HNC Art & Design *(SCQF Level 7)*
Full-time

Where will I study?

Course code	Location	Duration
CCCA	Fraserburgh Campus	1 Year

Welcome from Director of Curriculum

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise at North East Scotland College. This school encompasses the Creative Arts, Music, Drama, Media, ESOL, Business Enterprise and Computing and IT subjects – all of which offer interesting and exciting opportunities for students to progress and achieve success in their future careers.

Through work with external clients and experienced, knowledgeable teaching teams, our students will benefit from industry–focused, high quality learning. This means that on completion of your course, you are confident and capable when it comes to entering the workplace, or progressing towards further study. We pride ourselves in offering educational opportunities for all, whether you are starting at introductory level or joining one of our advanced courses. On behalf of the entire teaching team, we are delighted to have you join – or consider joining – one of our courses.

Susan Betty, Director of Curriculum for Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise

Introduction to the course

This exciting and comprehensive course is designed so that you can explore your creativity, using innovative and traditional techniques/approaches to improve and strengthen your portfolio. It covers a wide range of subjects in both fine art and design disciplines, and introduces students to practical skills in both 2 and 3 dimensions, whilst developing a critical awareness of the historical, contextual and social issues relevant to art and design practice.

On successful completion of the course you will have a strong skill set, ensuring you are well-prepared for progression towards further study or employment.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have at least one Higher pass, preferably in Higher Art. A pass in English at National 5, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level (minimum) is also preferred. Alternatively, applicants may have completed an appropriate non-advanced course demonstrating an aptitude for the subject.

For those returning to education, life skills and experience in the workplace may allow entry.

What subjects will I be studying?

You will explore the creative process as a whole, and in doing that you will produce a high quality portfolio over the

course of the year. You will complete various pieces of project work and get the opportunity to develop valuable skills in drawing and computer arts.

Subjects include:

- Drawing Skills
- Creative Process
- Art & Design Projects
- Portfolio Production
- Computer Arts

Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year. You will review, discuss and present work to teaching staff and peers, and also conduct a self-evaluation. At the end of the year you will take part in a summative assessment, which will involve presenting your work to a staff panel.

Dress code

Students should dress appropriately for practical, hands-on work, as you will be working in a creative environment and using a range of different materials and equipment.

Equipment

You must supply your own portfolio case.

Course progression

Students successfully completing this course may apply to university for entry into the first or second year of a related degree.

University links

North East Scotland College has links with a wide range of universities from across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you can progress from your chosen course to a related university degree. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

Find out more about our associate universities in the University Links section of the NESCol website.

Employment

Career opportunities are available in a range of artistic roles across varying industries, or as an independent exhibiting artist.

Useful information

Faculty:	Creative Industries
School:	School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise
Faculty Manager:	Elaine Makein Email: e.makein@nescol.ac.uk
Curriculum & Quality Manager(s):	David Herd Email: dherd@nescol.ac.uk

Guidance and Support

Guidance

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be provided with detailed feedback where possible, allowing you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement - essential for your educational development.

View our Guidance Tutor contact information.

Support

Our Student Services team are dedicated to helping all students with a range of factors that might affect your time at College. They can help you with funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

Visit the Support section of our website for more information

Learning Resources

The College has a number of excellent learning resources available to assist and support the delivery of our classes across full-time, part-time and distance learning courses. They aim to enhance the quality of your learning experience.

Find out more about NESCol learning resources

Library+

Our Library+ sites – at the Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Altens and Fraserburgh Campuses – provide all students with access to books, journals, newspapers, core skills materials and more! You'll also find laptop friendly areas, private study/research booths and printers, scanners and photocopiers.

Find out more about what our Library+ services can offer

College calendar

Have a look at our College Calendar for further information on key dates throughout the year.