

CREATIVE AND DIGITAL MEDIA



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MANCHESTER FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT***

**Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.*

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5 Reasons to Study



Creative and Digital Media at The Manchester College



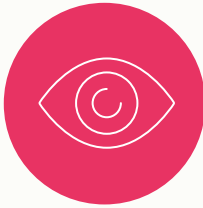
Number 1 in Greater Manchester

Our achievement rates are the highest of all colleges in Greater Manchester for the 8th year running and we're one of the top 3 in the country.*



Progression that opens doors

Over 94% of TMC students move on to a positive destination such as employment, an apprenticeship or degree-level study.**



Ofsted recognition

In our most recent Ofsted inspection, we were rated 'Good' overall and 'Strong' for our contribution to skills.



Over 1,000 employer partners

We work with employers across lots of industries, so you can build your confidence through a meaningful work placement, industry talks and live projects.



Get career ready from day one

Designed with your next step in mind, our courses help you build real-world skills, confidence and experience so you're ready for work, an apprenticeship or university.

* Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.

** Internal Progression Data.





Careers information



Job figures

There were approx. **21,693** employees working in the creative and digital media sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **5.8%** by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage in Greater Manchester is **£34,669** per annum (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **2,343** of the current workforce will be reaching retirement in the next 10 years, meaning those jobs will need replacing.

Types of jobs	Skills needed	Examples of GM Employers
Advertising Account Executive	Content creation	BBC
Animator	Communication	Creative Cow
Audio-visual Technician	Creativity	Crowd Imperium Games
Broadcast Engineer	Detail oriented	Electronic Arts
Computer Games Developer	JavaScript (programming language)	Flow Creative
Graphic Designer	Management	GPC
Media Researcher	Marketing	HOME
Photographer	Project management	ITV Studios
TV or Film Sound Technician	Social media	N Brown Group
Video Editor	Teamwork	Pie Radio

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.



Find out more here

Where to find us

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms, and vibrant social spaces, you can study Creative and Digital Media courses in the heart of Manchester.



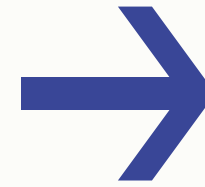
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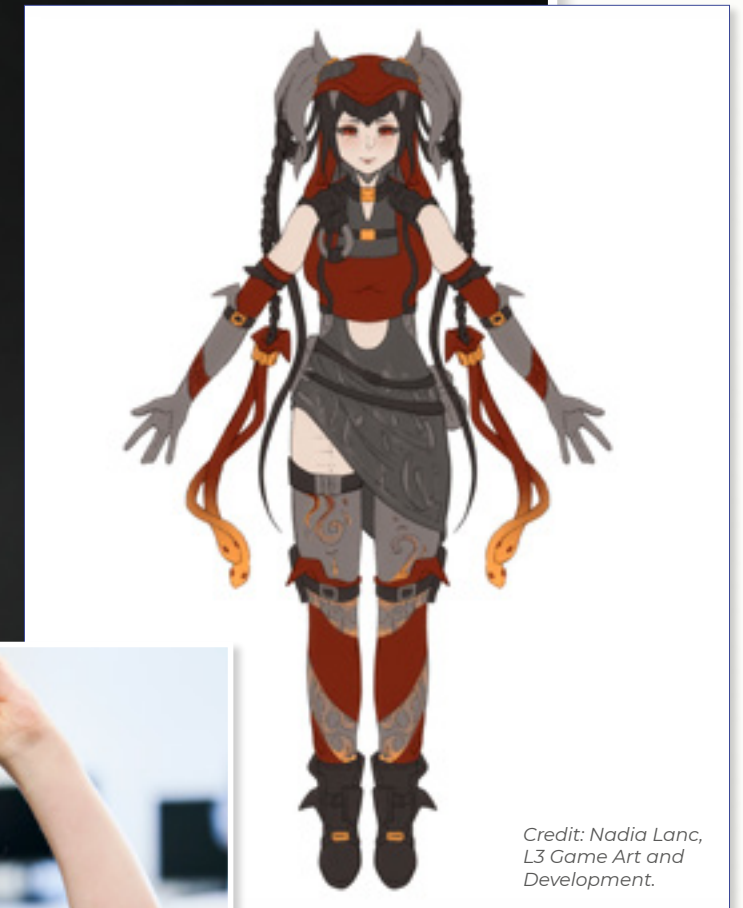
Get Directions



- TV studio with production gantry
- Radio and sound studios with bookable editing suites
- Editing suites utilising the latest Mac technology
- Game design and production suites
- Click Studio and repair lab run by students
- Grab a Starbucks or a slice from the pizza bar - choose from hot and cold food options
- Hot-desk study zones
- Rooftop terrace for relaxing with friends
- Library with study areas, laptop loans, and space for Careers and Support teams.



