



Dumfries
and Galloway
College

MINI GUIDE

Creative Industries

Take your first step.





Find your future and turn your artistic passion into a rewarding career that can lead you to diverse opportunities full of innovation and creativity.

Get one step ahead and follow your dreams towards an exciting career in the ever-growing creative industries sector with one of our courses. We cover a variety of specialisms including art & design, graphic design, animation, and photography.

Start your journey today.

Our MISSION is to support the individual, social and economic development of the people, communities and businesses of Dumfries and Galloway by providing inclusive, accessible and relevant vocational and other learning opportunities in a positive and supportive environment.

Joanna Campbell – Principal & CEO



Gain the skills you
need to take you
where you want
to go.

Whether you
want to:

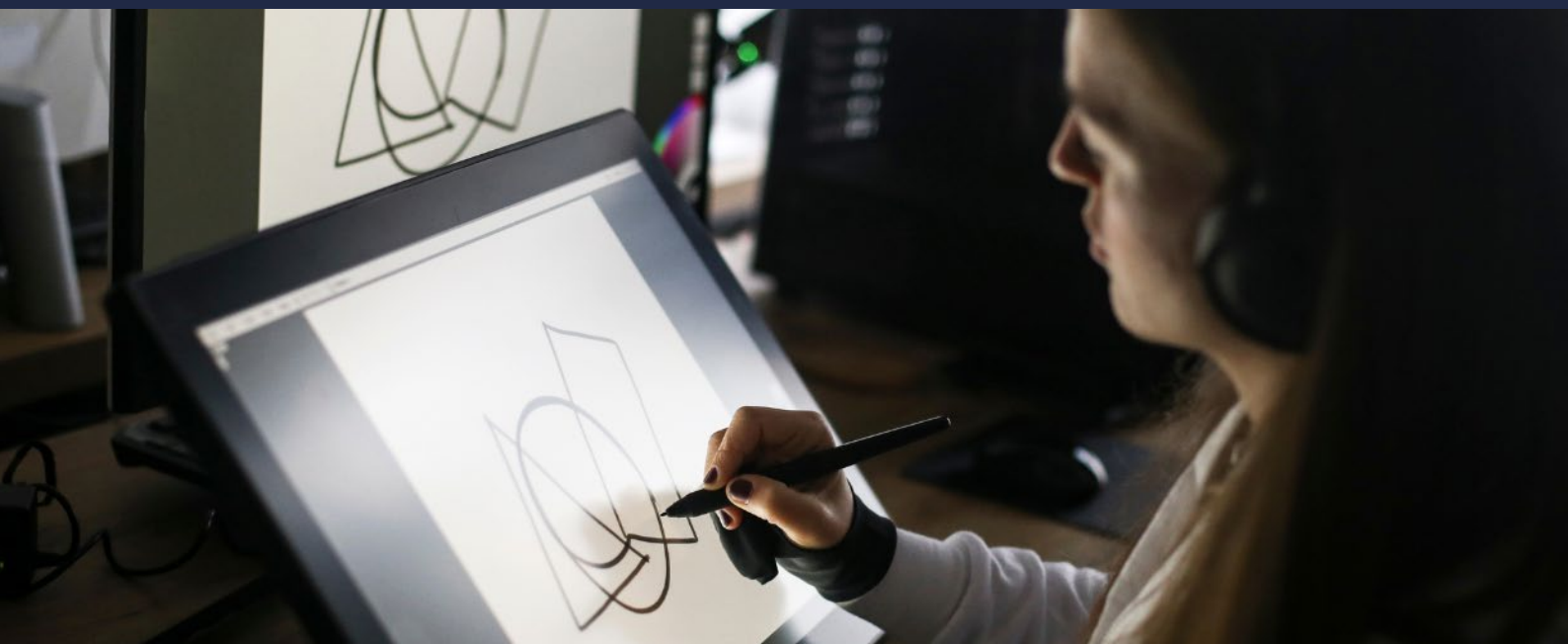
build your future

change your career

learn something new



We will provide you with the **tools to excel** with a **real skill-based route** into the **workplace** or a **positive destination** onto **further education**.



Ways you can study with DGC ↓



College Academy

Start your journey from school and you can shorten your education journey and potentially start full-time employment sooner in your chosen career pathway.



Study options to suit everyone

From full-time, part-time or over just a few days, choose your course and way to study.



Study locally

helping you save on associated study costs such as travel, accomodation and more.



Earn qualifications

at every stage of study, building your path to success.



Access routes

to university and further your options with support at every step.



College services and support ↓

As a student you have a number of services and facilities available to support and help you throughout your course at our campuses*



Library resources



Student support



Learning zones



Coffee and snack areas



Shop and Canteen



Gym



Training workshops



Training Restaurant



Green Energy Centre & STEM Hub



Digital Care Hub

* Please note: gym, canteen, shop, green energy centre and digital care hub are exclusive to Dumfries campus.



