



ART & DESIGN FOUNDATION DIPLOMA

Our foundation diploma is designed to get you ready for the creative industry. The course will build on prior experience and allow you to breathe life into areas of creativity that you have not had the opportunity to explore before, whilst preparing your portfolio for progression into higher education or employment. Cornwall College offers a strong track record in creative education with bespoke facilities and individual studio space for all learners. Our experienced staff maintain their personal professional practice alongside their teaching commitments.

If you have a desire to work within the creative sector, have had previous experience studying art & design and wish to specialise in a certain field, then this course is for you. On this one year course you will discover lots of different disciplines to see which area most interests you. You'll explore new materials, skills and processes to really enhance your understanding of art and design. You will have your own dedicated studio space and have access to the amazing facilities on-site to really help you develop.

The foundation diploma gives students time to develop creatively across a wide range of art and design disciplines in a creative environment. The course aims to enhance independent learning, develop your communication and negotiation skills through collaborative projects. It will promote research methods, idea development, exploration of materials, techniques and processes, evaluation and reflection through lectures, demonstrations, seminars and tutorials. It will also focus on careers and understanding progression opportunities, celebrate achievements through exhibitions, commissions and creative opportunities.

□ Ideal if

You wish to build on prior experience in art and design, whilst developing a specialism that will inform your practice and your choice of higher level study.

□ You'll need

Four GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths.

Key facts

Course title:
ART & DESIGN FOUNDATION
DIPLOMA

Location:
Cornwall College Camborne

Start date:
September 2020

Course length:
1 Year full-time

□ You'll learn

During the first term we will introduce you to a series of workshops and investigations into a wide range of processes associated with fine art, design and media studies: drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, graphic design, animation, 3D, textiles and fashion. This part of the course is called the Explorative Stage and it is intended that you should explore ways of working and thinking so that you can define areas of personal strength and interest.

This will lead you into the Pathway Stage, which runs through the second term and is characterised by your emerging specialism linked to your chosen career pathway and will include research into progression opportunities to degrees and applications to university courses through UCAS.

This stage of the course will encourage a greater responsibility for your own practice, including decision making and time management with an emphasis on projects negotiated by the individual learners.

Throughout the third term you will engage with the Final Major Project which is a self-devised project and runs across the Confirmatory Stages. During this part of the course you are expected to work with increased autonomy and consolidate all you have learned so far, leading to your final exhibition which showcases the work from your Final Major Project amongst other coursework. Underpinning all aspects of the course is an engaging programme of contextual studies and you will take part in seminars, gallery visits, written assignments and tutorials throughout the course, as well as develop real and relevant work experience, employer-led projects, commissions and exhibitions.

□ Expect

Lots of variety, guest lectures and subject specialist teaching with access to specialist workshops, educational trips, live projects and presentation.

□ You'll love

To have your own dedicated and purpose built studio space with access to excellent workshops in 3D, ceramics, printmaking, fashion, textiles, animation and film.

□ You'll go on to

University study such as our FdA Art and Design Practice

Employment in the industry.

Careers in this industry

- Fine artist
- Graphic designer
- Photographer
- Jewellery maker
- Fashion designer
- Animator

Choose from these course options

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