

20101 08 BTEC Introductory Diploma in Art and Design

Level 1

This course is an introduction to art and design and is aimed at students who have basic artistic skills and a general interest in art and design.

Course Duration
One year

Course Content

Students will study four Core Units:

- Explore Visual Language
- Explore Materials & Techniques
- Explore and Develop Ideas
- Carry Out a Personal Project.

Students will study a broad selection of art and design activities including:

- Graphic Design
- 3D
- Textiles
- Photography
- Print making
- Drawing.

Key Skills

All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course

- An Entry Certificate in Skills for Working Life or Life Skills or other Entry level qualifications
- An appropriate standard of literacy and numeracy
- Related interests and experiences with evidence of artwork.

Study Centre

Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished

On successful completion of this qualification, students can progress on to the BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design, at Dunstable College.

100% pass rate in 2006/07



20102 08 BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design

Level 2

This course is aimed at students who have some experience of art and design. It will provide a creative grounding in the theory and practice of art and design as well as the necessary study skills and independence to progress to higher level courses.

Course Duration
One year

Course Content

Students will study four Core Units:

- 2D and 3D Communication
- Contextual References
- Explore and Develop Ideas
- Produce an Outcome.

Students will study a wide range of creative activities which will include:

- Graphic Design
- Photography/Image making
- Textiles/Fashion
- 3D Design Crafts
- Print making
- Working to visual arts level
- Drawing and painting.

There are also educational visits to exhibitions and galleries.

Key Skills

All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course

- A BTEC Introductory Qualification in a related subject
- A standard of literacy and numeracy supported by an equivalent to four GCSEs at grade D-G
- Related work experience or a portfolio of artwork
- Other related Level 1 or 2 qualifications
- An aptitude and enthusiasm for art and design
- Students will be asked to attend an informal interview and present a portfolio of current work.

Study Centre

Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished

This qualification in art and design leads on to a BTEC National Diploma in Art and Design. This qualification is seen as a

progression route to BTEC National Diploma in Art and Design, BTEC National Diploma Photography, or BTEC National Diploma in Graphic Design.

92% pass rate in 2006/07



20103 08 BTEC National Diploma in Art and Design

Level 3

Equip yourself with a broad range of art and design skills that can take you on to University.

With specialist areas taken in year 2 in:

- Fine Art
- Visual Communications
- Textile Design
- 3D Design

Course Duration

Two years

Course Content

The course consists of five Core Units including:

- Visual recording in art and design
- Materials, techniques and processes in art and design
- Visual communication in art and design
- Contextual influences in art and design.

Four professional specialist units and eight specialist units.

There will be educational visits to galleries, exhibitions and museums and students will have the opportunity to enter local and national competitions.

Key Skills

All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course

Applicants should have four GCSE passes at Grade C or above or have successfully completed a First Diploma in Art and Design, or equivalent.

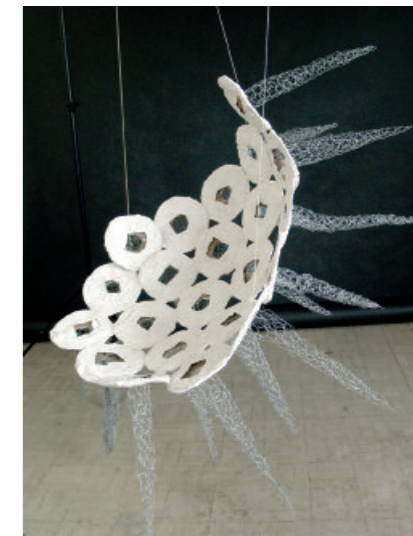
Candidates should demonstrate an aptitude and enthusiasm for art and design and are required to present a portfolio of work at an informal interview.

Study Centre

Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished

This qualification can lead on to a BTEC Diploma in Foundation Studies, Foundation Degree (FdA) or a BA (Hons) at Dunstable College or at another institute or related employment.



20105 08 BTEC National Diploma in Graphic Design

Level 3

Equip yourself with a broad range of art and design skills that can take you on to University.

With specialist areas taken in year 2 in:

- Computers in art and design
- Graphic Design
- Typographic Design
- Information Graphics.

Course Duration

Two years

Course Content

The course consists of five Core Units:

- Visual recording in art and design
- Materials, techniques and process in art and design
- Ideas and concepts in art and design
- Visual communication in art and design
- Contextual influences in art and design.

