

The e-Portfolio

No matter which masters programme you choose, you'll complete an e-portfolio. This is a major final project in digital cultures or cultural data, which you'll submit at the end of your year of study. We do this instead of a traditional dissertation, because we think it's a better way for you to show what you've learned about cultural data and digital cultures.

You e-portfolio will focus on a project of your choice

For this project, you can choose to design a digital culture product or service; or a digital arts performance or installation; or some other project of your choosing which uses cultural data. You might choose to identify and solve a particular real-world problem; or you might design a project to communicate new ideas. The project may have benefits for academics in universities; or for business; or for the fine arts, for heritage, or for the community. As your instructors, we'll support you in coming up with a project idea and developing it into a finished portfolio.

Your e-portfolio will include different types of content

Your e-portfolio will include many different things that will show how you designed and developed your project. It will include short or long written pieces, describing the process of designing the project; it will include some summaries and reflections on existing literature, and what other people have done in the field; it might include examples of the kind of cultural information or data you're working with; a description of the theories you've used; it might include drawings and designs; and you could even include practical work such as original digital music or software code.

Building on knowledge acquired throughout your MA

The point is to show us what you've learned on the course; and how you can apply what you've learned to a real-world situation. You can also show us your ability to reflect on your own progress, and your own design, and to evaluate yourself and how your ideas have developed during the course. The e-portfolio enables you to show your own self-directed learning, your critical judgement, and your ideas and creativity, building on knowledge acquired throughout your MA - and you ought to be able to use it as evidence for future employers.