

ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH

# **MA INNOVATION AND CREATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



Course Specification

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Further detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching and learning methods of each unit may be found in the Unit Descriptors, which forms part of the Course Handbook.

<b><u>Key Course Information</u></b>	
Final Award	Master of Arts
Course Title	MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship
Award Title	MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship
Teaching institution	Arts University Bournemouth
Awarding Institution	Arts University Bournemouth
Professional accreditation	None
Length of course / mode of study	1 year full-time / 2 years part-time
Level of final award	Level 7
Subject benchmark statement	Art and Design
Language of study	English
External Examiner for course:	To be confirmed
<i>Please note that it is not appropriate for students to contact external examiners directly</i>	
Date of Validation	February 2025
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### **Course Description**

The current social and economic climate shows a pressing need for innovative thinking and entrepreneurial action, particularly for recent graduates who either wish to start their own business or establish a career leading innovation in existing companies.

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) play a crucial role in the UK economy. In 2024 there are nearly 6 million SMEs in the UK, accounting for 60% of employment and nearly 50% of turnover in the private sector. Entrepreneurial activity in students and graduates is currently increasing. 5,000 students started business in the UK in 2022-23, and most of these were Art and Design graduates. Post-covid disruption, cost of living crisis, decrease in entry-level roles for graduates, increase in part-time roles and remote working were all contributory factors. The 2025 graduates will have spent most of their life under an economic policy of austerity, wage suppression and price gouging. The considerable risks of starting a business are being balanced against the need for autonomy and potential reward. But being a founder is a lonely and risky business. 20% of SMEs fail in the first year, 60% fail in the first three. Alongside structural issues such as supply chain management and cash flow mental health is a prominent key cause of business failure. Intrapreneurship, leading change within existing organisations is similarly fraught. Resistance to change, lack of managerial support and available resources being key challenges.

MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship (MA ICE) begins by developing an understanding of the self, personal values and intrinsic motivators which are critical for building a robust innovation practice, leadership skills and an entrepreneurial mindset. Students will be guided through critical evaluation of existing frameworks and tools. Crucially they will apply these responding to real world issues with external partners. This experiential learning, working with peers in a supportive network and guided by mentors will embed an understanding of leadership skills, organisational understanding and learning that will build confidence as students move toward their final independent project whether their ambitions are to launch a startup business or lead innovative entrepreneurial initiatives within existing organisations.

The MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship course is tech and sector agnostic. The course is designed to prepare students mindset so they can embrace complexity. As such it is suitable for designers, product developers, cultural producers and social enterprise. The course encourages a positive approach to complexity and change through analysis and testing of current approaches to business management, empowering students to undertake and apply original research by critically engaging with the tensions between designing sustainably for users, humanity or the planet.

As a new course we include example persona profiles drawn from people we have worked with through the Innovation Studio;

We have experts in Fashion Design, new digital technologies, including Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence.

We are exploring how applications of technology could disrupt existing workflows and whether they could make the industry more sustainable. We encourage exploration into the speed at which technology changes. including asking students and staff to question significant legal questions around Intellectual Property protections particularly with AI. We ask how to identify problems and develop and test potential solutions. We work with multi-disciplinary makers with good grounding in traditional methods and CAD for additive and subtractive manufacturing. We understand the distance between a good idea and successful product hitting the market, believing in 'design for good' and embedding sustainability at the core of any future business without green washing.

As a team we understand how difficult it is to disrupt established production pipelines and that cashflow can mean there isn't a lot of headroom to experiment. The MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship course wishes to embolden students to interrogate problems that can be encountered when persuading a funding company to invest in a small team.

The MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship course encourages students to develop new ways of working, to explore new potential markets, understand development cycles and understand how to identify future pain points and develop value proposition to meet those challenges.

### **Distinctive features of the course**

The MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship (MA ICE) course is unusual because of the potential within the building it is housed in to allow students the space to make and create ideas, prototypes and artefact's that may become the new ideas of the future. This real-world experience, with a strong focus on sustainability, and the potential for interdisciplinary learning that the culture of the Arts University Bournemouth can offer in abundance, will allow the entrepreneurs of the future to discover innovative solutions to the problems that we face both locally, nationally and internationally

**Course Industry Patron Scheme:** All courses at AUB are connected formally with an industry Patron, an industry practitioner or business that acts as a critical friend to the course

and course team. Many courses work with several industry partners, but the more formal Industry Patron connection offers the opportunity to collaborate and maintain close relations with industry / business. This is a unique concept that ensures AUB courses are industry relevant and maintain current practices while providing further opportunities for students to engage with industry practitioners.

