

Media and Photography

Creative Digital Media Production Higher National Diploma (HND)

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course will start in September 2024 and will last for one academic year. A typical timetable involves 11 hours of lessons a week across three days.

Entry Requirements

A Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Creative Digital Media or equivalent qualification in a related subject.

You will achieve

You will achieve a level 5 HND in Creative Digital Media Production (Pearson)

Course Overview

Our HND in Digital Creative Media Production has been developed in collaboration with employers in an ambition to meet the needs of the growing demands of the industry, a Higher Technical Qualification provides the opportunity to gain the proper training, knowledge, and skills to be successful in the workplace. Studying for the HND in Digital Creative Media at Barnsley College, you will access state-of-the-art facilities that align with the industry. Complete with specialist facilities, high tech specifications and modern settings, you will study a broad range of computing topics that prepare you for your next steps.

In your first year of studying for the Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Creative Media Production, you will have completed six mandatory units covering topics such as film studies, film practices, editing for film & tv, Creative media industry, professional practice, individual project. Depending on your chosen pathway you will study a specialist unit, which could include; game development practices, games in context, 3D modelling, animation, videography, light and sound.

In addition, you will gain a wide range of sector knowledge tied to practical skills gained in research, self-study, directed study and workplace scenarios. You will also be given the opportunity to study units aligned to professional vendor qualifications and allow you, if you wish to apply after unit completion, to be assessed externally for the vendor qualification.

By progressing onto or joining us on the Level 5 Higher National Diploma, it allows you to specialise by committing to specific career paths and progression routes directed towards degree level study.

Course Content

At Barnsley College, you have the opportunity to specialise in one of the following areas all of which have been aligned to the industry standards:

Common units

- Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
- Personal Professional Development

Film Pathway

- Advanced Film Production Studies
- Multi-camera Production
- Videography
- Narrative
- Sound for Media

Games Pathway

- Advanced Game Development Studies
- Environment and Level Design
- Advanced 3D
- Narrative
- Sound for Media

How will I be assessed?

Core knowledge and understanding is acquired via lectures, seminars, workshops, group work, computer assisted learning, case studies, video and other multi-media presentations.

You will be taught through lectures, practical sessions and independent learning. We foster a culture of independent learning and decision making that will develop your problem solving and analytical skills.

You will complete project-based assessments which will combine several units to give you an employment-based assessment. The teaching will reflect the project approach and will include aspects of teamworking.

What Equipment Will I Need?

All equipment will be provided, but we recommend purchasing an SD card (32gb or higher) and/or a removable portable storage drive for larger file transfers.

Where will I study?

SciTech Digital Innovation Centre
Falcon Street
Barnsley
S70 2EY

What can I do next?

You will be able to progress onto the final year of a relevant degree programme (top-up) or into employment in any of the related study subjects.

See what careers are available in the Media

[<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Media-careers-2023-24.pdf>] sector. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [<https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=®ion=Barnsley>] , to find out what your next steps could be.

How much does the course cost?

Course fees: £5,995 per year for those that enrol in September 2024.

£6,165* per year for those that enrol in September 2025 (*maximum fee per year is subject to approval).

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) Higher Education

We offer a service to any student who has a diagnosis of anything persistent or long-term which might interfere with how they study and manage their day-to-day academic engagement. The service is flexible and shaped around the needs of each individual; it might be consistent support or intermittent support.

For further information please refer to our website. [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/higher-education/dds-at-higher-education/>]

HE Student Finance

As a Higher Education student living in England you may be eligible for the non-means tested Tuition Fee Loan from the Government. For further details go to: www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance [<http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance>]

You may also be eligible for a Maintenance Loan. See the Government website [<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>] for up-to-date details.

Students with children or dependant adults may qualify for a Childcare Grant or Adult Dependents' Grant. Students can apply for these at the same time as applying for a Maintenance Loan.

Remember: Eligible students will not have to pay tuition fees in advance and can apply for the Maintenance Loan before they start the course.

Apply online at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance [<http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance>]

Full Fee Payable

If the course is listed as full fee payable, you will have to pay for the course.

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Call us on **01226 216 123**