

Product Design

University of Edinburgh

Venues

Central Campus

Content

Product design is about understanding people and society by questioning and reflecting on design's role in existing and emerging systems and exploring opportunities for innovative products.

Year 1:

You will take compulsory courses in Product Design and Design and Screen Cultures. These will introduce you to the fundamental skills required to develop successful designs.

Year 2:

Product design courses in Year 2 will introduce you to design projects, allowing you to practice and develop your skills. You'll be introduced to a variety of approaches to product design and associated commercial considerations, such as workshop prototyping and making, computer aided design, sustainability and materials and manufacturing processes.

Year 3:

In year 3 you will develop your identity as a designer, consider the ethics of design and designing, have more control over project focus, analyse social norms and speculate on possible futures and work with live clients.

Year 4:

Now that you have thorough understanding of product design, in Year 4 you will define your approaches to developing a self-directed project.

You will complete a written dissertation, enabling you to research a topic of personal interest, learn more about planning and structuring design writing, further enhance your written communication skills and link theory and practice.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

BA Hons

UCAS Code

W240

Course Length

3 - 4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Edinburgh College of Art

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (first sitting) or 4 or 5 Highers at ABBB/ABBBB (two sittings) plus English at National 5.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) plus English at National 5. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

You need to submit a digital portfolio to show your artistic skill and potential. This portfolio is an important part of the application process for this programme.

Entry to second year is available for those with above plus completion of a foundation year or relevant HND at another institution.

SCQF Level

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Progression Routes

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