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Art and Design

Welcome to Art and Design at Edinburgh College

We're proud to welcome budding creatives to one of the largest college art and design departments in Scotland. From graphics, illustration, and interior design, to fashion and 3D animation, you'll find what you're looking for at Edinburgh College. This variety ensures there's an art and design course to suit you.

Whichever area of art and design you choose, our experienced professionals are here to really push you to develop through inspiring teaching. They will work with you to make sure you produce a portfolio to be proud of - and one that will get you noticed. All of our art and design courses have a focus on practical briefs to make sure you gain experience of the creative process. This is vital to your success in the creative industries.

The vibrant contemporary art and design scene here in Edinburgh makes it the perfect place to develop your creative skills, with a whole variety of events and

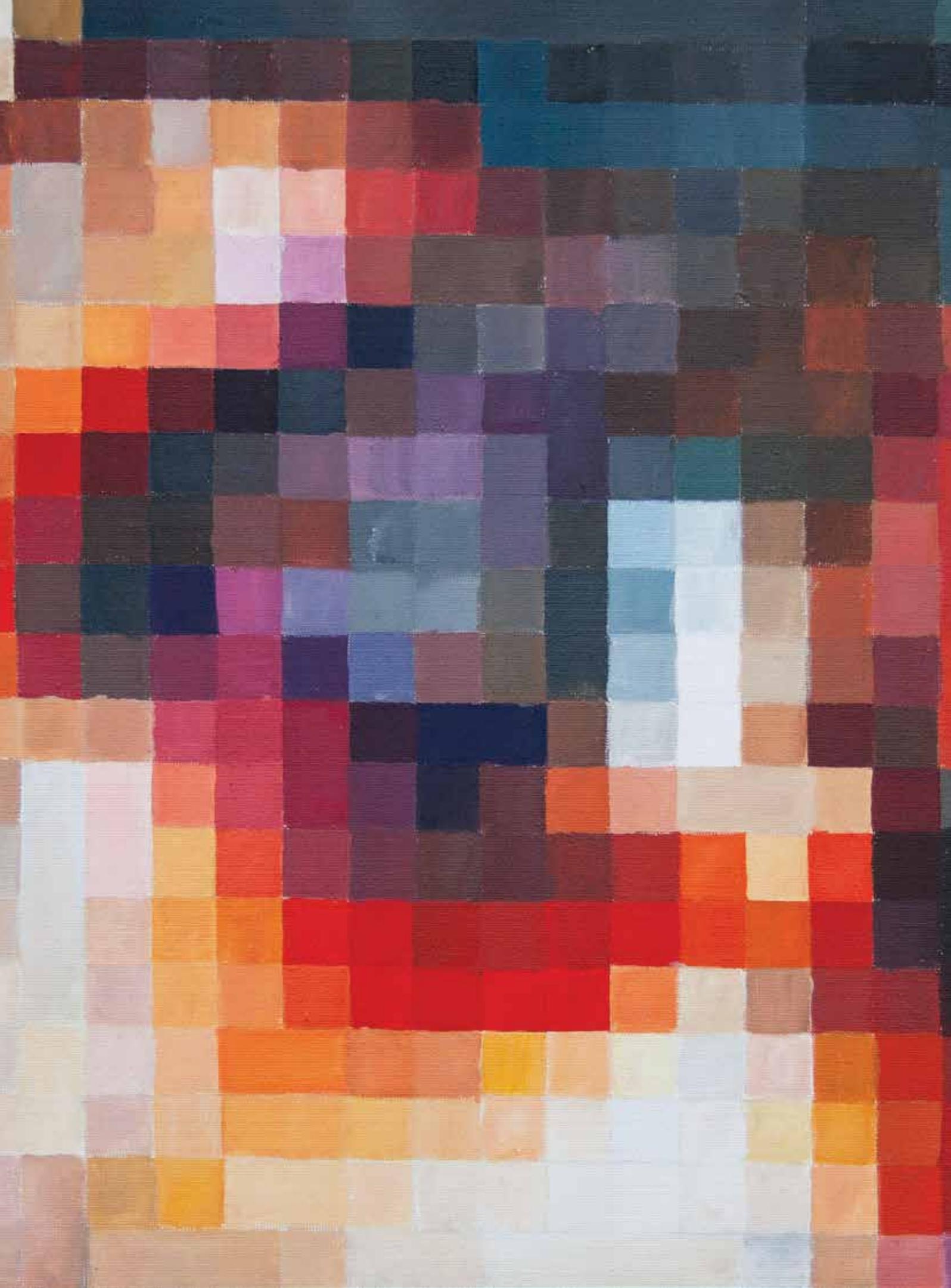
exhibitions throughout the year to complement your studies. Being in the creative capital of Scotland has also allowed us to build exciting links with industry, leading to work placements, live project briefs, visits to art and design studios, and guest speakers - all great ways to provide you with a rewarding experience on your chosen course.

Our art and design successes speak for themselves, with students winning awards year after year. 2013 was a brilliant year for our HND Visual Communication students, with two finalists of the prestigious Marketing Star Society Awards. Adding to our reasons to celebrate, Jonathan Walton won Creative Student of the Year at the awards, which showcase Scotland's marketing talents. We're now recognised as the only college in Scotland offering the chance to submit entries to the awards, with all other nominees being at degree or postgraduate level. In the face of this tough competition, it was

also a former Edinburgh College student, Steven Brown, who won this prize the year before.

In recognition of our graphic design talent, Zsusanna Slezac (NC Graphic Design) beat 2,000 entries to triumph with her winning anti-racism poster. The competition was run by Show Racism the Red Card, the UK anti-racism educational charity. Her outstanding design work reached a huge audience, published in Show Racism the Red Card publications and within schools right across the UK.

Now you know that Edinburgh College is the place to kick-start your career in art and design, the following guide will help you choose the course that's right for you.



Art Portfolio Preparation 1

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Evening

What is this course about?

