

Art and Design

Student Guide Level 2 BTEC First Certificate

What is the Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Art and Design?

The qualification will give you the knowledge, understanding and competency needed when considering entering employment in the Art and Design sector. You will gain a grounding in the essential skills and broad fundamentals crucial to this area of study, giving you the opportunity to build on these by undertaking another Level 2 qualification or to progress to a qualification at Level 3, or to enter into your first job within this sector.

The course is designed to enable you to study other subjects alongside your BTEC First Certificate. There are two core units plus a choice of specialist units totalling 180 guided learning hours. Depending on your locally available programme of study, the structure of the course allows you to develop your interests and gain a broad foundation, and it introduces you to new areas, such as working with fashion design, interactive media or photography briefs.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

Following completion of the BTEC First Certificate in Art and Design, successful candidates would be able to enter initial employment, at a junior level, in such areas as graphic or interior designing, or web design.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The achievement of the BTEC First Certificate has the equivalence of 2 GCSEs graded A*-C. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC First Certificate in Art and Design, it is possible for you to progress further to the BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design, or to enrol on another Level 2 programme, such as a relevant NVQ, or to move on to a higher level qualification such as a Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Art and Design specialising in your preferred field, such as photography, textiles or fashion and clothing.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

Generally speaking, it will take one academic year to complete but it may be studied for shorter or longer periods; the length of the course is largely dependant on the centre where you study.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Art and Design are laid down by individual centres. You should have the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification and ideally be able to show you have a standard of literacy, numeracy and general education equivalent to four GCSEs graded D-G, or you should be able to show you have undertaken suitable work experience or have completed a Level 1 or 2 qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

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