### **AUB Strategic vision**

The MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship fits with the university's strategic vision in several ways:

**Collaboration:** MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship staff, students and alumni work together as a community of practice supporting interdisciplinary collaboration throughout the course and beyond. Close ties within the Dorset region and other MA programmes enable students to benefit from collaborative projects and joint projects. The course allows for collaboration with students across the university, including with undergraduate courses, and collaboration with outside partners who include museums, festivals, and collections, providing students with diverse experiences and research opportunities. MA students regularly instigate collaborative and participatory opportunities open to other Postgraduate courses at AUB. Inter-institutional symposia, gallery-based workshops, public exhibitions, open submission competitions, and other public-facing events are always ongoing.

**Internationalisation:** The course is highly attractive to international students who are motivated to study in this field, and the course encourages students to engage in global entrepreneurship cultures, embracing the opportunities for learning offered by an internationally diverse student cohort. In contributing to the university's internationalisation goals, these students bring invaluable knowledge and experience to their peers and the institution in terms of challenging, decolonising and diversifying the curriculum.

**Inclusivity:** Celebration of difference is embedded within an MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship course ethos that invites individuals from a vast range of ethnicities, disciplines, backgrounds, and neurodiversity to share, debate, theorise, connect, practise, contextualise and update their artistic activities.

**Currency:** The focus on innovation and entrepreneurship as a live and multi-varied discipline and support for students' individual research interests means that students become personally invested in an academic experience which is contemporary, current, relevant, well-informed, and appropriate for roles within the creative industries.

### **Course Aims**

The course aims to provide students with a rounded understanding of contemporary work within the field of Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship, and the opportunity to specialise in one field within that. Students should come out of the course with the skills required to embark on a career in whichever area of Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship they choose as their specialism, and therefore the course aims to:

1. Expose students to a comprehensive range of directions through Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship that represent the sweep of contemporary practice and innovative research in the field.
2. Support students to choose and pursue an individualised specialisation within the discipline of Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship that ties in with their aspirations for their own work and guide them in finding resources to support their research that are at the forefront of academic research.

3. Give students a thorough grounding in the methods required for their chosen field of expertise and support them in developing an advanced set of practical personal leadership skills to fulfil their projects.
4. Encourage students to reflect upon their own place within wider cultural and historical discourses about Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship, including thinking about global perspectives and research into cultural contexts other than their own.
5. Enable students to develop advanced autonomous professional working skills in relation to problem-solving and time-management that relate to current ideas of Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship in a national and international context.
6. Prepare students for a range of employment opportunities in the creative industries or for progression to PhD and further research by facilitating them gaining experience with projects, individuals, and institutions that will aid their professional development and provide them with opportunities to understand how their research intersects with industry.

### **Course Outcomes**

By the end of this course, a graduate will be able to:

1. Understand and demonstrate a critical awareness of the current range of Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship research, much of which is at, or informed by, innovative practice and research.
2. Use existing research into Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship to inform and develop a body of original work that furthers their own entrepreneurial interests.
3. Apply a comprehensive range of advanced and relevant technical skills and methodologies to their individual projects. This may include experimental and interdisciplinary methodologies that push the boundaries and definitions of Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship.
4. Evaluate the work of themselves and others in their chosen research context, to identify gaps in existing research and ways that they can contribute to the field.
5. Understand the breadth of employment opportunities available within the creative industries for the professional Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship specialist or for progression to PhD and further research and align their own work, personal leadership skills and professional portfolio accordingly.
6. Utilise academic protocols within their roles as responsible, ethical, and sustainable researchers in their chosen field.

### **Reference Points**

UK Quality Code for higher education, including:

- Subject Benchmark Statement:
- National qualification descriptors (Level 7)
- AUB LTAF and Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations

UK Quality Code for higher education, including:

- Office for Students' (OfS) regulatory framework: 4.17 Degree for a descriptor for a higher education qualification at level 7 on the FHEQ: Master's' degree.

- Subject Benchmark Statements: (a) Masters Business and Management (b) Masters Art and Design.  
Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ), 2<sup>nd</sup> Edn (2024)
- AUB LTAF (Learning, Teaching and Assessment Framework) and Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations (2023).