Four professional specialist units and eight specialist units, which may include:

- Computers in art and design
- Desktop publishing computer applications
- Graphic image making
- Information graphics
- Typographic design.

There will be educational visits to galleries, exhibitions and museums and students will have the opportunity to enter local and national competitions.

Key Skills

All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course

Applicants should have four GCSE passes at Grade C or above or have successfully completed a First Diploma in Art and

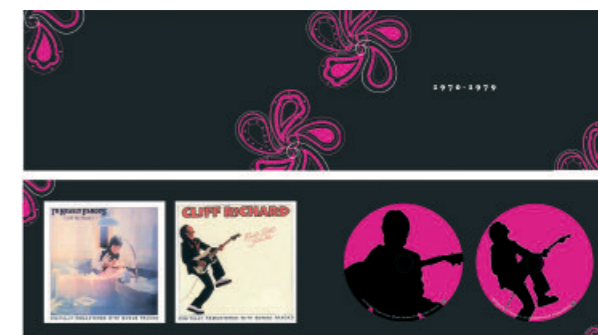
Design, or equivalent. Candidates should demonstrate an aptitude and enthusiasm for art and design and are required to present a portfolio of work at an informal interview.

Study Centre

Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished

This qualification can lead on to a BTEC Diploma in Foundation Studies, Foundation Degree (FdA) or a BA (Hons) at Dunstable College or at another institute or related employment.



20104 08 BTEC Diploma in Foundation Studies in Art and Design Level 3

An exhilarating post A Level course that covers a broad range of art and design skills in preparation for University entry in your specialist area.

Course Duration
One year

- Course Content**
There is a total of nine Units covering the following areas:
- Fine Art
 - Printmaking
 - Ceramics
 - Computers in Art and Design
 - Visual Studies
 - Lens Based Media
 - Textile Design & Fashion Design
 - Surface Pattern
 - Contextual Studies
 - 3 Dimensional Studies
 - Time-Based Media Studies
 - Graphic Design & Illustration.

There will be educational visits to galleries, exhibitions and museums. Students will also have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to a European destination in the second term.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course
Minimum age entry will normally be 18 (or students reaching this age during the first term of the course).

Applicants will need a minimum of one A-Level pass in an art-related subject, with five GCSEs, C or above or a BTEC National Diploma in an art related subject.

Mature students without formal qualifications are also invited to apply.

Applicants need a portfolio of work to show at interview and an aptitude and enthusiasm for a career in art and design.

Study Centre
Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished
This qualification could lead on to a specialist BA (Hons) Degree or a Foundation Degree at Dunstable College or another institute.

Note:
Part-time study is also available on this course. Please see the part-time guide.

85% pass rate in 2006/07



20201 08 National Diploma in Media (Production) Level 3

This BTEC National Diploma is a vocational course that has a large practical element. Students will have the opportunity to gain real skills in planning and producing their own media products.

Course Duration
Two years

- Course Content**
The course consists of six Core Units including:
- Understanding the Media
 - Research Techniques.

- You can also study:
- Media Studies
 - Film-Making
 - Journalism
 - Advertising
 - Photography
 - Research and Presentation
 - Radio Production.

There are two Specialist Units and in addition, you will have the opportunity to create a Final Major Project of a video production / radio production or journalistic project.

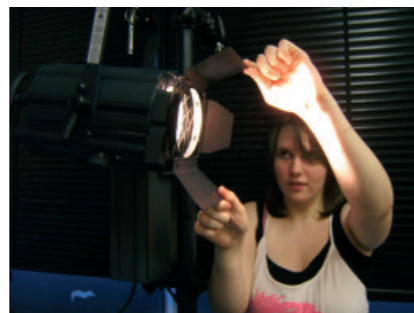
Students can also undertake work experience in local industry and students will have the opportunity to visit professional companies and studios. There may also be educational visits to exhibitions and galleries.

Key Skills
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course
Applicants should have four GCSE passes at Grade C or above or have successfully completed a First Diploma in Media Studies or Art & Design, or equivalent. In some cases, formal qualifications are not necessary. You should also have an aptitude and enthusiasm for media.

Study Centre
Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished
On successful completion of the course, you may progress to a Foundation Degree (FdA) or BA (Hons) in a media related subject or into related employment.



20301 08 BTEC National Diploma in Photography Level 3

This course covers in-depth study of all elements of photography.

