

MARINE & NATURAL HISTORY PHOTOGRAPHY AT FALMOUTH

WELCOME TO BA(HONS) MARINE & NATURAL HISTORY PHOTOGRAPHY AT FALMOUTH.

Your offer

Please remember that if you have been made a conditional offer to study at Falmouth, your place is subject to meeting those conditions. Conditional means that we are waiting to receive your results, or some more information, before your place is finalised. You can see any conditions in [UCAS Track](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Admissions team on 01326 213730 or email admissions@falmouth.ac.uk.

First week of term

Your first official day of attendance will be **Monday 12 September 2016**. Please report to the **Exchange Lecture Theatre, First Floor, Exchange Building, Penryn Campus** at **10am** for a welcome talk.

You can download a copy of the [Penryn Campus map](#) from the Contact page of our website [here](#).

Your first week at Falmouth will be an induction and orientation week. There will be important inductions for both the Marine & Natural History Photography course and the wider university, in addition to a number of social activities. You will also be given course outlines and timetables.

Although this week of activity is aimed at first year students it is important that you attend as you will be introduced to essential information about the university. Please introduce yourself to staff as a student who will be directly entering the second year.

MyTimetable

<https://mytimetable.falmouth.ac.uk/> available from 1 September 2016.

This is the link to MyTimetable, your online academic calendar which shows all scheduled learning activities and your course timetable. It will be available from 1 September 2016, however, timetables can be subject to change. To keep up to date, we recommend that you export the feed to your chosen device (mobile, tablet, laptop or desktop). An induction will be offered on the use of MyTimetable during freshers' week. Students will have access to their individual student timetables, where appropriate, once they have completed their online enrolment and IT induction.

Pre-course preparation

Materials and equipment list and costs

Essential

You are required to have your own DSLR camera system and all the items listed below. If purchasing a new camera, consider getting Nikon or Canon as we mainly keep lenses and accessories for these systems. You will be able to borrow university equipment during term

time and to support field trips. You may also be able to purchase second-hand items from current students.

You will largely be working with digital imaging. **Please note the items marked in bold are items you will need in the first week of the course.**

- **Digital SLR camera** of reasonable quality **with manual over-ride** to any automatic settings. Nikon or Canon are recommended as they are compatible with University equipment (Approximately £500-£1,000).
- **CF and SD memory cards (High Speed) minimum 4Gb, but higher recommended** (Approximately £25).
- **USB card reader for the above** (Approximately £10).
- **USB external hard drive, minimum 250Gb recommended** (Approximately £50-£100).
- Lens hood and UV/Skylight filter for each of your lenses (Approximately £50).
- DSLR cable release for your camera model (Approximately £15).
- **Camera equipment holdall** – large enough for extra items you may wish to use/purchase during the course (Approximately £50-£100).
- **Sturdy tripod** (Approximately £100-£200).
- **16"x12" Print Box** for storing prints and submitting them for assessments (Approximately £20).
- **Academic Year Diary or equivalent electronic device** (Approximately £3)
- In addition, there will be a number of stationery items that you will need to purchase during the course such as notepads, A4 binders, pens etc. (Approximately £20).

You may need to purchase additional items to suit your developing practice as you progress through the course. Tutors will give advice where needed to support the purchase of additional equipment.

Personal items

Essential

By the very nature of the course, you will be expected to work in all sorts of locations and weather conditions. It is therefore essential that you come fully prepared with the right sort of personal clothing to protect yourself from the elements and meet risk assessment requirements. This list is not exclusive, so please use it as a guide; you should be able to equip yourself for the outdoors for approximately £150:

- Anorak or weather/wind proof jacket.
- Warm headgear.
- Strong waterproof boots/shoes.
- Wellington boots.
- Gloves.
- Waterproof trousers, as jeans are not always appropriate, particularly in wet weather.
- Mobile phone for emergencies.

Optional

Binoculars 8x30. These can be purchased in Falmouth from Associated Photography with prices ranging from £20-£150. The course has negotiated a discount of 20-30% depending on brand. You will need to show your student ID card (issued when you have enrolled and are on campus) but you should shop around for the best price.

One of the main features that brings students to Falmouth is access to the sea. Even though the climate is milder than most of the UK it is advisable to wear a wetsuit if you plan to be in the water for a prolonged period. Wetsuits and snorkelling kit can be hired for approximately £15, or purchased for between £20-£100.

Tuition fees (per year)

2016-17 full-time UK/EU: £9,000

2016-17 full-time International: £15,000

During your course

Materials and equipment list and costs

Essential

You are expected to provide most of the photographic materials yourself such as film, printing paper and so on. The actual cost will depend on the amount of work you do, and, of course, wastage. You are advised to allow approximately £350 for materials per year. This is important as you will be required to have your portfolio pictures professionally printed, as well as all essays and other written submissions professionally bound for assessment.

Study trips and costs

Essential

There will be a number of local field trips during the course. There is no additional charge for any compulsory trip.

Optional

There are a number of optional field trips in the UK and abroad. The costs of these vary. For example, last year we ran trips to the Cairngorms (at approximately £600 per person) and a trip to the Galapagos Islands (at approximately £2,500 per person). Some students also participate in university-wide expeditions with science students from Exeter University. It should be stressed that, whilst undoubtedly offering an excellent experience, these trips are not essential for successful completion of the course.

Underwater photography element

Optional

You will be aware that underwater photography is an optional part of the course. As you will be entering directly into the second year you will need to contact Gaynor Bennett, our 2nd Year Tutor and PADI Staff Instructor, if you wish to participate in this option. She will be able to discuss your individual requirements and assess your level of experience. Her email is gaynor.bennett@falmouth.ac.uk. Depending on your requirements and level of experience the likely cost of the Year 2 diving course will be £350.

Enrolment and Student Terms & Conditions

You will receive an email two weeks prior to the start of term with details of how to enrol online. All students must enrol online before the first day of term in order to be officially

registered as a student of Falmouth University. If you plan to receive an undergraduate student loan, you must enrol to have your money released to you.

As part of your enrolment, you will be required to agree to and comply with the University's Student Terms & Conditions. These Terms & Conditions are important and we encourage you to read them carefully, prior to enrolling online. They can be found on our Regulations, Policies and Procedures web page under 'Student Terms & Conditions' [here](#).

During the coming weeks, you will be emailed important information for new students. If you will be away, please ask someone else to check your emails regularly and reply on your behalf.

We know that there's a lot to do to prepare before the start of your course. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to call our Admissions team for advice on 01326 213730 or email admissions@falmouth.ac.uk.

If you would like to download and print a copy of this email, please go to www.falmouth.ac.uk/new-students/welcome-letters.

Enjoy the next couple of months and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely

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