

## **COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT**

**NOTE:** ANY CHANGES TO A CSD MUST GO THROUGH ALL OF THE RELEVANT APPROVAL PROCESSES, INCLUDING LTPC.

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| <b>Academic School/Department:</b> | Communications, Arts and Social Sciences              |
| <b>Programme:</b>                  | MA in Art History and Visual Culture                  |
| <b>Level:</b>                      | 7   |
| <b>Course Title:</b>               | Graduate Internship in Art History and Visual Culture |
| <b>Course Code:</b>                | AVC 7902  |
| <b>Course Leader:</b>              | Charlotte Bonham-Carter                               |
| <b>Student Engagement Hours:</b>   | 200-240 <sup>1</sup>                                  |
| Independent / Guided Learning :    | 200-240   |
| <b>Semester:</b>                   | SUMMER  |
| <b>Credits:</b>                    | 20 UK CATS credits<br>10 ECTS credits<br>4 US credits |

### **Course Description:**

A part-time work placement of approximately three months (depending on the requirements of the organization in question; a minimum of 9 weeks) within an organization to enable students to participate in graduate level experiential learning and so develop hands-on skills and professional experience which will prepare them for work in a range of arts and creative cultural industries. Placements are supervised, career-related work experiences combined with reflective, academic study that help students 'learn by doing'. During the internship, the staff of the Internship Office and a faculty supervisor work closely with each student and the organization to ensure that the placement is a successful one.

**Pre-requisites and/or Co-requisites:** MA Art History and Visual Culture students only. Students not taking the 4/20 credit internship may opt to take the 12/60 credit Extended Professional Research Project.

### **Aims and Objectives:**

- To provide students with an opportunity to participate in graduate-level experiential learning
- To develop the hands-on skills needed for a particular professional environment
- To prepare students for work in a range of arts and creative cultural industries
- To reflect upon work experience and possible future career paths
- To consider the application of learned academic knowledge within a professional context

<sup>1</sup> Please see the credit hour policy for non-traditional courses. Range of independent hours must fall within the range of 45-60 hours per credit.

- To develop students' professional communication skills, including written and oral communication

**Programme Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, the students will have achieved the following programme outcomes:

A7, B4, B5, B6

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification. This is located at the Departmental/Schools page of the portal.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- demonstrate a critical knowledge of professional practice in the arts and creative cultural industries
- show excellent writing skills including logical and structured narratives and arguments supported by relevant primary and secondary evidence
- demonstrate professional presentation skills including verbal visual analysis, communicated clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences
- deploy the skills and experience required to work in the arts and creative cultural industries

**Indicative Content:**

- critical reflection on the internship experience
- the range of career pathways possible within the art world
- hands-on skills within a specific sector of the arts and creative industries
- writing within a professional context
- verbal communication and presentation skills within a professional context
- how to approach the search for an internship

**Assessment:**

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved at Academic Council on June 28, 2012.

| <b>Internship Assessment Norms</b> |                          |                               |   |  |
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| <b>FHEQ Level</b>                  | <b>Richmond/UK level</b> | <b>Normal number of items</b> | <b>Assessment Type</b>  | <b>Total word count or equivalent*</b> |
| LEVEL<br>7                         | R7000/UK MA              | 2-3                           | Journal;<br>Internship learning goals assessment;<br>Presentation | N/A                                    |

**The following should apply to all internship courses:**

- No exams
- Professional Learning Journals are required
- MA level assessment points will be driven by a greater presence of self-directed learning

