



Art and Design

Student Guide Level 3 BTEC Foundation Diploma

What is the Level 3 BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design?

The BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design is designed to give you further knowledge of a range of disciplines and a broad spectrum of skills in the art and design sector, in order to help you realise your potential and discover in which area you wish to specialise.

The qualification encourages independence and will aid you in developing your concepts and linking these to practical skills within specialised aspects of art and design. Experimentation plays a big part; you will be encouraged to explore, think and evaluate to help you gain an intellectual curiosity and a critical awareness of the contemporary visual world. It should challenge you with innovative and inspiring delivery, often from experienced and successful professionals.

The qualification is structured to comprise three main stages: exploratory, pathway and confirmatory. This will take you through a journey of experimentation, skills building and creative research, then move towards specialism in a particular area, and end in a major project in your chosen specialism that demonstrates ability and independence.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

With the international recognition of BTEC courses such as this, it is possible to progress straight into employment. If successful there are a wide variety of prospective careers that you can explore, for example: art exhibition organisation, fine art, graphic design or photography.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The majority of learners, after completion of the BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, will move on into higher education, usually in the form of a university degree course. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, you will earn UCAS points for university applications. Also, many universities require applicants to have completed a foundation course such as this for entry into art and design based courses.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

Essentially this a 600 hour course, but the period of study is largely dependant on the centre. Normally it would take one academic year to complete, but it is possible to study for two years on a part-time basis.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design are laid down by individual centres. Fundamentally you should have an Advanced GCE or an AS GCE in Art and Design, supported by three GCSEs (graded C or above), and/or a portfolio of work. In addition you need the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification.

How can I find out more?

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