This course gives you the opportunity to develop a portfolio of artwork, which will support College and UCAS applications for art and design-based courses.

You'll explore a variety of art and design disciplines, media and techniques. The emphasis will be on drawing and you'll have the opportunity to work from a life model. You'll look at the use of the sketchbook as a tool to help investigate the creative process, both in research and development of ideas and interests. This is a very important element of any successful portfolio.

You'll also create resolved work, which will link to the sketchbook work whilst being able to stand on its own. As an important part of the process, you'll investigate a variety of ways that artists have explored and expressed the visual world.

This course offers higher level units that will ensure you are well prepared to progress onto study at a higher level.

How do I get a place?

Minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 5.

What will I learn?

- Art and design knowledge and skills
- Produce a suitable art portfolio for applications

What can I do next?

This course will enable you to produce a portfolio of art and design work suitable for applying to a range of full time courses in art and design at Edinburgh College or university.

Life Drawing 1 (Schools)

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Evening

What is this course about?

If you're a school student, this course is the perfect opportunity to develop life drawing elements towards a portfolio of artwork. This course will make sure you showcase your best work to support College and UCAS applications for art and design based courses.

You'll get to explore a variety of approaches, media and techniques working from a life model, focusing on drawing. You'll learn both accurate rendering of the figure and a variety of expressive and mixed media approaches. You'll also explore a whole range of different ideas about drawing by looking at artists' works, and learning to appreciate different ways of seeing or interpreting the figure - essential research for your ongoing development as an artist.

This course offers SCQF Level 5 units, which will really support your progression on to exciting further studies in art.

How do I get a place?

- Apply online but with your school's college coordinator
- Art at Intermediate 2 level would be a recommended entry point
- You must be 16 years old at the beginning of the course
- This course is offered as a Schools College Partnership
- You should have a creative personality, be open to new ideas and challenges and want to meet new similar minded people

What will I learn?

- Life Drawing
- How to Build an Art Portfolio
- Mixed Media Approaches
- Seeing and Interpreting the Figure
- Research Skills

What can I do next?

The elements you add to your portfolio will support College and UCAS applications for art and design-based courses

Entry Level 1 Introduction to Art and Design

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Part-Time

What is this course about?

If you're looking to try out new art and design materials and techniques, this SCQF Level 1 course is for you. This introductory course will allow you to use your personal interests to make imaginative artwork. You'll have fun exploring printmaking, painting, sculpture, 2D and 3D design.

To make sure you gain a wider understanding of what art can be, you'll be taught by professional artists and will go on to experience rewarding visits to art galleries too. We'll really encourage you to work with others and to share your ideas both visually and verbally. This will allow you to develop the confidence to try out new ideas and will help you to build your personal and social skills even further.

The course ends with an exhibition in a large group show where you'll proudly showcase the best of your work from the course - a truly rewarding experience.

It's a part-time course with a maximum of 12 students and is delivered on a Monday morning for 2 hours per week. The course will make sure you're prepared for a whole range of jobs because of all the general skills you'll develop. You'll also be in a fantastic position to move onto further education in art and design here at the College.

How do I get a place?

- This course is suitable for people with no formal qualifications, or qualifications below standard grade level
- An interest in art
- Able to co-operate with others within a small class
- Prepared to use messy art materials
- This course is a basic introduction to art and design and is designed for additional support or learning needs

What will I learn?

- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture
- Design
- Communication and Life Skills

What can I do next?

- Either voluntary or paid employment with support from the Pathways team and Enable Scotland
- You may have the opportunity to attend job clubs
- Part time Understanding Art and Design Course at SCQF Level 2
- Specialise in one particular design area like part time Introduction to 3D Design (Jewellery) or Introduction to Textiles
- SCQF Level 1-2 courses in other subject areas

Entry Level 2 Using Art and Design Skills

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Part-Time

What is this course about?

If you'd like to try new art and design techniques at SCQF Level 2, this rewarding course is ideal. You'll gain a whole range of new skills and techniques in painting, drawing, sculpture, printing, 2D, and 3D design.

You'll be supported by experienced professional artists to develop these skills, being encouraged to look at the work of modern artists to develop essential research skills. You'll also attend talks by experts, and you'll experience rewarding visits to art galleries too.

The aim of the course is to get you producing highly finished, well presented imaginative artwork that allows you to show your individual personality and interests. Not only this, you'll also learn really valuable citizenship and employability skills by investigating environmental issues, taking part in group work and producing an awareness-raising poster.

Another important aspect of this part-time course is to expand life and communication skills, to make sure you are really well prepared for the next step of your education or employment, including a whole range of fun art and design courses here at Edinburgh College. Past students have even sold their artwork to the public, making your prospects truly exciting.

How do I get a place?

- This course is suitable for people with no formal qualifications, or qualifications below standard grade level
- Show us previous artwork that demonstrates your interest and commitment
- Demonstrate the ability to engage with ideas and have sound communication skills
- This course is suitable for additional support and learning needs

What will I learn?

- The Creative Process
- Research
- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture
- Printing
- Communication and Life Skills

What can I do next?

- Either voluntary or paid employment with support from the Pathways team and Enable Scotland
- You may have the opportunity to attend job clubs
- Develop your art skills further by applying for a place on the full-time course Application of Art and Design Skills at SCQF Level 3
- SCQF Level 1-2 courses in other subject areas

Entry Level 2 Jewellery

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Part-Time

What is this course about?

If you'd like to develop the skills you need to design and make a range of jewellery to a professional standard, this is the course for you.

You'll be working on fun project briefs to develop your creative and technical skills in the field of jewellery making. At the start of each project, you'll look at the work of artists and designers to develop essential research skills. You'll then follow a professional creative process, working to a theme, to produce drawings and designs suitable for you to make personalised pieces.

You'll get to work with a variety of materials, including wood, felt, plastic, metal and resin.

