



SCHOOL FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

ART & DESIGN BTEC FOUNDATION DIPLOMA LEVEL 3 (PRE-DEGREE, LEVEL3/4)

Is this the right course for me?

Are you fascinated by art and design with the determination to succeed? Keen to take your studies to the most advanced levels available? Then the Foundation Studies (pre-degree) course at Lowestoft College is your first step. This preferred route to Art and Design degrees allows you to explore all of the creative fields before specialization. An intensive introduction to the practices and contexts of art and design requires a high level of commitment. You need to be willing to take on a very demanding programme of work.

What do I need to join the course?

One A or 2AS levels or equivalence, supported by a minimum of 3 GCSEs of grade C or above in additional subjects. However, if you can present an exceptional portfolio of work, at interview, or if you are a mature student, we may be able to accept you onto the course with alternative qualifications/practice. Applications are welcome from adults returning to study and wishing to take up a career in art or design. If you are an independent mature student without the required formal qualifications you will need to demonstrate that you have a basic level of education to enable you to complete the course. You must also be prepared to bring to interview recent work which demonstrates your enthusiasm for the subject.

What will I be doing?

In the first term you will follow a common programme of introductory study.

Subjects covered include:

Drawing and visual research
Colour studies
Two dimensional design
Three dimensional design
Photography and printmaking
Cultural and historical studies
Computer aided art & design

As you progress through the course you will become more aware of your particular interests and capabilities. In terms two and three you will develop a more specialised programme of work in one of the four main areas of study:

- 1) Fine art (painting, sculpture, printmaking and photography)
- 2) Visual communications (graphic design, illustration, editorial photography, video, media communications and computer aided art and design)
- 3) Three dimensional design (product design, ceramics, metal fabrication, industrial design and craft design).

4) Fashion and textiles (printed textiles, constructed textiles, surface pattern and fashion design).

Functional Skills

Through your studies you will be given the opportunity to improve and receive certification of your functional skills. All functional skills are nationally recognised qualifications in improving your employability and also attracting additional UCAS points.

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How long will the course last and what patterns of attendance are available?

1 year full-time attendance.

What will it cost? (2009)

Tuition Fees and BTEC Registration fee to be discussed at interview

Materials fee - TBA – payable by ALL students

How will my progress on the course be assessed?

By continuous assessment throughout the course.

What will I achieve?

Students who successfully complete the course are awarded the BTEC Diploma in Foundation Studies in Art and Design.

And the future?

For over 25 years, Foundation courses have provided the traditional route into advanced studies in Art and Design. The Foundation Studies course at Lowestoft College provides you with a thoroughly enjoyable, rewarding and challenging introduction to the practices and social contexts of art and design.

Over the last 5 years 100% of students have achieved the qualification and the large majority of students go on to further study at BA (Hons) degrees throughout the UK.

What should I do now?

To be interviewed for a place on this course please complete an application form, and return it to **Reception or The Advice Centre**, personally or by post.

If you have any queries please ring **The Advice Centre** on freephone 0800 854 695.

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