

# **SECTION 1: COURSE INFORMATION.**

1.1 COURSE SET-UP INFORMATION:				
COURSE TITLE:	BA (Hons) Illustration (with Distance Learning Level 4)			
TEACHING INSTITUTION:	PLYMOUTH COLLEGE OF ART			
AWARDING INSTITUTION	PLYMOUTH COLLEGE OF ART			
DATE OF FIRST VALIDATION:	2010			
UCAS CODE:	ILFJ			
COURSE START DATE	SEPTEMBER 2021			
mapped across all courses and three QAA benchmark statements. The listed QAA benchmark statements	QAA Subject Benchmark Statements for Art and Design      QAA Subject Benchmark Statements for Communication, Media, Film and Cultural Studies      QAA Subject Benchmark Statements for History of Art, Architecture and Design			
PSRB RECOGNITION:	NA			
DUAL ACCREDITATION:	NO			
CREDIT POINTS:	360			

1.2 COURSE DELIVERY INFORMATION:		
MODE OF STUDY:	FT & PT SEPTEMBER START. FT ONLY FOR DISTANCE LEARNING	
DURATION (FT / PT):	3 YEARS FT   6 YEARS PT	

1.3 COURSE MODE(S) [STUDY LOCATION] <sup>1</sup> :				
ON-CAMPUS HYBRID DISTANCE LEARNING LEARNING		WORK - BASED	STUDY - ABROAD	
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 $<sup>^1</sup>$  **On-Campus** -100% timetabled in-situ; **Hybrid** - timetabled in-situ & online; **Distance** - 100% timetabled online. | **On-campus** + **Hybrid Learning** will use learning technologies as part of delivery



1.4 COURSE MANAGEMENT:		
MANAGING SCHOOL: Design + Communication		
SUBJECT LEADER: Ben Wright and Sam Rowe		

1.5 COURSE EXIT AWARDS:			
	CERTHE (120 LEVEL 4 CREDITS); DIPHE (240 LEVEL 4 + 5 CREDITS); BA (NON HONOURS) (300 CREDITS LEVEL, 4, 5 & 6); BA (HONS) (360 CREDITS LEVEL 4, 5 & 6)		

# **SECTION 2: COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.**

2.1 RECRUITMENT INFORMATION:		
UCAS POINTS:	Please see PCA website for latest information pertaining to admissions	
OTHER ENTRY CONSIDERATIONS:	Please see PCA website for latest information pertaining to admissions	

2.2 ADDITIONAL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION:		



#### **SECTION 3: AIMS.**

#### 3.1 AIMS:

#### Aims of Undergraduate Study

The aims of undergraduate study at PCA acknowledge the key characteristics and outcomes of creative learning, developing competencies in knowledge and comprehension, cognitive skills, and practical and professional attributes. In broad terms, we refer to these as Knowing, Being and Doing. The aims are designed to:

- Enable creative learning through an enriching, inclusive and distinctive curriculum for the specialist study of art, design, and media.
- Foreground intellectual, technical and professional competency as a basis for lifelong learning and employment.
- Develop independent, critical and creative practitioners in professional, collaborative and/or entrepreneurial contexts.
- Foster civic responsibility and student agency through an understanding of global perspectives and cultural contexts.
- Provide learning that enables graduates to make a meaningful contribution to the wider creative economy, with impact on the social, cultural and economic life of the South West region and beyond.
- Create confident and aspirational practitioners through sustainable approaches to professional and personal wellbeing.

#### 3.2 AIMS OF THE COURSE (SPECIFIC TO Illustration):

#### **Undergraduate Aims of the Course:**

Course specific aims support the essential skills and competencies that underpin learning within a named award. These aims are designed to:

- Provide subject specific learning in BA (Hons) Illustration that encourages the development
  of ideas, concepts, proposals, solutions and arguments that employ and/or challenge the
  conventions and possibilities within the subject field.
- Develop a range of intellectual, imaginative and practical skills associated with Illustration that are appropriate for developing a research-informed creative practice.
- Promote an understanding of professional practice within Illustration through the development of an independent, critical and creative practice in professional, collaborative and/or entrepreneurial contexts.
- Enable the selection and use of appropriate processes, technologies and environments associated with the study of Illustration, with a high level of skill and creativity, whilst observing sound professional working standards.
- Foster an awareness of subject specific opportunities for creative practice, and the wider global and cultural contexts for Illustration practice.
- Engender curious, ambitious and socially responsible creative practitioners within the field of Illustration.
- Develop students to become life-long learners with a deep understanding of their skills, literacies and attributes and how to apply these to their future career.