This will allow you to learn the methods of shaping, cutting, stringing and drilling these materials to construct your pieces of work. This creative course will allow you to show your personality and interests through the making process. The course ends in an exhibition in a large group show - a really rewarding experience where you can feel proud to showcase the best of your work.

It's an ideal part-time course if you're looking to develop design skills at SCQF Level 2, studying 2 hours per week. You'll have great opportunities for employment because of all the life skills you'll improve on the course. You'll be ready to progress onto a whole range of rewarding art and design courses too. Your prospects really are exciting - previous students have even sold artwork to the public.

How do I get a place?

- This course is suitable for people with no formal qualifications, or qualifications below standard grade level
- This course is suitable for additional support and learning needs but you must be physically able to complete tasks (with a small amount of support if required) and be able to make decisions independently
- It would be an advantage if you can read and write simple sentences
- You will be invited for an interview where you will be asked to show us previous artwork that demonstrates your interest and commitment

What will I learn?

- The Creative Process
- Research
- Design
- Materials
- Communication and life skills

What can I do next?

- Either voluntary or paid employment with support from the Pathways team and Enable Scotland
- The opportunity to attend job clubs
- Develop your art skills further by applying for a place on the part-time Understanding Art and Design Course at SCQF Level 2, or on the full-time Application of Art and Design at SCQF Level 3
- SCQF Level 1-2 courses in other subject areas

Entry Level 2 Textiles

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Part-Time

What is this course about?

This course is perfect if you're interested in learning to design and print textiles to a professional standard. You'll have the chance to work on fun project briefs, allowing you to develop creative and technical skills in the field of textile dyeing and printing.

For each project, you'll start by looking at the work of other artists, to develop valuable research skills. You'll then follow a professional creative process, working to a theme, to produce drawings and designs that you'll use to make personalised printed textiles. You'll have fun using a variety of media and techniques, such as fabric pens and crayons, lino cutting, fabric painting, heat transfer printing, silk painting and tie dyeing. You'll have the opportunity to combine two or more techniques in the production of textile panels.

This is a fun, creative course, so your individual personality and interests will be able to shine through in the textiles you make. At the end of term there's an exhibition where you'll be able to proudly showcase the best of your work - a truly rewarding opportunity.

This part-time course is ideal if you're looking to develop your art and design skills at SCQF Level 2. You'll really enhance your employment prospects through all the life skills you learn from the course, as well as being prepared for further exciting studies in art and design here at the College.

How do I get a place?

- This course is suitable for people with no formal qualifications, or qualifications below standard grade level
- This course is suitable for additional support and learning needs but you must be physically able to complete tasks (with a small amount of support if required) and be able to make decisions independently
- It would be an advantage if you can read and write simple sentences
- You will be invited for an interview where you will be asked to show us previous artwork that demonstrates your interest and commitment

What will I learn?

- The Creative Process
- Research
- Design
- Printing Textiles
- Materials and Techniques
- Communication and Life Skills

What can I do next?

- Either voluntary or paid employment with support from the Pathways team and Enable Scotland
- You may have the opportunity to attend job clubs
- Develop your art skills further by applying for a place on the part-time Understanding Art and Design at SCQF Level 2, or on the full-time Application of Art and Design at SCQF Level 3
- SCQF Level 1-2 courses in other subject areas



Entry Level 3 Application Of Art And Design Skills

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you're looking to develop your existing art and design skills at SCQF Level 3, this exciting course is designed for you. You'll be supported by experienced professional artists to achieve your artistic potential. You'll gain new skills and an understanding of different techniques in painting, sculpture, printing and graphic design, and will learn to use the creative process to research and fully develop your own ideas so that you can produce artwork of a professional standard.

You'll be encouraged to develop these skills by examining the work of established modern artists, attending talks by experts, and visiting art galleries. An important aspect of the course is to expand life and communication skills, as well as using technology to produce highly finished, well-presented, imaginative artwork that really showcases your individual personality and interests.

The course ends in a rewarding exhibition of your best work in a large group show. It's a fantastic creative platform - previous students have gone on to successful apprenticeships with Gallery on the Corner, and have also sold their artwork to the public.

How do I get a place?

- This course is suitable for people with no formal qualifications, or qualifications below standard grade level.
- Examples of artwork that demonstrates your interest and commitment
- This course is suitable if you have additional support and learning needs, but you must be physically able to complete tasks (with a small amount of support if required)
- Be able to make decisions independently
- It would be an advantage if you can read and write simple sentences

What will I learn?

- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture
- Printing Techniques
- Graphic Design
- The Creative Process
- Communication, ICT, and Life Skills
- Research Skills

What can I do next?

- Voluntary or paid employment with support from the Pathways team, Enable Scotland and your Learning Development Tutor
- BTEC First Art and Design at SCQF Level 4
- College courses in a wide variety of areas not restricted to art and design

First Diploma Art And Design

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you're interested in developing a portfolio for application to more advanced level courses in art and design, this course is ideal.

You'll study a wide range of different specialities and the course is structured to allow you to develop your interests, while being introduced to new specialist areas.

It's the perfect preparation, whether you're a school leaver or more mature student, to develop and explore ideas, materials and visual imagery through the use of drawing and sketchbooks. It will allow you to widen your knowledge and understanding of the creative process. You'll put your learning into context by researching relevant artists and designers. The course also offers you the rewarding opportunity of exhibiting your final major project in an end of year show.

The portfolio you put together will include practical projects and contextual studies, in the form of sketch and notebook work, drawing, material and media experiments, 2D, 3D and digital art, plus design work. This will allow you to showcase your work for employment or further study.

How do I get a place?

- A minimum of 4 Standard Grades including Art and Design and English (or equivalent)
- Portfolio and successful interview

What will I learn?

- The BTEC First Diploma is full-time and has the equivalence of four Standard Grades at Credit up to four Intermediate 2 qualifications depending on the final grade achieved

What can I do next?