Stranraer Campus



Dumfries Campus

From **student advisors** to **funding teams**, our aim is to provide you with a quality service so that you will have a **range of skills, support and the knowledge** required to successfully complete your course.



For further info on all our student services, check out our portal

Whether you are aspiring to be the next influential creator in the art world or looking to make an impact on an animated feature, a course in creative industries could be for you.

Choosing a career in one of the many diverse areas of creative industries can open a world of pathways to unleash your creativity. From photography to 3D design, you can be immersed in a broad range of specialist careers that can lead into production design, illustration, animation, marketing and many more.

Working in the creative sector, you can change the way the world sees information, influence perspectives and create lasting impressions through several different mediums, from moving images to sculpture. The possibilities are endless.



Did you know ↓

Artistic studies will give you a range of skills you will need to be job-ready and a sought-after addition to creative teams worldwide. Whether you're working for a studio, a large company like Pixar, or you would like to start your own business the skills acquired during your study will make you an attractive candidate and valued asset in a fast-paced industry.

Study with us to enjoy:



Access to world class learning facilities

Our computer pods, art and photography studios and creative spaces will give you the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge you need to thrive and create.



Real-world skills

Our courses are designed to provide you with the skills and real work experiences you need by giving you the chance to put your skills into practice through real-time projects and placements.



Support from highly-trained staff

Our lecturing and creative support staff will help you learn the academic theory and practical skills needed whilst helping you to develop your portfolio, giving you all you need to get ahead and succeed.



A route to a viable career

With a qualification in your chosen specialism, you could become a creative director, work in the film industry in the production department or even shape the future of virtual technologies.



A route to a viable career

Many art and design graduates will eventually go on to become owner-managers of their own design studios, art galleries or marketing and project management firms.

Where creative industries could take you ↓

Career Options

As 95% of our students go onto positive destinations*, a qualification could lead to the following careers:

Fine Artist

are responsible for producing work on a commission basis, creating illustrations for publishers and writers, using artistic skills to repair and restore damage artworks and running galleries and exhibition spaces for collected works and shows.



Graphic Designer

Work in varied medias to bring team and client project briefs and ideas to life. They must be proficient in using a range of different software and technologies with a focus on detail, composition, design and creative support. Other skills include liaising with production teams to ensure design style suits the project at hand and project managing.



Photographer

Bring to life feelings and concepts by focusing their creative energies on capturing the perfect image for a myriad of different uses in the commercial and private sectors. Photographers are highly sought after due to their unique lens on the world around them and skills which include planning, image editing and finishing techniques. These skills are highly sought after in advertising, marketing, design, film and any industry that uses images to create visual experiences or promote products.



*Information taken from our Student Satisfaction and Leavers Destinations Survey 2022-23



The above is just a small section of the many careers available in the industry. Salaries can vary greatly, ranging from £8,000 to £40,000 + depending on what's required in the role.

Onward Study

A qualification could lead you to some of the following possible degree options:

- Degree in Visual Communication and Design
- Degree in 3D Animation and Visualisation BSc (Hons)
- Degree in Fine Art – Painting/Printmaking BA (Hons)

If you are thinking about progressing to onward study, check with your chosen university for requirements before applying with UCAS.

Each place will have specific entry criteria and availability.



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// I have learned valuable skills that have helped me in the workplace, being more efficient and understanding what might be expected of me.

Navid Ali - former HND Visual Communication student.




Get one step ahead. choose your course ↓

We provide a first-class further and higher education, offering a large range of courses and qualifications available for students at any life stage that are delivered by teaching and support staff who genuinely care about what they do.

We have a route to suit every level and mode of study, allowing you to build your future, to change your career, or prepare for a better tomorrow, helping you get one step ahead.

If you are unsure of which course is best to apply for, or how to apply – don't forget we have a very knowledgeable and helpful Admissions team here at the college ready to help you.



**Check out all
our courses
here!**

➤ admissions@dumgal.ac.uk



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// Don't wait for the right
opportunity. **Create it.**
George Bernard Shaw ✨ //

Quick guide to applying ↓

1. Search for your course

Search our courses at www.dumgal.ac.uk or click the link.

2. Apply online

Once you find the course that's right for you, hit the apply now button. Courses fill up fast, so don't delay.



Our full-time courses start in August.

Check online for start dates for other courses or study at a time that suits you with open learning.

If you need help applying, you can check out our handy 'how to apply' page [here](#)



**Dumfries and
Galloway College**

One step ahead

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Dumfries and Galloway College paved the way for me to gain entry into Gray's School of Art (Robert Gordon University). Before college, I lacked confidence in my own work and practice and was anxious about the big jump from Academy to University, but the college changed that for me.

Kirsty MacDonald

Art & Design Student