# **SECTION 4: COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES.**

4.1 k	4.1 KNOWLEDGE & COMPREHENSION:			
K1	Critically engage with contextual knowledge to inform and develop as a creative practitioner			
K2	Critically explore the relationship between the practitioner and their audience and articulate the impact of these on contemporary practice and culture			
К3	Critically apply judgement through the selection and use of materials, processes and environments			
K4	Demonstrate conceptual thinking and/or visualisation through investigation and enquiry			
K5	Demonstrate ethical practice and values as an essential concern of working in the creative arts			
K6	Generate ideas, concepts, proposals, solutions or arguments as self-initiated activity in response to a proposition			
<b>K</b> 7	Apply convergent and divergent thinking to inform practice-based outcomes			

4.2 0	4.2 COGNITIVE SKILLS:			
B1	Analyse information and/or experience to formulate a critical position			
B2	Critically engage in research to inform judgements as part of a creative approach			
В3	Critically apply effective ICT, aware of the impact of new technologies, by making evidence-informed judgements			
В4	Engage with wider communities to synthesise work, evidencing new information and learned experiences			
B5	Defend a creative position drawing from, and integrating, personal reflection and feedback			
В6	Justify connections between intention, process, outcome, context and forms of dissemination			
B7	Critique the development of ideas by drawing from, and engaging with, multiple modes of practice			

4.3 F	4.3 PRACTICAL & PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES:			
D1	Demonstrate the characteristics of a lifelong learner who are actively engaged in their professional development			
D2	Apply interpersonal, social, problem-solving and negotiation skills as part of creative practice			
D3	Critically apply appropriate communication methods and demonstrate impact and engagement with a range of stakeholders			
D4	Explore the role and impact of IP within art, design and media practice			
D5	Manage workload and timelines according to a defined plan whilst responding to change and ambiguity			
D6	Demonstrate the knowledge and attributes for effective team working			
<b>D7</b>	Exhibit characteristics, knowledge and attributes, recognising enterprise, entrepreneurial thinking & funding, to support future careers			



### **SECTION 5: ATTRIBUTES & SKILLS.**

5.1 AT THE END OF THIS COURSE, A LEARNER IS EXPECTED TO DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES:

Reference: PCA Graduate Attribute framework

https://sites.google.com/pca.ac.uk/pcaframeworks/home

5.2 AT THE END OF THIS COURSE, A LEARNER IS EXPECTED TO DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS:

Reference: PCA Digital Literacy framework

https://sites.google.com/pca.ac.uk/pcaframeworks/home

5.3 AT THE END OF THIS COURSE, A LEARNER IS EXPECTED TO DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS:

Reference: PCA Employability framework

https://sites.google.com/pca.ac.uk/pcaframeworks/home

#### **SECTION 6: LEARNING & TEACHING INFORMATION.**

#### **6.1 LEARNING & TEACHING:**

**Lectures:** All units comprise interactive keynote style lectures, often delivered to cognate groups, and designed to cover core essential knowledge. Where possible, lectures are recorded and students will be able to review the material via the student portal - this has been implemented to support accessibility, student confidence as well as support for students with English as a second language.

**Structured Learning:** Prior to lectures and other teaching activities, students are provided with pre-activity to help them prepare for the session. This could include pre-reading, watching or engagement with online learning activities. Post-session, and to support preparation for a linked session, students are provided with the material, learning, watching and engagement which builds on the content of the session and will be explored in detail as part of future curriculum delivery.

**Seminars:** Seminars are structured to follow-on from a lecture and may be delivered as part of a cognate group or within a defined subject discipline. Importantly, linked to the lectures, these seminars afford students to engage with the material through a focused subject/cognate lens and through active learning promote a deeper understanding and application of the material. Furthermore, seminars are structured to promote peer-to-peer engagement and thus support the development of learning communities which are essential for student engagement as well as having been shown to support student retention.

**Tutorials:** Throughout each unit, students are provided with tutorials either 1:1 or small groups to support a deeper engagement with their subject and practice as well as a vehicle for formative feedback. Importantly, these tutorials help to deliver a personalised and responsive curriculum to help support students' individual needs.