- Employment at a junior level within the creative industries
- BTEC ND, Foundation Diploma in Art and Design or HN qualification
- A wide range of NC design, photography and media courses at the College

Foundation Diploma In Art And Design

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This course will allow you to develop a wide variety of skills and knowledge across art and design disciplines. It will help you realise your potential, and discover the area you'd like to specialise in. You'll develop your confidence in working independently and will be encouraged to not only develop concepts, but to link these with practical skills in a variety of specialised areas of art and design, from drawing and painting, sculpture and 3D, visual communication, to fashion and textiles.

You'll explore, think and evaluate to help you gain an intellectual curiosity and critical awareness of the contemporary visual world. This experimental way of thinking is essential for you to succeed in this exciting, creative industry. The course will really push you to develop through innovative and inspiring teaching - you'll be taught by experienced, successful professionals. You'll also have the rewarding experience of an end of year exhibition to showcase your work.

It's the perfect platform for you to build the portfolio of creative work you need to progress to degree-level studies in a chosen art and design specialism, which will enhance your prospects even further.

How do I get a place?

- A minimum of 1 x Higher in a related subject plus four Standard Grades at Credit Level or above including Art and Design and English (or equivalent)
- BTEC Level 3 Diploma or NC SCQF Level 5 or 6 in a related subject
- Portfolio and successful interview

What will I learn?

- Exploratory Stage: The importance of drawing in the creative process and introduction to specialist areas of art and design
- Pathway Stage: students specialise in 2 areas whilst preparing for UCAS applications
- Confirmatory Stage: Final Major Project in chosen art and design specialism, London Study trip and Diploma exhibition

What can I do next?

- Progress straight into employment
- Any art and design-related HND at Edinburgh College
- Progress into 1st and 2nd year Degree-level studies in art and design

HND Contemporary Art Practice

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This innovative course has been specifically designed to develop your creative practice and equip you with the knowledge and skills you need for a successful career as a visual artist.

It's an inter-disciplinary course covering 2D and 3D fine art practice including: drawing and visual thinking, life drawing, painting, printmaking, conceptual development, sculpture and digital media.

The course is project based, allowing you to respond to a range of creative project briefs designed to challenge, stimulate and inspire. You'll be given your own personal studio space at the start of the course.

You'll be taught by highly qualified and experienced artists with national and international exhibition, research and project experience. Along with the excellent selection of visiting artists, and a professional practice programme, this ensures that this course is highly relevant to your career aspirations.

Upon completion, you're guaranteed entry onto BA (Hons) Fine Art at the University of Cumbria - an exciting opportunity to develop your fine art skills and knowledge even further.

How do I get a place?

- For Year 1, a minimum of 2 Highers or relevant NC, BTEC pass at SCQF Level 6
- For Year 2, pass all 15 credits available at HNC Level
- Portfolio and successful interview

What will I learn?

- Developmental Drawing
- Contemporary 2D Practice
- Contemporary 3D Practice
- Conceptual Processes
- Digital Art Form

What can I do next?

- Guaranteed entry to Level 2 of BA (Hons) Fine Art degree course at the University of Cumbria (equivalent to Year 3 of a Scottish degree)
- A range of degree courses at national and international universities
- Gain direct entry to Scottish and English Art Colleges at first, second or third year

BTEC National Diploma Art and Design

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This BTEC National Diploma in Art and Design will give you an understanding of the employment and further educational opportunities available in the art and design world. It's designed to support you to progress into a specific area of work or specialist study, working within fully-equipped art and design studios.

The essential elements of the course give you a strong understanding of the fundamentals of art and design: techniques and materials, concepts and influences, visual recording and communication. The specific focus is up to you, allowing you to specialise in the area that you are most talented and interested in, such as drawing and painting, sculpture and 2D or 3D design. The course structure can allow the qualification to be flexible to meet your interests, abilities and aspirations. You'll also gain essential vocational skills for future employment and study by responding to challenging assignments, and meeting deadlines.

You'll have regular opportunities to visit galleries, museums, university and college open days in order to contextualise your studies in a vocational setting. There's also the exciting opportunity to widen your understanding of contemporary and historical art and design during study trips, including London.

The course will allow you to build a portfolio which will include practical projects and contextual studies in the form of sketch and notebook work. You'll also work on essays, drawing, material and media experiments and 2D, 3D and digital art and design work. An end of year show provides you with the rewarding opportunity to exhibit your work.

How do I get a place?

- A minimum of four Standard Grades at Credit Level or above including Art and Design and English (or equivalent)
- BTEC Level 2 Diploma or NC SCQF Level 5 in a related subject
- Portfolio and successful interview

What will I learn?

- Techniques and Materials
- Concepts and Influences
- Visual Recording
- Communication
- Drawing
- Painting
- Sculpture
- 2D or 3D Design
- Digital Art and Design

What can I do next?

- You'll gain between 80-240 UCAS points for university applications, allowing you to apply for entry to Year 1 at Scottish art colleges
- Your portfolio will support applications to the BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design and specialist HND in Art and Design



City & Guilds Level 2 Creative Techniques: Textiles

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Evening

What is this course about?

Level 2 is aimed at those wishing to explore or improve their creative skills and is designed to offer a strong foundation in designer-made crafts.

You will learn in a group with your training provider based in a fully equipped studio setting.

How do I get a place?

- Apply online. Attitude and aptitude will be taken into consideration
- You may be invited to attend an interview
- You will learn in a group with your tutor based in a fully equipped studio setting

What will I learn?

- Design Sampling
- Exploring potential of ideas and materials
- Pattern Cutting
- Dress Blocks and Adaptations
- Adapting a Bodice Block to a Design
- Millinery
- Blocked Straw Hat with a Brim
- Blocked Felt Hat
- Collection of Hand Embroidered Textiles
- Textile Decoration
- Added Pattern

What can I do next?

