National 5 Graphic Communication (Course Code: C835 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Graphic Communication?

Graphic Communication in all its forms is vital to society. It is a means of getting across information visually using graphics. Graphic communication comes in many forms and various aspects of life including education, industry and commerce.

This course is designed to increase your awareness of how graphics are used, and to learn about the technology used to create them. You will create 2D, 3D and pictorial graphics with visual impact or that transmits information, digitally and on paper.

The skills you learn in this course are useful in many career areas including Architecture, Surveying, Engineering or Design and Marketing.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

Art and Design

Communications and Media

Computing and ICT

Construction

Engineering

Teaching and Classroom Support

What do I need to get in?

The school or college will decide on the entry requirements for the course. You would normally have achieved:

- **National 4 Graphic Communication**

What will I study?

This course will teach you how to read, interpret and create graphic communications. You will develop skills in spatial awareness and visual language. And, you will learn how to use graphic communication equipment, software and materials effectively. You will also look at how graphic communication technologies impact on our environment and society.

The course comprises **two** areas of study.

2D Graphic Communication

You will:

- develop creativity and skills within a 2D graphic communication context
- initiate, develop and communicate ideas using graphic techniques in straightforward and familiar contexts
- develop your skills in less familiar or new contexts
- develop 2D graphic spatial awareness.

3D and Pictorial Graphic Communication

You will:

- develop creativity and skills within a 3D and pictorial graphic communication context
- initiate, develop and communicate ideas using graphic techniques in straightforward and familiar contexts
- develop your skills in less familiar or new contexts
- develop 3D graphic spatial awareness.

How will I be assessed?

Course Assessment

The course assessment has **two** components **totalling 120 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper – worth 80 marks
- Component 2: assignment – worth 40 marks.

For the assignment component, you will be asked to create a set of preliminary, production and promotional graphics in answer to a brief and produce evidence of how you planned and evaluated your work. The assignment component will be set and externally assessed by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The question paper will be set and marked externally by the SQA.

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across all course assessment components.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- SQA Past Papers Graphic Communication National 5
- SQA Specimen Paper Graphic Communication National 5
- SQA Understanding Standards Graphic Communication
- BBC Bitesize National 5 Graphic Communication
- Ushare Study Resources

What can I go on to next?

If you complete the course successfully, it may lead to:

- **Higher Graphic Communication**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Art and Design
- Communications and Media
- Computing and ICT
- Construction
- Engineering
- Teaching and Classroom Support