

This course is accredited by University of the Arts London (UAL). The course is designed to help you to develop competence in all areas of Art and Design practice. You will choose a pathway from either 2D Fine Art or 3D Textiles and Fashion.

You will experience work in the following areas:

- Drawing
- Communication Skills
- 2D Creative Problems
- 3D Creative Problems
- Time-based Art
- Contextual Research

COURSE DETAILS

The course is designed to offer a wide range of art and design experiences, developing skills and theory in the following:

Students can choose from two pathways - 2D Fine Art or 3D Textiles and Fashion

- Drawing
- Painting
- Textiles
- Sculpture
- Digital Media

You will use a variety of equipment, materials and techniques and gain experience in presenting work for an exhibition. In the first term you will have an introduction into all the above areas of art and design, followed by two specialist option projects in the second term, where you will choose to focus upon two of the areas listed above. During the third term you will carry out your final major project in the area of your choice, using the skills you have developed throughout the programme. The full award consists of eight units.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- Please note you will be required to provide a portfolio of your work as part of the application process.
- You will need 4 GCSE's at Grade 3 or above. One of the 4 GCSE's to be Maths or English at Grade 3 (or Functional Skill level 1) to study at this level.
- If you have a beginner/Introductory qualification in the subject you want to study and a maths or English GCSE at Grade 3 (or Functional Skill level 1) you can study at this level.

Entry requirements for Level 2 courses in some sectors may be more specific. If you're unsure whether you meet these requirements, don't worry — we can help you find a suitable course that aligns with your skills and experience.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Assessment through practical project/assignment work with a final major project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For careers information see National Careers Service

Are you aged 16-18?

Study programmes are full-time courses for 16-18 year olds which include:

- A qualification such as BTEC Extended Diploma
- Meaningful work experience or preparation for work
- English and maths, if you don't already have GCSE grade A* C or Grade 4 or above in English and maths
- Non-study activities such as tutorials, voluntary work, fund-raising/charity work, sport or trips

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

Completion of this diploma opens doors to further learning opportunities at Level 3, such as the BTEC National Extended Diploma in Art and Design Practice (Photography) or other complementary diplomas such as the UAL Level 3 in Art and Design (2D Fine Art or 3D Textiles and Fashion).

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	Full Time	VA201-25	

If you are aged 16-18:

This study programme will be FREE for most students who are aged 16-18 on 31 August, or students aged 19-24 with an Education, Health & Care Plan.

If you are aged 19 or over:

Fee: £5421.00

The fee quoted is for the academic year 25/26.

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our online enquiry form

This information was current on 02nd December, 2025 and may be subject to change.