- This is aimed at those wishing to explore or improve their creative skills and is designed to offer a strong foundation in the designer made crafts
- You will develop the necessary skills to work independently, creating items of well-designed and saleable quality

City & Guilds Level 3 Creative Techniques: Textiles

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Part-Time

What is this course about?

This course is aimed at those wishing to develop existing textile skills or working in studios either as the sole trader or in partnership. The qualification will lead you to advanced and innovative design and production skills.

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Design makers can progress to HND or degree level or gain further skills in production, and may be able to run a craft business.

How do I get a place?

- Attitude and aptitude are important
- You may be invited to attend a brief interview
- You will learn in a group with your tutor based in a fully equipped studio setting
- You will be assessed by continuous practical assessment

What will I learn?

- Research for Design
- Sampling
- Develop, Refine and Innovate Ideas
- Advanced Textile Decoration
- Experimental Collection of Quilting, Patchwork and Appliqué

What can I do next?

- This is aimed at those wishing to develop existing textile skills
- The qualification will lead you to advanced and innovative design and production skills
- You may be able to progress to a full time creative course such as an HND or degree level or gain further skills in production, and may be able to run a craft business



BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design: Fashion and Textiles

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

If you're an entry-level college learner who's interested in developing a portfolio for applications onto more advanced level courses in Fashion and Textiles, this course is ideal.

You'll cover a whole range of art and design units, from Working with Fashion Design Briefs to 3D Visual Communication.

This is the perfect preparation course for you to develop and explore ideas, materials and visual imagery, through the use of drawing and sketchbooks.

The course will allow you to seriously widen your knowledge and understanding of the creative process, and you'll put your learning into context by researching relevant artists and designers. You'll also have the rewarding opportunity to exhibit your final major project in an end of year show.

How do I get a place?

- A minimum of four Standard Grades at General Level or above including Art and Design and English (or equivalent)
- You must submit a portfolio of practical artwork that demonstrates creative potential in sketchbooks and larger scale imagery
- Successful interview

What will I learn?

- Working with fashion design briefs
- 3D visual communication
- Researching relevant artists and designers
- Exhibiting final major project in an end of year show.

What can I do next?

- BTEC National Diploma, Foundation Diploma in Art and Design or HN qualification
- Degree-level study at university
- Employment at a junior level within the creative industries.

BTEC Level 3: Diploma Fashion: Textiles and Costume

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This course will allow you to develop the skills you need to progress onto our HND Textiles programme. You'll be introduced to the essential skills and knowledge you need to pursue an exciting career in the fashion and textile industry, including working as a designer, an artist or crafts person. The course is also the perfect platform to prepare you for a wealth of opportunities in related industries, such as marketing, PR, retail, or manufacture.

How do I get a place?

- A minimum of four Standard Grades at Credit Level or above including Art and Design and English (or equivalent)
- BTEC Level 2 Diploma or NC SCQF Level 5 in a related subject
- Portfolio and successful interview

What will I learn?

- Developing Costume Design Skills
- Visual Recording in Art & Design
- Materials, Techniques, and Processes in Art & Design
- Ideas and Concepts in Art & Design
- Communication Through Art & Design
- Surface Pattern
- Fashion Media, Techniques & Technology
- Pattern Construction for Fashion & Clothing
- Production Techniques for Fashion & Clothing
- Fashion Visualisation
- Accessory Production
- Contextual Influence in Art & Design

What can I do next?

- HND programmes in theatre costume and textiles
- Studies in fashion, textiles and costume at university

HND Textiles

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This practical two-year course will allow you to develop a wide range of textiles skills and knowledge. Your studies will be particularly varied, ensuring you'll experience all the areas needed to follow a career in the Fashion and Textile industry - whether this is working as a designer, an artist or crafts person. Not only this, you'll be well-prepared for related industries too, such as marketing, PR, retail or manufacture.

You'll have exciting opportunities for both informal and formal work experience throughout the course. You'll also produce a personal portfolio to showcase your work - essential for university applications - making this course the perfect platform to develop your fashion and textiles skills even further.

How do I get a place?

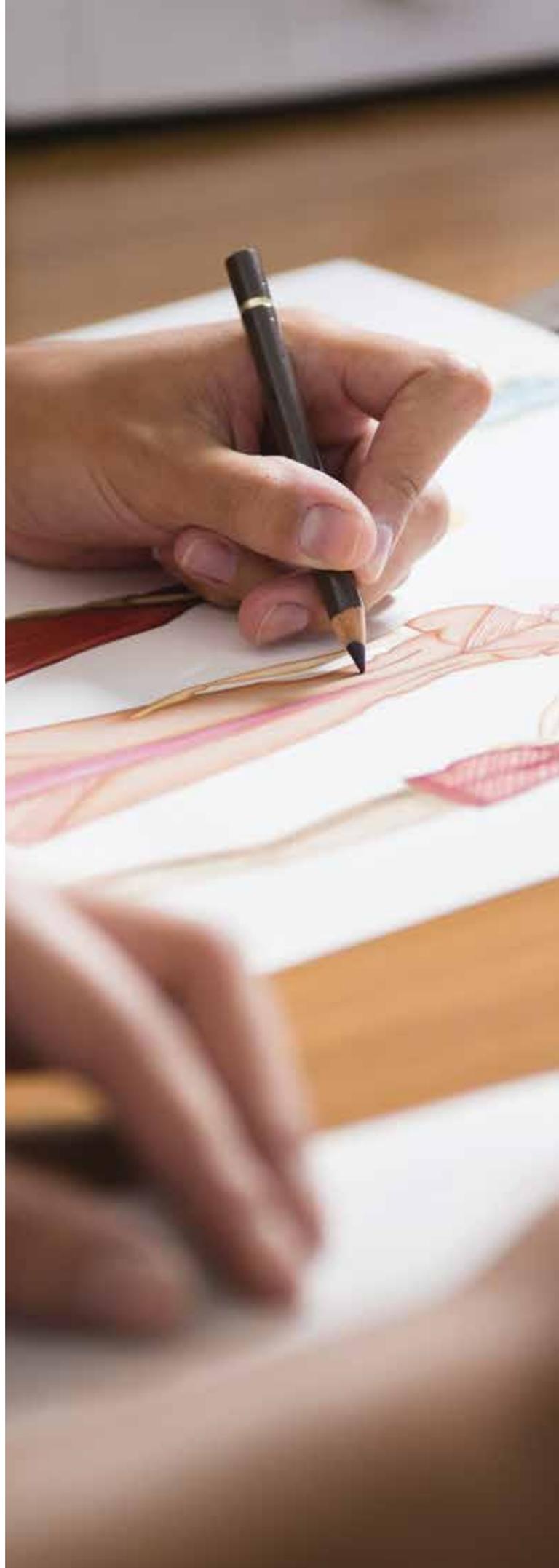
- For Year 1, a minimum 2 Highers or relevant NC, BTEC pass at SCQF Level 6
- To apply for Year 2, pass all 15 credits available at HNC Level

