Creative Digital Design Degree Apprenticeship
Required Software and Recommended Resources

DESIGN

SOFTWARE	URL	NOTE
Adobe CC	https://www.adobe.com/uk/creativecloud.html Available on campus computers: https://www.mmu.ac.uk/about-us/professional-services/isds/software/adobe	Industry standard programmes include InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, XD, etc. while subscription packages offer additional resources via Adobe Fonts and Adobe Stock
Marvel App View through web browser	https://marvelapp.com	Prototyping/wireframing
Pop by Marvel Download onto mobile device (Android or iOS)	https://marvelapp.com/pop	
Figma View through web browser (can be installed as app on Mac/PC)	https://www.figma.com	Collaborative design tool that works in the browser or as an app (free student license on application)
Axure Installed software, free license for MMU email addresses	https://www.axure.com/edu	Create prototypes

OFFICE

SOFTWARE	URL	NOTE
Microsoft Office Suite (PowerPoint, Word, Excel)	https://www.office.com	The university has a site-wide licence: https://www.mmu.ac.uk/isds/support/apps/office
Microsoft Teams	https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams	

COMMUNICATION

SOFTWARE	URL	NOTE
Slack	https://slack.com	Teamwork platform
Padlet	https://padlet.com	Real-time collaboration
Kahoot	https://kahoot.it https://kahoot.com	Game-based learning
Notion	https://www.notion.so	Workspace communication
GoToMeeting	https://www.gotomeeting.com	Webinar/usability lab streaming
Mentimeter	https://www.mentimeter.com	Classroom interaction (view through web browser on desktop/mobile)

CODING

SOFTWARE	URL	NOTE
Visual Studio Code Download and install on computer	https://code.visualstudio.com	The industry standard code editor for HTML and CSS to install on your computer (Mac, PC or Linux)
Repl.it View through web browser	https://repl.it	Online coding without needing to install programmes or set up your computer
CodePen View through web browser	https://codepen.io	CodePen hosts cutting edge experiments from the front-end coding community and testing for front-end code
GitHub View through web browser	https://github.com	Backup and version control your code
Netlify Drop View through web browser	https://app.netlify.com/drop	Put your web files online instantly
Netlify View through web browser	https://www.netlify.com	Hosting for web projects
Can I Use View through web browser	https://caniuse.com	Check if the web code you are using is implemented by all web browsers

VITAL LEARNING SITES

SITE/SPACE	URL	NOTE
e-Assessor View through web browser	https://webapps.pellcomp.net/HTP/eAssessor	Supporting reflection and skills assessment
Moodle View through web browser	https://moodle.mmu.ac.uk	Course related content including unit materials
Reading List View through web browser	https://mmu.rl.talis.com	Unit reading lists
Echo365 View through web browser	https://echo360.org.uk	Lecture Capture resources
All MMU sites	https://mmu.ac.uk	Includes sections for library information/catalogues

REFERENCE/RESOURCES

SITE/SPACE	URL	NOTE
99% Invisible	https://99percentinvisible.org	Archive for Roman Mars' influential design podcast (subscription also available via other podcast providers)
ACM Digital Library	https://dl.acm.org	Content from journals and magazines (MMU credentials provide wide access to content)
Adobe Color	https://color.adobe.com	Generates, saves and exports colour palettes for projects
AIGA Eye on Design	https://eyeondesign.aiga.org	Design editorial features
Branding Style Guides	https://brandingstyleguides.com	Archive of brand guidelines/style manuals from around the world
Critical Design Lab	https://www.mapping-access.com	Multi-disciplinary design and tech collaboration centred in disability

Decolonising Design	https://www.decolonisingdesign.com	Discussion and resources focusing on issues of equality, diversity and inclusion in design
Design Can	https://design-can.com	Campaigning, resources and strategies for inclusive design
Design Matters	https://www.designmattersmedia.com	Debbie Millman's long-running design podcast
Designing Women	https://designingwomen.readymag.com	Addressing influential design by women and highlighting industry gender imbalance
Dribbble	https://dribbble.com	Graphics and web design trends
Fuse	https://fusemcr.com	Manchester-based platform championing creatives of colour
Futuress	https://futuress.org	Intersectional feminist platform exploring design and politics
Google Fonts	https://fonts.google.com	Typefaces for free use (available in a range of international scripts)
GraphPad	https://www.graphpad.com	Data visualisation tools
HCI Book	https://hcibook.com	Human-Computer Interaction content and resources
Human Interface Guidelines	https://developer.apple.com/design/human-interface-guidelines	Tips on accessibility from Apple
Inclusive Design	https://www.microsoft.com/design/inclusive	Microsoft's accessibility methodology plus useful tools
Information is Beautiful	https://informationisbeautiful.net	Data visualisation inspiration
JSTOR	https://www.jstor.org	Academic research platform hosting a range of journals, papers, etc. (MMU credentials provide wide access to content)

Laws of UX	https://lawsofux.com	Best practice UX resources
LinkedIn Learning	https://www.linkedin.com/learning	Platform featuring a wide range of tutorials and short courses (MMU sign-in provides wide access)
Nielsen Norman Group	https://www.nngroup.com	Research-based user experience
Pocc	https://wearepocc.com	Members collective for ethnically and culturally diverse creatives
PsyTookit	https://www.psytoolkit.org	Free-to-use toolkit for experiments and surveys
Queer Design Club	https://queerdesign.club	Community platform for LGBTQ+ designers
Savee	https://savee.it	Design inspiration resource
TED	https://www.ted.com	Talks and discussions
The Behavior Wizard	https://www.behaviorwizard.org	Strategies and solutions built around user behaviour
Unblast	https://unblast.com	Free design resources including downloadable mock-ups
Unsplash	https://unsplash.com	High-quality image library
Usability Body of Knowledge	https://www.usabilitybok.org	Literature on issues around themes of usability
Usability.gov	https://www.usability.gov	Usability resources
Use & Modify	https://usemodify.com	Open-source typefaces
Vimeo	https://vimeo.com	Video content/hosting
What The Font	https://www.myfonts.com/WhatTheFont	Font identification tool
WIRED	https://www.wired.co.uk	Topical features on technology, culture, science and business

IT SERVICES ON CAMPUS

SERVICE	URL

Eduroam Wi-fi	https://www.mmu.ac.uk/isds/support/connect/wifi
Printing	https://www.mmu.ac.uk/about-us/professional-services/isds/devices/print