## **Learning, Teaching, and Assessment Strategies**

### **Postgraduate Study at Arts University Bournemouth**

MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship aligns with other AUB campus courses in reflecting the shared University values of Collaboration, Connection, Innovation and Passionate. As part of the community and in accordance with the pedagogical framework laid out by the institution, postgraduate course delivery is strategically designed to:

- Maintain the highest quality and consistency of student experience.
- Provide teaching and assessment that is credible, progressive, and innovative.
- Apply a curriculum that is enlightened, agile and meaningful.
- Ensure students deploy core techniques of disciplinary enquiry and analysis.
- Enable an experiential and transformative learning journey.
- Enable future professional practice and careers across a diversity of graduate roles.

Students on the course benefit from belonging to the wider Postgraduate community and provision of shared learning opportunities alongside subject specific sessions. At MA level, students are strongly encouraged to engage with their peers, developing essential skills through peer learning and group work. Postgraduate Students are encouraged to play an active role in collaborative learning activities, initiating such activities as part of a continuing experiential learning journey that starts before joining the course and continues afterwards.

Through participation in cross-course collaborative assignments, working groups, transdisciplinary lectures, study skills workshops, drawing lessons, educational trips, and student-led events, MA students work together to establish the roots of good practice and form potentially valuable peer networks. Establishing trust among students is vital in promoting an environment in which collaboration thrives. Through mutual support, students can engage in activities, such as idea testing and peer review. This environment stimulates broader conversations around the arts, sustainability, ethics, socio-political issues, and the creative industries, acting as a catalyst for innovation, enriching the learning experience and empowering students to excel in their creative research activities.

The University embraces blended and technology-enhanced approaches to learning. AUB learning technology effectively provides course, school and institutional-wide communication and is integrated into teaching delivery as appropriate. A range of technical workshops are offered across the Postgraduate community to support you in the use of digital media, from good housekeeping and file management practices to more sophisticated video, sound, and image-manipulation software.

### **MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship**

At course level, discipline specific characteristics or signature pedagogies influence student-centred learning, teaching, and assessment strategies. In common with other creative art and design courses MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship embraces a wide range of approaches to teaching, learning and assessment, while maintaining the distinctive inclusivity of the discipline. The teaching environment consists of structured learning activities, but these can be accessed in a flexible way according to individual student needs.

To deliver an overview of the field and to target students' individual interests, the course maintains a balance between group and individualised learning, and there is a strong

emphasis on dialogue between students and tutors either in a tutorial or supported studio environment. Students are also offered access to a range of staff support, including Visiting Tutors that supplement the expertise of the permanent course team and support in the studio from technical staff.

Large group teaching is weighted towards the first unit, where students are introduced to different disciplinary concerns through a range of lectures and workshops and are asked to respond to centrally set assignments that are designed to consolidate several MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship skills.

In the second and third units, where students are working on individually devised research projects, teaching is more concentrated on small group seminars and supported studio sessions, and teaching and assessment strategies are designed to promote autonomous learning and self-evaluation. In this context, students and tutors will make use of individualised Learning Agreements to define components that will be submitted for assessment. A portfolio of work in each unit is accompanied by pieces of written reflection.

The following forms of teaching, as defined in AUB's Learning, Teaching and Assessment Framework, may be incorporated at some point over the course of this MA course:

- Briefings
- Lectures
- Workshops
- Seminar Activity (This includes group discussions, critiques, and peer review)
- Individual Tutorials
- Educational Visits
- Open Studio with Support

Delivery Type	Description
Briefing	<p>An academic staff member will deliver unit introduction information in a presentation to the cohort. It will usually include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit introduction</li> <li>• Unit Assessment criteria</li> <li>• Unit schedule/scheme of work</li> <li>• Assessment requirements and submission deadlines</li> <li>• Assessment feedback deadlines</li> <li>• Assessed Presentation dates</li> </ul>
Lectures	An academic staff member or guest speaker will deliver information via a presentation to a cohort.
Workshops	Interactive learning sessions in a practise-based setting
Seminar Activity	<p>A group session that usually relates to a lecture topic of subject-related topic aligned to the Learning Outcomes and assessment requirements of the unit. This might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group discussion of a topic</li> <li>• Critique (peer and/or staff feedback on work in progress)</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer Review (students discuss or feedback on each other's work)</li> </ul>
Individual Tutorials	Individual engagement of staff with students to discuss their work or progress. These can be scheduled or sign-up tutorials.
Educational Visit	Supervised trips organised for students off campus to a destination, organisation, or business relevant to their learning for the unit.
Open Studio with Support	Opportunity for students to use studio space in their own time with academic or technician demonstrator support available.

