

GAME ART AT FALMOUTH

WELCOME TO BA(HONS) GAME ART AT FALMOUTH.

Your offer

If you have a conditional offer, your place is subject to meeting those conditions. This means we're waiting to receive your results or some more information before your place can be finalised. You can see these conditions using [UCAS Track](#)

If you need to ask us anything about your offer, get in touch with our Admissions team on 01326 213730, use Live Chat on our website or email admissions@falmouth.ac.uk.

First week of term

Your first day of attendance will be **Monday 18 September 2017**. Please report for your welcome talk at **Daphne Du Maurier Lecture Theatre A, Penryn Campus** at **10am**.

This is the week when you'll meet your course mates, course tutors and the university staff. There will be important inductions for both the course and the wider university, in addition to a number of social activities. You will also be given course outlines and timetables.

Between the Games courses, the University and the Students Union, we have a full and exciting first week planned out for you all. Induction week will include some fun activities, as well as some more important introductions to your new career as a Falmouth games student. This is the beginning of an exciting course and new approach to games at university, and we can't wait to start making games with you.

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

MyTimetable

<https://mytimetable.falmouth.ac.uk/> available from 14 September 2017

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 14 September 2017, 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 2017. Students have access to their individual student timetables, once they have completed their online enrolment and IT induction.

Pre-course preparation

Project

Essential

Go to a local museum, castle, National Trust or other old building with interesting objects within. Choose three interesting objects while you are there. Photograph them and sketch and draw them using any materials you feel comfortable with. Think about their shape, scale,

texture, colour, material and how they interact with light. Draw them again when you get home. Then, when you feel you've a good understanding of the objects' properties, take elements of each to create a new hybrid object. Name it and write a short backstory about that new hybrid object. You can do this as a written paragraph or as a comic strip or storyboard. Put all these in a portfolio, alongside the original photographs (printouts or show us the photos on your phone) and bring them along to Fresher's Week.

Optional

Studio creative director Professor Tanya Krzywinska suggests that you do lots of drawing of characters and landscapes/environment studies. It's important to start getting used to drawing/painting in art software like Photoshop (£16.22/mo educational licensing) or Sketchbook Pro (free). Also, it would be beneficial to download the free trial of Autodesk Maya and work through its tutorials.

Tuition fees (per year)

2017-18 full-time UK/EU: £9,250

2017-18 full-time International: £15,000

During your course

Materials and equipment list and costs

Essential

- Pencils- Royal & Langnickel sketching pencil set £4.99
- Craft knife-Olfa metal multipurpose craft knife 9mm £7.78
- Blending stumps- BESTIM INCUK 12 pieces blending stumps and tortillions £1.99
- Charcoal sticks- Coates willow charcoal assorted 30 pieces £3.70
- Charcoal pencils- Derwent charcoal pencils 6 tin (1x light, 2x medium, 2x dark, 1x white) £6.79
- Steel rule- Helix 12'/30cm steel rule T31010 £2.79
- Cutting mat- A4cutting mat-non slip-self healing £2.53
- Portfolio- Black academy case A2 £14.26
- Sketchpad- Daler-Rowney A3 series A spiral cartridge pad £9.20
- Sketchbook- Seawhite black cloth cover sketchbook 140gsm portrait A5 £4.95
- Pencil case- Derwent Canvas pencil wrap £6.99
- Pastels- Inscribe soft pastel set 64 colours £9.05

Optional

- Watercolour- Windsor & Newton Cotman watercolour paints-12 half pans £7.80
- Watercolour brushes- Pro arte professional artist academy paint brushes (set of 5) £6.95
- Acrylics- Daler- Rowney system 3 acrylic paint introduction set £12.99
- Acrylic brushes- Pro arte brush wallet series C hog £6.95

You do not have to bring your own development-capable computer, since there are machines in the studio space. However, access to these is not guaranteed, especially at peak times of the year. Therefore, **purchasing a machine of your own is highly recommended** and will make teamwork and team contribution substantially easier if it is a laptop.

Below you will find some guidance from our studio technician and some example computer specifications.

Laptop and Desktop Advice.

When choosing between a laptop and a desktop it's important to consider that desktops ultimately are better in value, have a longer life span, have better air flow and are upgradeable. Laptops provide portability, but will have a shorter life span, cost more and usually aren't as upgradeable.

It's important to note that the example systems have not been tested and are given only as a guide to systems that would be appropriate for the course. Any system that you consider purchasing make sure to do some research.

Graphics Card (GPU)

A dedicated graphics card is essential for either system you choose, laptop or desktop. A dedicated GPU will be able to run more intensive graphically demanding software like Unreal Engine or Substance Painter.

It's important to note that Laptop GPU'S are not as powerful as desktop GPU'S regardless of similar naming.

Display

When buying a display, it is important that it is at least FHD 1920x1080 IPS, IPS monitors will allow better viewing angles and won't distort the colours as much. Cheaper laptops will often put lower resolution screens with poor viewing to lower the price. Make sure that any display you get is at least 1920x1080 IPS.

Matte vs Gloss

Matte screens will help reduce glare by diffusing the light, however, you will lose colour clarity. Gloss screens will give much more vivid colours but can become impossible to work on in sunlight. If you're not concerned about glare, I would recommend a Glossy monitor.

