

TEF Student Submission Transcript:

Speaker 1 Hello, my name is _____, and I am a Student's Union President at UCEN Manchester and I recently _____ at UCEN Manchester. I'm so excited to present to you this student submission for the TEF, I'm just going to start by telling you a little bit about my journey and how I found my three years here at UCEN Manchester. So just like everyone else I came to an open day, which was at Nicholls campus and _____ was based there. I always wanted to do something with _____ so I up came to Manchester as I am originally from _____, so I came up and had a look round and I thought it was fantastic atmosphere. So, then I got obviously (luckily) I got in or I wouldn't be here today to tell you all about my journey. So, over the first three years I really found that the course was industry based and this is what I really liked that each of the modules basically led up to our professional third year which I found beneficial. Unfortunately, just like everyone our experience was affected by COVID so we went into lockdown in _____ year, so obviously we're all sent from our accommodations for what we thought would be two weeks over Easter. Unfortunately, I carried on for a lot longer. I feel like COVID impacted maybe the last half of _____ year and a lot of _____ year as well. However, throughout this journey I think we were supported by UCEN Manchester a lot and I think they looked after us so make sure that we were still engaging, and they made sure that it could be possible as a physical course it was very difficult. The pressures that we felt and the feeling of being left behind was immense, but our tutors and our personal tutors really helped us realise that we aren't the only people, and we are just unfortunately the class of COVID. They really helped us to work our way through the year and then luckily, we had our third year shows as our first public _____. So, it really helped that we got to that point. My dreams and hopes for my course are that I just wanted to finish with a degree, and I finish with _____ which I'm really proud of myself for. I just wanted to be prepared and industry ready and I don't think I could be anymore industry ready than I am now. It's such a difficult thing to get you ready for an industry like _____ but I think the _____ did a lot to help support me through that.

So now I am going to introduce you to four amazing individuals who are really excited to tell you all about their journeys here at UCEN Manchester. Within UCEN Manchester we have eight schools altogether. The Arden School of Theatre, School of Art, Media and Makeup, The Manchester film School, School of Business and Law, School of Computing and Cyber Security, School of Construction and engineering, School of Sports, Health and Well-being and School of Counselling and Teacher education as well as access to higher education. I am excited for you to hear all about their individual journeys. They are all in their final year of studying and they are here to share their unique experiences with you.

Speaker 2 Hello, I'm _____ and I am studying sports science and performance at year three in the School of Sports, Health and Well-being

Speaker 1 Hello _____ are you okay?

Speaker 2 I'm good thank you

Speaker 1 So, I just wanted to ask you a few questions. Why did you choose UCEN Manchester?

Speaker 2 So, I was a student _____, and I was studying _____. I attended like an open day for UCEN and I did have a look around and met some teachers and students from the course who had given me good idea about what we would be doing

and what they're looking for. Also told me they had started planning for the new building and new facilities and football pitches so that was interesting. All at the same time I was considering going to MMU instead but when I did compare the price and facilities and what I'm getting as well as I would be getting my UCEN degree from MMU would work out a lot better for me.

Speaker 1 Amazing, could you tell me a little bit about the course that your one and how you found it?

Speaker 2 So, I'm studying sports science which is it's more around sport and help improving performance and how to stay healthy and free from injuries. So we do some physical stuff of as well as theory which is really nice because we get to be active as well as we learn around it and I mean the first year was COVID so we kind of like did most of it online but we did manage to get what we need to do so when the rules weren't really strict we did manage to go and do what we did miss so we didn't miss a lot to honest. It's a nice mix really, my timetables week and would do like physical and serious things.

Speaker 1 Thank you, so what were your hopes and dreams during your course? During your last three years here.

Speaker 2 I mean so it's the last year here so hopes and dreams I mean, we didn't manage to do everything in first year as I said we did manage to carry this all but try to apply what we need to do. Hope is like getting physically fit and like learning how to industry works and getting an idea of what it is to do and who to the test. And because our class is small, and we have been able to do the test on each other so we can learn from each other. When I finish my degree, I would love to work in the industry which what I really want. And I think the theory and practise it going to allow me to do that.

Speaker 1 Thank you, do you feel like you have been well supported by UCEN Manchester, so that's talking about the academic side as well as the emotional, financial side is the sort of things.

Speaker 2 Yes, so for three years we have been getting one to one from our personal tutor, so we chat with us and supporting us with any help we needed. During COVID, It was a hard time, but we managed to get through with assignment with Students' Union support and by offering us the facility and online classes to make sure we get what we need. Comparing this year to our first year I feel we like we are getting more benefits as the Students' Union is growing up and Future U is growing up. So, we are getting more of what need. It's not perfect but its more that we had in our first year.

Speaker 3 Hi, my name is and I study at the School of Sports and Health from Well-being. I am a criminology and criminal justice student in my third year.

Speaker 1 Why did you choose to come to UCEN Manchester .

Speaker 3 After reading the synopsis on criminology and criminal justice I just thought that it would be the course for me and then when it came down and met the lecturer, she was amazing and I just thought I want to study here, she made the course come to life just by talking about it. So yeah.

Speaker 1 Did you come to an open day?

Speaker 3 No, I just I literally one day I got up one day and thought, I need to do something different, I want to do something different. I literally drove down to the Openshaw Campus after reading through the courses and then I met there and like I said the rest is history.

Speaker 1 Amazing so could you tell me a bit about the course and how you found it over the last three years.

