

Studying at UCA

A guide to joining us from
abroad

At the University for the Creative Arts, we believe that creativity makes global communities more vibrant, more innovative and more human.

Our goal is to inspire people to use their creativity, to continually grow, to drive change and improve the lives of others.

The UCA Study Abroad programme provides you with the opportunity to be a part of our passionate and diverse community, where you can immerse yourself in creativity, gain new global perspective and learn from our expert academic and industry professionals.

We offer courses in Architecture, Crafts, Fashion, Graphic Design, Illustration, Fine Art, Photography, Film, Media, the Performing Arts, Games and Creative Technology and Creative Business.

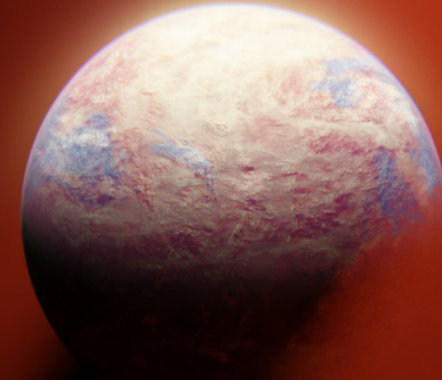
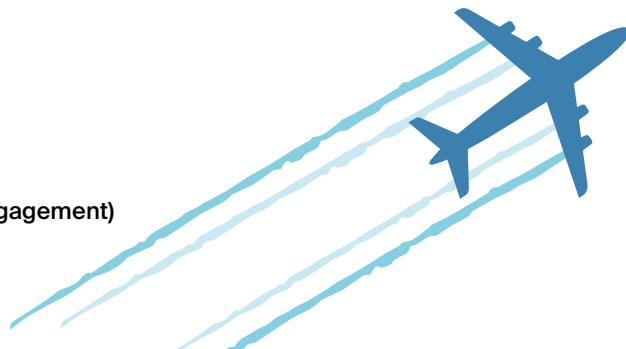
You can choose to join us for a single semester or a full academic year, via our exchange or fee-paying programmes.

We want you to go home with incredible memories, a portfolio of exceptional work and the confidence to forge your own successful career.

We look forward to seeing you on campus.



Professor Terry Perk,
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)
Professor of Fine Art Education



Credit: Alexander Kennedy BA (Hons) Games Arts

Why choose UCA?

- › 11,000 students from more than 90 countries around the world are studying a UCA course right now
- › You'll learn from experts, and set your talents free with specialist facilities
- › You'll make lifelong friends and memories in our creative communities
- › You'll benefit from our extensive industry links to build a professional network



Our campuses



UCA offers a wealth of courses over three main campuses, and our learning hub at Maidstone Television Studios. All are warm, welcoming and diverse creative communities with the specific facilities to meet your needs. Each is also set in a charming English town or city where you will get a unique taste of UK life.

UCA Canterbury – On the outskirts of the historical Cathedral city of Canterbury is our Canterbury campus, where we run a range of architecture, design, fine art and visual communication courses to spark your imagination. You will work across courses to complete exciting projects as you build in-depth skills during your chosen learning journey.

UCA Epsom – Our Epsom campus is a centre for fashion, textiles and creative business, where students work collaboratively on a range of compelling and industry-ready projects – from creating fashion editorials to formulating business plans for major arts venues.

UCA Farnham – Our biggest campus, within the World Craft Town of Farnham, specialises in craft courses, animation, film, fine art and photography, visual communications, performing arts and games. With a wealth of specialist facilities in one place, and close ties to the community, there are plenty of exciting opportunities for collaboration.



Maidstone Television Studios – home to our BA (Hons) Television Production course, students here get to earn their degree as they work on some of the UK's biggest television shows. Study abroad placements here are for one semester only.



Our Accommodation

While you study with us, you'll need somewhere to stay – and we are here to help you settle in and feel at home.

It's important you find the right accommodation to suit your needs – whether that's campus halls of residence, privately rented flats and houses or local lodgings.

Campus accommodation cannot be guaranteed but we encourage you to apply, and you can do this – and find out more about your options – on [our accommodation page](#).

