

Essential Equipment Guide

BA (Hons) Hair and Make-Up for Screen & Film

2026/27

About this guide

Hair and Make-Up for Screen & Film is a practical, vocational course and students are expected to begin their studies with an appropriate professional kit. The kit is used throughout practical teaching and also forms the basis of the professional equipment students will continue to use as they progress through the degree.

- Students will need to replace or replenish consumable products as they are used, expire or become unsuitable for safe professional use.
- Additional materials may be required as students progress into specialist areas or undertake individual assessment projects.
- Costs are approximate and may change if supplier prices change.
- The course team regularly reviews suppliers, products and educational discounts to keep student costs as low as reasonably possible.
- Please contact Admissions if you need advice about financial assistance towards the cost of required equipment.

Cost overview

Level	Approximate required cost	Notes
Level 4	£962.45	Current 2026 professional make-up and hair kits.
Level 5	£254.02 + delivery	£277.02 if the optional £23 3D-printing resin is purchased.
Level 6	Varies by specialism	Current specialist kit examples are shown below. Individual project costs may vary.

Important: There is not one fixed three-year course total because specialist choices and individual final projects differ. The figures above relate to the current required kit lists and should not be treated as a guarantee of all possible project-specific expenditure across the degree.

Level 4: Professional Hair and Make-Up Kit

Current combined cost: £962.45

This comprises the current PAM professional make-up kit (£813.45 after the educational discount) and the Banbury Postiche hair kit (£149.00 including the educational discount and free delivery).

PAM professional make-up kit

- Black stipple sponge
- Orange stipple sponge
- Mouldlife Sculpt Gel 3 Pack S, 150 ml, clear

- Kryolan Supracolour 12 colour Palette - B
- Kryolan Supracolour 12 colour Palette - TV
- Skin Illustrator On Set Starter Palette
- Skin Illustrator On Set FX Palette
- Kryolan Glatzan Bald Cap, uncoloured, large
- IPA 99% - 100 ml
- Glynn Mckay Congealed Blood 30 ml
- Mehron stainless steel mixing palette and spatula
- Ben Nye Studio Color Pressed Palette - Essential Eye and Brow
- Ben Nye Luxury Translucent Powder - Dark Cocoa
- Ben Nye Translucent Powder - Sienna
- Ben Nye Studio Color Pressed Palette - Fashion Blush
- Ben Nye Studio Colors Pressed Palette - Rainbow
- Ben Nye Neutral Set Colourless Face Powder
- Ben Nye Mascara/Brow Gel - Black
- Ben Nye Lip Pencil - Spice
- Ben Nye Lip Pencil - Cherry
- Ben Nye 4 Colour Corrector Wheel
- PAM Gown - Black
- Kryolan Duo Sharpener Metal
- Kryolan HD Cream Liner - Cacao
- Kryolan HD Cream Liner - Black
- Kryolan Faceliner Pencil - 22
- Kryolan Kajal Pencil - Highlight
- Kryolan Gel Eyeliner - White
- Kryolan Perfect Matt
- ADM Pros-Aide 'The Original' - 2 oz
- PAM Ribbon Puff - Medium
- Rose Set Bag
- Bdeillum Maestro complete 12-piece brush set
- Non-latex wedges - 25 pack
- MAQPRO 6 colour Lip Slim Palette - Neutral
- MAQPRO 6 colour Lip Slim Palette - Red

Supplier note: The 2026 PAM college kit has a listed value of £957.00 and a 15% student discount, giving a current total of £813.45 with no shipping charge. Supplier discounts and prices are subject to change.

Banbury Postiche hair kit

- Section clips
- Aluminium 2-prong curl clips
- Hairtools Session Kit
- Training head
- Denman College Styling Kit
- Afro comb
- Sewing scissors
- Water bottle
- Haito 5" Basix Scissor

Current educational-discount total: £149.00, including free delivery.

Level 5: Additional Kit and Materials

Current total: £254.02 plus delivery

The following items are required for the practical elements of Level 5. Students should order in sufficient time for the start of teaching.

- 2 x large Glatzan bald caps - £37.90 total
- John James size 13 beading needles - £4.88
- Water spray bottle - £3.78
- A4 display book - £5.27
- A5 notebook - £3.99
- A3 sketchbook/display book - £13.99
- Art brushes - £2.50
- 64GB SD card - £14.79
- Latex-free wedges - £7.70
- Mouldlife kit - £142.00
- Knotting hook holder - £5.74
- 2 x knotting hooks (No. 4 and No. 12) - £11.48 total

Optional 3D-printing material: F40 Fast Cast resin - £23.00. This is optional for students who wish to try 3D printing. If purchased, the current Level 5 total becomes £277.02 plus delivery.

General make-up replenishment: Students should monitor their own professional make-up stock and replace consumables when required. The course currently has access to 40% discount codes for MAC products.

Level 6: Specialist Kit and Project Materials

At Level 6, additional costs vary according to the student's chosen specialist pathway and the nature and scale of their individual project. Students are not expected to purchase every specialist kit.

Wigs and Postiche

- Current specialist kit total: approximately £94.87, excluding delivery.
- Where Wig Foundation items are also required, the current combined total is approximately £231.87, excluding delivery.

Prices may vary depending on the supplier, lace selected, hair type and the scale of the wig or postiche being produced.

SFX and Prosthetics

- Current specialist kit total: approximately £130.49 to £237.65, excluding delivery, depending on quantities selected.
- Optional/extra items may include F40 Fast Cast resin (£23.00) and additional sculpting tools from approximately £21.00 if required.

Final project costs may vary depending on the size and complexity of the prosthetic appliance and the moulding, casting and finishing materials selected.

University-provided support and shared resources

The professional kit is not intended to replace the shared teaching resources available within the course. Students continue to have access, where appropriate, to a range of communal materials, specialist equipment and teaching resources.

- Shared practical and specialist equipment available within the studios.
- A range of communal materials used for teaching, including life-casting materials, clay, plaster, art materials and selected specialist products.
- Support from lecturers and technicians where a product or item is required unexpectedly or where an appropriate alternative can be identified.
- Production budgets for film work during the degree, including a £300 allocation for Graduate Film work at Level 6.
- University support for relevant production costs such as actors and costumes.

Please note: Shared resources are not an unlimited substitute for a student's personal kit or project-specific production materials. Where students have an allocated production budget or the material is included in their own kit, they are expected to use those resources appropriately.

Keeping costs manageable

The course team recognises that students have different financial circumstances and regularly reviews the kit to balance professional standards with affordability.

- Educational discounts are negotiated with suppliers wherever possible.
- Alternative suppliers and lower-cost equivalent products are considered where appropriate.
- Students can discuss more affordable material or project options with the course team.
- Students who need advice about financial assistance should contact Admissions or the appropriate University student support service.