Film and video production technology

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“The UK has the best engineers and the best production teams in the world. There is a vibrant broadcast market. We need graduates who are creative and technically clever.”

Peter Taylor, Production Engineering Manager, BBC
An introduction to the degree

» Please visit this link for an introduction: https://youtu.be/mlN880oJqxI
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Film & TV’s growing contribution to the UK economy
Gross value added of film, video and television companies in the UK (in billion GBP)

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Television

Netflix streaming wars fuel record UK film and TV production boom

Spending on high-end TV dramas by Netflix and Amazon eclipses BBC, Sky and ITV
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Indeed, while skills shortages are most pronounced in craft and technical roles, there are few learners undertaking study in these areas.

BFI – Future Films Skills Action Plan 2017

We are close to breaking point with the massive demand placed on sourcing crew and crafts people.

» Elizabeth Karlsen, producer Number 9 films

It's inevitable at a time of booming inward investment in film and in television that the number of available and qualified crew will come under pressure.

To stop this becoming a crisis ... we need an expanded workforce with no reduction in quality

Marc Samuelson, Executive Producer

IABM –

International Association of Broadcast Manufacturers want graduates with technical skills.
An overview
The Tonmeister degree

» Based on the “Tonmeister” degree in music and sound recording
  • First intake in 1970, with around 650 graduates
  • Excellent reputation in the audio industry
  • Graduates work in all areas of the audio industry
  • Approx. 100 major awards for graduates including Oscars, BAFTAs, MPSEs, Emmys, Grammys.

» Film and Video Production Technology is based on this degree
  • First intake 2016
Course structure

First Year
First year concentrates on fundamental engineering principles:

**Video signals, cameras, audio, computer systems, electronics.**
Along with **screenplays, storyboards, editing and practical use of cameras and lighting.**

Second Year
Second year has practical modules in **cinematography, TV studios** and **film sound.**
More technical modules in **broadcast engineering and computer imaging**, and a mini project module to make various filmed projects.

Placement Year after second year

Final Year
Final year has a choice of 2 optional modules in **screenwriting** or **artistic collaboration**, plus two large project modules: technical and creative.
Coursework examples – student work

Year 2, Semester 1:
Cinematography
Cinematography

Professional practice
Being part of the professional world

- Script
- Story Board
- Call Sheet
- Permissions
- Risk Assessment
Examples of student work

» No change (final year trailer)
  » https://vimeo.com/390195396

» The Essay (second year)
  » https://youtu.be/33wafIZh7IY

» The Fort (second year)
  » https://youtu.be/rp3_32ivqGU

» Misty (second year)
  » https://youtu.be/koh15c7tqOQ
Professional Training placement

The University of Surrey has been a pioneer in this area
• Jobs are usually paid and last the whole year
• You can find your own placement if you want to
• We actively develop relationships with companies.

FVPT student at ITN
Professional Training placement

Our professional training partners
• Nearly all are paid, full-year jobs.

Arena TV – Technical assistant

Squash TV – Production and engineering assistant

One dash 22 - Singapore

Video Europe - Engineer

TRO – Junior Video Producer
Professional Training placement

» Our professional training partners
  • New for this year.

CTV OB – Technical assistant

Dolby – student support engineer
“The BSc (Hons) Film and Video Production Technology course offered by the University of Surrey provides strong knowledge in fundamental video and audio theories. Knowledge that is highly valuable to businesses operating in the AV sector. It has been a pleasure having a student from the course working at AVMI, on a placement year that has far exceeded our expectations. I’m looking forward to many more success stories.”

Matthew Roberts, Technical Design Manager, AVMI
Pastoral care

» All students are assigned a personal tutor
  • Support network
  • MySurrey Hive - student services centre
  • Student life mentoring
  • Wellbeing centre.

» Students are also put into inter-year mentoring groups
  • First years assist other years with filming assignments
  • Social events.
Teaching

» Award-winning teaching staff with extensive experience in industry

» Small intake – high quality student-centred learning.
Teaching staff

Alan Haigh
Senior Teaching Fellow
Background: Tonmeister degree CTS studios, Britannia Row Studios, freelance.

Susan Pratt:
Senior Teaching
Background: Electronic Engineering BBC engineering training, vision mixing and directing, freelance.

Dr. Femi Adeyemi-Ejeye:
Lecturer
Background: Computer Science Research: live 4K streaming, video over IP.

Dr Andrew Gilbert
Senior Lecturer
Background: Electronic Engineering Research: computer vision and machine learning, real time video processing.
Associate tutors

Tony Orme
Broadcast Engineer
Background:
BBC, TVam, GMTV, MTV, TSL, IMD, Vice Chair, Royal TV Society, Thames Valley.

James Martin
Cinematographer
Films:
Payback Season,
The Secret Life of Butterflies,
Dance with the Devil: the Cozy Powell Story.

John Warburton
Producer
Background:
Tonmeister degree, radio news broadcaster, classical music producer, sound art gallery artist, computer coder, composer, pianist, TV producer/editor (Keith Allen, Victor Lewis Smith).

Kevin Joyce
Director
Background:
BBC news, camera operator, freelance director.
Teaching – visiting lectures

» This year's visiting lectures have featured:
» **Martin Humphries** of Grass Valley, on Broadcast engineering and IP systems
» **Katy Noland** of BBC R&D, on UHD and HDR
» BAFTA winning Dubbing Mixer, **Howard Bargroff**
» Award winning Sound Designer, **Jon Olive**
» TV sound engineer, **Emily Merron**
» Colour grader, **Jamie Dickinson**.
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» What you will gain from the course
  • Technical knowledge and understanding
  • Practical experience
  • Creative/artistic improvement
  • Experience of working in the industry
  • Contacts in the industry.

IET CEng accreditation in progress
Facilities

Professional industry-standard equipment across TV and film, picture and sound.
“The University of Surrey’s Film and Video Production Technology degree programme is truly outstanding because of its emphasis on industry-standard tools and equipment. Students will have a big advantage when they graduate, because of their deep training in the broadcast engineering and postproduction, approaches that are used in television studios everywhere.”

Robin Brown, Product Manager, Autoscript
TV facilities

- TV studio with top of the range Sony MVS8000G vision mixer.
- 4 HD cameras with Vinten tripods
- Fibre links to performance venues
- Broadcast quality portable cameras (Sony, JVC and Panasonic)
- Audio and electronics laboratory for practical work
- 24-hour edit rooms and computer labs with PCs and Apple Macs with industry standard software (Adobe Creative Cloud, Avid Media composer and Pro Tools HD, Da Vinci Resolve, MAYA, Nuke).
Digital cinematography facilities

- Sony F-55 and F5 4K 35mm sensor digital cinematography cameras
- Selection of prime and zoom lenses
- Sound devices sound recorders
- Lighting by ARRI and Dedolight
- Sony field monitors
- Full range of accessories.
Collaborations

Collaborations are important for networking, and help you later in your career. Our collaborations include:

The Guilford School of Acting (GSA)
On campus and part of the University of Surrey

The Tonmeister course
Record all kinds of music and videos with internal and external artists.

Stag TV
Award winning student television Many current students are members.
Stag TV productions

» Strictly Come Surrey
   » https://youtu.be/vuuMkYVJPxo

» Highlights
   » https://youtu.be/vbx6AyFQOOY

» Live from studio 1
   » https://youtu.be/SZmK3SaSFso
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