



**MODULE SPECIFICATION**

Part 1: Basic Data					
Module Title	Professional Practice and Work Experience in Graphic Design 2				
Module Code	UADAPK-15-2	Level	2	Version	1
Owning Faculty	ACE	Field	Design		
Contributes towards	BA (Hons) Graphic Design				
UWE Credit Rating	15	ECTS Credit Rating	7.5	Module Type	Project
Pre-requisites			Co- requisites		
Excluded Combinations			Module Entry requirements		
Valid From	September 2013	Valid to	September 2019		

<b>CAP Approval Date</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2013
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Part 2: Learning and Teaching	
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate understanding of a range of roles and activities involved in their subject area and the opportunities for employment within them</li> <li>2. Identify the skills and attributes of those employed in a range of activities within their area of practice</li> <li>3. Analyse the professional working practice of specific roles in their subject through the research, development and presentation of case studies</li> <li>4. Evaluate the working practices of a practitioner, studio, or related professional activity and relate this knowledge to their own practice and career intentions</li> <li>5. Analyse specific aspects of their own area of practice in relation to the broader contexts of contemporary creative industries</li> <li>6. Formulate self-promotional materials and presentations to a professional standard</li> <li>7. Demonstrate creative, enterprise and professional skills in communicating</li> </ol>

	<p>effectively with a target audience</p> <p>8. Work collaboratively</p> <p>9. Identify and apply communication skills and methods relevant to professional practice within a chosen discipline</p> <p>10. Present themselves and their work in a manner that demonstrates understanding of professional requirements</p> <p>All assessed through component A.</p>
Syllabus Outline	<p>This module enables students to broaden their knowledge and understanding of their area of practice in relation to the professional context; how it operates and where employment or other commercial opportunities exist. Delivery is focused upon the development of research skills and the evaluation of information through specific activities such as presentations and case studies. The module is designed to contribute the development of students' contextual understanding of their discipline, delivered throughout the programme, and focus this towards identifying personal career aspirations and the opportunities offered, directly and indirectly, by the industry.</p> <p>During the module, students are encouraged to begin to articulate their own interests within the range of disciplines encompassed by their subject and link these to the skills and attributes required by specific professional roles. This is intended to support students in identifying their own personal direction and allowing them to make an informed use of the choices open to them in the second half of the programme through links to long-term career goals,</p> <p>Students will work in small groups of like-minded individuals who collaborate in generating the research and development of an illustrated case study. Each group makes a summative group presentation to their peers about their findings at an interim stage of the module.</p> <p>Students work as individuals to develop methods of promoting themselves to their target employer/s. This includes the design and development of a CV, letter of introduction/personal statement and the design and planning of a personal on-line presence that could house an online portfolio in the future. These tasks are presented for assessment in the Professional Practice File along with notes on the summative group presentation and the individual student's role within that group.</p> <p>The materials in the professional Practice File will build on the materials students have initially developed at Level One. The Professional Practice File may be submitted as an online presence (i.e. blog or website).</p> <p><b>Work Experience/Work Based Learning</b></p> <p>During the course of this module students are required to address approximately 36-40 hours of their study to engagement with work experience. This could be made up of a placement or number of shorter placements or working on live briefs in a relevant area as set by the programme.</p> <p>Students will produce a Work Experience Document that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• research and critically analyse chosen aspects of contemporary professional practice and apply this knowledge to the evaluation of their own strengths and career aspirations.</li> <li>• recognise, explore and articulate the links between their work-based learning with</li> </ul>