Speaker 3 Right, again as I said it's been an amazing course. We study crime and theory and crime in practise and it's interesting. We don't realise how ingrained it is in society it is massive topic and it very interesting it just does it for me. Over the past three years, we've had COVID with many obstacles. With a few teachers who have not stayed the duration so that's been a bit difficult because everybody has different styles of teaching us and then COVID hit and then we had to do it online, which was a bit difficult because of the nature of the course, how we studied, how we play it, we need to see in practise and that was quite difficult during COVID. still made it work for us so yeah, it's always been exciting, she's always being made the cost comes to life.

Speaker 1 What were your hopes and dreams during your course, and do you feel that you have achieved some of those now coming near the end?

Speaker 3 Yeah, well when I first got it, I thought 'I'm out of my depth. I can't do this.' I didn't have the ability because academically it's very wordy and had to get my mind around that but with the support of the lecturers, I really did like she always said 'you know you've got no issues with this'. It was my self-doubt, but she encouraged with that. In fact, most of the lecturers that have been on our course have been the same, so my confidence had built over the years and then yeah yes, it's been good for me personally. It's just been a good course

Speaker 1 I know you have mentioned how were supported by your tutor, but do you feel that you were well supported at your time here UCEN?

Speaker 3 All the way round because and every step of the way I've felt supported or have been signposted. If someone can't help in one direction, I've been signposted somewhere else, and they take the time. I mean my lecturers sometimes like she'll message me at the weekend, which is out of their remit, but she would be like 'I know you'll worry about this so XYZ' and they really do put the work in. I'm pleased.

Speaker 1 Thank you for talking to me.

Speaker 4 Okay so my name is , and I am , creative media arts and I have been here for about three years.

Speaker 1 Why did you choose UCEN Manchester?

Speaker 4 I actually was told by a friend, so I actually want to get into , but this was like my second choice because I just wanted to do workshop, but I knew this would do in workshop anyway. This is my second choice and I liked what they were providing like I came into induction day, just to look and see what it was like, and I enjoyed it. It had everything that I wanted to do, I wanted to , but it was still nice and at least I got extra skills.

Speaker 1 So, could you tell me a bit more about your course and how you think you found over the past few years?

Speaker 4 This one or last two years?

Speaker 1 Just all of it, all your experience.

Speaker 4 So, the first two years, I'm not going to lie I did enjoy but didn't at the same time. So I did come in to do more like prosthetic but due took COVID it messed everything up, like teachers as well leaving so we didn't get really the actual education that we wanted. So, we were doing a lot of , you know to improve. I understand like it wasn't their fault but still like because money have been put into this it is like kind

of upsetting because were paying a lot of money. For last year I made sure I made out a lot from it did a lot of prosthetics and all that, it was good, and it was very independent, but I was getting a lot of support, and yeah and experience wise like there's any work experience like teachers were helping so much. This year is absolutely everything I wanted, workshop based but just fun and love it.

Speaker 1 So, what were your hopes and dreams during your course?

Speaker 4 Well, I don't know to be honest because I just keep changing my mind. Obviously, I can't decide, but I'm hoping to pass of course and hoping to get good at like prosthetic workshop as well. Hopefully my experience as well to help me get a job.

Speaker 1 What were you thinking about doing when you leave?

Speaker 4 That's the problem. So, I think I'm going to go onto _____ and know it could be so difficult. So right now, I'm going to concentrate on _____ putting it in a workshop and making like _____, like a just sending it out to companies as well there basically.

Speaker 1 Do you feel that you were well supported here you so Manchester both like academically and like with your support?

Speaker 4 Yeah, I feel like I have 100% if I was struggling, they were always there for me, especially the last few years I think since COVID they were like a lot for with the students as well. I'm know that a lot of people are away from home as well, people around me like I've seen like a lot of them being supported but with me I feel like I have 100%.

Speaker 5 My name is _____, I study Film and TV production Manchester Film School.

Speaker 1 Why did you choose UCEN Manchester?

Speaker 5 I heard about the film school from UCEN Manchester from a tutor from college who used to work here and then when I was in the process of applying for uni, I realised, oh actually the film school for what I actually want, seems to be the best so actually ended up you know working out for me, being here before.

Speaker 1 That's good then. So, can you tell us about your course over the past few years how you found?

Speaker 5 Personally, I think it has been great. At the beginning with COVID it was a bit difficult but we got through it but I think the last three years being amazing. I felt that for what I'm paying for. I'm getting my money's worth. It is a very different course if that makes sense because there's so much freedom because you know people could be in camera, people could be directing and to lighting, so it's not like fit for everyone. You have that feeling of choosing your own path and even changing your own path within the course which I find engaging.

Speaker 1 Do you think the course has prepared you for the industry?

Speaker 5 100%, like I had the chance to play with very expensive cameras and make great films and there's been things that if I wasn't in the film school, I wouldn't have learned and so I'm very happy with that,

Speaker 1 And so do you think that you achieved like your hopes and dreams is your time and what were they?

Speaker 5 I didn't have any big dreams, I didn't know what else to do but I felt passionate about media but definitely since I came here I felt like it was the right choice, and you know it slowly three years like finding my niche, regarding film and I think just forwards and then been non-stop. I've been loving it so far; I think it's great. It's been difficult at times but it's part of the Uni.

Speaker 1 Do you think that you have found your niche?

Speaker 5 yeah. I just a few years ago when I was in college, they don't know anything about and now I'm a big nerd, I just like to see news about . I just find it amazing and very enjoyable.

Speaker 1 Do you think that you were well supported over your time here at UCEN Manchester both like mentally and academically?

Speaker 5 Yeah, 100% like and there's been issues with assignments, but I cannot say that it is the teacher's fault, It has been my fault because you know sometimes you can leave it a bit too late but I think that's uni. It's been great.

Speaker 1 Thank you so much.