

Access to Higher Education – Art

Subject Area	Art & Design
Course Type	Access to Higher Education
Study Level	Level 3
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Location	Lister Building
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2025
Course Code	

Course Summary

The one year course is suitable for students over the age of 19 who wish to develop a portfolio of art, media and design-related work for entry to Higher Education. You will get experience in two and three dimensions within a range of disciplines currently taught within art and design. Completion of this course will let you select a specialist pathway for undergraduate study.

What You Will Learn

Experiences could include drawing, printmaking, graphic design, ceramics, textile design, photography and ICT. An introduction to these disciplines will develop your individual creative potential in a supportive environment enabling you to develop concepts, take creative risks and understand techniques and processes. The course offers you 60 Credits at Level 3 and will be graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction. You should also expect to work with others and independently, meet deadlines and complete work to a high standard.

Modules

You will complete 15 ungraded units in:

- Study Skills
- Further Study Skills
- Introduction to Drawing
- Introduction to Media Editing

You will complete 45 graded credits in:

- Contextual Research
- Visual Language
- Foundations in Design
- 3D Art and Design
- Graphic Communication
- Printmaking
- Manipulating Images
- Final Exhibition
- Final Major Project
- Specialist Portfolio

Entry Requirements

A minimum of Grade 4 in GCSE English Language and a portfolio of art work.

Assessment

Assessment on Access programmes involves a range of methods such as essays, presentations, reports and research investigations. You will have a combination of 15 ungraded and 45 graded units. For the graded units you will be graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Progression

You will develop skills in independent research, critical thinking and evaluative skills, study skills, interview skills and interpersonal skills. You will develop the necessary skills to progress onto Higher Education. We will introduce you to the UCAS system and provide tutorial sessions for university applications.