



Art and Design

The art and design department has a great reputation for its high standard of teaching, in a recent year, four of our A level learners achieved outstanding grades, all gaining one of the top five marks across the UK in their subject.

Be part of the highly creative community at St Margaret's Campus. In addition to the teaching, guidance and support to help you succeed, we

have the latest technology in our art and design department, including brand new art rooms designed specifically to enhance the natural light.

Develop your practical skills while studying a full range of creative disciplines including; 3D design, art and design, ceramics, graphic design, Jewellery, printing and textiles. There are end of year shows at many different venues in Leicester, and there are also constantly changing displays throughout the College where you can exhibit your work.

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"I would recommend Leicester College because it gave me the freedom to discover my own individual creative journey."

Hannah Clark

BTEC National Diploma: Art and Design

From studying the course at Leicester College, Hannah Clark went on to secure a place at Huddersfield University studying Textile Design, specialising in Print. This course also gave the chance to take part in an exchange programme in Poland for four months and work experience in Denmark for six months.

She has now graduated with a 2.1 and would like to work independently creating clothing ranges in the future.

Hannah said, "If you are creative but not certain which area of Art you want to focus on, this course is perfect to try them all and see which you like."

"Through taking this route with my education I've had the opportunity to exhibit a collection of recycled fabrics at Texprint, and will be taking an internship with UpCycle Fabric."



Introductory Diploma: Art and Design

Location: St Margaret's Campus
Course Code: A3979
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 1

What's it all about?

This course will allow you to gain a basic qualification in Art and Design and to explore and improve basic skills.

What does it involve?

It covers drawing and painting, 3D design, ceramics, textiles, pattern and print, graphics, photography, designing and producing art or craft items and art and design history.

Functional Skills in communication, IT and numeracy will be studied at an appropriate level.



Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What do I need to start?

No formal qualifications are required. Examples of your own art and design work are required at interview.

What can I do afterwards?

You could progress to studying any of the following: Art and Design, Fashion, Graphics or Media First Diplomas.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours over four days per week.

Are there any other things I need to know?

The course is intensive and requires full commitment to the exploration and development of creative thinking. You will need to buy your own equipment/materials (approximately £100).

BTEC First Diploma: Art and Design

Location: St Margaret's Campus
Course Code: A3978
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course is a practically based Art and Design course. It requires creative talent and a committed attitude. There is a strong emphasis on research, development and evaluation.

What does it involve?

It covers graphics, painting, drawing, ceramics, print making, photography, textiles, 3D design, jewellery and art history. It is equivalent to five GCSEs at grades A to C. You will study Functional Skills in communication, IT and numeracy at an appropriate level.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What do I need to start?

A GCSE at grade D or above in Art and Design or a related subject.
English GCSE at grade D or above. Portfolio of Art and Design work.



What can I do afterwards?

You can progress to studying Art and Design National Diplomas or full-time A levels. Alternatively, there is the possibility of related employment at a junior level.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours over four days per week.

Are there any other things I need to know?

You will need to buy your own equipment/materials (approximately £100). You may have the opportunity to retake GCSE English and Maths if required. There will be opportunities to take part in day trips and visits.

AS and A2 level: Art and Design

Location: St Margaret's Campus
Course Code: AS A0161 A2 A0403
Course Length: AS One Year A2 One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

Anyone who would like to gain a qualification in art and design and further their career. Learners must have achieved the AS qualification to progress to the A2 level.

What does it involve?

Both AS and A2 level Fine Art include drawing and painting, life drawing, composition and theme, still life and experimental work, plus two of the following: textiles, graphic design, photography, 3D design (product, interior, jewellery or ceramics) and pastoral support.

You will also study: Functional Skills in IT and communications at AS level and also numeracy at A2 level, where applicable.

Are there exams?

Yes, the course has externally set exam themes for project work.

What do I need to start?

For AS level, four GCSEs at grade C or above (including an art subject and ideally English) or a First Diploma in Art and Design are needed. You must bring a relevant portfolio to interview. For the A2 level, you



will need a portfolio of art work as well as an AS level in your related art subjects at grade A to E.

For both levels, an enthusiasm and commitment to learning is essential. We welcome applications from mature learners with different types of qualifications and experience.

What can I do afterwards?

An A2 in Art and Design to gain the full A level. On completion of the A2, you could look to gain entry to a Pre-Degree Foundation in Art and Design or HND/BA (Hons) Degree course in a related subject

What days and times will I be in College?

Approximately 20 hours per week. This includes time spent on tutorials, Functional Skills and enrichment activities.

Are there any other things I need to know?

This is a practical course with a written element. You will need to buy your own equipment and materials (approximately £100). Some of the equipment used on the AS Fine Art is appropriate for the A2. There will be opportunities to take part in day trips and visits at an extra cost.

BTEC National Diploma: Art and Design

Location: St Margaret's Campus
Course Code: A2386
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

This course covers all areas of Art and Design. Successful completion allows direct entry to Higher Education.

What does it involve?

You will cover still life and life drawing, graphics, mixed media, jewellery, print, 3D, ceramics, textiles, history of art and contextual studies. During the second year you will specialise in subjects of your choice. Functional Skills will be studied at an appropriate level.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What do I need to start?

Four GCSEs at C or above including English and an arts based subject. A portfolio will be required for interview. There may be an opportunity to re-sit GCSE English if you have not achieved a grade C.

What can I do afterwards?

Successful completion allows direct entry to Higher Education.



What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours over four days per week.

Are there any other things I need to know?

You are required to participate in gallery/museum visits as part of the course. You will need to buy your own equipment/materials (approximately £100).

Foundation Studies (Pre-Degree): Art and Design

Location: St Margaret's Campus
Course Code: A0396
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 4



What's it all about?

This course will explore a wide range of Art and Design disciplines and is for learners wishing to progress to Art and Design study within Higher Education.

What does it involve?

You will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of disciplines, including painting and drawing, life studies, 3D studies in sculpture, design and ceramics, textiles, printmaking, photography, graphic communications, time-based media and contextual studies. The Foundation Course is increasingly geared towards choosing your specialist area with a view towards Higher Education.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What do I need to start?

You will need four GCSEs at grade C or above plus one A level or AVCE in Art and Design or suitable National Diploma plus portfolio.

What can I do afterwards?

Continue Art and Design studies within Higher Education.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours per week.

Are there any other things I need to know?

The course is intensive and requires full commitment to the exploration and development of creative thinking. You will need to buy your own equipment/materials (approximately £100).

Bus Passes for £60*

If you are aged between 16 and 18, live over three miles from your main base campus and study on a full-time course, Leicester College is happy to support you by offering a subsidised bus pass.

The cost to you is £60 per academic year. This is a substantial saving for our College learners as the current cost is £145 for a City Pass and £240 for a County Pass.

Additionally for city-based students whose parent/guardian receives eligible benefits the £60 fee will be waived on production of a benefit letter no more than 40 days old.

*This is the cost for 2009/10. There may be changes to the terms and conditions for 2010/11.