	<p>their academic programme (and vice versa);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explore, identify and build on their skills, personal development and interests</li> <li>• develop a variety of transferable 'employability' skills and abilities such as time management, self presentation and reflection, research skills</li> </ul> <p>The Work Experience Document will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a reflective report on engagement undertaken (500 words)</li> <li>- notes on research undertaken to support the report</li> <li>- relevant images</li> </ul>
Contact Hours	<p>Students can expect a total of <b>36</b> hours scheduled contact time for this module within the context of their other learning and teaching activities. This includes tutorials, group crits, lectures, seminars, site visits / field trips, studio-based sessions, inductions, workshops, field work, work-based learning or project supervision.</p> <p>Contact time may also take a synchronous virtual form rather than face-to-face, through the use of email discussion groups, virtual learning environments (VLEs) and other technology-aided means. It can also take place in a work-based setting.</p>
Teaching and Learning Methods	<p>Lectures and seminars underpin the learning process by delivering factual information and setting out issues to be considered. These offer examples and critiques of existing practice.</p> <p>Visiting speakers are also invited to demonstrate examples of professional working practice.</p> <p>Support for the development of methods for effective research is delivered through workshops involving the UWE Library, for example. Students are also supported in the research and development of the case study by guidelines that define a set of questions concerning the philosophy, creative and professional methodologies, and 'target market' of their example. The set questions encourage students to use a range of research methods to gather key information; this includes the requirement to engage in primary research through contact and interview with practitioners as well as secondary research methods. This activity is monitored and supported through group tutorials where the sharing of information is encouraged.</p> <p>Workshops and lectures supporting professional development and practical presentation skills are also delivered throughout and are supported by the UWE Careers Development Unit. These workshops include such topics as: the nature and use of a CV; design for the web; organizing time and resources; how to organize and deliver a presentation.</p> <p>UWE Careers is signposted again at this stage, in relation to recruitment fairs, individual support, etc. These and other initiatives are available within and across subject areas. Students are expected to make full use of these opportunities, and evidence engagement in their assessment submissions.</p> <p>Group presentations allow the students to develop a range of key/transferable and professional skills. These include teamwork, negotiation and communication and the practical manipulative skills inherent in professional visual presentations.</p> <p>The Professional Practice File, as introduced in Professional Practice 1 is also used in this module. The file will consist of evidence of the assignments, lectures, discussions and activities included in the module which students are required to respond to. It</p>

provides a place for students to collate and reflect on the material and ideas they are finding and being introduced to through the module.

Key Information Sets Information

<b>Key Information Set - Module data</b>				
<i>Number of credits for this module</i>				15
Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours
150	36	114		150

The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a -

**Written Exam:** Unseen written exam, open book written exam, In-class test  
**Coursework:** Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project  
**Practical Exam:** Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam

Please note that this is the total of various types of assessment and will not necessarily reflect the component and module weightings in the Assessment section of this module description:

Total assessment of the module:	
Written exam assessment percentage	
Coursework assessment percentage	100%
Practical exam assessment percentage	
	100%

Reading Strategy

All students will be encouraged to make full use of the print and electronic resources available to them and through systems such as UWE online.

Any essential reading is available in the Bower Ashton Library and will be indicated clearly in the module brief. The currency of information may wane during the life span of the specification, consequently current advice on readings will be available through more frequently updated mechanisms such as the handbook and intranet, these will be revised annually.

Under the university's Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) permit, reading packs with relevant chapters or excerpts from books will be given to students where applicable, supplied at the beginning of the module. Text excerpts from books published in the UK may also be available via UWE Online Digital Collections, where permissible, during the module period.

Indicative Reading List

**Essential Reading**  
 Goslett, D. *Professional Practice of Design*. London: Design Council

Shaughnessy, A. (2010) *Studio Culture: The secret life of the graphic design studio*. London: Unit Editions.

#### Further Reading

Belsky, S. (2010) *Making Ideas Happen*. London: Penguin Putnam.

Heller, S & Fernandes, T. (2005) *Becoming a Graphic Designer*. 3rd Ed. New York: Wiley.

Heller, S & Womack, D. (2007) *Becoming a Digital Designer*. New York: Wiley.

Heller, S & Womack, D. (2007) *The Design Entrepreneur*. Gloucester, Massachusetts: Rockport.

Heller, S & Pettit, E. (1998) *Design Dialogues*. New York: Allworth

O'Reilly, J. (2003) *No Brief: Graphic Designers' Personal Projects*. Hove: RotoVision.

Perkins, S. (2006) *Talent is Not Enough: Business Secrets for Designers*. New Riders.

Shaughnessy, A. (2006) *Look at This: Contemporary Brochures, Catalogues and Documents*. Lawrence King.

Witham, S. (2005) *Festive Graphics: The Art & Design of Self Promotion*. Hove: Rotovision.

Witham, S. (2007) *Print and Production Processes for Promotional Items*. Hove: Rotovision.

Van Toom J. (Ed) (1998) *Design Beyond Design*. Jan van Eyck Akademie.

#### Journals

Creative Review, Design Week, Guardian Monday (Media Guardian), Saturday & Sunday magazine supplements, Campaign, Eye, How (US), Print (US), ID (US)

#### Suggested sites: university

UWE Library iSkillZone <http://iskillzone.uwe.ac.uk/>

Databases (accessible via [www.uwe.ac.uk/library](http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library))

- *Art Full Text*: International coverage of around 400 art and design journals, with full text retrieval of over 100 titles.
- *Design & Applied Arts Index*: Index To Over 400 Art, Design and Craft Magazine and Journals.
- *ARTbibliographiesModern*: Provides references and abstracts to articles, catalogues, books, essays, and dissertations covering modern art and design.

