

National 5 Art and Design (Course Code: C804 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Art and Design?

Art and Design features in many aspects of our everyday lives, from the advertising posters we see on our streets to the special effects we see in films. Almost everything we see or touch has been designed to be visually attractive including mobile phones, clothes, cars, buildings and websites.

The skills that you develop in Art and Design are useful in many different careers, such as architecture: interior design, fashion and textiles, graphics, web design and photography.

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](#)

[Computing and ICT](#)

[Construction](#)

[Hairdressing, Beauty and Wellbeing](#)

[Information, Culture and Heritage](#)

[Manufacturing Industries](#)

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college but you would normally have achieved:

- **National 4 Art and Design**

What will I study?

Art and Design is a practical, hands-on subject that develops your creativity and imagination, and your artistic skills. You will learn how to use a range of art and design materials and techniques, produce analytical drawings and carry out investigative studies. And, you will learn the skills involved in planning, producing and presenting art and design work. You will also find out how artists and designers work, and how factors like their environment and culture have an impact on their work.

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

Expressive

This part of the course helps you plan, research and develop creative expressive work in response to a theme/stimulus. You will:

- develop knowledge and understanding of artists' working practices and the social, cultural and other influences affecting their work and practice
- select a theme/stimulus and produce 2D/3D analytical drawings, studies and investigative research, and use this to produce a single line of development leading to a final piece
- reflect on and evaluate your creative process and the visual qualities of your work.

Design

This part of the course helps you plan, research and develop creative design work in response to a design brief. You will:

- develop knowledge and understanding of designers' working practices and the social, cultural and other influences affecting their work and practice
- select a design brief and compile a variety of 2D/3D investigative material and market research, and use this to produce a single line of development leading to a design solution
- reflect on and evaluate your creative process and the aesthetic and functional qualities of your work.

How will I be assessed?

The course assessment has **three** components **totalling 250 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper (2 sections) – worth 50 marks (25 marks for each section)
- Component 2: expressive portfolio – worth 100 marks
- Component 3: design portfolio – worth 100 marks.

The portfolio components are set by your school and the examination question paper is set by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). Both components will be externally marked by 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 Art and Design National 5](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper Art and Design National 5](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Art and Design](#)
- [BBC Bitesize National 5 Art and Design](#)

What can I go on to next?

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

- **Higher Art and Design**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Architecture
- Art and Design
- Arts Administration
- Communications and Media
- Drama and Theatre Technology
- Engineering General