Teaching, learning and assessment across all three units is designed around two key components:

- Portfolio of Work - developing creative, academic, and professional outputs through the application of skill, creativity, knowledge, experience, and artistic enquiry in students' role as Innovation and Entrepreneurship practitioners.
- Reflective Journal – supporting evolving practice and thinking through ongoing reflection on action, contextual research and critical analysis that is appropriately deployed, documented, referenced, and communicated.

At the end of each unit, evidence of these components is digitally/physically submitted alongside a Learning Agreement/Industry Report outlining students' plans for subsequent progress. These are graded according to the same weightings throughout the course:

- Portfolio of Work 80%
- Reflective Journal 20%
- Learning Agreement (ungraded)

## Student Engagement

Engagement with learning and teaching activities is important to the MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship course because the physical learning environment is intrinsic to the discipline. Students are encouraged to work in studio spaces as often as possible because access to workshop spaces reflects the context of professional practice. Staff and students create a community as partners in the process of learning, and presence within the studio allows students to take advantage of the wide range of staff specialities. Students may also be offered the opportunity to attend other on-campus teaching activities, which will allow them to further their academic interests and specialisms. Collaborative studio spaces allow students to learn from their peers, who come to the course with a diverse range of interests and specialties.

## Full-Time and Part-Time Modes of study

The option of choosing a Full-Time or Part-Time study mode (FT (Full Time) and PT (Part Time)) is regarded as a highly positive aspect of this course. Allowing for greater inclusivity, diversity and flexibility, this choice enables experiential and cultural integration of huge benefit to our community.

Whilst FT students work throughout the week in AUB studio spaces, those taking the PT mode must ensure they have adequate off-campus space to sustain their developing practice and thinking appropriately. Whether accommodation, visas, jobs, families, or other personal

circumstances affect this decision, please be assured that whether PT or FT, students can expect to be taught by the same staff and have equitable access to learning.

As the designated weekly study hours for PT are half of those for FT students, and for reasons of parity, access to subject area resources and academic support are understood commensurately. The longer study periods (x2) of each unit for PT students ensure that parity of study hours and experience are accounted for between the FT and PT modes. However, towards the end of their second year of study as PT2 students, these students join forces with FT to realise final outputs.

### **Autumn and Spring intakes**

MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship accepts intakes at two different points in the year (subject to viability). Both FT and PT modes are available to those starting in September (Autumn), whilst January (Spring) only allows for FT mode. The rolling nature of cohorts means that there are always existing students to welcome newcomers onto the course and act as mentors. As well as learning from their skills, experience, and knowledge of the University, students can gain real understanding of what is expected in the Units ahead by attending their critiques and Assessment Presentations.

### **Assessment**

Assessment at AUB is aligned to the unit Learning Outcomes and consists of two types:

**Formative Assessment** is used throughout the learning process to assess students' progress and understanding. It may take place in tutorials, seminars, critiques, and other discussions about their work and provides ongoing feedback on students' learning-in-process. By identifying positive practices and thinking to potentially take forward and develop it serves to enhance their progress. This kind of dialogue-based, written, or recorded feedback (or 'feedforward') is usually ungraded.

**Summative Assessment** is used at the end of each study period, reflecting upon what students have achieved. It evaluates evidence of their outcomes; skills acquisition and learning achievements. Marks are graded using a matrix of assessment criteria aligned to the Learning Outcomes to ensure the greatest possible clarity.

### **Unit Assessment Feedback**

Students can expect to receive Assessment Feedback four weeks after the submission deadline. Assessment Feedback for all units provides Summative explanation of what has been done well and what could have been done better, as well as feedforward commentary on how the work might be further developed.

### **Assessment of Collaborative or Group Work**

In the event of collaborative or group work produced and submitted for assessment, the contribution of each student will be assessed individually against the Learning Outcomes according to their specific input. The Learning Agreement will serve to indicate the individual contribution to the task for each individual student and is confirmed by a member of the course team. Consideration is given to how any unsuccessful group work might be rectified for resubmission. In theory, this approach allows students who participate in a collaborative project with a final group output that is subpar or fails to still have the opportunity to receive a high grade based on their individual contribution.

Each unit is assessed separately, and the assessment forms part of the unit. Assessment both provides a measure of student achievement and also provides students with regular feedback on how their learning is developing.

For every unit of a course, we will inform students of what they are expected to learn; what they need to submit; how their work will be assessed; and the deadline for presenting work for assessment.