Hard Drive

SSD Hard drives are ultimately faster but will cost more than a standard HDD. A good setup is having software and the operating system running from an SSD and keeping all your files on an extra HDD.

Laptop Specs

Minimum Specs

- Processor: Quad Core I5 6th Gen 2.5ghz
- Display: 1920x1080 FHD IPS Gloss/Matte
- Graphics Card: 2GB 960m
- RAM: 8GB
- Storage: HDD 500GB
- OS: Windows 10

Recommended specs

- Processor: Quad Core I7 6th or 7th Gen
- Display: 1920x1080 FHD IPS Gloss/Matte
- Graphics Card: 4GB 1050TI
- Ram: 16GB
- Storage: 256SSD 1TBHDD
- OS: Windows 10

Examples

The prices listed here were taken at the time of writing and may vary.

<http://www.ebuyer.com/770451-msi-gl62-7qf-gaming-laptop-backpack-9s7-16j562-1672>

Cost: £599.98

- Intel KabyLake Core i5-7300HQ 2.5GHz
- 8GB RAM + 1TB HDD
- 15.6" Full HD + DVDRW
- NVIDIA GTX960M 2GB
- WIFI + Windows 10 Home

<http://www.ebuyer.com/780144-pc-specialist-optimus-viii-v15-gt-gaming-laptop-pcs-l1175448>

Cost: £989.98

- Intel Core i7-7700HQ 2.80GHz
- 8GB DDR4 + 1TB HDD + 256GB SSD
- 15.6" LED + WIFI + Bluetooth
- NVIDIA GTX 1050 Ti 4GB
- Windows 10 Home

<http://www.ebuyer.com/780146-pc-specialist-defiance-iii-v15-st-gaming-laptop-pcs-l1167891>

Cost: £1349.98

- Intel Core i7-7700HQ 2.80GHz
- 16GB DDR4 + 2TB HDD + 256GB SSD
- 15.6" Full HD + WIFI + Bluetooth
- NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1060 6GB
- Windows 10 Home

Desktop Specs

Minimum Specs

- Processor: Quad Core I5 6th Gen 2.5ghz
- Graphics Card: GTX 970
- RAM: 8GB
- Storage: HDD 500GB
- OS: Windows 10

Recommended specs

- Processor: Quad Core I7 6th or 7th Gen 3.6GHz
- Graphics Card: GTX 1070
- Ram: 16GB
- Storage: 256SSD 1TBHDD
- OS: Windows 10

Examples

Prices listed at time of writing, prices may vary. Also note that this does not include the cost of a monitor, keyboard and mouse.

<http://www.ebuyer.com/store/Computer/cat/Gaming-PC/subcat/Intel>

Cost: £679.97

- Intel Core i5-6400 2.7GHz
- 8GB RAM + 2TB HDD
- NVIDIA GTX 1050Ti 4GB
- WIFI + Windows 10 Home 64bit
- 3 Year Collect and Return warranty

<http://www.ebuyer.com/store/Computer/cat/Gaming-PC/subcat/Intel>

Cost: £1146.22

- Intel Core i7-7700 3.6GHz
- 16GB RAM + 1TB HDD + 120GB SSD
- NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1070 8GB
- Windows 10 Home 64bit
- 3 Year Manufacturer Warranty

<http://www.ebuyer.com/750995-chillblast-fusion-alpha-gaming-pc-cbfusalpha>

Cost: £1499.99

- Intel Core i7-7700K Quad Core 4.4GHz (OC)
- 16GB DDR4 + 250GB SSD
- 2TB SATA HDD
- NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1080 8GB
- Windows 10 64bit

Reading list and costs

Essential

Robertson, S., 2013. *How to draw*. Titan Books. RRP £22.14
Vertex Ebooks. Free. Available at <http://artbypapercut.com/>

Optional

Totten, C., 2014. *An architectural approach to level design*. CRC Press. RRP £32.89

Hampton, M., 2010. *Figure drawing: design and invention*. Hampton. RRP £20.39

Enrolment and Student Terms & Conditions

You'll get an email two weeks before the start of term telling you how to enrol online. You'll need to enrol before the first day of term to officially register as a student of Falmouth University and receive an undergraduate student loan.

When you enrol, you'll need 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, before enrolling. You can find them under 'Student Terms & Conditions' on our [website](#).

Over the next few weeks we'll email you more important information about your course and life at Falmouth. If you're going to be away or out of contact, make sure you ask someone to check your emails and reply on your behalf.

We know all of this can seem overwhelming and preparing for your course can involve a lot. So we're here to help. If you have any questions at all, just get in touch with Admissions on 01326 213730, use Live Chat on our website or email admissions@falmouth.ac.uk.

Finally, if you've not done so yet, please feel free to add me on Facebook (facebook.com/falmouthgames) and I can then add you to the Academy's Facebook group once your conditional offers are confirmed. We can then all start getting to know each other and you can also meet current students, as well as the other tutors.

The Digital Games mentors (current students who are looking to help new students get started and settled in) will also contact you about their dedicated Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gamescoursesfalmouth17.20> where you can read course FAQs and ask questions.

I look forward to seeing you soon; please do email me with any questions or queries at douglas.brown@falmouth.ac.uk.

Finally, we wish you an enjoyable and creative time before the course starts and we're looking forward to welcoming you to Falmouth in September.

Yours sincerely

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