Course Duration
Two years

- Course Content**
This course consists of five Core Units covering:
- Historical and Contextual Understanding
 - Materials, Techniques and Processes
 - Ideas and Concepts
 - Visual Communication
 - Visual recording in Art and Design.

- and three Compulsory Units:
- Art and Design Exploration
 - Art and Design Application
 - Art and Design Realisation

- and nine Specialist Units from a selection which may include:
- Professional Practice
 - Computers in Art and Design
 - Darkroom Practice
 - Experimental Imagery
 - Studio Techniques
 - Digital Imaging
 - Image Manipulation Computer Applications

- Location Photography and Studio Photography
- Lens based image making and four photography professional units.

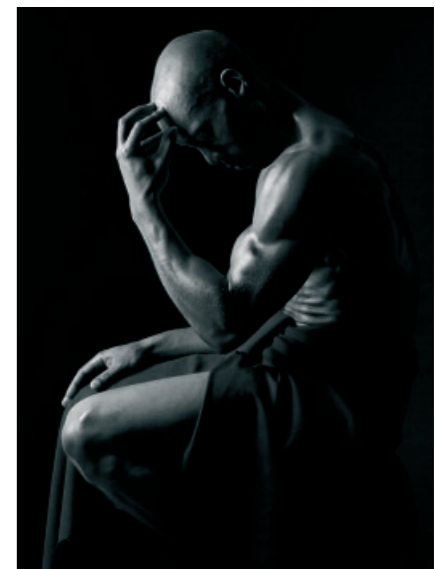
Students have access to well-equipped photographic studios and up-to-date computer facilities. There will be educational visits to photographic exhibitions, galleries, museums and residential trips and also opportunities to enter local and national photography competitions.

Key Skills
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course
Applicants should have four GCSE passes at Grade C or above or have successfully completed a First Diploma in Art & Design, or equivalent. Applicants need an aptitude and enthusiasm for art, design and photography, and will need to present a portfolio of work at an informal interview.

Study Centre
Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished
This qualification in photography could lead to a Foundation Degree at Dunstable College or a BA (Hons) in Photography at another institute.



20401 08 Creative Studies: City & Guilds in Cake Decoration Level 2 20403 08 and Sugarflowers Level 3

Course Duration
One year

Course Content
Students will study the following qualifications:

- Level 2
- City & Guilds 7822 Creative Skills Certificate in Sugarpaste to include royal icing, sugar decorating, marzipan modelling, pastillage and gateau work
 - City & Guilds 7822 Creative Skills Certificate in Sugar Flowers to include wiring skills, hand-pulled flowers, foliage, pastillage and gateau work
 - City & Guilds 7922 Certificate in Design for Craft which helps develop your ideas. Being able to draw is not a requirement of the course
 - Basic Hygiene Certificate.
- Level 3
- City & Guilds 7922 Certificate in Design and Craft-Sugarcraft which extends the skills learnt at level 2

- City & Guilds 7922 Certificate in Design for Craft which helps develop your ideas. Being able to draw is not a requirement of the course
- Basic Hygiene Certificate.

Key Skills
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course
There are no formal qualifications required, just a keen interest in the subject.
Study Centre
Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished
The course will enable students to progress to:

- Creative Studies Certificate in Sugar Decoration or Sugar Flowers
- Foundation Degree (FdA) in Creative Studies.

Many students and tutors have won national and international awards.

Our part-time course guide also offers certificated courses in a number of creative subjects.

88% pass rate in 2006/07



20202 08 BTEC First Diploma in Performing Arts (Performance) Level 2

This practical course of study is directly related to a career in performance and media, enabling you to develop the skills and techniques essential for success in your working life.

Course Duration
One year

Course Content
Students will study:
Two compulsory Core Units
• The Performing Arts Business
• Performing Art Production Process.

Plus four specialist units from the following list:
• Understanding Dance
• Performing Dance

- Body Workshop
- Contemporary Dance
- Jazz Dance
- Musical Theatre
- Performing Scripted Plays
- Devising Plays.

We have close connections with the new Dunstable theatre, offering pathways in dance and drama.

Key Skills
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course

You will need at least one of the following:
• A BTEC Foundation Certificate in a related subject
• Four GCSE passes at grades D-G or above
• Related work experience
• Other related Level 1 or 2 qualifications.

Study Centre
Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished
This qualification could lead to a BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts or Media, or employment in administrative or technical roles in the Performing Arts industries.

20203 08 BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance) Level 3

This course is a practical work-related course specialising in dance using our new professional dance space.