**Technical Delivery:** All courses constructed using the CUF comprise technical teaching - this may be online or face-to-face. This teaching, delivered by dedicated technical teams (technical demonstrators and academics), form part of the core curriculum and is aligned to the name and

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nature of a course. Students are encouraged and supported to engage in technical workshops outside of the core curriculum as part of our structured (Workshop Wednesday) and unstructured open-access learning approach.

**Workshop Wednesdays:** As part of the timetable, students are not taught on Wednesdays and instead, PCA runs Workshop Wednesdays - a rich, rolling menu of workshops led by our excellent technical staff offered free of charge. Workshop Wednesdays also comprise elements delivered by our Academic Professional services including academic literacy, information literacy and careers. This approach affords students a chance to encounter unfamiliar technical processes, strengthen existing skills, and engage in broader learning opportunities in the college. These workshops facilitate student agency, mobility outside their subject and a chance for them to immerse in creative cross-disciplinary exchange with peers.

**Open access:** Outside of the core elements of the CUF, students are encouraged to access workshops and resources are part of open-access learning. The CUF timetable permits open access learning and students will be able to use facilities, supported by resident technical colleagues throughout the week when other classes are not running.

**Critiques:** These can be online/in-campus, individual or part of a group activity. Central to creative practice, these are used to enable students to relate their work to a growing awareness of the link between theory and practice and how this supports the evaluative process. Giving and receiving feedback on practice is part of every unit comprising practical elements.

**Collaboration & peer interaction:** Engagement and interaction is core to every unit to support students to develop core communication and interpersonal skills as well as those aligned to future employability and professional practice.

**Independent study:** This may be directed or self-initiated to develop a student's learning autonomy and ownership of the knowledge and information gained during the course. Students will be supported to engage in developing their independent study through unit briefings, online and face-to-face guidance and a detailed understanding of the unit requirements.

**Blended Learning:** For units comprising face-to-face elements, a blended learning approach is taken to integrate the use of technology to support and enhance learning. Students will be able to utilise digital and online resources, through our LMS, Linkedin Learning and other online technologies as part of unit delivery. Group Google App, students will be able to undertake co-creation and collaboration as part of our blended learning experience.

**Distance Learning/Hybrid Learning:** For units taught online only, these will comprise a mixture of synchronous and asynchronous activity through webinar, online chat and other associated technologies. Students will engage in the other types of learning as detailed in this section. Students will be able to utilise digital and online resources, through our LMS, Linkedin Learning and other online technologies as part of unit delivery. Using Group Google apps, students will be able to undertake co-creation and collaboration as part of our blended learning experience.

**Distance Learning Level 4:** The initial units are designed to ensure that students with different prior, educational and/or life skill experiences all have the necessary foundation in creative art practices. The units in the distance learning year are mapped to the level 4 face-to-face programme.

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The first unit DLAS103, is an introduction to the academic skills required to study an HE programme in the creative arts. Comprising activities related to written and visual presentation, students will develop the necessary foundations to support their future work. Importantly, this unit integrates with Contextual Studies (DLCS101) to provide an integrated experience for the development of academic skills. The written and presentation elements of this unit foster students the opportunity to explore their creative practice and provides the necessary thinking and reflection to underpin the trimester two professional practice unit.

The year long Contextual Practice unit introduces key theories of art & design practise through seminars, lectures and a range of activities exploring research and communication/articulation of ideas. It will provide a range of critical approaches supporting the investigation, interpretation and analysis of contemporary practice and students will engage with a wide variety of practitioners.

Level 4 comprises two practice-based units (DLEP104 & DLAP105) where students explore their own creative practice through reflective thinking + making to develop their own creative and professional identity. Together, these units will help students to determine their future specialism and will support the transition into level 5 and level 6 degree-level study. Exploring Practice, delivered in the first trimester allows students to respond to a series of lectures, 2 x 6 week projects and online workshops. This unit is about experimentation and play to begin to foster a creative identity. This is followed by Amplifying Practice, delivered in the second trimester whereby students will explore their main area of practice through one large project to develop their work and skills. Responding to a project brief will be encouraged, alongside risk taking and the pushing of boundaries within their creative practice.

The year long Professional Practice (DLPP102) unit has been designed to raise the student's awareness of career paths within creative and associated industries. Through this process, students will be asked to identify their own personal development needs feeding into their PDP, planning for their future careers. This unit is realised through lectures, research tasks, individual, reflective activities and team assignments/ critiques. The Interdisciplinary Practice unit (DLIP106) provides students with an opportunity to expand and develop skills and knowledge in fields beyond the immediate area of creative practice being explored in Amplifying Practice.

