

Learning Cycle	Knowledge and Skills	Vocabulary	Checking of understanding	Rationale
Autumn	Welcome	Supported by the introduction	Synoptic assessment is a	The FAD curriculum is
Term	Unit 1: Diagnostic Investigation into	and use of the Foundation in	feature of this course and it	designed to be centred on
	Creative Practice. 29 Credits. Level 3	Art & Design Research and	requires students to use an	academic rigour and a
	Introduction to Unit 1	annotation booklet. This	appropriate selection of their	student-centred learning
	<ul> <li>Nine week period that introduces</li> </ul>	booklet contains tips on how	skills, knowledge and	culture, encompassing:
	various approaches to Art & Design	to research and how to write	understanding acquired	analytical principles;
	thinking and making via a range of	critical analysis. Sentence	through all of the units that	exploratory and investigative
	projects including (but not limited to)	starters are included.	make up the qualification,	practices; contextual
	<ul> <li>Random Starting Points</li> </ul>			research and material
	Tool Making	Students will further develop	1:1 tutorial conversation and	experimentation.
	<ul> <li>Spots and Stripes</li> </ul>	their confidence in analysing –	discussion take place at least	
	Pattern Making	focusing on use of media and	once a week to ensure	These are delivered through
	People Watching	fabric manipulation. They will	understanding of tasks and unit	a coherent and integrated
	Who Am I?	start to develop their artistic	requirements.	sequence of learning
	Exquisite Corpses	vocabulary necessary for		activities which will enable
	Life Drawing	working in their sketchbooks	For formal assessment, the	students to identify and
	Regular group critiques	with confidence.	students are issued with a	capitalise on their strengths
	Submission Deadline for Unit 1		grading grid comprised of	and affinities.
	Unit 2: Developing Specialist Practice.	Initiative	seven descriptors (e.g.	
	46 Credits. Level 3	Independent inquiry	Context, Research, Problem	The curriculum builds on and
	Introduction to Unit 2	Creative thinking	solving etc.) Each descriptor	extends students' prior
	Thirteen week period that enables	Project management	describes characteristics or	experience, linking skills
	students to delve deeper into a variety	Reflective learning	qualities typical of	already acquired with ideas
	of creative pathways including:	Team-working	performance at Pass, Merit	and challenges, which will
	MAGPI (Moving	Self-management	and Distinction.	increase their independence
	Image/Advertising/Graphic	Effective participation		as a creative practitioner.
	Design/Photography/Illustration)	Social responsibility	Judgment is made on the	
	• FAP (Fine Art and Print)	Environmental awareness	evidence produced by the	In unit 1, students will
	TFC (Textiles/Fashion and	Ethics and sustainability	student to determine the	undertake a diagnostic
	Costume)	Problem solving	grading decision for the	investigation into visual
	• 3D (Ceramics and Sculpture)	Communication	learning outcome. This is done	language and creative
	Students will spend 2 weeks in each	Presentation	by holistically assessing the	practices. This exploratory
	pathway before making their own	Research	evidence of the learning	investigation allows students
	decision about which area of	Digital skills	outcomes, supplied by the	to become familiar with and
	specialism they wish to work in for the	Literacy	student, against the descriptors	experiment within a wide
	remaining duration of Unit 2.	Numeracy	in the grading grid.	range of (art, design, craft

	Written Element     Completing UCAS applications     Regular group critiques		Written feedback and targets for improvement are included on the grading grid. Student and staff keep a copy. Resubmission may be required.	and media) creative disciplines as part of their journey to, or reinforcement of, specialism in Unit 2. Unit 2 will provide students with the opportunity to reflect on the knowledge, skills and practices they have developed in Unit 1 of the qualification, and to define their creative ambitions by encouraging a holistic approach to a range of activities, which will support, contextualise and position their creative endeavour within their chosen specialist practice.
Spring Term	<ul> <li>Finalising any UCAS applications that have not been sent</li> <li>Building digital/physical portfolios for interviews</li> <li>Written Element</li> <li>Submission Deadline for Unit 2</li> <li>Introduction to Unit 4 Regular group critiques</li> <li>Writing their own Unit 4 project brief with the support of staff – 100% self initiated</li> <li>Project proposals - Students will need to balance ambition, time, and resources in the realisation of the project and a timetabled action plan must be included.</li> <li>Pitching ideas to peers and staff</li> <li>Initial investigation</li> <li>Thematic enquiry</li> <li>Visual, practical and contextual research</li> <li>Realising creative objectives set out in project proposal</li> </ul>	Continued use of the Foundation in Art & Design Research and Annotation booklet. Creative Practice Creative Process Appropriate Audience Contextual/Context Breadth Demonstrate Innovation Production Specialist Practice Technical problems Visual Language	<ul> <li>1:1 tutorial conversation and discussion take place at least once a week to ensure understanding of tasks and unit requirements.</li> <li>For formal assessment, the students are issued with a grading grid comprised of seven descriptors (e.g. Context, Research, Problem solving etc.) Each descriptor describes characteristics or qualities typical of performance at Pass, Merit and Distinction.</li> <li>Judgment is made on the evidence produced by the student to determine the grading decision for the learning outcome. This is done by holistically assessing the</li> </ul>	Unit 4 aims to provide students with an opportunity to take control of their own learning and demonstrate their achievement by independently initiating, researching, completing and evaluating a project proposal and its realisation within their chosen professional context. The choice of the proposed subject, subsequent research, and all relevant activity will be defined by the student. The unit content will vary according to the specific demands of the student's chosen individual or collaborative project, which

	Regular group critiques		evidence of the learning outcomes, supplied by the student, against the descriptors in the grading grid. Written feedback and targets for improvement are included on the grading grid. Student and staff keep a copy. Resubmission may be required.	is derived from proposals that have been developed in consultation with tutors.
Summer Term	<ul> <li>Select and curate final work for presentation</li> <li>A bibliography using Harvard referencing is required.</li> <li>Students complete a final evaluation of between 750 and 1750 words.</li> <li>Submission Deadline for Unit 4</li> </ul>	Continued used of Art, Craft & Design Research and Annotation booklet. Realisation Development Review and refine Final outcome Personal investigation Consolidation Extension	1:1 tutorial conversation and discussion take place at least once a week to ensure understanding of tasks and unit requirements.	Final realisation of unit 4 outcome showcasing a combination of techniques to produce an outcome that will have creative impact and demonstrate a high level of individual artistic skill. Design and creation of final outcome exhibit demonstrates how the students visualise how their work would be curated in an exhibition space with clear reference to audience impact and interaction of applicable.