



# BA (Hons) Design

## OVERVIEW

A one-year full-time top-up degree validated by Nottingham Trent University. This course is a mixture of practical studio based work in a specialist area of Design, combined with research and theoretical studies linked to specialist design areas. The course is an integration of theory and practice within the specialist design disciplines.

## COURSE AIMS

- Practical skills and knowledge within a design specialism will be further developed by an in-depth study within specialist pathways
- Theoretical underpinning knowledge will be enhanced and developed within a multi-disciplinary design group
- Specialist and Advanced studio practice is provided in studio areas with access to supporting workshops

## TOPICS OF STUDY

- Research and Academic Skills
- Contemporary Issues in Design
- Research Methods
- Dissertation
- Specialist Studio Practice
- Advanced Studio Practice

## ASSESSMENT

The course is assessed via individual and group assignments and presentations, essays, research tasks and individual studio project work. An end of year professional portfolio and public exhibition is presented. An individual dissertation must be completed.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

There is a minimum of 15 hours per week of teaching, however these hours may be increased, and students are expected to undertake further study in their own time. Your studies will also include English Language support. All international students are expected to take advantage of this additional learning since it will support you whilst on programme and when making an application for further HE studies.

## ENTRY CRITERIA

- Successful completion of a Foundation Degree or an HND in Graphic Design, 3D Design, Fashion Design, Fashion Technology, Fashion with Forecasting or Fashion Interpretation and Practice.
- A merit or distinction grade profile is required. This means predominately merit or distinction grades. All written/theoretical work must have achieved a merit or distinction.
- 240 CATS points required.
- Students must successfully complete a two week bridging unit, early in September.
- All applicants must have an English qualification at either GCSE Grade C or IELTS 6.0 (with no component less than 5.5)

## CAREERS

Students progress into the design industries or related fields of employment.

Students progress onto further postgraduate study.

## PROGRESSION

On successful completion of this Honours Degree, there are opportunities for graduates to continue their studies at Masters level.



## GRADUATION

A Graduation Ceremony takes place for all successful students in the October of the final year, therefore students who start in September 2007 will attend the graduation in October 2009. The visa letter we prepare does take this event into account.

The ceremony is held at a very prestigious building in the centre of Nottingham (The Albert Hall) and is attended by students with their families and friends, staff and honoured guests. Students receive their certificates on stage and wear graduation robes, and have the opportunity to enjoy some time with friends and tutors – it really is a memorable occasion.



## HOW TO APPLY

At **ncn** we can advise on individual applications and answer questions about the course you are interested in. Please contact us at the address below:

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