Credit: Sumaya Jangir, L3 Game Art and Development



Credit: Nadia Lanc, L3 Game Art and Development.



Get career ready with us

We're here to help you achieve your goals and get career-ready. Our courses are designed with top employers to focus on in-demand skills.

From day one, you'll gain hands-on experience to build confidence. By the end, you'll have the qualifications, knowledge, and experience to stand out and take the next step in your career.



Building your employability

To get you career-ready, you'll take part in activities that boost your skills and understanding of the world of work. You'll be supported by a dedicated Employability Co-ordinator who will support you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

Real-world experience that counts

As part of your course, you'll complete work experience with an employer. We'll help you find a placement where you can:

- Shadow professionals and see how the job is done day-to-day
- Contribute to real projects that develop your skills and strengthen your CV
- Grow in confidence as you put learning into action.

Many of our students make such a strong impression that they even secure part-time or full-time jobs with their placement provider!

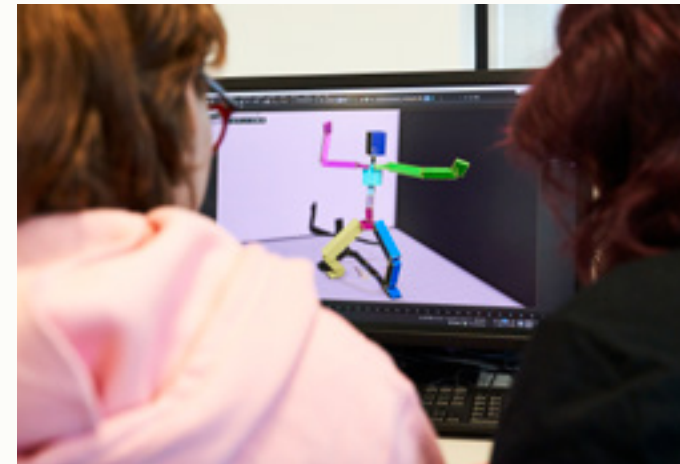
We work with leading employers to deliver our placements, including:



Discover where creative and digital media can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the creative and digital media sector through:

- Talks from professionals in the industry
- Masterclasses from leading employers
- Trips to local and national businesses.



This will help you decide which path to take after your course – whether that's progressing to degree-level study with our higher education partner UCEN Manchester, starting an apprenticeship, going straight into employment, or starting your own media or digital business.

Trips and visits

Gain exclusive behind-the-scenes experience visiting real production sets, discovering industry techniques from the professionals themselves.



What you can study

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll also work towards achieving this alongside your main course.

Types of qualifications

T Levels

Developed in collaboration with employers, T Levels are career-focused technical programmes that provide young people with a high-quality alternative to A Levels.

For more information visit tmc.ac.uk/tlevels

- 2-year programme
- Equivalent to three A Levels
- 45-day industry placement
- 11 subject areas.

Other Technical Qualifications

Our wide range of technical and creative qualifications equip you with the skills you'll need to progress. This includes BTECs and UALs.

- 1 or 2-year programmes
- Work placement
- Levels 1-3
- 20 subject areas.



Credit: Kieran Schofield,
L3 Game Art and Development

T Level Media, Broadcast and Production (Content Creation and Production)



Level 3 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years

Develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours to launch a successful career in content creation and production. Through hands-on workshops, theory and live industry briefs, you'll learn how to solve creative challenges and understand how cultural, historical and technological influences shape media platforms. You'll gain technical expertise to visually communicate ideas, pitch concepts, and engage audiences across digital and social platforms. By building a strong professional portfolio, you'll be ready to step into the dynamic, fast-paced media industry with confidence and creativity.

Creative Media Production and Technology – Film, TV and Radio Production

Level 3 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years

Take your first steps towards a career in film, TV or radio with this hands-on programme. You'll gain practical experience using industry-standard equipment in studios and on location, responding to live briefs and exploring a range of creative roles. Working with external organisations, you'll build a strong portfolio and understand the demands of this fast-paced sector. Whether you move on to higher education or go straight into work, you'll have the skills and confidence to pursue your goals.

