



T LEVELS:
CRAFT AND DESIGN



WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are a Level 3, two-year technical programme that provide you with a high-quality alternative to A Levels. They have been developed in collaboration with employers, and combine theory, practical and classroom learning with a minimum 45-day industry placement. If you opt to take a T Level you will spend 20% of your time on an industry placement and 80% in the classroom.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a Higher Apprenticeship or study a university degree, as T Levels are awarded UCAS points.

We offer the following T Levels in Craft and Design.

- ↗ Ceramics Maker
- ↗ Textiles and Fashion Maker

This subject area has been chosen not only to give a wide variety of choice to our students but also to align with anticipated high demand skill areas for Greater Manchester and the wider North West region in the coming years.



WHO CAN STUDY A T LEVEL?

T Levels can be studied by any young person aged 16-18 and students up to age 24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

If you are interested in taking a T Level you will need to achieve the below entry requirements:

- ↗ Minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and maths
- ↗ Attend an interview with a portfolio of work demonstrating skills, knowledge and dedication in Art, Craft and Design
- ↗ Attend our Jump Start to T Levels programme.

If you don't quite achieve these grades and would still like to pursue a T Level there is the option of a one-year T Level Foundation Year, which will then allow you to move on to a T Level the following year and gain a qualification at the same time*. Additionally you may still be accepted on a T Level if you successfully complete the Jump Start to T Levels programme and interview regardless of achieved grades.

We offer the following T Level Foundation Year programmes as part of our Industry Excellence Academy:

- ↗ Ceramics
- ↗ Textiles and Fashion

*Subject to meeting the course requirements.



JUMP START TO T LEVELS

Both our T Levels and T Level Foundation Year require completion of our Jump Start to T Levels programme as an entry requirement.

The Jump Start programme is a two-week introduction to our Industry Excellence Academy, T Level and T Level Foundation Year programmes, where students can meet their tutors and experience what learning at The Manchester College is like.

Students will take part in a learning experience to demonstrate their creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills, as well as their resilience, timekeeping and commitment.

The programme is designed to inspire students to think and create like craft and design professionals.

Topics covered on the Jump Start programme include:

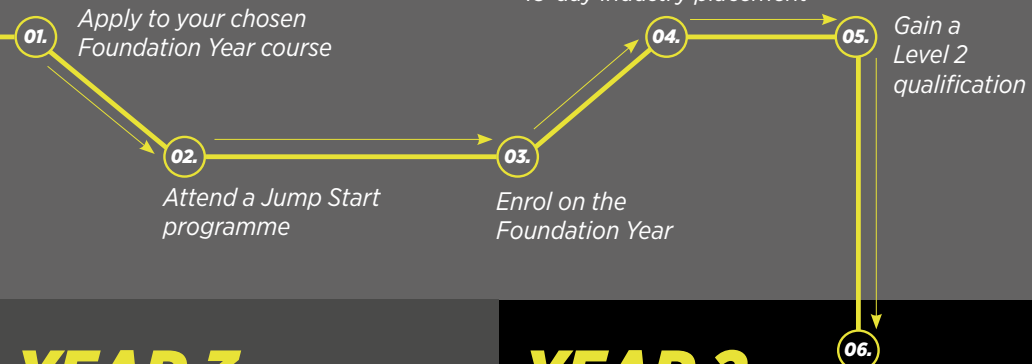
- ⬆ An introduction to Craft and Design
- ⬆ The Creative Economy
- ⬆ Audience and Consumer Needs
- ⬆ Basic craft skills.



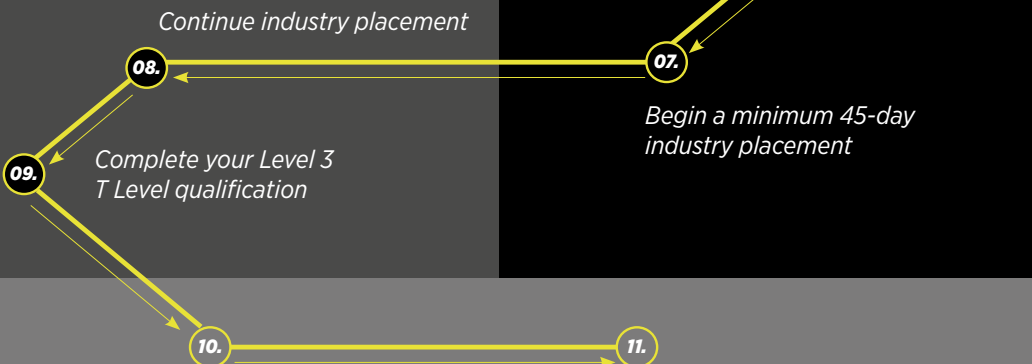
JOURNEY TO T LEVELS

YEAR 1

(If you don't have the grades for a T Level)



YEAR 3



YEAR 2

Guaranteed progression onto a HE course at UCEN Manchester

Progress onto another university course, into a Higher Apprenticeship or into a career

YEAR 4

(If you choose to progress to UCEN Manchester)



THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE **T** AWARD

Those successful in gaining a place on the T Levels will be eligible for the '**T Award**', a package of benefits that includes:

- ⤴ £300 per year bursary*
- ⤴ Free branded work wear
- ⤴ Access to industry standard technologies
- ⤴ Opportunity to take part in exciting college-wide competitions
- ⤴ Minimum 20% delivery by industry experts
- ⤴ Guaranteed progression to a Higher Education course at UCEN Manchester
- ⤴ Bursary incentive if progressing to UCEN Manchester
- ⤴ Minimum 45-day industry placement
- ⤴ Digital upskilling
- ⤴ Masterclasses
- ⤴ Industry standard laptop
- ⤴ And much more.