What will I learn?

- Concept Fashion Design
- Simple Pattern Drafting
- Garment Construction
- Surface Decoration
- Textile Techniques
- Fine Art Textiles
- Textile Accessory
- Printed Textiles and Millinery

What can I do next?

- Work as a designer, maker, or in retail or marketing fields
- A degree-level course in a wide range of related specialist subjects
- Entry into Year 3 BSc (Hons) Design for Textiles at Heriot-Watt University



NC Art & Design: Creative Media

Campus: Granton, Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

The course aims to introduce you to a wide range of visual disciplines within the design industries. It will develop your creative abilities using both digital technology and traditional drawing skills to produce inspiring work in graphics, animation, digital imaging and web design.

The course will allow you to get to grips with industry standard software through valuable tuition. This will allow you to complete rewarding project work as part of your continuous assessment. The programs used on the course include Photoshop, Flash and Dreamweaver.

This truly varied course will make sure you are prepared for a whole range of further arts and design courses, including HND Computer Arts & Design.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum of 3 passes at SCQF Level 5 or equivalent
- Portfolio and successful interview
- If you don't have these qualifications but have relevant work experience, we welcome your application

What will I learn?

- Graphic Design
- Creative Industries
- Art and Design: Creative Process
- Art and Design Project
- Art and Design Context
- Digital Imaging
- Visual Communication
- Design Production
- Digital Imaging Project
- Graphic Design Project

What can I do next?

- HND Computer Arts & Design and HND Visual Communication: Interactive Design or other related courses

NC Creative Industries: Photography and Art

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This NC is designed to introduce you to a variety of creative industries. You'll develop essential knowledge and skills across a wide range of creative areas. This will mean your opportunities to develop further are particularly diverse, from photography, graphic design and drawing, to social networking. You'll also enhance your essential employability skills in teamwork, researching, and problem-solving to improve your employment prospects.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum of entry 2 passes at SCQF Level 4

What will I learn?

- Creative Industries: Creative Project
- Creative Industries: An Introduction
- Creative Industries: Creative Process
- Creative Analysis
- Social Networking
- Working for Yourself
- Web Content
- Photography: Photographing People
- Photography: Photographing Places
- Art & Design: Introduction to Graphic Design
- Drawing skills: Analytical Drawing
- Media: Basic Video Camera Operations

What can I do next?

Further study at SCQF Level 6

NC Graphic Design

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This is a practical, project-led course that introduces you to all aspects of graphic design for print and web. You'll be encouraged to use the year as a foundation course, covering the fundamentals of graphic design and establishing strong working practices.

The most important skill you'll learn will be to develop strong creative ideas through an understanding of the design process. Good research and investigation skills, strong sketchbooks and creative development of ideas will help you create artwork for a range of graphic subject areas.

On completion of the NC Graphic and Digital Design course you'll be able to apply for a range of higher level courses at Edinburgh College and other colleges and universities.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum 3 passes at SCQF Level 5
- Portfolio and successful interview

What will I learn?

- Graphic Design
- Creative Industries

- Art and Design: Creative Process
- Art and Design Project
- Art and Design Context
- Digital Imaging
- Visual Communication
- Design Production
- Digital Imaging Project
- Graphic Design Project

What can I do next?

- A range of higher level courses at Edinburgh College and other colleges and universities
- HND Visual Communications: Graphic Design



BTEC Level 3: Diploma 3D Design (Interior Design)

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This BTEC Level 3 Diploma is the perfect opportunity for you to study in the field of 3D and interior design. It's a one-year course which is ideal if you don't yet have any previous experience or qualifications in the subject area, or if you have a desire to study in this field and are looking to gain the qualifications needed to study at a higher level.

You'll gain essential vocational skills for future employment and study by responding to challenging assignments, meeting deadlines, working within fully equipped 3D design studios and presenting your work in a rewarding end of year exhibition. The course focuses on the core principles of design.

You'll have regular opportunities to visit galleries, museums, and university and college open days in order to contextualise your studies in a design studio setting.

Successful completion of this 12-unit course will prepare you to progress to the HND Level course and allow you to apply for a degree course.

How do I get a place?

- BTEC Level 2 Diploma or NC SCQF Level 5 in a related subject
- Portfolio and successful interview
- A minimum of four Standard Grades at Credit Level or above including Art and Design and English (or equivalent)

What will I learn?

- Technical Drawing
- Computer Aided Design
- Respond to client design briefs

What can I do next?

- If you successfully achieve the BTEC Level 3 Diploma in 3D Design, you will gain between 80-240 UCAS points for university applications, depending on final grade. This can enable you to apply for entry to Year 1 at Scottish art colleges
- Your art portfolio will be suitable for application to the HND in Interior Design, as well as the BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, or other specialist HND Level Art and Design courses

HND 3D Design: Interior Design

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This course is ideal if you're looking to develop an interior design career. You'll learn a whole range of skills, including exhibition design, computer-aided design, and lighting design. This course is largely project-based, giving you the flexibility to develop your own individual practical design skills - essential for success in the industry.