Digital Art and Visual Effects

Level 3 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years

If you are looking for a career in the creative and digital sector which is focused on the production of digital art and animation for film and video FX then this course will give you the skills you'll need to succeed. The skills covered by the course have been chosen to reflect the demands of working in the sector and topics covered include media production methods and techniques, audience research, digital illustration, 3D modelling, camera tracking and compositing.

Graphic Design and Digital Communication

Level 3 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years

Gain the creative and technical skills needed for a career in design, working on live briefs and projects inspired by industry trends. You'll gain hands-on experience in graphic design, digital design, branding, motion graphics, UX and social media campaigns, while building a professional portfolio. With employability at its core, this programme includes work placements and focuses on teamwork, communication and soft skills - ensuring you're ready to move straight into the creative industries or progress to degree-level study.

Motion Design and Animation

Level 3 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years

Digital animation is crucial to so many sectors. You could use this course as a springboard to work in animation, motion design or advertising. You'll master the software you need to bring your 2D ideas to life and gain skills that you'll use throughout your career. This Level 3 course has been designed to ensure you're developing the exact skills and abilities that the industry is looking for, helping you stand out in a competitive and creative field.

Game Art and Development

Level 3 | City Campus Manchester | 2 years

Turn your passion for gaming, technology and creativity into a future career with this hands-on programme. You'll explore 3D modelling, texturing, rendering and sculpting as you design characters, environments and expansive levels. From hyper-realistic sims and racing titles to immersive RPGs, you'll gain the tools and techniques needed to bring your ideas to life. Working with state-of-the-art software and responding to live briefs, you'll build a professional portfolio and develop the skills required for the games industry.

Creative Media Production and Technology

Level 2 | City Campus Manchester | 1 year

Explore the exciting world of creative and digital media with this foundation programme, designed to prepare you for media, broadcast and production. Developed with industry partners, it covers core skills like responding to creative briefs, pitching ideas and producing digital content. You'll learn about career pathways, industry standards and the role of culture and ethics in design, while gaining hands-on experience with live projects. By the end, you'll have started a professional portfolio and be ready to progress to our T Level or Level 3 study.

Introduction to Creative Media

Level 1 | City Campus Manchester | 1 year

Get hands-on experience with industry-standard tools and software while building a strong foundation for further study in media, digital or business. You'll explore a mix of creative projects and industry-focused tasks, gaining transferable skills such as teamwork, research, planning and organisation. By the end of the programme, you'll be well prepared to progress to the next level of study and continue your journey towards a future in the creative and digital media or business sectors.

*I like the variety
that the course gives
you because it goes into
every little area that you
want to do. I plan to go
to university and
college really helps
you get ready for it.*



Kylie
Level 3 Game Art
and Development

SUPPORTED LEARNING

Promoting independence through accessibility and inclusion.

Have you received learning support in the past? Do you have an Education, Health and Care Plan or an identified Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) need? Our Supported Learning team can help students with SEND to achieve their aspirational career goals.

We provide a highly personalised offer for students to create a supportive learning environment for all. Whatever course you choose to study, our provision is specifically designed to support you on your journey to independence and into further education or employment.



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Find out more about how we can help you: tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning



Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
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 WAREHOUSE  Parklife PRINTWORKS 
 PROJECT  PRIDE  Manchester film school
 SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND CYBERSECURITY northern soul
 school of construction and engineering  FACTORY RECORDS  art galleries
 Castlefield bridgewater hall
 CANAL STREET  school of art, media and make-up
BELIEVE IN DIFFERENT



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DEGREES**

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DEGREE LEVEL

Once you've completed one of our Level 3 Diplomas at College, you'll have the opportunity to progress on to our degree-level qualifications through our higher education partner, UCEN Manchester.

ART, MEDIA AND MAKE-UP COURSES

Benefit from hands-on, practical learning, small class size and state-of-the-art facilities.

Choose one of our higher education pathways in:

- > 3D Game Art and Design
- > Animation
- > Fashion and Textiles
- > Film Production*
- > Graphic Design and Branding
- > Photography and Social Practice.

