

COURSE INFORMATION



University
Centre
Somerset

Part of Bridgwater & Taunton College

Access to Higher Education: Art & Design

Subject:	Access to Higher Education
Type:	Access to Higher Education Diploma
Course Code:	ARC070T/FM1
Attendance:	Full Time
Location:	Taunton
Awarding body:	Ascentis

Who is this course for?

The course is designed for mature students who may have been out of education for some time but have a keen interest and enthusiasm in the creative arts. The course offers the chance to develop students' growing knowledge and skills in a variety of practical art and design areas in preparation for study at degree level.

Description

The course is divided into three stages: the first stage introduces skills and new ways of thinking to develop, analyse, evaluate, sustain and resolve ideas. The second stage consists of thematic projects, where new skills can be developed towards more personal areas of interest. The third stage consists of a final major project which gives students the opportunity to design, plan and take more responsibility for the direction of their own work.

The course will give you a broad range of experiences across art and design disciplines and equip you with the skills to progress into Higher Education. Enrolment on the course guarantees an interview on one of our Foundation Degree or degree level courses including media make-up, fashion and textiles, interior and surface design, fine art or graphic media and communication. The course contains a series of project assignments assessed and marked internally with external verification at pass, merit and distinction level. There are no exams on the main qualification although students can also take the opportunity to study for additional qualifications such as GCSE Maths and English, which may have an exam at the end of the course.

This course also includes academic study skills and visual culture to help prepare students for degree level study as well as a range of assignments covering life drawing, photography and film, print making, colour theory, graphic media and communication and fine art.

What makes this course special?

The course is delivered in our well-equipped studios working with enthusiastic and committed tutors. The delivery includes lectures, discussion groups, essays, and

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practical work. The course delivery is supported by new state-of-the-art workshops, a team of expert Technical Demonstrators and outstanding facilities to develop students' craft and technical skills.

As well as producing a variety of creative outcomes relating to different disciplines you will be offered the opportunity to take part in live projects, visit galleries in London and the South West and attend talks given by visiting artists and designers. Pre-Degree Access Diploma students are encouraged to take part in their own group exhibition as well as the End of Year Show.

Teaching and Assessment

It features continuous assessment by means of

- Practical coursework
- Assessment of written work delivered through the Academic Preparation Skills unit and as a timed assessment.
- Presentations

The Access Certificate is awarded to students who gain 60 credits.

Career Progression

The programme aims to develop individual directions and portfolios so that students can proceed into their chosen area of creative specialism.

On completion of the course, students can choose to study a range of a degree courses including BA (Hons) Fashion Design, BA (Hons) Textiles & Surface Design, BA (Hons) Graphic Media & Communication or FdA Media Make-up.

Entry Requirements

Students are required to attend an interview with a portfolio to demonstrate a passion for the subject and the potential to develop. Specific entry requirements vary per pathway and will be discussed at your interview, but motivation and a commitment to completing the course are essential to success.

You must be aged 19 or older to apply. If you are between 19 and 23 when you start the programme and this is your first qualification at this level, you will not be charged course fees.

Costs

If you are aged 19 years or older and do not already hold a Level 3 qualification or equivalent then you may be exempt from the course fees.

If you are 19 years or older and already hold a full level 3 qualification or equivalent then you will need to pay the course fees in full.

Are there any additional costs for the course?

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- You will be provided with a list of course materials on successful completion of the interview
- The college art shop can provide you with everything you need for the course.