

## **HND Art & Design** *(SCQF Level 8)*

Full-time

### **Where will I study?**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Duration</b>
CADD	Aberdeen City Campus	2 Years

### **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**

Throughout this course you will combine modern and traditional practices whilst developing a critical awareness of relevant historical, contextual and social issues. It will allow you to strengthen your existing knowledge and understanding of fine art and design disciplines. You will also get the opportunity to refine your practical skills in 2 and 3 dimensional work, whilst enhancing your understanding of the historical, contextual and sociological issues relevant to art and design practice.

Through course content and encouragement from the teaching team you will learn to use your innovation, imagination and creative thinking to produce unique and exciting pieces of work - essential for successful progression towards university level study or employment.

### **Entry requirements**

Applicants should have at least a minimum of two passes at Higher level, one of which should be Higher Art. A pass in English at National 5, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level (minimum) is also required. 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?

This course will build on your skills, focusing on the creative process as a whole. You will explore life, observational and developmental drawing, as well as sculpture and printmaking. The course is made up of project work which will allow you to develop a high quality personal portfolio.

Subjects include:

- Drawing skills (life, observational, developmental)
- Creative Process
- Art & Design Projects
- Portfolio Production
- Sculpture
- Printmaking

## 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. A list of suggested materials will be sent to you before the start of the course.

## Course progression

Students successfully completing this course may progress towards a number of related degree programmes at one of our associate universities.

## 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.](#)

## University progression

### Robert Gordon University (RGU)

- BA (Hons) Contemporary Art Practice year 3 (subject to conditions)

### University of the Highlands & Islands (UHI)

- BA Fine Art year 3 (Inverness College UHI, Lews Castle College UHI, Moray College UHI, Orkney College UHI, Perth College UHI, Shetland College UHI (subject to conditions) (subject to conditions)

### The Open University

An HND can give up to 240 credits towards the 360 credit BA/BSc Open Degree with Honours or 180 credits towards the 300 credit BA/BSc Open Degree.

A reduced amount of credit transfer can be awarded against other qualifications, such as:

- BA/BSc (Hons) Design & Innovation
- BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities

## Employment

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

### Useful information

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**Faculty:** Creative Industries

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**School:** School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise

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**Faculty Manager:** **Elaine Makein**  
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## 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.

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