UWE Careers/Student Main Page

<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/careers/students/>

Finding A Placement

[http://www.uwe.ac.uk/careers/students/job\\_find/job\\_find\\_index.shtml](http://www.uwe.ac.uk/careers/students/job_find/job_find_index.shtml)

MyFuture

<http://myfuture.uwe.ac.uk>

UWE Volunteering

<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/volunteer/>

Art Design Media – Higher Education Academy

<http://www.adm.heacademy.ac.uk/>

#### Industry

<http://www.a-n.co.uk>

<http://www.theaoi.com>

<http://www.designobserver.com/> (discussion/debate)

<http://www.designwritingresearch.org/> (tips/inspirations/issues)

<http://www.aiga.org> (profiles/discussion)

<http://www.dandad.org/inspiration/creativityworks/cworks1.html> (case studies)

<http://www.design-council.org.uk> (case studies)

<http://www.newstoday.com/> (employment/portfolios)

<http://thinkingwithtype.com>

<http://www.printmag.com/dailyheller/>  
<http://www.itsnicethat.com/>  
<http://www.swiss-miss.com/>  
<http://www.creativereview.co.uk/cr-blog>  
<http://delicious/startdesignmedia> (useful links)  
<http://www.typhenowhere.com> (inspiring stuff)  
<http://www.wrap.org.uk/> (sustainability)  
<http://yayeveryday.com/> (inspiring stuff)

**Journals**

<http://www.adweek.com> (advertising, marketing)  
<http://www.blueprintmagazine.co.uk> (design, architecture)  
<http://www.designweek.co.uk> (design)  
<http://www.eyemagazine.com/critiques.php> (articles/inspiration)  
[http://www.howdesign.com/dc/creative\\_life.asp](http://www.howdesign.com/dc/creative_life.asp) (tips/articles)  
<http://www.dot-dot-dot.nl> (article samples)  
<http://adbusters.org> (debate/ethical design)  
<http://www.computerarts.co.uk> (tips/tutorials/profiles)  
<http://www.creativereview.co.uk> (articles/information/profiles)

**Video/podcasts**

<http://design.sva.edu/site/series/show/1> (interviews/lectures/inspiration)  
<http://www.dandad.org/membership/lectures.asp> (lectures/inspiration)  
<http://www.ted.com> (lectures/inspiration)

**Part 3: Assessment**

**Assessment Strategy**

Assessment strategies within the programme that this module contributes to reflect the Faculty of Art, Creative Industries and Education’s philosophy which considers assessment to be part of the learning process.

Formative and summative assessments are designed to provide the opportunity for students to understand and reflect upon their achievements and to support the monitoring of progress by tutors and students. Assessment methods used are varied, are relevant in demonstrating achievement to both academic and industry stakeholders, and form a coherent programme of assessment which is designed to offer students the maximum opportunity to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and experience that they have gained through the course of study, as well as to support ongoing and continuous improvement in their individual creative practice and development as practitioner-researchers.

The principle of ‘learning through making’ is core to learning strategies in the Department of Creative Industries – these learning activities are then expanded into and through an exploration of contemporary practice in relevant and related subject areas.

At assessment, therefore, students are expected to present evidence of work which demonstrates engagement with the minimum number of learning hours for the module (contact and independent study hours).

Forms of assessment used as part of the overall programme include:

- Presentation and participation in studio-critique
- Poster presentation
- Group and individual visual presentations
- Group and individual verbal presentations
- Written Assignments – forms of writing relevant to the creative industries, including academic/essay and industry focused/report writing
- Group critiques

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer and self-assessment</li> <li>• Evaluative and reflective outcomes, including visual, verbal and written</li> </ul> <p>Formative and summative assessment activities that involve students participating in the evaluation of presented work (their own and others') take place throughout the programme. Participation in and attendance at these sessions forms part of the assessed content of the module as a result of this.</p> <p>Feedback (verbal and/or in writing) at regular points throughout the module provides students with a clear understanding of their progress and advice about how this can be improved.</p>
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Identify final assessment component and element	<b>Professional Practice File</b>	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	<b>A:</b>	<b>B:</b>
	100%	

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Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. Professional Practice File, participation in Summative Group Presentation	70%
2. Work Experience Document	30%
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)	
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)
1. Professional Practice File, Documentation of presentation material (e.g. powerpoint presentation with notes)	70%
2. Work Experience Document	30%
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)

If a student is permitted an **EXCEPTIONAL RETAKE** of the module the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.