Course Information

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COLLEGE

Art and Design

Study Mode: Full Time

Is this course right for me?

If you enjoy being creative and would like to develop your skills, our University of the Arts London (UAL) Awarding Body Art & Design courses offer a pathway from beginner to advanced level.

You will explore a range of creative disciplines including fine art, graphic design, illustration, 3D design, digital media, printmaking, textiles and ceramics while developing your practical, technical and professional skills.

You will develop your skills in our dedicated creative studios, take part in practical workshops, benefit from attending gallery visits and exhibitions, and build a portfolio of work that prepares you for further study or a career within the creative industries.

You will also have opportunities to gain industry experience through work placements and projects delivered for employers.

City of Wolverhampton College is an approved centre for the delivery of UAL qualifications.

Qualifications available

- **UAL Level 1 Award and Diploma** in Art, Design and Media
- **UAL Level 2 Diploma** in Art and Design
- **UAL Level 3 Diploma and Extended Diploma** in Creative Practice: Arts, Design and Communication
- **UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma** in Art and Design

The qualification level you will be enrolled on will be discussed with you during your interview, based on your qualifications, experience and portfolio of work.

Entry Requirements

For external applicants:

- **Foundation Diploma**: A full Level 3 qualification (such as A Levels, UAL or BTEC), plus five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above
- **Level 1**: Four or more GCSEs at Grade 2 or above, including English and maths*
- **Level 2**: Four or more GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including English and maths*
- **Level 3**: Four or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and maths*

**If you do not have GCSE English and maths at Grade 4, you may be required to continue studying these subjects alongside your course. We will also consider applications from applicants without formal qualifications – eg adult learners – in which we would require a portfolio of artwork to assess suitability for the course.*

For all levels, you will also be required to:

- Attend an interview with a college admissions tutor
- Present a portfolio of recent artwork to demonstrate your interest, enthusiasm and suitability for the course
- Show how you have previously demonstrated a good attitude to learning, good attendance and good punctuality

For internal progression (already studying with us):
You must be able to demonstrate that you:

- Have successfully completed a relevant course that naturally progresses onto this programme, achieving a good standard*
- Have improved your English and maths grades since enrolment
- Have maintained good attendance and punctuality
- Show a consistently positive attitude to learning

What will I learn?

Depending on your chosen level, you may study:

- Drawing and visual recording
- Fine art techniques
- Graphic and digital design
- Illustration
- 3D design
- Ceramics and printmaking
- Textiles
- Visual communication
- Design methods and creative processes
- Professional practice
- Art and design contextual studies
- Exhibition planning and presentation

What skills will I gain?

By studying for an art and design qualification you will:

- Develop practical creative and technical skills
- Learn to generate and communicate ideas visually
- Build a professional portfolio of work
- Gain experience using specialist equipment and software
- Improve teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills
- Develop employability and industry awareness
- Prepare for further study, apprenticeships or employment

How will I be assessed?

During your course you will be assessed in the following ways:

- Coursework
- Practical project work
- Presentations
- Portfolio development

Assessment methods may vary depending on the level studied and also include externally assessed units where required by the awarding body.

You may also be required to undertake a work experience placement.

What can I do next?

Successful completion of the course will enable you to progress to:

- A higher-level Art & Design qualification
- University study
- Apprenticeship
- Employment within the creative industries

Potential career areas include:

- Animation
- Architecture
- Concept art
- Creative media
- Fashion
- Fine art
- Graphic design
- Illustration
- Interior design
- Product design

Delivery

Location: City Learning Quarter

Start Date: 06/09/2027

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

Course Code: X0049

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