

CAREERS USING ART & DESIGN



Where can studying Art & Design take you?....

Illustrator



Illustrators use their painting or drawing skills to create images for products such as books, greetings cards, clothing, posters and animations. They can work with traditional materials to create physical images, or use relevant software packages. Specialist areas include scientific and medical illustration, for example for use in textbooks. Most illustrators are self-employed but there are some permanent jobs available. Your skill as an illustrator is more important than your qualifications, but you'll probably find that a relevant course will increase your skills. Degrees or HNDs in subjects such as art or illustration are relevant, and there are specialist postgraduate courses if you

Art Therapist



Art therapists work with people who are facing problems such as mental health, addiction, behaviour or communication issues, or who are recovering from illness or brain injury. Therapists encourage them to use art as a way to explore and understand their feelings, and find a way to move forwards with their lives. It's about using an activity that people may find easier than talking about their experiences, rather than training them as artists. Art Therapists work in places such as schools, hospitals, prisons and rehab units, and may develop specialisms such as working with children or people with autism. To train as an art therapist you'll usually need a degree in art and design, or to start out in a career such as psychology, nursing or social work.

Art Technician



Art technicians, also known as art demonstrators, work in colleges or universities and help teach students. Their work is very practical – they set up the technical equipment needed in an art studio and then help students to use it, for example guiding them through InDesign, using a 3D printer, screen-printing or traditional photographic processing in a darkroom. You'll typically need a relevant qualification – often a degree, but you may be accepted with a lower level qualification if you have lots of experience.

Art Conservator



Art Conservators take care of works of art, historical objects or historical properties. They ensure that these are kept in appropriate conditions to prevent deterioration, and help restore them to their original condition if they do deteriorate. Typically conservators work on a series of short-term contracts for different employers. To become a conservator you can do a degree in conservation as an undergraduate or a postgraduate. Some postgraduate courses only accept a limited range of undergraduate degree subjects; these vary but can include chemistry, physics, art, art history and archaeology.

Fashion Designer



Fashion designers design clothing and fashion ranges. They may work in high fashion or designer ready-to-wear fashion, as well as in high-street fashion. Designers often specialise in particular types of clothing – for example, in men's, children's or sportswear. Designers often work closely with garment technologists and sample machinists. The role could also involve liaising with manufacturers (often based overseas) to make sure designs are reproduced accurately. To be a fashion designer, you will need to have a good eye for colour and shape. You'll also need to be able to spot trends. You will usually need a relevant higher education qualification, such as a foundation degree, HND or degree to be a fashion designer.

Tattoo Artist



A tattoo artist is someone who creates permanent images or words on the skin. This is done by injecting ink under the surface of the skin by piercing it with a small needle. Tattooing is one of the oldest art forms known to man; in ancient times tattoos were not only applied for decoration, but for religious significance or as a status symbol. Tattoo artists have distinct personalities. They tend to be artistic individuals, which means they're creative, intuitive, sensitive, articulate, and expressive. They are unstructured, original, non-conforming, and innovative. Some of them are also investigative, meaning they're intellectual, introspective, and inquisitive.

“Creativity is Intelligence having Fun”

Albert Einstein



Art Gallery Curator



To work in an art gallery you should have a keen interest in art. You should have good organisational skills. You'll also need strong communication and people skills.

To do this job you would usually need a degree in a relevant subject, such as art or art history. You could start work as an assistant curator, conservator or education manager before becoming a curator.

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Many curators also have a postgraduate qualification. Postgraduate study offers an opportunity to specialise in topics, such as museum and gallery studies, or in a particular style or period of art.

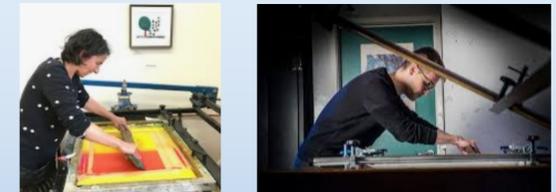
Make-up Artist



A make-up artist is a professional artist that uses mediums applied to the skin to transform or enhance the appearance of a person. Make-up artists are often referred to as cosmetologists or beauticians, but are different in that they specialize only in make-up and typically do not offer other services such as hair or nails.

Over recent decades, there has been an increase in the demand for skilled make-up artists to work with actors/actresses, politicians, theatre productions, and for television and movies. A make-up artist is usually a member of a team including the hairdresser and wardrobe specialist. As part of this team, the make-up artist works to transform the actor into the character.

Print Maker

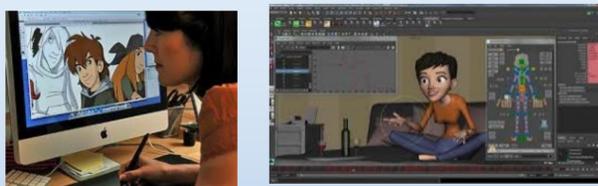


Printmakers use specialist techniques such as etching, lithography and screen printing to create images on a variety of surfaces

As a printmaker, you'll design the prints yourself and create them using techniques such as intaglio (methods of etching and engraving), lithography and screen printing, on wood, metal, stone or other materials. After which, you'll transpose them onto another surface, generally using a printing press. Surfaces can include glass, cloth and paper.

Electronic and digital printing processes are increasingly being used by printmakers, alongside more traditional craft-based methods.

Animator



Animators are artists who use sequential images of drawings, puppets and models to produce films for commercials, computer games, music videos and websites. Animators create films for production companies, major animation studios and computer games companies.

Typical responsibilities of the job include working creatively to produce original and aesthetically pleasing designs and solutions, using specialist computer generation software such as Maya, Flash and After Effects, presenting designs to customers for evaluation, promoting and running the business, negotiating contracts and liaising and working effectively with other design and production staff.

Interior Designer



An interior designer works with clients to create aesthetically pleasing rooms and spaces. Clients range from homeowners to large corporations, and the spaces designed are equally varied, ranging from simple indoor and outdoor home environments to hotel lobbies and lavish mansions. No matter the size, every interior designer works to create spaces that are attractive, functional, and safe while meeting the specific needs of the client. Interior Designers can specialise in Corporate design, healthcare design, kitchen & bath design, sustainable design or universal design.

Set Designer



A set designer is someone who is in charge of designing and creating sets for films, television, and theatre.

Rough drawings and ideas from the production team are taken and turned into realistic builds that include scenery, draperies, furniture, and props. Set designers often work with directors, producers, costume designers and other crew members.

A set designer can find work wherever sets need to be designed. Theatres, film and video production companies, television companies, advertising agencies, and music video production companies typically hire set designers.