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Level 3 Access to HE Diploma (Film and Creative Digital Media)

Location	Stockport College
Course Type	Adult, University Level
Department	Access to Higher Education
Start Date	Monday 7th September 2026
Duration	Full-time, 1 Year
Time	-
Fee	£ 3928.00 You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information
Course Code	SFP-AH3D-1700

Course Overview

This course is designed to prepare mature students for university level study. If you want to work in the Film and media sector, this course will provide excellent preparation for a suitable Higher Education degree.

In 2022-23, 96.5% of students on our Access diplomas secured offers of university places. This compares with a progression rate of just 55.4% across all Access diploma courses in England and Wales.

The course runs for a single academic year, and you will be in college three days per week for 32 weeks. You will be attending for 13 hours per week (12 hours of lessons and 1 hour of tutorial). You will also need to allow at least 12 hours per week for private study and assignment completion.

Approximate times: 9.20am - 3pm (exact times to be confirmed)

Course Requirements

This course usually requires you to have achieved GCSE English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or better before enrolling on the Access Diploma.

In some circumstances, we can accept Functional Skills Numeracy level 2 instead of GCSE Maths.

If you do not meet the entry requirements, do not worry. You can apply for our level 2 pre-Access course which will prepare you for the Access to Higher Education Course. You can then work towards achieving your GCSE Maths and/or English at the same time.

What You Will Learn

On this Access Diploma, you will study content related to Film, Media & Culture, Art & Design and English. In addition, you will complete a module of ungraded Developmental units, which are designed to develop the academic and study skills you need to be a success, not only on the Access Diploma, but also in your future university-level studies.

Assessment

Assessments include essays, reports, open or closed-book examinations and verbal, visual or IT-based presentations. All modules will include an element of time-constrained assessment which will contribute towards the final module grade.

Upon successful completion of this course you will be awarded an Access to Higher Education Diploma from Open Awards.

Progression

Progression from this pathway can be on to degree programmes such as Digital Media Development, Digital Video Production, TV and Radio Production, Creative Writing, Journalism, and many more.

Your subject and Personal Tutors will make every effort to support your application for a university place and, alongside the college Careers Advisors, will try to give you realistic advice as to your chances of progression into the career of your choice.

Career Options

The development and growth of Media City" in Salford has resulted in an increase in job opportunities for students with qualifications in the Film, Media and Digital Technology fields. This has been mirrored by a growth in the number of degree courses and student places at the universities and colleges within Greater Manchester."

Mandatory Units

Film Form
Genre in Film
Organisation and Control of Contemporary News Media
Practical Video Production
Television in Britain
The Sixties in the Cinema
Script Writing
Writing for Magazines
Computer Imaging for Art and Design
Extended Study in the Visual Arts
Introduction to Photography
Introduction to Marketing
Using Research Skills
Communication: Academic Essay Writing
Communication: Presentation Skills
Personal Development: Study Skills
Personal Development: Applying for HE

Contact Details

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