

Welcome Pack

Master of Arts



# Introduction

Dear Student

I would like to welcome you as a postgraduate student studying here at The Arts University Bournemouth. I hope that you are excited by the prospect of the challenges that this period of advanced study will bring, and that you will immerse yourself in the activities that we have planned. The nature of the course offers significant opportunities for you to think beyond your chosen discipline and it is this richness and sharing of ideas, along with a preparedness to take creative risks, that renders, in our experience, meaningful, imaginative and intellectually rewarding outcomes.

We want to offer you the best support while you are with us. If you have a disability or additional needs, please discuss any matter confidentially with Barry Gilbert, our Senior Disability Officer, by emailing [wellbeing@aub.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeing@aub.ac.uk) or by calling 01202 363291.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the course prior to your arrival, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [ringlis@aub.ac.uk](mailto:ringlis@aub.ac.uk)

Ronnie Inglis  
MA Course Leader and Senior Lecturer, BA (Hons) Photography

# Arrival

The academic year for Postgraduate study starts on **Monday 7 October 2013**.

We plan to initially meet at **10.00am in the MA Seminar Room (F1.01)** so please arrive on the campus in good time. The staff in the main Reception in University House will be able to direct you to the room. If for any reason you are delayed on your way to us, again, make your way directly to main Reception and you can then be directed to the room. A campus map is available at the back of the enclosed Student Welcome Guide.

As a student, you are not permitted to park on the campus so please allow extra time if you are driving here on the first day. Please be aware of where you can park locally as there are closely monitored restrictions in force in the surrounding area.

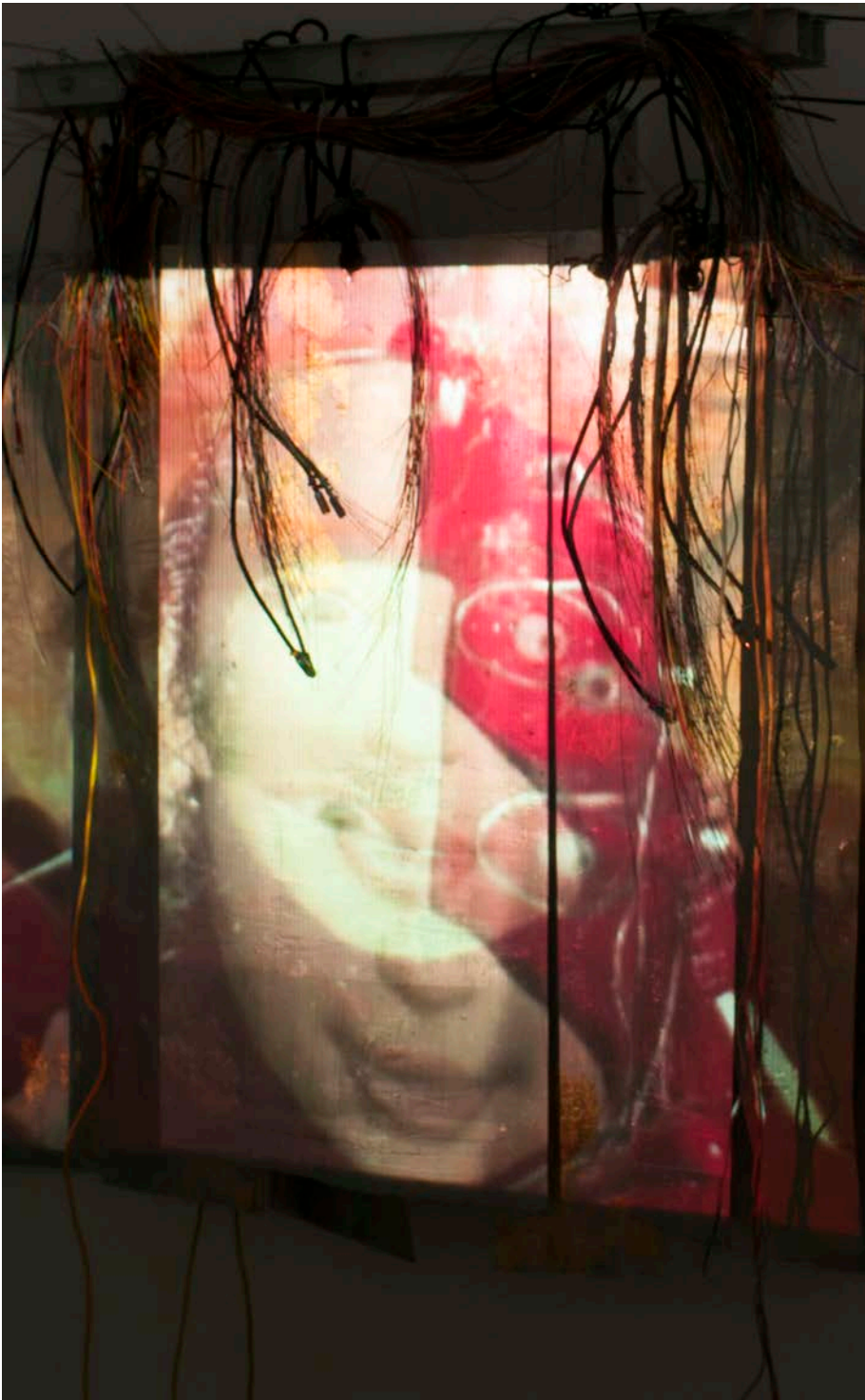


# Induction

Your first two weeks at the University will include enrolment and induction events, and introduce you to the MA programme as well as the systems and AUB resources you have access to, as a student. During this period, you will receive copies of your course and unit handbooks along with a copy of the Postgraduate Course Framework and Regulations.