Students will receive a final mark for each unit in the form of a percentage, which will be recorded on a formal record of achievement (transcript). Each component of assessment is graded using a notched marking scale, whereby only certain marks are used within each grade. The only marks available within any ten-point band are \*2, \*5 and \*8 (e.g. 62, 65, 68). These marks correspond to a low, mid, and high level of achievement within each grade band.

All learning outcomes must be passed to successfully complete the unit.

On successful completion of a Masters' Degree (MA), a Merit or Distinction may be awarded. Only units at Level 7 contribute towards the determination of a Merit or Distinction.

For further information on assessment, progression, awards, and classifications, please visit <https://aub.ac.uk/regulations>

### **Course Structure**

All students are registered for the award of Master of Arts; however, exit awards are available if a student leaves the course early. If students successfully complete a level of the course, they will automatically be entitled to progress to the next level.

For the award of Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) students must have achieved a minimum of 60 credits at Level 7; and any specific requirements of the course as outlined in the Course Handbook.

For the award of Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip), students must have achieved a minimum of 120 credits at Level 7; and any specific requirements of the course as outlined in the Course Handbook.

For the award of Master of Arts (MA), a student must have achieved 180 credits, of which a minimum of 120 credits must be at Level 7; and any specific requirements of the course as outlined in the Course Handbook. This qualification will be awarded upon successful completion of the course.

### **Core Values and Skills**

In developing courses, the University aims to create a curriculum that reflects its values and ethos. It should prepare students for the future not only in enabling them to have a successful career, but also empower students with the knowledge, skills and passion to have a positive impact on the world and be an agent for change. AUB has drawn from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>) which have informed our values of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion as well as our Graduate Attributes.

### **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)**

"We are better for our diversity. We are enriched by the depth of respect we have for each other and the strength of our relationships with our people, our places and the planet. Through our commitment to working with those who are different to us, or challenge us, we grow stronger together, creating new synergies, global connections and sustainable futures." (AUB Strategy 2030)

As an organisation we have moral, social and legal obligations to fulfil in terms of EDI, and in doing so our commitment is to put EDI at the heart of every area of activity. It is not covered

as a separate, stand-alone section, rather it forms an integral part of the curriculum, throughout your study here.

### **Graduate Attributes (GA)**

Over recent years, there has been an increasing pace of change, technological, social, environmental. This has been further impacted by the world-wide pandemic effecting significant change in the global economy and the employment market.

In this context, the University has recognised the importance of developing AUB graduates who have the attributes to be able to build their career, adapting to different circumstances and embracing changes. A suite of attributes has been defined that we feel are particularly appropriate to the creative courses that we deliver and to AUB's core values; during your course, both curricular and extra-curricular activities will give you the opportunity to prepare for your working career.

The course will introduce students to topics which are integrated with the curriculum at every stage of learning. This will allow the student to structure their career development journey through the course and consider the following stages: Self Awareness, Opportunity Awareness, Decision Making and Transitioning into Work. These align to the AUB Career Readiness stages: Explore, Focus, Engage and Achieve.

In practice, this means that each unit of the course will include elements of career development, and these will be shown explicitly in unit descriptors and outline syllabuses. Whilst students engage with these as they go through each unit, they will all come together in the final unit. Such an approach is designed to support students in the next steps they take after graduation, in whatever direction those may be, and is fundamental to degree studies.

### **Maintaining Health and Wellbeing**

Throughout the course students are encouraged to reflect on their own health and wellbeing, and to develop themselves as a healthy creative practitioner. Students will consider how to develop study and work strategies and habits which maintain and promote their own wellbeing, and to manage their professional activities in a way which safeguards their mental and physical health.

Course staff have designed the course in order that, as far as is reasonably possible, health and wellbeing are promoted. Therefore, it is vital students maintain constructive communication with their colleagues and their staff throughout their time on this course.

### **Course Content**

The MA Innovation and Creative Entrepreneurship course is structured around three 60 Credit Units as consecutive and equally weighted phases of study:

- Master's 1: Orientation and Vision Setting
- Master's 2: Exploration and Collaboration
- Master's 3: Creating and Strategising

**Master's 1: Orientation and Vision Setting** exposes students to the sweep of different Innovation and Entrepreneurship directions covered by the course. Students will be offered a lecture course outlining the basic shape of Innovation and Entrepreneurship across a range of time periods and geographical contexts, and a variety of different workshops on subjects. To support the development of individual interests, students are asked to complete a series of short responses to set briefs in this unit, which will enable them to explore different areas of Innovation and Entrepreneurship and experiment with different forms of practice. At the end of this unit, students are asked to think about developing a research area and project to

carry forward into **Master's 2: Exploration and Collaboration**, and **Master's 3: Creating and Strategizing**.

