

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION DIPLOMA

January 2025 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.

- **Online preparation course** before you start on-campus
- **January 2025** on-campus start date
- **A fast-track, preparatory programme**
- **Small group tuition** with a high level of tutor contact time
- **Specialist technical workshops** in a variety of creative subjects
- **Guaranteed place on a BA degree at AUB** upon successful completion
- **A Progression Bursary of £9,000** (over three years) available for all successful IFD students to support their BA course studies at AUB
- **Study on a Visitor Visa** – no student visa application required
- **Preparation for academic study sessions**
- **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.

Our International Foundation Diploma sets out to help you discover a preferred area of practice. You'll develop core learning skills and extend your understanding of creative processes in preparation for undergraduate study or employment. This is an intensive course that gives you insight into contemporary creative practices and the potential to focus your studies into specialist areas. During the course you'll work in our purpose-built Foundation building and studios, developing a sound understanding of the creative processes, techniques and practical skills needed to study at undergraduate level.

After completing this course, you will be awarded the widely recognised **UAL Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Level 3)**. You'll also be guaranteed a place on one of our undergraduate degree courses with a **progression bursary of up to £9,000** to help with your studies.



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.

Included Sessions

- 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.

aub.ac.uk/international/english-language

ACCOMMODATION

IFD students can choose to live in our **Madeira Road Halls**, located in the centre of Bournemouth, or you can choose private accommodation elsewhere, there are resources on our website to help you find something right for you. By choosing Maderia Road Halls you can move in before the start of your course, giving you time to settle in before your course induction week.

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STUDENT STORIES

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I can't believe how much I have learnt on this course - it has been so much fun and the tutors are amazing. I studied Fine Art back in South Africa but it was a really different learning experience and quite traditional. Here at AUB I have been opened up to experimenting and exploring more abstract creative processes- for example I discovered a love of metal welding! The staff on the course are so supportive and as a small course, the students have all become really good friends. We are all totally different but its been great to see other people's creative work and learn from them too. I have genuinely loved my time on the IFD course and have really grown as an artist and an individual.

TJ | Nigeria
International Foundation Diploma



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I had always planned to be a lawyer, but I have a love of filmmaking that I couldn't ignore. My experiences of art in Chile were very different to here at AUB. I had the opportunity to try lots of different creative techniques for the first time during the IFD course - and I discovered I am actually pretty good at drawing!

I really loved learning about the technical side of filmmaking; particularly the cameras and special equipment and I really think my ability to come up with creative ideas and to find creative solutions has improved so much. I will be starting my BA in Filmmaking this September at AUB and I am so excited, this has been a great experience for me.

Camilla | Chile
International Foundation Diploma

KEY INFORMATION

COURSE DATES

Online: November — December 2024 (Dates TBC)

On-campus: Monday 6 January — Friday 27 June 2025

COURSE DURATION

6 months (plus 3 weeks online)

FEES

£14,750 GBP*

**Subject to change for 2025/26*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be 17+ years at start of the course.
- You'll need to have completed your secondary education qualification.

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. Please refer to our website or alternatively **GOV.UK** for more information about your visa.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

MORE INFORMATION

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

Alternatively, you can apply now via our website **aub.ac.uk/apply**



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 2025	September 2024
End date	July 2025	May 2025
Taught days	4-5	3
Fast track	✓	✗
Diploma in Art, Design and Media Foundation Studies (Level 3) certificate. Awarded by the University of the Arts London	✓	✓
£14,750 course fee	✓	✓
Eligible for AUB Progression Bursaries	✓	✓
Free online 3-week introduction course to IFD	✓	✗
Tutorials and illustrated lectures	✓	✓
One-to-one tutor sessions	✓	✓
Smaller group tuition	✓	✗
Specialist technical workshops in a variety of creative subjects	✓	✓
Use of AUB studios and workshops	✓	✓
Preparation for academic study sessions	✓	✗
Access to AUB Halls of Residence	✓	✓
English language tuition (optional)*	✓	✗
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	✓	✓
Study on a Visitor Visa	✓	✗
Showcase your work at AUB Summer Shows	✓	✓

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

PREPARATION STAGE: ONLINE COURSE

Course Overview:

- 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

Whilst our IFD course starts on-campus in January, we also offer a 3-week online preparation course for IFD students, which starts in November 2024.

We've developed this online programme to give 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 expected at Foundation level, covering aspects such as understanding the creative process, critiquing your work, research and inspiration.

We strongly recommend all students applying for IFD to take full part in the online sessions to ensure they can start the course in January with confidence.

Programme dates

(Dates TBC) November – December 2024

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CONTACT

If you'd like more information on this course, or perhaps would like to speak to one of our team via a virtual chat, please get in touch.

We also offer feedback and advice on your creative work, if you're unsure if this course is right for you.

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