



**Bournemouth  
University**

# **MA Digital Effects**

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**NATIONAL CENTRE FOR COMPUTER ANIMATION**

**The Faculty of Media & Communication**

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# Bournemouth University overview

- A top 200 University
- BU has over 17,000 students including 2,000 international students from 100 different countries
- First to be commended for student learning opportunities



# Our courses

Our courses aim at providing:

- academic content geared to the professions
- a student-centred learning environment
- emphasis on intellectual achievement and employability
- an international perspective:
  - international students
  - international study opportunities
  - units with an international focus

# Key Facts

1 year full-time

September start

Study 5 units including Master's Production Project or Master's Research Project

Course fees:

September 2016 entry

UK/EU: £7,750

Non-EU: £14,500

\* 5% early bird discount on fees if you pay your tuition fee before or within seven days of enrolment

\* Scholarships available from £2000

# Entry Requirements

- A Bachelors Honours degree, 2:1 or above or equivalent.
- Applications are also welcome from experienced professionals working within the media industry.
- Exceptionally well-qualified applicants from other non-art related disciplines may also be considered at the discretion of the Assessment Panel.
- A clear precise personal statement and a strong portfolio (including a [digital self portrait](#) and examples of photography)

If English is not your first language you'll need IELTS 6.5 (Academic) or above.

# Non academic requirements

- **IT Skills**
- All applicants are expected to have some basic knowledge and understanding of computer systems before starting the programme. All higher Digital Effects orientated software, pipelines and utilities will be taught from scratch whenever the course commences its next iteration.
- Good working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop (or another image editing software) is also required, and is evidenced by the [digitalself portrait](#).
- **Communication**
- MA Digital Effects comprises of students from all across the globe. If this is your first experience of working within a multi-national community, you will be encouraged to celebrate and openly communicate with your international classmates.
- **Other**
- MA Digital Effects is a Postgraduate Degree and not a training programme. It is important that applicants understand the nature of postgraduate study and the level of analytical critique they will need to bring. We expect our students to work in a very focused way from day one of the programme, and work consistently hard for its duration.

# Course details

## Core units:

- Digital Effects Nucleus
- Digital Effects Tools
- Digital Effects Techniques
- Moving Image Practice and Theory
- Group Project
- Personal Inquiry
- Units required for the MA stage:
- Master's Project

# Resources

## Resources:

**MADE Studio:** a 40-seat classroom based studio with a 1:1 student computer ratio. You'll have access to graphics tablets and multimedia computers. The studio is open 24/7 throughout the year apart from Christmas

**Programme-specific Software:** Houdini, Nuke, PF Track, Mari

**Acquisition:** Full Green Screen TV and MOCAP Studio, Portable Green and Blue Screens, Track & Jib, Location Survey Kits, 3D Scanner and Motion Capture Suite

**Acquisition Cameras:** Panasonic 101s and Canon 5Ds

**MA Digital Effects currently produces work in High Definition resolution.**

# Careers

- Digital Effects graduates are highly sought after in the industry. This is partly due to our level of teaching in this subject area, and partly from students' desire to listen, learn and progress.
- Graduates have gone on to work for a variety of International VFX Companies including Double Negative (Inception), Digital Domain (Transformers, X-Men) and Sony Picture Image Works (Spiderman).
- As a Digital Effects graduate, you will be prepared to undertake roles such as:
  - VFX Technical Director
  - Composer
  - Match Mover
  - Rotoscope Artist
  - Lead FX Artist

# Support available

Specialist International Student Support Officer providing dedicated one to one Academic and Pastoral support both pre and post arrival at BU.

## **Disability & Additional Learning Support**

**Language Centre**

**Library & Learning Support**

**Study Support**

**Academic writing**

**Critical analysis**

**Exam and revision techniques**

**Presentations**

**Referencing**

**Avoiding plagiarism**

**Health and wellbeing**

**Chaplaincy/Counselling**

**Medical Centre**

# A great place to live...



We are in a great location, so Bournemouth is a great place to study and live.

There is plenty for students to do off-campus; with fantastic beaches and water-sports opportunities, including Poole Harbour (the largest in Europe), the Bournemouth International Centre, numerous cinemas, health clubs, and shopping centres - all of this and BU is only two hours from

**Thank you for joining me for this  
webinar presentation..**

**Any Questions ?**