

Art and Design Courses

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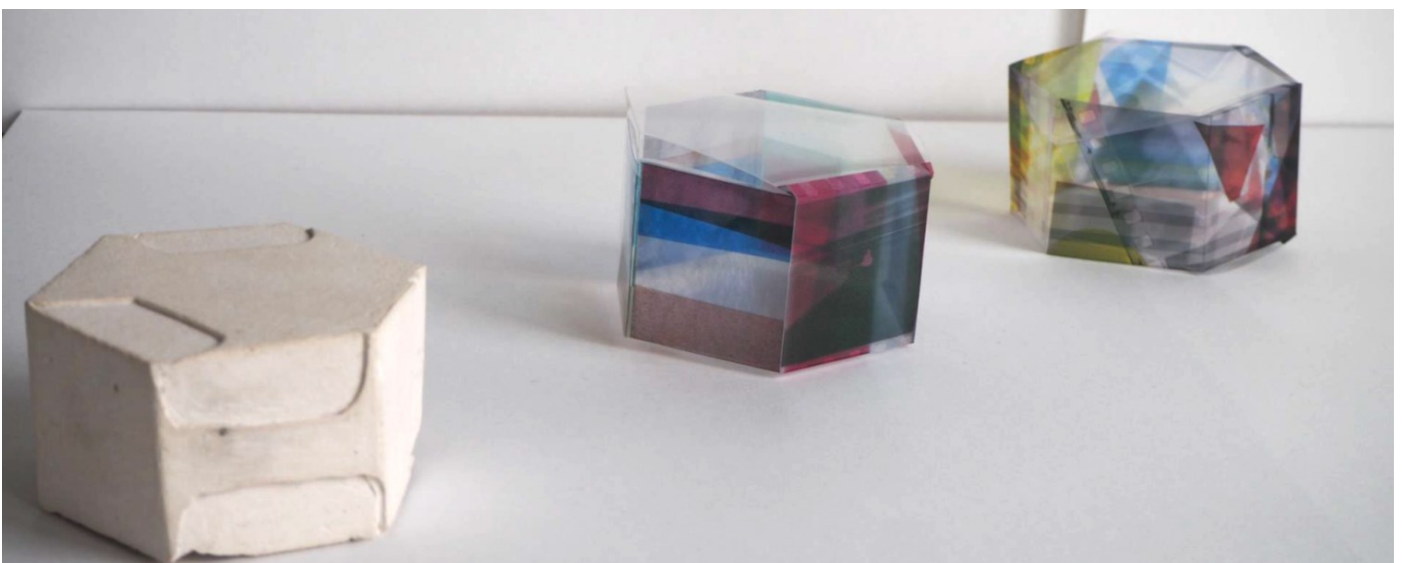
Based at UHI Orkney, the Art and Design Department includes a large purpose built open plan studio with views over Kirkwall Bay. Our courses cover a wide variety of fine art, design and applied arts specialism, from drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture to photography, jewellery and digital media. Our students span all ages and ranges of experience – you can study full time or part time, one day a week or come and try a short course.

As part of the wider University of the Highlands and Islands, we are partners with Moray School of Art, UHI Shetland and UHI North, West and Hebrides. This unique network provides links and connections with other island communities, mainland Scotland, the UK and internationally. There are shared and networked projects and courses, exciting opportunities for exchanges and exhibitions and research.

Our tutors and lecturers are all practicing artists and designers who work and exhibit locally and internationally. This real life experience of the professional art world feeds into live projects, teaching and research. We also have regular visiting artists who do talks and run short projects.

We work closely with the wider cultural community in Orkney, with local arts and crafts businesses and with museums and galleries, particularly the Pier Arts Centre who also helps to deliver our professional practice programme. We have been actively involved in developing new courses at postgraduate Masters level, including the innovative programmes MA in Contemporary Art and Archaeology and the MA in Art and Social Practice. So whether you want to return to study at a higher level, or if you are at the very beginning of your creative journey, you can do this here in Orkney.

