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WELCOME TO BA PHOTOGRAPHY ONLINE AT FALMOUTH

Dear (Insert Name)

Welcome to Photography Online at Falmouth. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in September and building our community together. We are getting in touch with some valuable information about your course and some things you will need to know as you prepare to join us in September.

In this letter you will find details about the online learning environment and your student advisors, a list of resources and how you can prepare for your studies, information about your offer, term dates, costs, and course enrolment.

The course is studied wholly online, which means you will need a laptop or computer to complete your studies. 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 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

Virtual Learning Environment

During your time studying with us you will have access to our dedicated Virtual Learning Environment. This provides a space to engage with course materials and connect with your lecturers and fellow students. Each degree has a 'Course Hub' which you will be able to access via the Virtual Learning Environment. From there, you will be able to use our online forums to discuss your work with other students. Your Course Hub also contains useful information regarding resource lists, course toolkits and assessment guidance to help keep you on track. You will also have access to a 'Student Hub' which covers support, regulations, and study skills for your time at Falmouth.

During Welcome Week, starting on the 18th of September, you will have dedicated time and support to get to know our Virtual Learning Environment.

Step into Falmouth induction sessions

These online workshops are designed to provide advice and guidance on settling into university life. The live sessions are scheduled to take place across six weeks in July and August. Some of them will also be 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

Student Advisors

During your studies at Falmouth, you will be assigned a Student Advisor, who will be your first point of contact for non-academic questions or queries. These may include:

- Study-life balance
- The academic calendar
- Applying for Extenuating Circumstances (EC)
- Face-to-face events

Student Advisors work closely with Academic staff, Student Services and the Students' Union to support students.

Student Advisors are here to improve your student experience. Do not hesitate to get in touch with them - they will be happy to hear from you. The team operates a shared inbox to ensure all queries are responded to within 24hrs, Monday to Friday. You can get in touch with the Student Advisor team by emailing: StudentExperience@falmouth.ac.uk or calling +44(0)1326 255251.

We know you will get a lot of information over the next few months, so please do reach out if you would like to ask any questions at all. We're here to help. If you have any questions at all, just get in touch with Applicant Services on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk.

Finally, we wish you an enjoyable and creative time before the course starts and we're looking forward to welcoming you onto the course in September. If you have any questions about the program's academic content and structure, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Catarina Fontoura
Course Leader

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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 are waiting to receive your results or some more information before your place can be finalised. 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

Welcome Week

You will begin your course on **Monday 18 September 2023** and this first week is a welcome week. This is your opportunity to familiarise yourself with the online platform. You'll be invited to meet your course mates, course tutors and the University staff. This week is about you navigating the online space, meeting your peers, and staff, and setting yourself up.

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 at 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 falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations

Tuition fees (per year)

2023-24 full time accelerated: £10,400

Materials and equipment list, reading list and costs

As this Photography degree course is studied wholly online, as well as a computer or laptop, you will need a reliable broadband connection. You may wish to investigate the cost of a broadband plug-in dongle if you travel a lot or are worried about your internet usage or connection.

You will also need the Adobe Creative Cloud suite. We anticipate that there will be a discounted annual subscription available through the University before the start of your course. We will confirm this with you as soon as possible.

You will need a camera, preferably a DSRL Digital Camera and a tripod. The cost for these can vary, depending on brand and models. You will need SD memory cards and an external hard drive to back up all your work. We will be making recommendations during the course for accessories and materials you can add to your kit, such a lighting and digital editing tools, these are optional, however. From September you will have experts to help you make decisions about kit and offering technical advice and support.

You will also need to consider ongoing printing costs for projects and experimentation undertaken, which can be between approximately £100 and £200. This will be less should you work from analogue to digital or with film or animation. This cost is down to how you finish and produce your work and the production services you use.

Recommended reading list and costs

Once on the course your resource list is varied including scanned in sections of books from the library, podcasts, videos, and documentaries. You will be given further reading lists for the rest of the course as you progress through the course (many can be found new/used online). You may wish to buy some of these books and should allow up to £100-£200 for books and publications across the duration of the course.

As preparation for the first year of your degree, you may wish to find start looking through some of the following resources:

Books:

Cotton, Charlotte. *The Photograph as Contemporary Art*. Third edition. Thames & Hudson, 2014.

Bate, D. (2016). *Photography: The Key Concepts* (2nd ed.). Routledge.

Magazines and Publications:

Aperture

<https://aperture.org/magazine/>

From \$59.95 a year

British Journal of Photography

<https://www.1854.photography/>

From £24 a year

1000 words Online Magazine

<https://www.1000wordsmag.com/>

Free

Source Magazine

<https://www.source.ie/>

Websites and Podcasts:

Lens Culture

<https://www.lensculture.com/>

Phases Mag

<https://www.phasesmag.com/>

The Messy Truth Podcast

<https://play.acast.com/s/themessytruth>

Face-to-Face Events: optional

As an online student you will be given the opportunity to attend up to two events per academic year to meet your classmates and tutors in person. Dates and location of the events will vary. These trips are not mandatory, although they are a fantastic opportunity to meet your peers and staff in person and build connections.

Costs of the events themselves are covered, however you will need to cover your own costs for travel, accommodation, food, and drink. More information about these events will be given to you when you start your course, but you should expect them to cost between £100-800 depending on the location and duration.

Once a year, in the early summer, we will hold a face-to-face event at Falmouth University to make the most of the facilities available here, such as darkrooms, studios and editing suites. We recommend that you start saving funds or fundraising for the Summer of 2024, so that you can participate.