Course Duration
Two years

Course Content
The course consists of five Core Units:
• Performance Workshop
• The Performing Arts Business
• Performing Arts in Context
• Rehearsing
• Performing (Major Project) (double).

and 12 Specialist Units, which could include some of the following:
• Dance Performance
• Choreography
• Dance Improvisation
• Physical Theatre
• Body Maintenance
• Ballet
• Contemporary
• Jazz
• Tap

- Movement
- The Freelance World
- Musical Theatre.

Students will use the skills acquired in the above units to develop and perform a production.
All students will be allocated a personal tutor and will receive regular one-to-one personal tutorials throughout the year.
There will also be visits to concerts and performances. We have close connections with the new Dunstable theatre, offering pathways in dance and drama.

Key Skills
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course
You will need at least one of the following:
• A BTEC First Certificate or

- Diploma in a related subject
- At least four GCSEs at grades A-C
- Appropriate work experience.

Study Centre
Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable.

After the course is finished
BTEC National Diplomas are valued by employers and higher education (universities and colleges).

For further study you could take a degree or a Foundation Degree in:
• Performing Arts
• Dance/Leisure Studies
• Dance and Theatre Studies.



26101 08 VTCT Beauty Therapy Level 2

This is a one year course which teaches students the skills required either to continue their studies or for employment in salons.

Course Duration
One year

Course Content
Students will study:
• Health & Safety
• Salon Reception
• Promote Products and Services to Clients
• Develop and Maintain Effectiveness at Work
• Anatomy and Physiology
• Facials
• Make-up and False Lashes
• Lash and Brow Tinting
• Eyebrow Shaping
• Eyelash Perming
• Waxing
• Manicure
• Pedicure.

Students will work with clients in the College beauty salons.

Students are required to purchase a kit and uniform. Details of this will be discussed at interview.

Key Skills
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course
There are two NVQ Level 2 Beauty Therapy courses running:
1. 16 -18 year olds
Applicants require three GCSEs at Grade C or above. At the interview, applicants need to demonstrate a strong interest in the subject and the ability to cope with coursework.
All students will be invited to attend a College interview.

2. 19 + mature students
Applicants need no specific entry requirements apart from a strong interest in the subject.
All students will be invited to attend a College interview.

Both these courses will run at different times, the mature students' course being timetabled to fit in with childcare commitments.

Study Centre
Kingsland Skills Institute, Houghton Regis.

After the course is finished
On successful completion, students can progress to the NVQ Level 3 Beauty Therapy course.

26102 08 VTCT Beauty Therapy Level 3

This course is of one year's duration and covers the more detailed and specialist beauty techniques, and takes candidates on from the skills learnt on NVQ Level 2 Beauty Therapy.
This course will help you gain employment in the beauty industry.

Course Duration
One year

Course Content
Students will study:
• Health and Safety
• Salon Reception
• Promote Products and Services to Clients
• Develop and Maintain Effectiveness at Work
• Anatomy and Physiology
• Figure Diagnosis
• Body Massage
• Facial Electrics
• Epilation
• Advanced Nails.

Students will work with clients in the College beauty salons.
Students are required to purchase a kit and uniform. Details of this will be discussed at interview.

Key Skills
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

Qualifications/experience needed to join the course
There are two NVQ Level 3 Beauty Therapy courses running:
1. 16 -18 year olds
Students must have NVQ Level 2 Beauty Therapy qualification or equivalent.
All students will be invited to attend a College interview.
2. 19 + mature students
Students must have NVQ Level 2 Beauty Therapy qualification or equivalent.
All students will be invited to attend a College interview.

Both these courses will run at different times, the mature students' course being timetabled to fit in with childcare commitments.

Study Centre
Kingsland Skills Institute, Houghton Regis.

After the course is finished
On successful completion of Level 3, students can progress on to employment in beauty salons, health farms, health clinics, hospitals, cruise liners, hotels or as beauty consultants with cosmetic companies or even teaching in further education.



Foundation Degrees are offered in conjunction with the University of Bedfordshire to help you further your studies:

- Foundation Degree (FdA) in Graphic Design and Advertising
- Foundation Degree (FdA) in Contemporary Fine Art Practice
- Foundation Degree (FdA) in Creative and Editorial Photography
- Foundation Degree (FdA) in Fashion and Surface Pattern Design
- BA (Hons) Graphic Design for Print and New Media



Note: For further information please ask for the Higher Education course information leaflets.