

Course Specification

Cou	Course Summary Information				
1	Course Title		BA (Hons) Fine Art		
2	BCU Course	UCAS Code	US0631	W101	
	Code				
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City Unive	ersity	
4	Teaching Institution(s)				
	(if different from point 3)				
5	Professional Statutory or				
	Regulatory Body (PSRB)				
	accreditation (if a	applicable)			

6 Course Description

Our Fine Art degree course gives you the support of professionals to choose your own creative journey and flourish as an artist, curator, teacher or working in other creative fields. Situated in our historic Grade I-listed art school, based in Margaret Street, you'll enjoy the freedom, space and support needed to establish your own artistic voice.

There are no set pathways to learning and this means you'll have genuine freedom to experiment in any media appropriate to your ideas.

What's covered in the course?

This course encourages you to experiment in or across painting, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, photography, installation, film and video.

You'll be supported throughout your studies by our experienced and talented tutors and technical staff - all professional artists in their own right.

As well as learning important skills for your future career development from our practical and professional practice modules, you'll also be introduced to the context and curation of art.

You will enjoy our close links to the Ikon Gallery, Ort Gallery, New Art Gallery Walsall and Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and be inspired by the studios and galleries set up by former students, such as The Lombard Method, Grand Union, Stryx and Ort Gallery.

The course concludes in a public professional exhibition of your practical work supported by individual websites.



7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits
			Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Fine Art	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Fine Art	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Fine Art	5	240
	Bachelor of Arts Fine Art	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9 Delivery Patte	Delivery Patterns		
Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code
Full Time	City Centre (Margaret Street)	3 years	US0631

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ , or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website .

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	Knowledge and Understanding
1	Describe Contemporary fine art practice
2	Locate the historical, cultural, social, ethical and theoretical and global factors which determine
	how art is made and seen by an audience
3	Identify a broad range of working strategies, methods and materials and their imaginative
	applications
4	Develop and articulate ideas through the use and application of conceptual and practical
	research
	Cognitive and Intellectual Skills
5	Apply imaginative and creative skills to the investigation, development, realisation and
	contextualisation of art practice
6	Critique the development and appraisal of art and associated disciplines



7	Practice speculative and reflective skills and the ability to critically evaluate information and formulate conclusions
8	Synthesise research to develop and articulate ideas in practical, written and verbal forms
	Practical and Professional Skills
9	Respond to a wide range of intellectual, practical, technical and manipulative skills
10	Apply appropriate practical and technical knowledge through the use of a wide range of materials, tools, technologies and approaches
11	Initiate and manage an independent programme of study and develop Personal Development and Planning (PDP) to chart self-awareness, critical reflection, and action planning
12	Perform organisational and presentation skills in complex material and unpredictable contexts to a professional standard
	Key Transferable Skills
13	Act effectively, independently and collaboratively
14	Engage in constructive discussion and debates across a range of ideas, approaches and disciplines and to communicate responses effectively
15	Practice Motivational and organisational skills, managing time and strategies effectively and professionally
16	Display Negotiation and planning, exhibition and presentation skills to a professional standard



12 Course Requirements

12a | Level 4:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ART4229	Context, Methods and Making	40
ART4231	Themes and Concepts in Art	20
ART4230	Establishing Practice	40
ADM4002	Collaborative Project	20

Level 5:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 100 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ART5130	Developing Practice	40
ART5129	Critical Theories in Art	20
ART5131	Extending Practice	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ADM5006	Collaborative Practice	20
ADM5001	Live Project	20
ADM5000	Work Placement	20

Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ART6136	Practice and Professional Presentation	60
ADM6005	Major Project	40
ART6132	Professional Portfolio	20



12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Level 4

Semester 1

Contexts, Methods and Making (40 Credits) (Core)

Themes and Concepts in Art

(20 Credits) (Core)

Semester 2

Establishing Practice (40 Credits) (Core)

Collaborative Practice 1
(20 Credits) (Core)

Level 5

Semester 1

Developing Practice (40 Credits) (Core)

Critical Theories in Art
(20 Credits) (Core)

Semester 2

Extending Practice (40 Credits) (Core)

Live Project
(20 Credits) (Optional)

Work Placement
(20 Credits) (Optional)

Collaborative Project (20 Credits) (Optional)



Level 6

Semester 1 Semester 2

Major Project (40 Credits) (Core)

Professional Portfolio
(20 Credits) (Core)

Practice and Professional Presentation (60 Credits) (Core)



13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- Scheduled Learning includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- Private Study includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	600
Private Study	240
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	80%
Exam	0
In-Person	20%

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	300
Directed Learning	660
Private Study	240
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	80%
Exam	0
In-Person	20%



Level 6

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	186
Directed Learning	774
Private Study	240
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	80%
Exam	0
In-Person	20%