In **Master's 2: Exploration and Collaboration** students will have identified a specific area of interest that is linked to their chosen entrepreneurial activity and will develop a research portfolio and creative response to this project based on one of the areas of Innovation and Entrepreneurship encountered in **Master's 1: Orientation and Vision Setting**. Students will also be expected to engage with academic literature surrounding their chosen area, and to engage with theoretical and contextual reading on the topics of innovation and creative entrepreneurship in general; this is facilitated through seminar teaching. Using an individualised Learning Agreement, students will establish an appropriate outcome for this unit with tutors, which will normally comprise written research and some creative output.

For most students, **Master's 3: Creating and Strategising** will follow the same research area as **Master's 2: Exploration and Collaboration**, with more emphasis on creative output and professional development. Students are supported in this unit to link their projects to their future work in industry or to research, and to work on live projects as well as their own independent projects. As with the previous unit, students and tutors will make use of the individualised Learning Agreement to determine the desired outcomes from each project. At the conclusion of the **Master's 3: Creating and Strategising** unit, students will have the opportunity to display or present their work in an appropriate professional context. For example, this could be an exhibition, website, show, screening, or publication.

Over the course of the three units, students should develop a body of work that will establish them as advanced, skilful, and reflective practitioners in Innovation and Entrepreneurship that are ready to proceed to a professional context or further research.

In each unit, students develop a reflective written component alongside their body of creative work to aid their evaluation of their learning journeys and processes.

### **Specialist resources:**

Innovation Studio resources are available to students on the MA ICE. These resources are ever evolving, and an up-to-date list of creative technologies is available here:

<https://aub.ac.uk/innovation-studio/industry-standard-resources>

Examples include:

3D Machining including CNC Router and CNC Milling machines. 3D Printing including machines for rapid prototyping and functional prototyping. 2D cutting and engraving technology including laser and waterjet cutters. 3D scanning including body, object and environment scanners. VR and MR technologies including headsets and projection mapping.

Students will also benefit from access to the Materials Library, the PlastIC research centre materials testing facility and the online and physical collection of the Museum of Design in Plastics.

### **Course Units**

Unit Code		Unit Title	Credits
(F/T)	(P/T)		
ICF701	ICP701	Master's 1: Orientation and Vision Setting	60
ICF702	ICP702	Master's 2: Exploration and Collaboration	60
ICF703	ICP703	Master's 3: Creating and Strategizing	60

## Course Diagram

This diagram shows the proposed start/end dates for each unit and shows teaching weeks only; holiday periods are not included.

<b>Level 7 Full-Time mode of study Autumn start (45 weeks)</b>												
	<b>Trimester One</b>				<b>Trimester Two</b>				<b>Trimester Three</b>			
Wk.	Weeks 1-15				Weeks 16-30				Weeks 31-45			
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG
Induction	<b>ICF701 Master's 1: Orientation and Vision Setting (weeks 1-15)</b> (60 credits)			Assessment	<b>ICF702 Master's 2: Exploration and Collaboration (weeks 16-30)</b> (60 credits)			Assessment	<b>ICF703 Master's 3: Creating and Strategising (weeks 31-45)</b> (60 credits)			Assessment

<b>Level 7 Full-Time mode of study January start (45 weeks)</b>												
	<b>Trimester One</b>				<b>Trimester Two</b>				<b>Trimester Three</b>			
Wk.	Weeks 1-15				Weeks 16-30				Weeks 31-45			
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Induction	<b>ICP701 Master's 1: Orientation and Vision Setting (weeks 1-15)</b> (60 credits)			Assessment	<b>ICP702 Master's 2: Exploration and Collaboration (weeks 16-30)</b> (60 credits)			Assessment	<b>ICP703 Master's 3: Creating and Strategising (weeks 31-45)</b> (60 credits)			Assessment

Level 7 Part-Time mode of study September start (90 weeks)																								
	Trimester One								Trimester Two								Trimester Three							
Wk.	Weeks 1-30								Weeks 31-60								Weeks 61-90							
Induction	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A
	ICF701 Master's 1: Orientation and Vision Setting (weeks 1-30) (60 credits)							Assessment	ICF702 Master's 2: Exploration and Collaboration (weeks 31-60) (60 credits)							Assessment	ICF703 Master's 3: Creating and Strategising (weeks 61-90) (60 credits)							Assessment