Images, top to bottom:
Canterbury, Epsom, Farnham
and Maidstone Television Studios



UCA offers two Study Abroad programmes for incoming students:

- › **Student Exchange** - If you are enrolled in a undergraduate degree at one of our partner institutions, you can be nominated for an exchange place and spend either one semester or a full academic year at UCA. Our dedicated page [lists our partners](#).
- › **Fee-Paying Study Abroad** - Through this programme, you can study a semester or full academic year at UCA on one of our undergraduate courses and pay tuition fees directly to UCA.

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What levels of study are available?

We welcome study abroad applications for both undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

How long can I study at UCA?

- › A full academic year, or
- › One semester; either Autumn (September start) or Spring (January Start)
- › We also offer an international summer school which runs for up to six weeks - for more information on this visit our [international summer school page](#).

When can I study at UCA?

If you are an undergraduate, you can join us during Year 2 of your course. If you are a postgraduate student, you can join us at any time during your studies.

What can I study?

We teach a diverse portfolio of courses in different subjects across each campus, including:

- › Animation
- › Architecture and interior design
- › Business
- › Crafts, jewellery and product design
- › Fashion and textiles
- › Film and television
- › Fine art
- › Games and computing
- › Graphic design and illustration
- › Marketing, promotion and management
- › Media and journalism
- › Music
- › Performing arts
- › Photography

You can find out more about our courses on [our website](#).



To study at UCA for a semester or full year, you will need to:

- › Demonstrate experience in a subject area related to your chosen UCA course at an appropriate level
- › Present a portfolio (for selected courses)
- › Have experience of specific software (for selected courses).
- › Meet English language requirements. If English is not your first language, we will need to see a qualification to show you have the necessary level to succeed. You will need to submit your qualification when you apply, and your qualification must be less than two years old.

There are several qualifications we can accept, including:

- › IELTS: 6.0 or above (with a minimum of 5.5 in each individual component)
- › Pearson PET Academic: 59 or above (with a minimum of 59 in each component)
- › TOEFL 80 or above (with at least 17 in listening, 18 in reading, 20 in speaking and 17 in writing)
- › Cambridge English: Proficiency or Advanced - 169 or above (with a minimum of 162 in each individual component).

You can find out more [here](#).



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Fees



Exchange students

You are not required to pay any UCA tuition fees during your exchange, but will still be expected to pay tuition fee to your home institution. You will also be responsible for paying for your living and personal expenses (accommodation, travel, visa costs, etc).

Fee-paying Study Abroad students

In addition to paying for your living expenses (e.g accommodation, travel costs, etc.), you will need to pay tuition fees as follows:

International Study Abroad fees 2024-25

- › Undergraduate courses (full year) - £15,250
- › Undergraduate courses (semester only) - £9,250

For more information, visit [our fees and finance page](#).

International student support

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For some, coming to a new country can be a big step into something new and unknown. We want you to feel settled and welcome as soon as possible.

As a Study Abroad student you will have full access to UCA student support networks, plus dedicated support from the UCA Study Abroad team.

If you have any questions or need help with your visa, finances, healthcare, registering or settling into UCA, we can help - find out more [on our website](#).

You will also have access to the [UCA Students' Union \(UCASU\)](#), events and societies to help you settle in, and make lots of fun memories.





How to apply

UCA offers Study Abroad places to both exchange and fee-paying students.

Exchange students - to apply, you must first be nominated by your home institution. If you are successful, you will receive an invitation to apply to UCA.

Fee-paying Study Abroad students - you do not require a nomination, and can apply directly.

