

## PRESS & EDITORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AT FALMOUTH

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WELCOME TO BA(HONS) PRESS & EDITORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AT FALMOUTH.

We're getting in touch with some important information about your course and to tell you about some things you need to know as you prepare to join us in September.

Based on the positive feedback received on elements of the online learning experience during the pandemic, we are adopting a Falmouth approach to digitally enhanced learning from 2021/22. This has a clear core focus on in-person learning activities and stays true to our creative culture by maximising your directed studio and workshop time, but your education will now also be enhanced with a mixture of real-time and guided online learning that can be engaged with in your own time. Making the most of technology to support your learning provides a way to enhance your experience in our world-class facilities and creates a more inclusive, creative, and flexible way for you to learn.

Our on-campus courses are designed to give you hands-on experience so we will only move to fully online delivery if we are required to do so by Government. But whatever happens, digitally enhanced learning means our plans are flexible enough to accommodate changing circumstances.

Based on the current Government roadmap, we anticipate there will be no social distancing restrictions in place in our teaching spaces. However, the reality is that we may be living with Covid-19 for a long time to come, so we are also putting in place mitigating measures to keep the campus community safe and can quickly reintroduce social distancing measures, if required. It is likely that measures such as face coverings inside, hand sanitation stations, regular Covid testing and track and trace will remain, as we follow the latest Government guidance both on and off campus.

In summary we are committed to an approach to learning and teaching that maximises access to our fantastic physical and human resources on our campuses. An approach that takes the best lessons learned from the last 12 months and the digital technology advances and applies them. An approach that encompasses:

- Digital provision where this is better
- A hybrid combination of digital and face-to-face in-person where we can offer the flexibility and choice to students and
- In-person on campus provision as much as possible for the rest which should always be the majority.

To engage in the digital learning activity, you will need a laptop to access the tools used. We recognise this means you also need access to industry-standard software so you will be provided with free access to the Microsoft Office suite, (including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) while you study at Falmouth.

If you also need to use Adobe Creative Cloud, you can purchase an annual licence for this coming year. It will be available from the University's registration portal once you have enrolled with us, at a significantly reduced price of £48 per user. The cost remains the same no matter when you make the purchase after enrolment and will expire on 13 August 2022. If you should leave your course within three weeks of starting, we will refund the cost of your licence, but no refund is possible after this time.

If you are worried about being able to afford any equipment, additional financial support may be available through the Falmouth University Hardship Fund which aims to consider any unforeseen financial issues which might arise. Further details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

### **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 <https://track.ucas.com/>

If you need to ask us anything about your offer, get in touch with our Applicant Services team on 01326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email [applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk)

### **MyTimetable**

Your academic timetable shows all scheduled learning activities and your course timetable. From 7 September 2021, you can view your timetable at [this link](#), or via the Falmouth University App. You can download the app by searching the Google Play Store or Apple Store.

### **Tuition fees (per year)**

2021-2022 full-time UK: £9,250

2021-2022 full-time International: £16,950

### **First Week of Term**

Your first day of attendance will be **Monday 13 September 2021**.

First year students begin a week earlier than second and third year students so that you have the opportunity to attend a series of essential inductions, allowing you to use the facilities in the Photography Centre and to familiarise yourself with the Penryn Campus, as well as to get to know your tutors and classmates. We also have excursions and shooting trips planned and it's a fun week.

### **Pre-Course Preparation**

#### **What you need to bring with you in September:**

The equipment stores and facilities at Falmouth University provide a comprehensive variety of all necessary equipment, but there are certain essentials that incoming Press & Editorial Photography students should have at the start of term in order to be able to fully participate in course work and to be able to work independently. The costs will be approximately £600 – £1000 and all of these should support you for the full three years.

The most important things you need to have are:

- Due to COVID-19 and blended learning, a laptop will be an essential piece of equipment along with a reliable broadband connection (if you are living in University

accommodation you will have this). Either Mac or PC is fine, it is up to you as we use both. Do your research and get the best one you can afford. Your laptop will be an essential tool for photography editing and academic writing and a good one will last you for your University years and beyond.

- Digital SLR camera capable of shooting RAW files with manual over-ride of any automatic settings and extra memory cards. You do NOT need to have a brand-new top of the line camera, just something that you are comfortable working with.
- An external hard drive of at least 500 GB to back up your work. We also recommend having cloud storage as further backup, like Google drive.

Other items that will be important to you:

- Camera equipment holdall, large enough for extra items you may wish to use/purchase during the course. We particularly recommend photo backpacks rather than traditional camera bag as they are more ergonomic and more secure.

### **During Your Course**

#### **Materials and Equipment List and Costs**

##### **Essential**

As a medium, photography is constantly developing, and our figures are intended as a guide of anticipated expenditure on the course for 2021/2022

It is anticipated that total extra costs would be approximately £1800 per year. This will cover film, travel, trips, paper and any other sundries. The equipment costs indicated vary depending on the brand/type of equipment you choose to purchase.

Your photographic practice will develop over the next three years of the course and there may be other equipment you want to purchase. It's possible to buy very good quality second-hand photographic equipment. Once you are established on the course, you will also find many students who are selling and swapping equipment.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of these equipment requirements, do not hesitate to get in touch with me at [gretchen.viehmenn@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:gretchen.viehmenn@falmouth.ac.uk)

### **Study Trips and Costs**

##### **Essential**

There will be a number of educational trips during the three years of the course. They are an integral part of your studies, and you are expected to take part to enrich your studies.

### **Third Year Exhibition**

In your third year you are encouraged to exhibit your work in the Degree Shows on campus, as well as in a group exhibition in a location of the year group's choosing. Students are required to pay for these exhibitions (many choose to Crowdfund or otherwise fundraise). Depending on the medium you choose to exhibit in, such as prints, multimedia or publications, and the off-site venue in which the year group chooses to exhibit, estimated costs will be £200.

### **Student Mentor Scheme**

Join the Student Mentors on Facebook to talk about the course, living in Cornwall and what to expect at Falmouth. Our mentors have already done the first year of the course, so ask them anything you like:

[www.facebook.com/groups/photographyfalmouth202124](https://www.facebook.com/groups/photographyfalmouth202124)

If you're not on Facebook, you can still speak to a Student Mentor. Email your name and the course you're starting to: [studentmentors@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:studentmentors@falmouth.ac.uk) and we will be in touch with you.

### **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 [falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations](https://falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations)

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 Applicant Services on 01326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email [applicantservices@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:applicantservices@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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