

Course Description

This is a practical and experiential course which encourages students to exercise imagination and creativity.

Students will investigate and research projects, develop ideas, produce outcomes, analyse and evaluate their own and the work of others. They will express themselves in their work and also develop a knowledge and understanding of the varied working practices and approaches of professionals. Students develop broad generic skills as part of their learning experience. The course allows students to widen their horizons regarding a range of vocations and careers.

There are 2 mandatory units

- Expressive activity
- Design activity

Assessment

Each unit will be assessed internally and students must pass each unit to achieve a course award. These units are rigorously internally assessed and are verified by the SQA.

At National 4 there is an added value unit- Practical Activity (national 4)

At National 5 assessment of the course comprises 2 components

1. Portfolio
2. Examination

Home Study Expectations

Students can expect to be doing at least 2 hours of homework per week which will include the following:

- Research for design projects
- Collecting and drawing an appropriate range of objects
- Producing a range of fully developed ideas for both expressive and design outcomes
- Researching and writing essays on the work of artists and designers
- There is an expectation that learners will attend class at extra times to ensure that they meet deadlines and produce their very best work.

Possible next level of study

Higher and Advanced Higher Art and Design

Possible career paths

There is a varied and wide ranging number of career paths that success in Art and Design can lead to including – fashion design, games design, architecture, product design, computer graphics, interior design, textile design, art therapy, education and advertising.