

What is the course about?

This course is designed to give students the knowledge and understanding of visual communication and the creative process enabling them to develop their own creative voice. Students will develop an understanding of the importance and influence of the work of artists and designers to develop and realise their own creative intentions. They produce a portfolio of art and design work in areas such as textiles, photography, fine art and 3D design; each unit based on a different art and design theme to cover a wide range of different art design materials, techniques and processes.

Course content

Different practices to include some of the following:

- Visual recording and communication
- Critical and contextual studies in art and design
- Photographic materials, techniques and processes
- Fine art materials, techniques and processes
- 3D design materials, techniques and processes
- The creative process
- Textiles materials, techniques and processes

Assessment

It will be assessed through a combination of assignments and projects; each unit will be based on a different art and design theme.

External assessment is 58% with internal coursework of 42%.

Career pathways

Study art and design related degree courses at higher education. The course is the equivalent to one A Level.

Employment opportunities: photographer, junior digital imaging technician, design assistant, technical illustrator, stylist, trainee pattern cutter and visual merchandiser.

Entry criteria

Minimum of five 4 to 9 grades at GCSE.

A portfolio of work may further support your application.