

A Level Fine Art



"The creative industries across the UK are driving local and national economic growth, identifying that local economies have grown their creative industries employment by an average of 11 per cent, twice as fast as other sectors".

Nesta, The Innovation Research Foundation

The Art Department has delivered another year of outstanding teaching and learning, despite the challenging climate. Overall, our Fine Art students gained an average grade of B+ which is judged nationally as excellent. Our Art Department is again one of the best providers of creative courses in Leeds. Some of last year's students used their UCAS points as a pathway onto non-creative university courses whilst others are now undertaking creative degrees in areas such as illustration.

The Fine Art course involves developing an ability to create innovative pieces of artwork by using traditional and digital media for a wide variety of purposes. The art that is produced could be used as a form of self-expression, to inform an audience, provoke a reaction or potentially for a commercial purpose. Individuals who are creative, lateral-thinking problem solvers are in very high demand within all areas of industry. There are over 3 million creative jobs in the UK alone. Commercial art areas inclusive of graphic design, games design, advertising, media and design using new technologies are undergoing unprecedented growth. Creativity now has an instant world-wide market. In any future pathway, creative or not, outstanding grades and final outcomes are a route into the best universities, whilst also impressing employers in regards to the skill, strong work ethic and commitment that are required. In the art department our team ensures that students develop creativity, as well as transferable skills and a clear pathway towards achieving outstanding grades.

How you will be assessed:

Component 1 (60% of the final grade): coursework consisting of a portfolio of artwork, photography and annotations and a word-processed research document of between 1000-3000 words.

Component 2 (40% of the final grade): an externally set task where, from a set starting point, a portfolio of work is produced, followed by 15 hours of controlled assessment.

What you will need to get started:

To fulfil the course entry criteria of the A-Level Fine Art course you will require GCSE Art at grade 5 or BTEC Textiles at Level 2 Merit or Graphic Communications at grade 5 and English at grade 4. An ability to work independently, meet deadlines, be self-

motivated, take creative risks and show originality is essential.

What next?

After completion of your A-Level course you can undertake a foundation course at establishments including Leeds Arts University. Alternatively, you can enroll directly onto BA (Hons) undergraduate courses such as Fine Art, Animation, Interior Design, Games Design, Product Design, Web Design, Comic and Concept Art, Creative Advertising, Graphic Design and Illustration.



What our students say:

"I have loved developing my creative skills during the course, which I can use to pursue my chosen career."
Grace, former student

"The course allows me to be creative and practise my time management skills."
Charlotte, former student

Future Opportunities:

The creative sector encompasses areas such as advertising, marketing, architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, crafts, graphic design, product design, fashion design, film, TV, video, photography, publishing, visual arts, animation, web design, video games, visual effects, theatre, music video and public relations.



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