At these initial meetings you will receive a detailed timetable for the first two weeks' activities and another encompassing the complete year. The latter will be discussed in greater detail through a presentation covering the activities planned and scheduled to take place throughout the postgraduate academic year.

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# Preparing for your course

## READING LIST

In preparation for your period of postgraduate study and as a means to introducing you to approaches for research at this level, we suggest that you read the following:

Kumar, Ranjit (2005) (Second edition) *Research Methodology - A step-by-step guide for beginners*. Sage Publications. [ISBN 978-1412911948]  
(AUB Library: 001.4K)

Silverman, David (2009) (Third edition) *Doing Qualitative Research – A Practical Handbook*. Sage Publications. [ISBN 978-1848600348]  
(AUB Library: 001.4S)





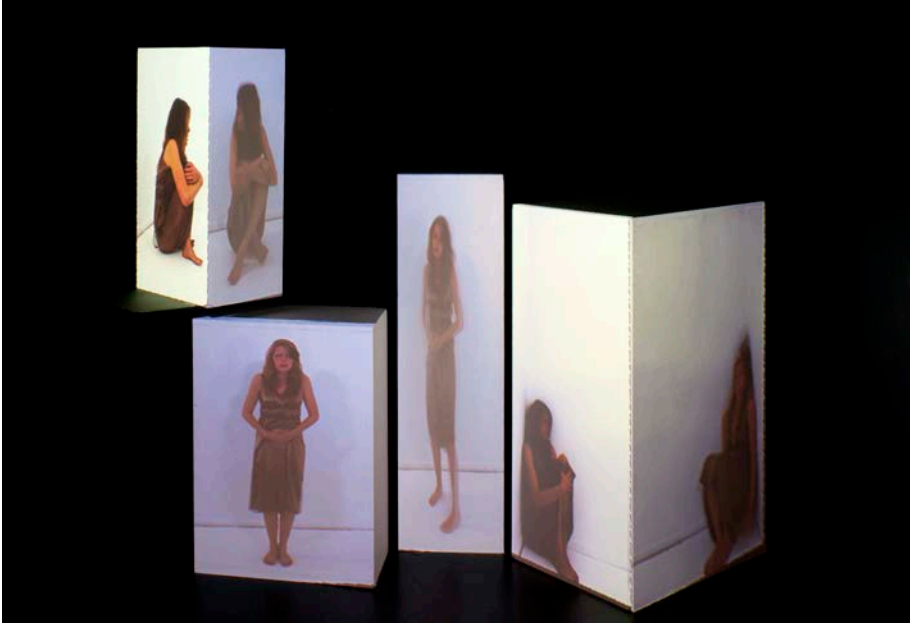
# Additional course details

## COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

You are not required to purchase a computer as a course requirement. However, most students prefer the convenience of owning and working on their own laptop. Many computer retailers offer student discounts so if you are considering buying a computer, you may wish to wait until you have enrolled on your course to take advantage of any discounts.

## COURSE TRIP

As part of our postgraduate experience we regularly visit The Venice Biennale. We usually plan for this visit to take place early in June. As part of the cycle of events, the next Biennale falls in 2015.



# What to bring with you

In order that we can confirm your identity, please bring the following items with you for your enrolment:

- Passport or birth certificate

At enrolment, all international students who require a Visa will need to bring the following documents:

1. A passport which is valid for the duration of the course.
2. A valid visa to cover the duration of the course you intend to study.
3. Original qualification certificates.

If you are a national of a country outside of the European Economic Area (EEA), please bring your passport and ID card for Foreign Nationals, if you have been issued one by the UK Borders Agency.



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# New student checklist

- Check the rates of tuition fees on the AUB website
- If you have a disability please complete the enclosed disability disclosure form, and contact the Disability Support team
- If you have not already done so, arrange your accommodation or register to attend our August accommodation day
- Ensure you are vaccinated against meningitis and mumps
- Complete the enclosed GP registration form
- Arrange insurance for your belongings
- Email your photograph for your AUB student card

Admissions,	01202 363228 01202 363225	admissions@aub.ac.uk
Student Services,	01202 363031 01202 363242	studentadvice@aub.ac.uk
Academic Support,	01202 363273	academicsupport@aub.ac.uk
Disability Support,	01202 363291	wellbeing@aub.ac.uk
Students' Union,	01202 363286	studentunion@aub.ac.uk

