

## Queen Mary Summer School

SUM504E: Creative Futures: Preparing for a Career in the Creative Industries

*School of Languages, Linguistics & Film*

### Course outline

Level: 5

Credits: 15 (Queen Mary credits)

Course Leader: Dr Lorna Vassiliades

Assessment: Curriculum vitae/resume and cover letter coursework and Career Presentation

### Course description:

The module's focus is the unique challenges of the workplace in the creative industries, including film, media, and publishing. The module covers both practical and mental skills. How to build confidence, handle life challenges, thrive in your chosen career, write a CV and cover letter, research work experience opportunities, make a presentation, use your social media to boost your career prospects, start a side-hustle connected to your chosen career, and network online and face to face.

### Learning outcomes:

On completion of the module, students can expect to have acquired:

- Knowledge and understanding of transferable skills
- Knowledge and understanding of careers within the creative industries: film, media and publishing
- Language and communication in relation to personal and professional career development
- Ability to evaluate and present career specific skills related to the creative industries
- Improved digital literacy for research and presentation
- Increased research capacity and information expertise

### Approximate cost:

All reading material is provided digitally so you are not required to purchase any books.

### Assessments:

The course assessments are not compulsory, however, if you wish to transfer credit for this course to your home university it is essential to complete the assignments.

**Curriculum Vitae/Resume and Cover Letter** – 500 words (20%) and **Career Presentation** – 10 min. (80%)

### Preparation:

Before you arrive on campus, it is advised that you familiarise yourself with the course content before it begins. You will be given instructions for accessing our Virtual Learning Environment (QMplus) before you arrive on campus.

### Teaching:

The course is taught in two two-hour sessions per day (10.00 - 12.00 and 13.00 - 15.00), held Monday to Thursday each week.

### Indicative Additional Reading:

- Flew, Terry. Global Creative Industries. Cambridge, UK
- Discover Creative Careers: <https://discovercreative.careers/#/>
- Creative Society: <https://www.thecreativesociety.co.uk/>
- Careers and Enterprise: Queen Mary, University of London: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/careers/>
- Career Resources: My First Job in Film: <https://www.myfirstjobinfilm.co.uk/resources.html>
- BECTU: The Union for Creative Ambition: <https://bectu.org.uk/>

- Skillset: Careers, Jobs, and Skills Training in Film, TV, VFX, animation and games:
- <https://www.screenskills.com/>
- The Production Guild: <https://productionguild.com/join-us/>

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