

Applying to UCAS with a 14-19 Diploma



The Diploma offers a unique blend of theoretical and practical learning which allows you to study in work-related settings; both real and simulated.

Advanced Diploma equivalent to 3.5 A levels, includes:

- Principal Learning - directly related to the line of learning and graded from A* - E.
- Extended Project - independently organised project resulting in the presentation of an extended piece of writing, an artefact or performance piece and graded A* - E.
- Functional Skills - Level 2 qualifications in English, Maths and ICT, ungraded
- Additional and Specialist Learning (ASL) - Level 3 qualification of your choice

Progression Diploma equivalent of 2.5 A levels, includes:

- Principal Learning
- Extended Project
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT at Level 2.

Following is some advice from UCAS which will allow admissions to identify that you are applying with a 14-19 Diploma, which will improve their ability to make clear and appropriate offers to you.

Advanced Diploma students should indicate that you are studying:

- Advanced Diploma labelled Advanced Diploma (14-19 Level 3), with the correct title of the qualification selected
- Extended Project labelled Extended Project (Level 3), with a title/short description of your Extended Project.
- Additional and Specialist Learning qualification: A level, BTEC etc.

Progression Diploma students should indicate that you are studying:

- Progression Diploma labelled Progression Diploma (14-19 Level 3), with the correct title of the qualification selected
- Extended Project labelled Extended Project (Level 3), with a title/short description of their Extended Project.

Make sure you also enter any other qualifications which you have previously studied or taken outside of your Diploma, for example GCSEs, additional A levels etc.

What to put in your personal statement

To help admissions staff identify your Diploma and your Additional and Specialist Learning, think about including a summary sentence in your personal statement to explain the qualification you are studying e.g.: *I am currently studying a 14-19 Advanced Diploma in Creative & Media that includes an A level in music, which I am undertaking as my Additional and Specialist Learning qualification.* You may wish to give detail about the work undertaken as part of the Extended Project in your personal statement.

Further advice

If you receive an offer from an institution which is unclear; please contact the University/Higher Education Institution directly to ask them to clarify what they expect you to achieve to fulfil the offer.

More Information

To watch a full presentation about how to complete your UCAS form:

www.ucas.ac.uk/documents/ucasguides/diploma-howtoapply.ppsx

The Western Vocational Lifelong Learning Network aims to widen participation and facilitate the progression of vocational learners into higher education.