

Media and Photography

Creative Media Technician T Level

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course is planned to start in September 2024 and will take two years to complete.

Entry Requirements

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English.
- A strong interest in undertaking a media-based career
- You must be aged between 16-18 years old

You will achieve

Level 3 T-Level in Creative and Design: Content Creation and Production

Course Overview

T Levels are courses for 16 to 18 year olds that are studied at the same level as A Levels. They are for young people who prefer a more technical education when they come to College, rather than following a purely academic pathway, or a work-based apprenticeship. They are a two-year programme that combine classroom theory, practical learning and a minimum of 45 days industry placement with an employer.

During the two-year programme, you will learn the core knowledge that underpins each industry and will also develop occupationally specific skills that will allow you to enter skilled employment within a specific occupation.

This two-year course has been developed in collaboration with a number of established employers, practitioners and providers from across the sector to advance the technical qualification that will underpin the media, broadcast and production skills you will gain and develop. The input from employers is vital to ensuring the technical qualification reflects the needs required within the sector.

Course Content

The course gives you the opportunity to learn core principles of the media industry and essential theories, alongside developing your professional and technical skills. This will be balanced with practical work in our studios and creative classrooms to build further technical skills. You will get the chance to work in two forms of media including, but not limited to, moving/still image, audio

and written word. This will allow you to specialise in your area of interest within the Creative Media Technician Sector and study topics such as:

- Plan, prepare, source and generate media assets
- Assemble, edit and finalise media assets
- Prepare, package and deliver edited media assets
- Preserve media assets for future use/reversioning

The industrial placement is a fantastic part of the course where you will spend the equivalent of 315 hours over the 2 years working alongside industry professionals in the areas you are considering for future careers. The College has employers who fully support T Levels and have committed to providing placements; we will support you throughout this entire process.

This course ensures you can rival all students with a unique blend of both academic and industry experience and a work placement giving you the real-world skills you require for future employment.

This specialist course will also allow you to develop literacy and numeracy skills, as well as a number of transferable skills in communication (working with peers, clients and customers) and undertake research and live project development work.

Topics you will study include:

- The creative economy; exploring the different roles within the industry
- The individual in the creative industries: exploring the skills required in the industry
- Cultural context and media language: Understanding the influence of different social, political, technological and economic factors on culture and creativity.
- Audience and consumer needs: Understanding audience and consumer needs and interests
- Legislation and regulation requirements: Legal and regulatory requirements relating to – employment law
- Professionalism and ethics: An understanding of professional standards and conduct in the workplace
- Equality, diversity and inclusion requirements: An understanding of equality, diversity and inclusion requirements.
- Research skills: Reliability and accuracy of sources, including an understanding of how to plan research
- Project methodology and administration: Awareness of different project tools to manage projects including digital tools.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed by undertaking two formal exams in the first year, as well as an employer set project (practical). Year 2 is assessed via a practical occupational set project and industry practice.

What Equipment Will I Need?

All equipment will be provided

Where will I study?

SciTech Centre
Falcon Street
Barnsley
S70 2EY

What can I do next?

On successful completion you could progress onto to studying a level 4 or above media related course within Barnsley College or at another Higher Education Institute.

Alternatively, you could progress onto careers such as:

- Studio sound engineer
- Audio visual technician
- Live sound engineer
- TV or film sound technician
- TV or film production assistant
- TV or film assistant director
- TV or film director
- TV or film producer
- TV or film camera operator
- Media researcher
- Stagehand
- Lighting technician
- Radio broadcast assistant
- Video editor
- Broadcast engineer.

How much does the course cost?

16 – 18 year olds

Full-time Barnsley College students aged 16-18 years old do not have to pay tuition fees.

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

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]

Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art

fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/our-departments/sport/sports-academy/>] .

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.

English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't already have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths they will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards higher grades in English and Maths we can help you do that too.

Need a higher level Maths qualification? We offer a [Level 3 Mathematical Studies \(Core Maths\)](#).

This can be added to your study programme.

If you need any further information, please contact our friendly [Information Team](#).

Disclaimer

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

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