

Preparing your application for our



Extended Diploma in Creative Practice

September 2021 entry

It is advisable to make an early application (before June), however Leeds Arts University will continue to receive applications up until enrolment.

Research your course

Our Extended Diploma in Creative Practice (Art, Design & Communication) two-year course is an attractive alternative to A-levels, and provides a transformative bridge between school and university. It offers students who have an interest in the visual arts the chance to explore and develop their creativity within a specialist, stimulating and supportive environment, with access to specialist staff and workshops.

The course has been designed to provide the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to help you to discover your talents and strengths in a wide range of visual disciplines. You will specialise in one of four pathways: **Fashion & Textiles, Fine Art, Graphic Communication or 3D Design.**

The Extended Diploma in Creative Practice course is located at the Vernon Street campus. It is just a ten minute walk from Leeds Railway Station.

- [How to find us](#)
- [Course Information](#)
- [Entry Requirements](#)
- [Virtual tours of our facilities](#) (look out for those based at Vernon Street)
- [Instagram for Extended Diploma](#)

Your application form

- You can create an account on our Portal and apply directly to us [here](#).
- Alternatively, a PDF version of the application form is available [here](#).
- Details on how to submit the form are below.

Writing your personal statement

Your personal statement should answer the 5 points below. Plan and write an answer to each, including specific examples, then you have written your personal statement! Remember, you will not need to write much more than one side of a page, but it is really important that you write it with care.

1. Demonstrate your interest in art, design and culture.

Ask yourself what interests you? What is your inspiration? You can mention gallery visits or cultural trips, or what you like to research here. Get across your passion for the subject! Why do you want to apply for this course?

2. List your interests and voluntary activities.

These could be activities and interests you do at school, things you do in your own time, even things you just think are fun. Think about it, would the activities support your application?

- Do you enjoy doing extra drawings and being creative in your spare time?
- Do you have digital skills such as photography, animation, or video?
- Do you volunteer at home or at school?
- Are there any responsibilities you hold that would be useful for this course?

3. Why do you wish to apply for the course?

Give a few reasons and back them up with examples. If you know, you could also explain any future plans or goals. You could also write about what you would like to get out of the course.

4. List any skills and strengths you have to offer.

For example, tell us all your art, design and technical or creative skills. Be confident and think of everything!

5. Include any employment and work experience.

If you have this experience, tell us about it, even if it is not specifically art and design related. What skills and experience have you developed that would be relevant to studying with us?

Your reference

Your Referee is an adult who knows you and your work well but is not a relation, such as a parent or carer. Most often it will be your form or subject teacher who writes your reference, but it could be a community leader from an out of school club, in a voluntary role or activity that you take part in. In their reference they are asked to write about you to show your suitability for the course.

Check your application

Do discuss your future study plans with a parent, carer and your year tutors/form teacher. It is a good idea to ask to have your application checked by your form/year teacher, art and design teacher or careers adviser at school.

Submit your application

- You can submit your application by completing the online application form on our portal [here](#)
- If you have filled out the PDF version of the application form, you can email it to **admissions@leeds-art.ac.uk**
- Following submission of your application form, if your predicted GCSE grades indicate that you will meet the entry requirements your application, personal statement, images of your work and your reference will be considered and we will contact you in reply.
- If you have not heard a reply from the Admissions team in 7 days from submitting your application, please check your junk mail folder or contact them on: **admissions@leeds-art.ac.uk**

Which images should I submit?

Include examples of your own work, in whatever media you have made creative work in. This could include drawing, illustration, painting, printmaking, collage, textiles, fashion, sketchbooks, storyboards, 3D sculpture, design sheets and models, use of media, photography, film, video, animation, and research of artists/designers.

Your application checklist

- Research the Extended Diploma in Creative Practice at Leeds Arts University.
- Download your application form
- Write your personal statement
- Get a reference from a teacher
- Get application checked
- Submit application
- Receive invitation to submit three images of your work
- Submit your three images

You will receive notification of whether your application to study the Extended Diploma in Creative Practice at Leeds Arts University has been successful.

Questions? Contact us!

Admissions enquiries

admissions@leeds-art.ac.uk

Enquiries about student support

Let the admissions team know what your enquiry is and they will pass it on to the relevant team. For example, if you usually get support towards learning, explain this. If you have an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan), share this with admissions. Another example would be if you are eligible for free school meals. If you are not sure if you will need support or not, the best thing to do is to ask.

We look forward to receiving your application.