*Subject to requirements including 95% attendance, positive attitude and grade profile.

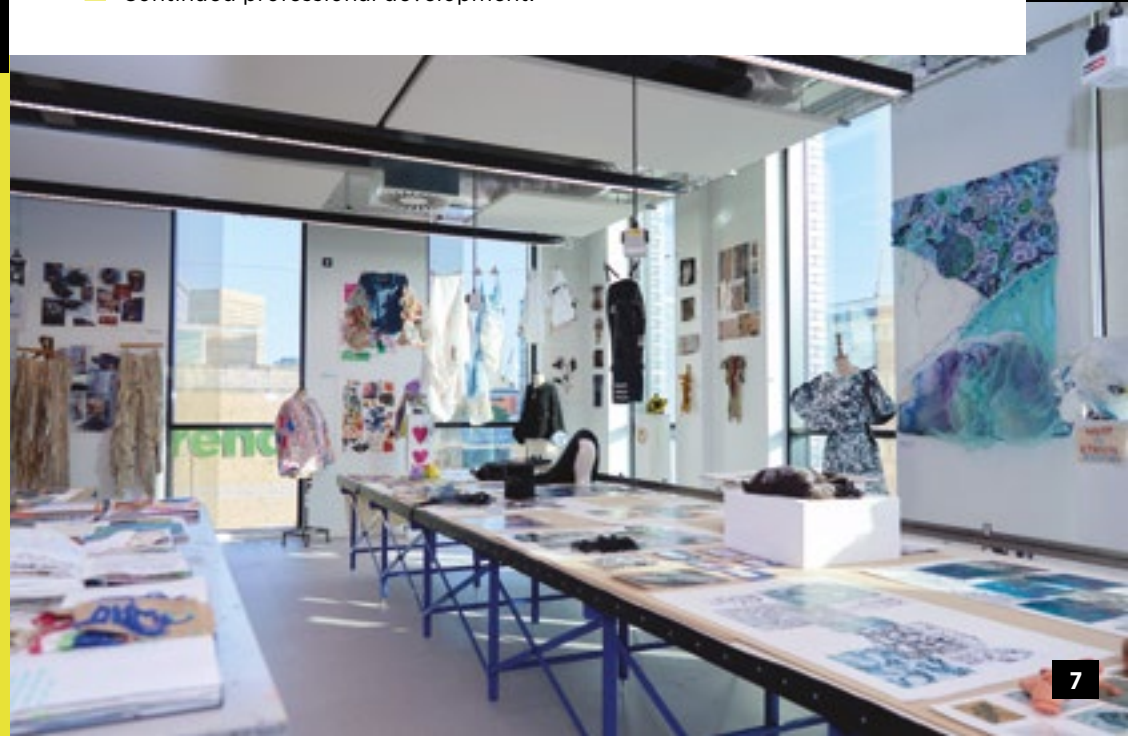
OUR COURSES

Our courses have been co-developed and are co-delivered by our industry partners to meet the needs of industry and prepare you for work in the sector.

Alongside your studies, you'll undertake a minimum 15-day (Foundation Year) or 45-day (T Level) industry placement, as well as having regular guest speakers, workshops from industry experts, working to live briefs and more. You'll also be assigned a specialist employability tutor to support and prepare you for the world of work.

All our courses will enable you to develop a general understanding of the craft and design industry, including:

- ⤴ The creative economy
- ⤴ The individual in the creative industries
- ⤴ Cultural context and vocabulary
- ⤴ Audience and consumer needs
- ⤴ Legal and regulatory requirements
- ⤴ Professional standards and conduct in the workplace
- ⤴ Equality, diversity and inclusion requirements
- ⤴ Research skills
- ⤴ Project methodology and administration
- ⤴ Continued professional development.





T LEVEL

CERAMICS MAKER

Level 3 | T Level | City Campus Manchester | Two years

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN ON THIS COURSE

During this two-year programme you will learn the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to progress into a range of craft and design occupations, skilled employment or high-level technical training in the sector. You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, and you will also learn about topics specific to ceramics, including;

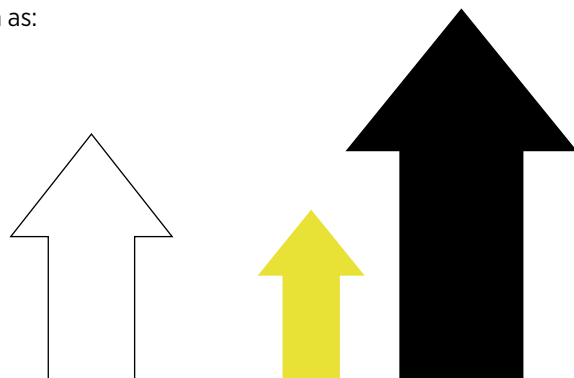
- ↗ Developing an appreciation of the different settings of pottery
- ↗ Understanding a studio potter setting
- ↗ Understanding pottery in an industrial setting
- ↗ Learning about related processes, tools, techniques and materials in these settings
- ↗ Exploring different processes, techniques, tools and materials before specialising in a selected area.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THIS T LEVEL

This course is suitable for anyone wanting to work in the craft and design sector.