To give you the best real experience, you'll make use of live buildings in the Edinburgh area. It's a forward-thinking, exciting course with an emphasis placed on finding new, creative uses for buildings which are either old or have become redundant through time.

The interior design skills and knowledge you'll learn will place you in a fantastic position to develop even further at degree-level.

How do I get a place?

- For Year 1, minimum of 2 Highers or relevant NC, BTEC pass at SCQF Level 6
- For Year 2, you must have passed all 15 credits available at HNC Level

What will I learn?

- Art and Design: Creative Process
- Developmental Drawing
- Interior Design Projects
- Drawing for 3D Design
- Exhibition Design: Creative Concept
- Interior Design
- Art and Design Context
- Digital Imaging
- 3D Design
- Creative Project for Artists and Designers
- Art and Design Context: Personal Investigation
- Exhibition Planning and Design: Development
- Exhibition: Temporary Structures and Events

What can I do next?

- Employment as an interior, exhibition, retail or lighting designer
- Higher education on related degree courses
- Heriot-Watt University for entry into Year 3 of the BA (Hons) Interior Design degree

HND 3D Animation

Campus: Milton Road

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This is the perfect course to develop the specialist skills you need to pursue a career in 3D Computer Animation. From designing and creating architectural 3D fly-throughs, to modelling and animating 3D characters and scenery for short films, this course covers many different areas of 3D computer animation. You'll even gain valuable skills in animating 3D character models and building environments for computer games, introducing you to the state-of-the-art software you need to know to succeed in the industry.

This course is your in-depth foundation in 3D computer animation, providing the innovative skills that will allow you to access further degree-level study.

How do I get a place?

- Year 1: minimum of 2 Highers or relevant NC, BTEC pass at SCQL Level 6
- Year 2: pass all 15 credits available at HNC Level

What will I learn?

- Maya 2012
- 3D Studio Max 2012
- Softimage 2012
- Motionbuilder 2012
- Mudbox 2012
- SmithMicro Poser 2010
- Adobe Photoshop CS5

What can I do next?

- Successful students have progressed as freelance designers in the creative industries and on to degree courses at Edinburgh Napier University in Interactive Media Design, Digital Media and at Abertay University in Computer Arts and Visual Communication and Design
- Freelance designer in the creative industries
- Interactive Media Design, and Digital Media at Edinburgh Napier University
- Computer Arts and Visual Communication and Design at Abertay University
- Access to Year 3 of undergraduate degree-level study at a range of Scottish universities



HND Computer Arts and Design

Campus: Sighthill

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This course is perfect if you're looking to develop skills and knowledge in digital design. The course has a project driven focus - you'll get straight to work on design briefs allowing you to develop essential practical experience. You'll learn to use vital creative software through video tutorials, exercises and application of ideas. This will ensure you have the skills needed to complete the full creative process, from concept to finished presentation.

The Visual Language is used as a framework for discussion of visual interpretations and processing of ideas, and you'll explore a very broad range of contextual and philosophical studies through lectures, debate, discussions, and referencing for concepts and practical work.

This course offers you exciting prospects. Not only will you be able to progress onto creative degree courses, but you'll also be qualified to access degree-level studies in computer systems.

How do I get a place?

- Minimum of 2 Highers (one of which must be Art) or successful completion an NC, BTEC qualification in Art & Design, or NPA Art & Design: Digital Media SCQF Level 6, or previous work experience in art and design
- Prior knowledge of Flash and Photoshop
- A portfolio of artwork that includes digital media is necessary for entry, with a sketchbook illustrating your drawing abilities, influences and concept ideas

What will I learn?

- Development Drawing 1
- Digital Imaging 1
- Computer Arts & Design Scriptwriting
- Compositing & Motion Graphics
- Animation 1
- Sculpture: An Introduction
- Art & Design Context
- 3D Animation Motion Studies
- Art & Design: Creative Project 1
- Graded Unit 1
- Computer Arts & Design: Theory & Practice
- Creative Industries: An Introduction
- Interactive Media
- Typography: An Introduction
- Life Drawing 1
- Editing for New Media
- Digital Audio for A&D
- Motion Studies
- Life Drawing Portfolio
- Illustration Techniques: Project
- Professional Studies
- Art & Design: Group Work
- Web Design Project
- An Introduction to Philosophical Aesthetics

What can I do next?

- A wide range of related degree-level studies
- BA or BSc (Hons) Digital Media or Interactive Digital Media at Edinburgh Napier University
- BA Computer Games Art & Animation at Glasgow Caledonian University
- BA Animation at University of the West of England
- Year 3 BEng (Hons) Computer Networks and Distributed Systems at Edinburgh Napier University



HND Visual Communication: Graphic Design

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This course is designed to provide you with the skills you need for a successful career in Graphic Design. Through this project-led course, you'll learn important elements of visual design for both web and print.

You'll work on a range of creative briefs and exercises to ensure you have practical experience of the design process - vital to your success in the industry. The course will also encourage you to develop your conceptual ability and team working skills.

You'll cover essential practical areas such as computer design programmes, typography, as well as print and web design. In addition, there are exciting links with industry, including work placements, external projects, visits to design studios, and guest lecturers. This course will equip you with the skills you need to study graphic design at degree level.

How do I get a place?

- Year 1: minimum of 2 Highers or relevant NC, BTEC pass at SCQL Level 6
- Year 2: pass all 15 credits available at HNC Level

What will I learn?

- Graphic Design
- Personal Development Planning
- Creative Industries
- Web Design: An Introduction
- Art and Design: Creative Process
- Art and Design Project
- Graphic Production for Commercial Production
- Typography
- Art and Design: Desktop Publishing and Layout
- Art and Design Context
- Digital Imaging
- Visual Communication
- Web Design
- Creative Project for Artists and Designers
- Design Production
- Digital Imaging Project
- Graphic Design Project
- Client Initiated Design Project

What can I do next?

