

STUDY CREATIVE ARTS



Where can I study creative arts in the UK?

Whatever your creative passion you'll find some of the best possible study locations in the UK. It's home to four of the world's top ten performing arts degrees – **Royal College of Music** (third), **Royal Academy of Music** (fourth), **Guildhall School of Music and Drama** (seventh) and **University of Oxford** (ninth)¹ – and with world-class teaching and creative facilities around the country, it's the ideal choice for a global career.

How long does it take to graduate?

Most creative arts undergraduate degrees will take around three years to complete in the UK, with many offering opportunities for a year's work experience and study abroad. Postgraduate degrees are usually between one and two years.

What kinds of specialisms are there?

With everything from universities and colleges to specialist conservatoires, there's a very wide range of creative arts courses in the UK, making it easy to find a career-focused curriculum that interests you. UK creative arts degrees include:

- film and animation
- photography
- fine art
- 3D design and textiles
- music
- drama
- dance
- creative writing/screenwriting
- graphic design.

But whatever course you study, the modular structure of UK courses means you can specialise as you go. This also helps to make them more compact, so you can often graduate a lot sooner than you would in other countries.

Search study creative arts in the UK
for more information on how to apply to a conservatoire.

What is creative arts teaching like in the UK?

The flexible nature of study in the UK means you'll learn to think creatively from day one. We have some outstanding teachers who will share their expertise and help you learn your craft, while also fostering academic rigour and a strong knowledge of the history of your chosen field.

Experience across creative departments helps you broaden your boundaries, while allowing you to follow your instincts for the right career path – whether that be dance, animation or advertising. Many UK universities have state-of-the-art equipment – from powerful HD cameras to motion capture suites – so you can hone your skills on industry-standard technology, on a course that is specifically designed to prepare you for success in your chosen industry.

Why is the UK a good choice for creative arts?

The UK has a unique creative heritage that is thousands of years old. From Shakespeare to the Beatles, we've helped shape the world's shared cultural language. We're also home to the largest public broadcasting organisation in the world, and with one in eight UK businesses part of the creative industries,² the sector provides two million jobs – 75 per cent of them outside London.

And when you're not studying, there's so much to do in the UK that will inspire you, from festivals and gigs to galleries and independent cinemas.

Are there any scholarship opportunities?

A wide range of scholarships and bursaries are available for overseas students across all creative arts courses. Some are funded by private organisations, while others are offered by the universities themselves.

You can also apply for the prestigious **Chevening Scholarships** or, if you are from a Commonwealth country, you could apply for a **Commonwealth Scholarship**.

What are my work options after I graduate?

UK graduates are among the most employable in the world, and when you study creative arts in the UK you're getting the best possible preparation for a global career. From working as an artist or performer to pursuing all kinds of roles in the film industry, or writing or designing for advertising, the choice of career opportunities is growing all the time.

And from summer 2021, international students will be able to apply to stay and work in the UK for two years after graduating through the Graduate Route. Search Study UK Graduate Route to find out more.

To find out more about studying creative arts in the UK and find a course, search study creative arts in the UK.

1. <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings-articles/university-subject-rankings/top-performing-arts-schools-2019>

2. <https://www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk/uk-creative-overview/facts-and-figures/employment-figures>