You can progress into roles such as:

- ↗ Ceramics Maker
- ↗ Senior Ceramics Designer.



FOUNDATION YEAR

CERAMICS

Level 2 | Certificate | City Campus Manchester | One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ↗ Four GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and maths
- ↗ A minimum of 15 days work experience is a vital part of the course and you will be supported in finding a work placement relevant to your study
- ↗ Attendance at our Jump Start Programme.

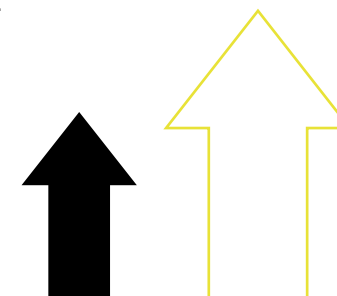
WHAT YOU'LL LEARN ON THIS COURSE

As well as gaining an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the craft and design sector, you will also learn about topics specific to ceramics, including:

- ↗ Different making techniques such as hand building, sculpting, throwing, casting and moulds
- ↗ Different production techniques such as throwing, slab work, coiling, press moulding and slip casting
- ↗ Knowledge of glazing including the different glazes, pigments and underglazes that may be used and glaze 'recipes'

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress onto the Level 3 T Level in Ceramics Maker.





T LEVEL

TEXTILES AND FASHION MAKER

Level 3 | T Level | City Campus Manchester | Two years

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN ON THIS COURSE

During this two-year programme you will learn the knowledge, skills and behaviours necessary to progress into a range of craft and design occupations, skilled employment or high-level technical training in the sector. You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, and you will also learn about topics specific to textiles and fashion, including;

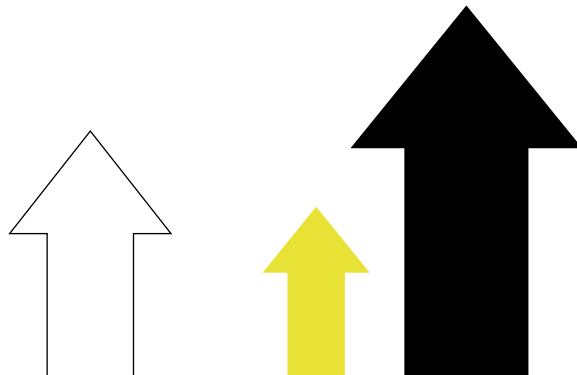
- ↗ Developing an understanding of textiles, leather and sewn products
- ↗ Learning about disciplines and associated techniques required i.e. stretch, knit, weave and print
- ↗ Making products for a range of contexts and settings
- ↗ Working with more than one material and experimenting with different processes, tools and techniques.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THIS T LEVEL

This course is suitable for anyone wanting to work in the craft and design sector.

You can progress into roles such as:

- ↗ Dressmaker
- ↗ Fashion Design Assistant
- ↗ Tailor
- ↗ Wardrobe Assistant.



FOUNDATION YEAR

TEXTILES AND FASHION

Level 2 | Certificate | City Campus Manchester | One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ↗ Four GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and maths
- ↗ A minimum of 15 days work experience is a vital part of the course and you will be supported in finding a work placement relevant to your study
- ↗ Attendance at our Jump Start Programme.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN ON THIS COURSE

As well as gaining an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the craft and design sector, you will also learn about topics specific to textiles and fashion, including:

- ↗ The use of different tools and equipment such as an industrial sewing machine, an overlocker, a domestic sewing machine, a silk screen, a lockstitch machine, a blind hemmer, pattern cutting tools and more
- ↗ Knowledge of processes and techniques such as seaming, stitch/ embroidery, print/ surface, piping knit, dyeing, cutting
- ↗ How to interpret design briefs, working sketches and technical specifications including dimensions, allowances, tolerance, detailing, hand finishing, shape and proportion, made-to-measure, bespoke sizes, pattern repeats.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress onto the Level 3 T Level in Textiles and Fashion Maker.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply to any of our Level 3 T Levels and Level 2 Foundation Year Programmes, visit tmc.ac.uk.

Successful applicants will then receive more information on the Jump Start to T Levels programme.

To find out more about T Levels visit our Industry Excellence Academy website:

industry-excellence.tmc.ac.uk/t-levels

You can also hear from our students on what it's like to study a T Level at The Manchester College by watching our case study videos on our T Level You Tube playlist. Scan the QR code below to watch.




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