

# FALMOUTH

## UNIVERSITY

### FASHION STYLING & ART DIRECTION BA(HONS) WITH PLACEMENT YEAR

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Dear [NAME]

Welcome to Fashion Styling & Art Direction with Placement Year at Falmouth.

We're super excited that you have confirmed your place with us and we look forward to building amazing fashion worlds with you over the next four years!

We're getting in touch with some important information about your course that will help you as you prepare to join us.

In preparation for the start of your projects in September, we would like you to document/record a cultural/visual arts experience which you have attended over the Summer. This could be a museum, exhibition, gallery, festival, concert, gig, screening or any other event which you've enjoyed and stimulated your imagination. This will form part of a getting to know each other task in Welcome Week.

At the end of this letter, you will find a list of equipment that you should bring with you, as well as any other costs that you might incur throughout your course.

Your academic experience will be predominantly in person with some courses using a small amount of digital resources to support your learning. To engage in the digital learning activity, although you will be able to access IT suites on campus, you will benefit from a laptop to access the platforms and tools we use. You will be provided with free access to the Microsoft Office suite, (including Word, Excel and PowerPoint) while you study at Falmouth.

If you are eligible for a loan from Student Finance and have not yet applied, please do so immediately to ensure the loan is approved before you enrol. Once you enrol you are liable for the tuition fees. You can find more information from the Student Loans Company at: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company) Advice on managing your finances whilst studying can be found on the University's website here: [falmouth.ac.uk/study/student-funding/how-much-does-it-cost](http://falmouth.ac.uk/study/student-funding/how-much-does-it-cost)

Over the summer, you can join our Step into Falmouth Sessions. These online workshops are designed to provide advice and guidance on settling into university life.

They are scheduled to take place across three weeks in July and August. Some of them will also be also recorded so you can watch them back at a time that suits you. More information can be found at [falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/step-into-falmouth](http://falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/step-into-falmouth).

Over the summer, if you have any questions, you can join the Student Mentor team on Discord to talk about the course, living in Cornwall and what to expect at Falmouth. Our mentors are already studying on your course, so ask them anything you like. Find them at [falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/mentoring](http://falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/mentoring). Alternatively, email your name and your course to: [studentmentors@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:studentmentors@falmouth.ac.uk) and they will be in touch.

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 there is a lot to think about before you start at university. So, we're here to help. If you have any questions, just get in touch with Applicant Services on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email [applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk)

Finally, we wish you an enjoyable summer and we're looking forward to welcoming you to Falmouth in September.

Yours sincerely,

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## Getting started

### 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 on your UCAS Hub

<https://accounts.ucas.com/account/login>

If you need to ask us anything about your offer, get in touch with our Applicant Services team on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email [applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk)

### 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 your 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 [www.falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations](http://www.falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations)

### Tuition fees (per year)

2023-2024 full-time UK: £9,250

2023-2024 full-time International: £17,460

2023-24 placement year: £1,850

### Term dates

You can find our term dates on the website at [falmouth.ac.uk/experience/term-dates/term-dates-2023-24](http://falmouth.ac.uk/experience/term-dates/term-dates-2023-24)

Study Block 1 starts on Monday 18 September.

Teaching and assessment will be throughout the full 15 weeks of the study blocks.

### Your timetable

Your academic timetable shows all scheduled learning activities and your course timetable. It will be published in early September. After you've enrolled, you can view it via the Student Portal at [falmouth.myday.cloud/](http://falmouth.myday.cloud/) or the Falmouth University App. You can download the app by searching the Google Play Store or Apple Store.

### Welcome Week

Your timetable will show you where you need to go and when on Monday 18 September and throughout the week.

This is the week when you'll meet your course-mates, course tutors and University staff. There will be important inductions to both your course and the wider University facilities and services, in addition to social activities organised by the University and Students' Union.

## Materials and equipment list

You will have access to University computers and laptop, but if you are considering purchasing your own machine to allow more flexibility, we recommend that it has minimum 512Gb, ideally 1Tb SSD and has 16Gb RAM, USB-C and that it is capable of running Adobe Creative Cloud (e.g. Photoshop, InDesign) NB: Our workshops are delivered using Apple computers.

### Essential

- **External Hard Drive:**

1 x (Post-Production HD) Portable Hard Drive SSD (*fast*) are preferable for video editing (Adobe Premier) and working with photography databases (Adobe Lightroom). Example model: Samsung T5 (500Gb or 1Tb) USB-C.

1 x (Content | Back-Up HD) Portable external hard drive (2Tb recommended) USB 3.0 - approximate cost £60. If budget permits an SSD would be beneficial for video editing (Adobe Premier) and working with photography databases (Adobe Lightroom). Samsung T

### Materials and equipment list and costs

You will have a number of recurring annual costs for materials, as indicated below:

- General printing costs – approximately £150 per year (based on colour page printing at 26p per sheet for contact-sheets, image selection, reports and essays).
- Publication / Zine Printing, between £30 - £100 per year
- Styling kit, such as pins, elastic bands, sewing kit and bulldog clips, suitcase on wheels
- Adobe Creative Cloud Suite subscription £50 per year arranged through the University portal on arrival.

### Professional placement

You can access support from the University Employability team to help you prepare and search for placement opportunities. Usually, students undertake paid placements so you should be able to earn whilst you are working. Depending on where your placement is, you will need to be prepared to factor in costs such as accommodation, costs of travel, etc. If you are unable to find a suitable placement, you will be able to transfer to the 3-year version of the course.

### Optional study trips and costs

You will have the chance to undertake various optional study visits and independent research trips for the course duration. These will be arranged through educational travel specialists to include all appropriate insurance. The early notice is shared to enable you to plan for the trip in advance.

