



SCHOOL FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

ART & DESIGN ACCESS LEVEL 3

Is this the right course for me?

If you are a mature student and have an interest in studying art and design but lack the qualifications for entry to Higher Education/Advanced Employment this course is designed for you.

Providing you with the necessary knowledge, skills and experience, Access equips you to apply to university degrees or to enter design employment, or to practice as a freelance designer.

What do I need to join the course?

No formal entry qualifications are required. However you will need to demonstrate your ability to undertake a rigorous programme of art and design studies. An admission interview where you present examples of your work (or photographs thereof) will demonstrate your enthusiasm for art and design and a determination to succeed at the highest level.

What will I be doing?

Phase 1 introduces you to the fundamental processes of art and design; Observational & Figure Drawing,

Two & Three Dimensional Design Studies, Materials & Media Experimentation and Visual Exploration.

Phase 2 enables you to engage in specialist activities; Fine Art, Graphic Design, Fashion & Textile Design,

Three Dimensional Design or Lens Based Media, all of which are supported by Skills Instructors in fully equipped workshops.

Phase 3 focuses on your chosen specialist area and leads to a Final Major Project. This work is exhibited as your End of Year Show which is then assessed internally and externally for the award of the CAVA Access Certificate.

Throughout all three phases of the course your work will be underpinned by Contextual Studies where both written assignments and verbal presentations will build your confidence to present your work at interview.

All studies are supported by group and individual tutorials with continuous assessment where all Centre and College facilities are made available to empower your learning to achieve individual goals.

Functional Skills

Throughout your studies you will be encouraged to improve your skills in academic study. You will learn how to undertake research, make notes, write essays and work with information technology.

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

The course is for one academic year of 30 weeks with attendance on four days Monday-Thursday from 9.30am-2.45pm. Access to workshops and studios is negotiable outside of these times by prior arrangement.

Part-time students may study over a two year period for two days per week by agreement. More flexible patterns of attendance in individual cases will be fully discussed at interview.

There will be a requirement to develop work in your own time at home and in college.

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How will my progress on the course be assessed?

By assignments and related course work through continuous assessment. There are no final examinations although all students must display their Final Major Project at the End of Year Show.

What will I achieve?

On successful completion of the course you will receive the kite-marked (quality standard) Access Certificate validated by the Cambridge Access Validating Agency (CAVA).

And the future?

The CAVA Access Certificate fulfils the entry requirement for Higher Education and allows you to apply for a range of art & design degrees and other related degrees e.g. conservation, museum studies and arts management, throughout the U.K.

How much will it cost?(2009)

Tuition fee will be discussed at interview.

CAVA Awarding Body Registration Fee (TBA))

Materials fee: TBA – payable by ALL students

What should I do now?

To be interviewed for a place on the course please obtain an application form, personally or by post, from Reception or The Advice Centre and return to The Advice Centre when completed. You will be contacted in due course.

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

Please note that all the details on this fact sheet were correct at the time of printing and may be subject to change.

*It is the policy of this College that **everyone** is entitled to equality of opportunity in education and training.*

If you would like this fact sheet in larger print or alternative format e.g. Braille or audio tape, please contact Study Skills Support on 01502 525191

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