- Degree-level programmes in art and design
- MA Graphic Design at the University of Edinburgh
- BDes (Hons) Graphic Design at Edinburgh Napier University

HND Visual Communication: Illustration

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This course is designed to give you a thorough understanding of the visual communication industry, allowing you to develop the knowledge and skills to start out as a freelance illustrator. You'll gain industry-relevant skills in specialised illustration areas such as editorial (magazines and newspapers), design, advertising and book publishing.

The course will give a number of opportunities to exhibit your artwork. The end of year Diploma Show Exhibition is a rewarding way to display the best of your work in a professional exhibition space outside of college.

You'll work with your fellow students, as well as professional artists and venues, to produce and distribute marketing material, prepare spaces and acquire resources. There's also the option to undertake a work placement in a design studio or complete a live project brief set by a client or designer from industry. This is all invaluable, practical experience to prepare you to work as a professional illustrator.

Throughout the course you'll also develop a range of vocational and transferable skills which are highly sought after in today's competitive job market. You'll be well prepared to progress onto further art and design courses too.

How do I get a place?

- For Year 1, a minimum 2 Highers or relevant NC pass at SCQF Level
- For Year 2, pass all 15 credits available at HNC Level
- Portfolio and successful interview

What will I learn?

- Visual communication skills and knowledge
- Specialised illustration areas: editorial (magazines and newspapers), design, advertising and book publishing
- How to produce and distribute marketing material, prepare spaces and acquire resources
- Transferable core skills

What can I do next?

- Degree level study within the field of Visual Communications
- Self employment
- Working within a design or Advertising agency

HND Visual Communication: Interactive Design

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

What is this course about?

This course is designed to provide you with the skills you need for a successful career in design for new media. This practical, project-led course will teach you the most important elements of visual design.

You'll learn essential skills in web design and development, video and audio, 3D modelling, and animation, with the exciting opportunity to get involved in live projects too. The course will make sure you're well-prepared for further degree-level studies in digital media design.

How do I get a place?

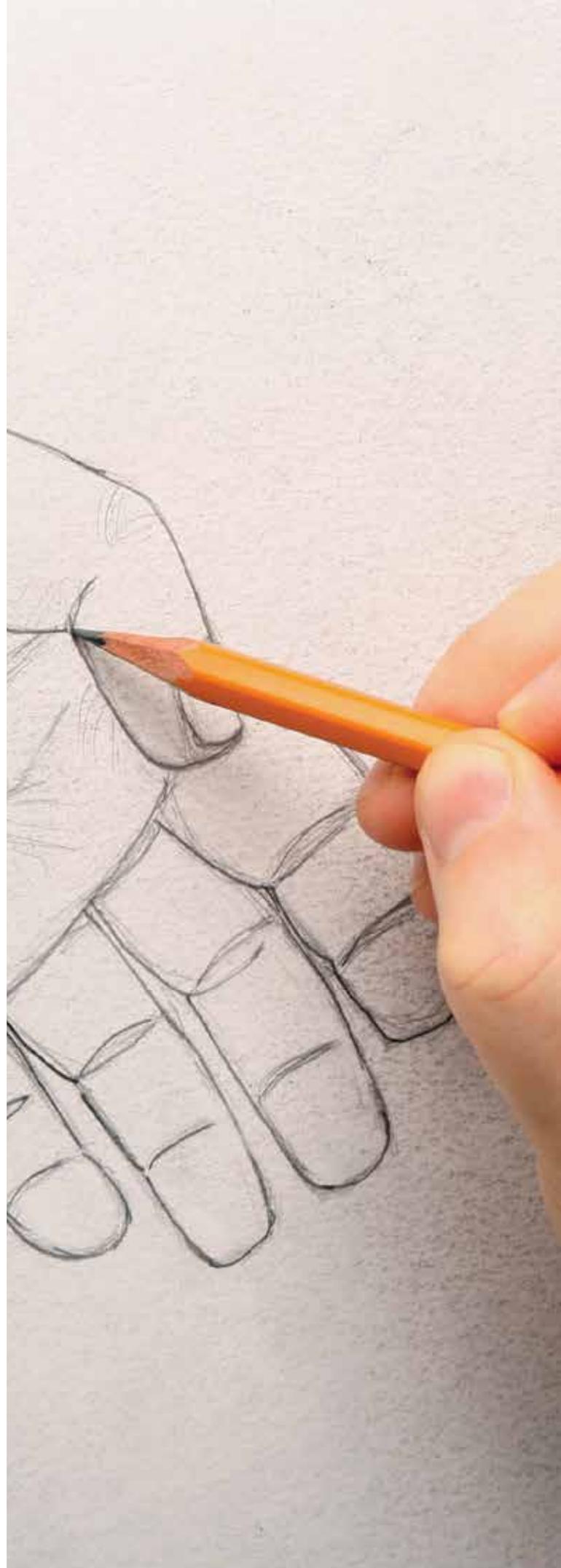
- Year 1: minimum of 2 Highers or relevant NC, BTEC pass at SCQL Level 6
- Year 2: pass all 15 credits available at HNC Level

What will I learn?

- Visual Communication
- Web Design
- Creative Industries: An Introduction
- 2D Computer Animation
- Art and Design Project
- New Media
- Typography: An Introduction
- Portfolio Production
- Art and Design Context
- Digital Imaging
- Advanced Bitmap Graphics for Creative Multimedia Design
- Advanced Vector Graphics for Creative Multimedia Design
- 3D Computer Animation
- Creative Project for Artists and Designers
- Design Production
- Digital Imaging Project
- Web Design Project
- New Media Project

What can I do next?

- Work in a variety of design environments
- Further degree-level studies in digital arts and media such as courses offered at Edinburgh Napier University





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