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University of the Highlands and Islands Orkney College

In this 8-week series we're introducing you to the wide range of expertise and options available at Orkney College UHI, and this week we're highlighting our Art & Design Department and Progression Courses.

ART & DESIGN

Art & Design at Orkney College has been evolving to develop new options across different levels of creative study. This means that you can now start out with an introductory course, progress through to BA and Masters degrees and on to MRes and PHD research. All our courses are taught by highly experienced practicing artists and designers, based in Orkney and the wider UHI network.

Whatever stage you are at, Orkney College UHI is your local route into degree courses and professional development.

COURSES

- **NC Art and Design** – studio based, you can study full time or part time, choosing from a wide range of options including Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Design, Jewellery & Photography. We also support development of portfolios for application to degree courses in Art & Design.
- **BA (Hons) Fine Art** – based in the studios at Orkney College and online with students from the rest of UHI network. Study 1st year part time with Drawing, Painting and Spatial Studies. Qualified applicants can apply for direct entry to other levels.
- **BA (Hons) Creative Writing in the Highlands & Islands** – UHI networked course.
- **BA (Hons) Applied Music** – UHI networked course.
- **MA Contemporary Art & Archaeology** – our new networked Post Graduate programme has been extremely popular, with students from across the globe joining our seminars and workshops delivered from Orkney.
- **MA Art & Social Practice** – UHI networked course.
- **MA Module: Art & Environment** – NEW! Delivered from Orkney – networked with UHI.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"Everything about this course, the method of study, the staff and the content has been absolutely fantastic. It has been above and beyond my expectations. The support given via the COVID-19 Pandemic to continue studies, etc has also been amazing. I am so glad I was studying this course during this time and I hope to take my studies further within this subject area. This is also such a valuable resource to have showcasing the rich heritage and things Orkney has to offer."

Aileen Ogilvie,

MA Contemporary Art & Archaeology

"This is something I have always dreamed of doing. As a current part time student, I would strongly recommend continuing your education with an arts degree at Orkney College. It's been a difficult year, but achievable with the support of my peers and staff. Even during covid it has been fun and rewarding."

Hilary Swanney, BA Fine Art

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time spent in the Art Department of Orkney College doing my BA (Hons) Degree. There I have worked with lovely tutors who helped, encouraged and challenged me to give my best. I worked with students of all ages but, because of our common interest in art, we gelled together, encouraged and bounced ideas off each other – whilst sharing lots of laughs at coffee time! Many of these have become good friends. During lockdown I have kept in touch with both the tutors and students online, still relying on their comments and support."

Ruth Tait, BA Fine Art



PROGRESSION COURSES

We offer a range of progression courses through our Inclusive Practice Department that enable young people access to post-16 further education locally, which is specifically designed to boost confidence and develop a sense of achievement, allowing them to progress onto other courses locally, across the UK, or indeed to move into the workplace.



We combine life skills and vocational options that present our students with a varied curriculum based on project work. All units in these courses result in SQA certification, further empowering students to progress to the next stage of their careers.

COURSES

Progression Courses starting in August this year include:

- **Pathways to Independence** – students work towards SCQF level 1, 2 or 3 units in this two-year course. It is full-time and timetabled over 3 days per week for 36 weeks per year. Content includes communication, numeracy, IT, knowing your community, independent living skills, cooking for healthy eating, art & design, healthy lifestyles, joinery skills/DIY, volunteering and work placement (subject to Covid restrictions).
- **Future Tracks** – students work towards SCQF level 4 units in this one-year course aimed at students who are undecided or not yet ready for a specific vocational course or employment. It is full-time and timetabled over 3 days a week for 36 weeks per year. Content includes team building and personal development, employability, IT, art & design projects, communication, personal presentation, numeracy, environmental projects, customer service, health and wellbeing and hospitality.
- **Stepping Stones** – students work towards SCQF level 5 units in this one-year course that gives them the qualifications and opportunities to access other National Certificate courses, or to move into employment. It is full-time and timetabled over 3 days per week for 36 weeks per year. Content includes money management, art & design, employability, health & wellbeing, personal presentation, IT, video editing and multi-media, communication, hospitality café service, mental health and numeracy.
- **Employability Workshop** – this 6-month course meets the need for a short course for students who have recently left school or completed other courses midway through the year, and is designed so that students gain SQA accredited qualifications at SCQF level 4. All work is project based, accessible and delivered in an innovative way. It is full-time and timetabled over 3 days per week for 36 weeks per year, with a new course starting in both August and January each year.
- **Employability Fund Stages 3 & 4** – this national training programme, sponsored by Skills Development Scotland, has been developed to help people make a successful transition into or back into the labour market. The programme is on a rolling enrolment basis and involves all aspects of job search.

Contact us:

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