



Art and Design

Student Guide BTEC First Diploma

What is the Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design ?

The qualification is aimed at learners who are interested in entering employment in the Art and Design industry. The BTEC First Diploma will provide you with a grounding in the essential skills and broad fundamentals crucial to this area of study and it gives you the opportunity to further these by undertaking another Level 2 qualification or to progress to a qualification at Level 3, or to enter into your first job within this sector.

The course is designed to enable you to study other subjects alongside your BTEC First Diploma. There are four core units plus a choice of specialist units totalling 360 guided learning hours. Art and Design comprises a wide range of different specialities and the course is structured to allow you to develop your interests, at the same time as gaining a broad foundation and being introduced to new areas, such as 3D design, interactive media or fashion design. The precise course structure will vary according to locally available education centres.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

Following completion of the BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design, successful candidates would be able to enter initial employment, at a junior level, in such areas as web design, graphic design or interior design.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The achievement of the BTEC First Diploma has the equivalence of 4 GCSEs graded A*-C. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design, it is possible for you to progress to a higher level qualification such as a Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Art and Design, or to enrol on another level 2 programme, such as an NVQ relating to photography or fashion.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

Generally speaking, it will take one academic year to complete but it may be studied for shorter or longer periods; the length of the course is largely dependant on the centre where you study.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design are laid down by individual centres. You should have the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification and ideally be able to show you have a standard of literacy, numeracy and general education equivalent to four GCSEs graded D-G, or you should be able to show you have undertaken suitable work experience or have completed a Level 1 or 2 qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

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