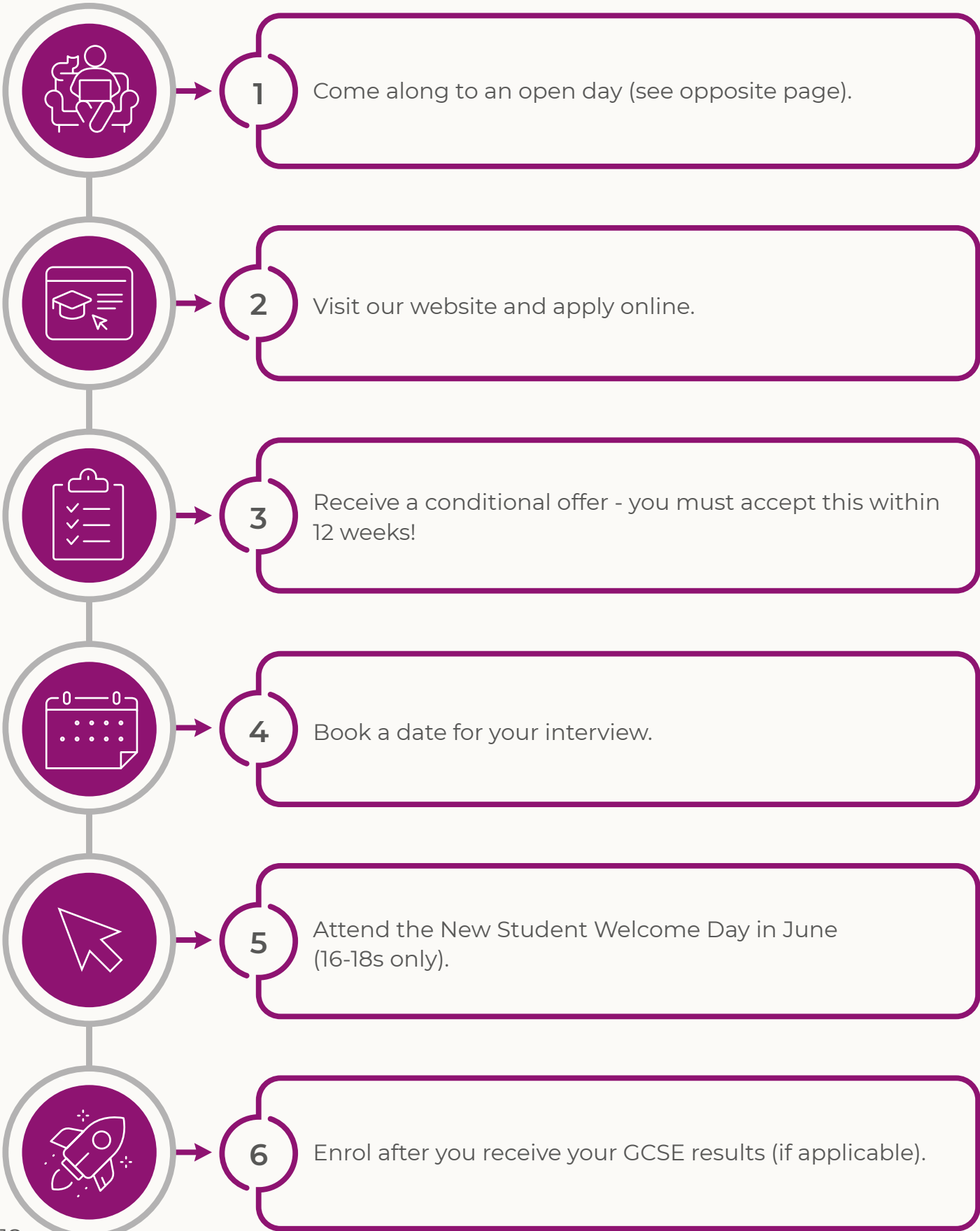


For more information or to apply
visit ucenmanchester.ac.uk

* Manchester Film School course

Your next steps

Applying to study at The Manchester College is really easy. Just follow these steps and you'll be on your journey to amazing in no time.



Open events

Come and see what makes us the number one College in Greater Manchester* for yourself.

Open events are the perfect place to speak to our tutors, explore our amazing facilities and chat to our support teams.

	School Leavers
	Tuesday 6 October 5-7pm
	Saturday 14 November 10am-1pm
	Thursday 4 March 5-7pm
	Thursday 20 May 5-7pm



Book your place
tmc.ac.uk/events



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Contact Us

Got a question about one of our courses, about The Manchester College or just need to get in touch? Contact us:

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 **03333 222 444**

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