

## BA(HONS) PHOTOGRAPHY (ONLINE)

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Welcome to BA(Hons) Photography (Online).

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

At the end of this letter, you will find a list of equipment that you should have ready, as well as any other costs that you might incur throughout your course that are not covered by your student loan. The course is studied wholly online, which means you will need a laptop 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.

We've also included some suggested reading. You will have access to all the reading resources from the library when you arrive on campus, but if you're looking forward to getting stuck in, this is a good place to start.

### **Virtual Learning Environment**

During your time studying with us you'll 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.

### **Step into Falmouth induction sessions**

In the coming weeks, you can join our Step into Falmouth programme, designed to provide advice and guidance to help you to settle into university life. This programme includes a range of informative and supportive videos you can view at a time that suits you, followed by live online events in August where you can meet our staff, current and new students. More information can be found at [falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/step-into-falmouth](https://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.

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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](mailto:StudentExperience@falmouth.ac.uk) or calling +44(0)1326 255251.

## **Student Finance**

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: [gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company](http://gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company) If you are paying for your tuition yourself please check out [falmouth.ac.uk/study/tuition-fees](http://falmouth.ac.uk/study/tuition-fees). 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 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 few weeks before the start of term and we're looking forward to welcoming you to Falmouth in September.

Yours sincerely,

**Catarina Fontoura**

Course Leader, BA (Hons) Photography Online

## 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.

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 [applicantservices@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:applicantservices@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 [falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations](https://falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations)

### Tuition fees (per year)

2024-2025 full time: £10,400

### Term dates

Term dates can be found at [falmouth.ac.uk/experience/term-dates/term-dates-2024-25](https://falmouth.ac.uk/experience/term-dates/term-dates-2024-25)

Welcome Week starts on Monday 16 September for first year students.

### Welcome Week

You'll begin your course on Monday 16 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.

## 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

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<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.