Nomination deadlines:

- › Full year or Autumn semester (starting September) - 15 April
- › Spring semester (starting January) - 15 September

Scan the QR code for more information on Study Abroad and how to apply



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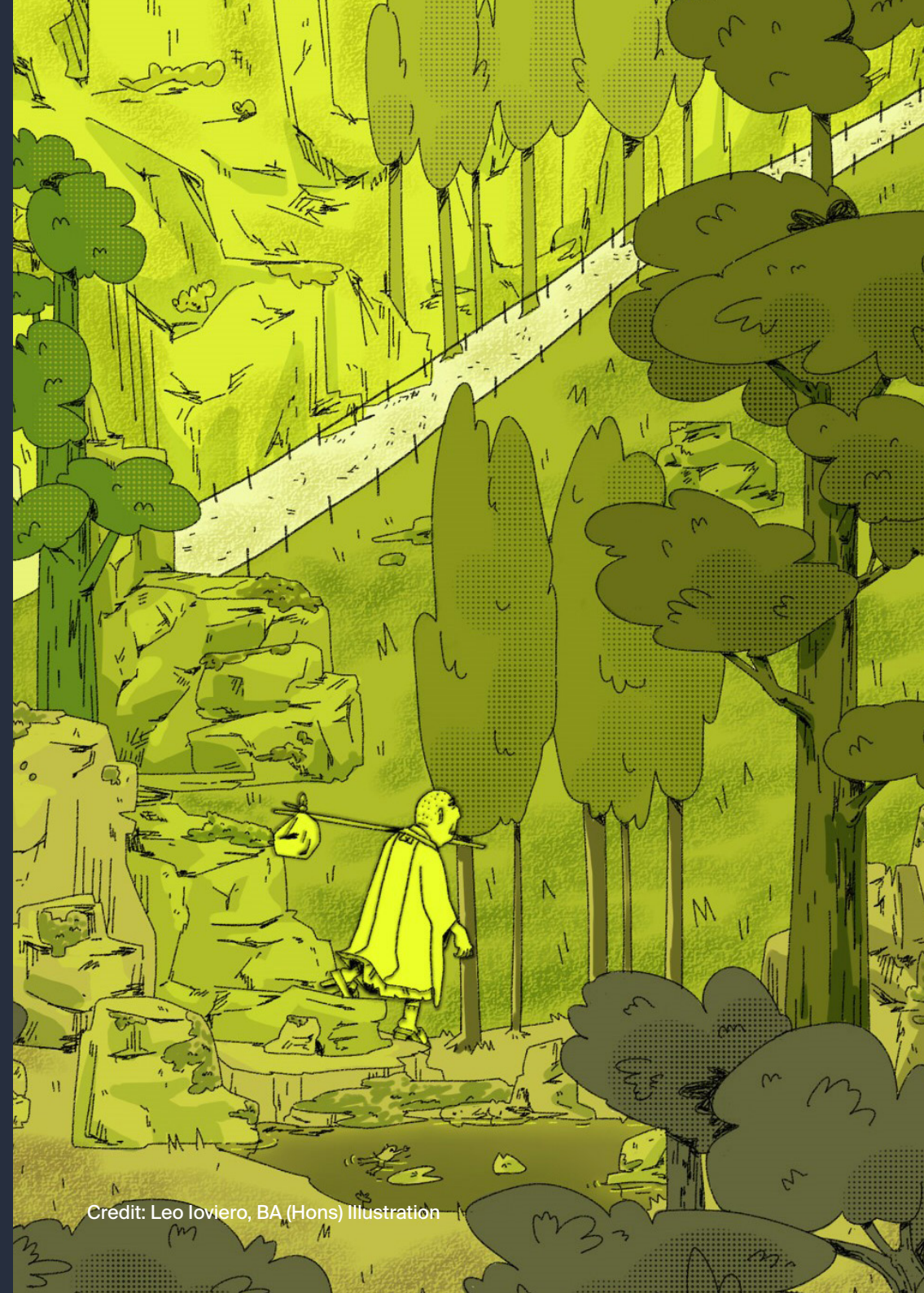
- › Full year or Autumn semester (starting September) - 15 May
- › Spring semester (starting January) - 15 October

Please note: The start and end date of your exchange may vary from course to course - exact start and end dates will be confirmed in your offer email if your application is successful.

For details on applying and what you need to do, please visit our website, or email us at exchange@uca.ac.uk



All information is correct at the time of print. For the latest updates, visit [our website](#).



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