to £3,000 IFD Progression bursary available upon completion of this online course

Created for students who are planning to join AUB in January 2022 to study our International Foundational Diploma (IFD), we've developed an online programme that gives you the opportunity to continue your creative work, prepare for the start of the course and become part of the AUB community, before you arrive.

Delivered online over three weeks, there'll be a series of creative sessions and tutorials every week. The course will introduce you to the style and level of learning needed at foundation level, covering aspects such as understanding the creative process, critiquing your work, research and inspiration. It also provides a chance for you to meet course staff, fellow students and find out more about life at AUB.

The programme fee is £495, however if you plan to join us in January 2022 for the International Foundation Diploma (IFD), this three-week online programme is **FREE** and will be deducted when you pay the deposit for your IFD tuition fees. All students who successfully complete this online programme are eligible to receive an AUB Progression bursary, up to the value of £3,000 off your tuition fees for IFD.

IFD Tuition fee:	£13,250
IFD deposit:	£495
Three-week online Introductory programme:	FREE
AUB Progression Bursary	£3,000
IFD remaining fees:	£9,755

Programme dates:

Every Thursday from 25 November-9 December 2021
10.00-12.00 GMT

To learn more about this online programme, or to book your place, contact: international@aub.ac.uk





Contact

If you'd like more information on this course, the introductory online course, or perhaps would like to speak to one of our team via a virtual chat, please get in touch. We can also give feedback and advice on your creative work so far, if you're unsure if this course is right for you.

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