

Art, design & photography

Our achievement rate for Art & design courses in 08/09 was:

98%



Are you creative? Explore your artistic side in our light and spacious art rooms and specialist studios.



Job options

- Animation
- Art & design
- Art history
- Ceramics
- Computer aided design
- Fashion/costume design
- Graphic design
- Interior design
- Photography
- Photojournalism
- Print, stage & set design
- Textiles
- Window dressing

Art & design BTEC Diploma Level 2

AS0064
Course length: 1 year



This course replaces the BTEC First Diploma. Get a good grounding in the theory and practice of art and design in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

Course content

Core units cover a broad range of skills in practical art and design including drawing, painting and sculptural work, and in evaluating the work of artists and designers.

Specialist units complement the core units and give you the opportunity to specialise in specific areas such as ceramics, surface pattern and texture, and the art of different cultures. You will work on a short course in photography.

Additional Studies

A range of GCSE subjects including English and Maths are available.

Key/functional skills

All students need to do the three units in English, Maths and IT. You will be assessed when you join us to make sure that we teach you at the right level.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grades E-F.

After the course is finished

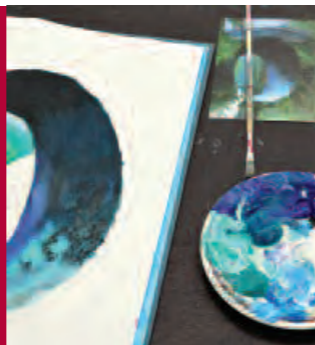
Successful students at Merit level may apply for the Art & design BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3 or other subjects at AS Level.

Art & design BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

AS0063
Course length: 2 years

UCAS

UCAS tariff points available



This course replaces the BTEC National Diploma. Equip yourself with a broad range of art & design skills that can take you on to university. This is an 18 unit course equivalent to three A Levels.

Course content

Core units cover fundamental knowledge, skills and understanding of art and design including drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and graphics.

Students also take units which introduce them to the business and professional practices of working in the art and design industry.

Specialist units complement and extend the scope of the core units and help students to focus their study in a particular direction, for example the use of computer applications, photography and film.

Key/functional skills

All students need to do the three units in English, Maths and IT. You will be assessed when you join us to make sure that we teach you at the right level.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grades A*-C, one being Art, or Art & design First Diploma at Merit grade.

After the course is finished

Successful students may apply for degree or Higher National Diploma courses in art and design at university or art college. This course could give you between 120 and 360 UCAS points depending on your final grade.

Photography BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

AS0060
Course length: 2 years

UCAS

UCAS tariff points available



NEW

This will provide you with a comprehensive knowledge of the divisions of photography within the creative field.

Course content

This can be flexible to meet your interests, abilities and aspirations. There are five compulsory core units plus others from a range of photography specialist areas.

The essential elements of the course cover the fundamentals of art and design, techniques and materials, concepts and influences, visual recording and communication. The focus is within photography and you will specialise in an area of interest, such as video work, image capture/manipulation, darkroom/digital techniques or studio/location photography.

The course comprises 18 units, covered over two academic years.

Key/functional skills

All students need to do the three units in English, Maths and IT. You will be assessed when you join us to make sure that we teach you at the right level.

Entry requirements

A Merit grade in an Art & design or Photography BTEC First Diploma, or four GCSEs at grade C or above.

After the course is finished

Employment in a professional photography field or further study. This course could give you between 120 and 360 UCAS points depending on your final grade.

Your say



Sarah Simons Art & design BTEC National Diploma

I have had a good experience at college so far, I think this year will be better with the new building. The Cornwall trip was also really good.

Your say



Tawonga Mphande Art & design BTEC National Diploma

So far I have enjoyed college and it is everything I hoped for. I was looking forward to entering the new college and my course is very enjoyable and gives me a series of career choices.

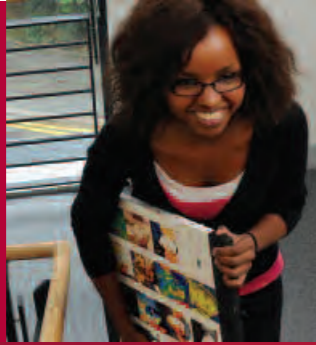
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Art & Design Diploma in Access to Higher Education

EA0985
Course length: 1 year

UCAS

UCAS tariff points available



Start practical training in art and design to take you on to university or straight into a career in the field.

Course content

Core studies throughout the course will focus on drawing (including life drawing), research, communications and the history of art and design. During the first term you will be introduced to a range of different art and design pathways in design, graphics, photography, 3D welding construction, ceramics, textiles, painting and printmaking.

Key/functional skills

All students need to do the three units in English, Maths and IT. You will be assessed when you join us to make sure that we teach you at the right level.

Entry requirements

No formal qualification required but you will be expected to have some ability and background knowledge of art and design and show commitment to working in an open, creative way. You will be asked to present evidence of practical work at the interview stage.

After the course is finished

You could proceed to degree or Higher National Diploma courses at art college or university or directly into a career in art and design.

Access courses are designed for those with few or no academic qualifications but a desire to learn. On successful completion of this one-year course, you will have achieved the equivalent of two to three A Levels and could then progress to higher education.



Art & Design Foundation Diploma

AS0072
Course length: 1 year

UCAS

UCAS tariff points available



NEW

The course is for students who have completed an A2 Level in art and wish to go to university to study art-related courses.

Course content

This one-year intensive course allows you to experiment and develop art and design skills before you specialise in a particular pathway. The course has three stages:

- **Stage 1 Exploratory:** You identify your skills, strengths and interests and develop practical abilities in 2D and 3D, to help you make an informed choice of specialist study.
- **Stage 2 Pathway:** You will focus on one broad art and design discipline.
- **Stage 3 Confirmatory:** You bring together your skills, knowledge and understanding in art, design and communication to carry out a major project, resulting in an art exhibition.

Key/functional skills

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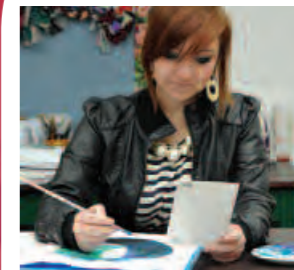
Entry requirements

Full A Level qualification in Art & design.

After the course is finished

A large proportion of students on completing the course will progress to university to study a BA degree in the arts. Successful students will achieve an Art & design BTEC Foundation Diploma.

Your say



Abigail Strong Art & design BTEC National Diploma

I really liked my first year of college and found the course very enjoyable. I'm looking forward to my second year of studies in the new building and carrying on with producing pieces of art work. I like how this course leaves my options open and gives me many career choices.

Your say



Dominic Halfacre Art & design BTEC National Diploma

This is my third year in college. Love the look of the new building, looks modern. Made lots of friends and enjoy my time at college. It's my last year here and I will miss everyone when I go.