

Creative Industries FAQs

I don't have a lot of experience in art or design but I am keen to learn...

Apply for the Certificate in Arts & Media; here you get to experience all the art and design areas on offer within the Creative Industries

I have experience in art or design, or have already completed parts of a similar qualification and want to complete a qualification that recognises my abilities and experience...

Apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) along with your application for the programme of your choice. Up to 120 credits out of the 360 can be awarded through RPL. Apply to enter either the Diploma in Arts & Media at Level 5 or the Bachelor of Arts & Media at Level 5 or above. You will need to talk to the Programme Area Leader about the best level to enter.

I am aiming for the degree...

You could either apply for the Bachelor of Arts & Media at Level 5 or, if you do not meet the entry requirements or feel you need more experience first, apply for the Certificate in Arts & Media Level 4, and once that is completed, apply for the degree programme.

I am interested in a particular type of art making, such as painting or sculpture...

It depends initially on what level you want to study.

If you want introductory level tuition, to get the important basic skills in the medium, you should consider the Certificate in Arts & Media for an introduction to all the studio options within the Creative Industries programme area.

If you are ready to move beyond the introductory level, you could consider applying for entry at Level 5 of the Diploma in Arts & Media or the Bachelor of Arts & Media. The Visual Arts & Design major is in both these programmes.

Within the Visual Arts & Design major you will be able to explore a wide range of art practices if that's what you are looking for.

If you want to specialise in one sort of art or design practice, you can do that too from Level 6, and you will make your studio course choices at Level 6 with your particular interests in mind.

I can't decide between the degree and the diploma...

The diploma starts at Level 5 and goes to Level 6, whereas the degree starts at Level 5 and goes to Level 7. If you are aiming for the highest academic level, try the degree. If you are looking for a programme that does not go to such an advanced level, try the diploma.

If you are not sure whether you can manage the academic work, but want to give it a go, then you could enrol in the degree at Level 5. So long as you choose the Visual Arts & Design major, there is still an easy transition across to the diploma on completion of the Level 5 courses if you decide to do that.

A lot of the courses at Levels 5 and 6 are in both the degree and the diploma. The major differences between degree and the diploma start to happen at level 6.

The Diploma in Arts & Media (Graphics and Multimedia) could suit if you are specifically interested in graphic design and digital media.