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Courses:

- **NC ART & DESIGN**
- **BA FINE ART**
- **MA CONTEMPORARY ART & ARCHAEOLOGY**
- **MA ART & SOCIAL PRACTICE**

Full and Part time options are available for all the courses.

Stand Alone Modules

- Level 8 Contemporary Art & Archaeology (subject to demand - please contact the department directly for information).

We also run occasional specialist workshops - please sign up to our social media to hear about these.

Fancy exploring your artistic potential but don't want to sign up for a whole course? Taking a taster module or two might work best for you — please contact us for available options.



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NC in Art and Design

Full or Part time options available

Based in the art studios of UHI Orkney, this course enables students to explore and develop a wide range of art and design skills including drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, digital imaging, design and textiles.

Alongside the practical studio work, there are artist talks, visits to exhibitions and contextual studies throughout the course. Professional skills are developed throughout, often alongside 'live projects'. These have involved the Pier Arts Centre, the St Magnus International Festival, the Orkney Folk Festival and local jewellery companies.

Students are encouraged to engage with the unique environment, culture and history of Orkney, as well as look outwards to the wider cultural context. The course encourages diversity, attracting people of all ages and backgrounds to study in Orkney. Students study a range of disciplines and can extend their academic skills in Communication and Literature. Students can access the course on a Full Time basis over one academic year (August – June) where they attend the college 3 days per week for face-to-face studio teaching and undertake 2 days self-directed home study. We also offer the option to complete the course on a Part Time basis. In discussion with the Course Leader, applicants can select a number of units to study. Units per day are mostly blended so in general we ask students to undertake a full day commitment if Part Time. The course will begin with an enrolment and induction week starting in August. We also have a Part Time option with a January start date.



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"I have enjoyed the range of skills and techniques that we have learned throughout the year. This course challenged me with the variety of briefs that we covered each term and I look forward to continuing my study at Orkney College Art and Design Department"

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A close-up photograph of a hand using a black charcoal or pencil to draw a botanical illustration on a light-colored paper. The drawing depicts a plant stem with several thin, linear leaves and a prominent, rounded seed pod or fruit. The artist's hand is visible in the lower right corner, holding the drawing tool. The background is a soft-focus view of the drawing in progress.

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BA Fine Art

Full or Part time options available

Both these BA degree programmes are based in studios at UHI Orkney and run in partnership with Moray School of Art and the wider UHI network. You will be introduced to the study of contemporary art, developing your creative skills in a vibrant and challenging environment.

The course is delivered by a highly experienced team of visual practitioners and academics from across the UHI network. With access to your own studio space and specialist equipment in the college, you will explore creative practice and theory through a series of workshops, tutorials, seminars and lectures, experimenting with a range of media, including painting, digital imaging, video, photography, drawing, sculpture and printmaking. Modules also include elective options in level 2, while Professional Practice introduces you to curating and how to support yourself as a professional artist. In your final year you focus on a dissertation and working towards a Degree Exhibition.



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MA Contemporary Art & Archaeology

Full or Part time options available

This postgraduate programme aims to explore the commonalities and overlaps between contemporary art and archaeology.

The course is delivered through blended learning, involving lectures, seminars and video conference, which means students can be located and participate from anywhere in the world.

There is also the option of a residential workshop and fieldtrip where you will explore interdisciplinary practice along with experts and fellow students.

"I really enjoyed learning more about Orkney's archaeology, looking at Neolithic art alongside experts in their field, and found inspiration for my own work among the stones"

www.uhi.ac.uk/en/archaeology-institute/study-here/art-and-archaeology

MA Art & Social Practice

Full or Part time options available

This postgraduate programme aims to address the changing needs of artists in the 21st century where increasingly artists are working in participatory settings, which require skills in creative social engagement.

The course is delivered through blended learning, involving lectures, seminars and video conference, which means students can be located and participate from anywhere in the world.

There is also the option of a residential workshop which will take place in one of the partner locations, including Shetland, Orkney, North Uist or Moray.

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