#### **6.2 ASSESSMENT:**

Assessment is an integral part of the learning and the overall approach taken is to ensure that assessment is dialogical, impactful and meaningful. It recognises the complexity associated in art, design and media assessment and how to manage this to support an appropriate and authentic assessment experience. Assessment modalities are grouped into three types: (1) Practice, (2) Communication & Engagement and (3) Written Synthesis to support the design of an assessment for learning design. The spread of the assessment modality can be found here.

**Formative tutor assessment:** Extensive use is made of formative assessment and feedback to direct student progress and evaluate knowledge and understanding throughout the programme.

**Formative peer assessment:** Peer assessment requires the student to place themselves in the role of the assessor and make judgements, based on the assessment criteria, about the strength and validity of their own and others' work. It not only helps the student to develop more than just a surface understanding of others' work and develops critical and evaluative skills, but it also helps to foster a supportively critical studio environment. Peer assessment usually takes place in group critiques, through structured discussion and through the students completing assessment feedback sheets. Written feedback is collected by the tutor and useful comments are collated by the tutor for feedback to the student in tutorials. Summative assessment decisions and grades will be made entirely by the tutor assessors.



**Formative dialogic feedback:** Extensive use is made of dialogic formative assessment and feedback to direct student progress and evaluate knowledge and understanding throughout the programme. This type of feedback will happen throughout the students' learning experience and across learning formats – lecture, seminar, workshop, tutorial, base room and classroom.

**Summative feedback (written):** Summative feedback is designed to help students comprehend and appreciate their relative strengths and weaknesses and to benchmark their progress in order to develop strategies for future learning. Summative assessment will always take the form of written feedback detailing assessment decisions cross-referenced with unit learning outcomes.

**Summative feedback (written):** Written summative feedback is expanded through one-to-one tutorial feedback with a member of the assessment team so students can explore in-depth their feedback and future actions. This is a guided conversation whereby students are able to bring to the tutorial questions they would like to explore in response to their written feedback. Importantly, this process follows a model of feedforward so students can develop actions to help them apply their feedback to future practice.

**Unit assignments:** Information relating to the requirements for the presentation of completed assignment work and its assessment will be specified within each assignment. It will include a description of the assessment protocol for group work where such work forms an important and necessary part of the assignment.

**Group work (supporting peer interaction):** Where group work forms an important and necessary part of an assignment, the unit guide will articulate how the performance of the group will be assessed.

**Project Proposals and Online Sketchbooks:** Project proposals include staff feedback elements that contribute to formative assessment. They are not, however, summatively assessed. However, it is the critical evaluation of the research, planning and production activity recorded in online sketchbooks, via blog and/or website that forms part of the assessment.





# Assessment Map: Extended Critical Essay 5,000 Critical essay + Publication (2,500 words each) 5,000 Critical Reflection 500 100 100 Online presence (website / ePortfolio) (presentation Exposition skills) 100 Presentatio n - 10mins (content) Online Quiz (pass/fail) Creative Final Project Project artefact Creative Project 100 Body of Creative Practice 401 402 403 404 404 404 502 503 508 508 508 508 601 602 603 Materials & Methods (1) Encountering Place Exploring Subject (1) Platforms of Exchange Speculative Strategies (1) Speculative Strategies (1) Global Challenges Ideas & Audience Finergent Practice (1) Ideas & Audience (study abroad option) Emergent Practice (study abroad option) Signature Practice (study abroad option) (1) Signature Practice (study abroad option) (1) Publication (2) Final Major Project Positioning practice (1) Research & Development



# **SECTION 7: COURSE STRUCTURE (FULL-TIME).**

The face-to-face CUF comprises course-specific, school-specific and college-wide units. The Distance learning level 4 (year 1) comprises six units mapped to the four face-to-face units.

Level	Course-based units	School-specific Units	College-wide Units
EB	-	-	EB01, EB02, EB03, EB04
4	401, 402, 403	404	-
5	501, 503, 504, 506, 508	502	510
6	-	-	601, 602, 603 & 604

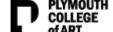
### YEAR 1:

7.1 TRIMESTER 1 (FULL TIME):				
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -	
401	Methods & Materials	30		
402	Encountering Place	30		

7.2 TRIMESTER 2 (FULL TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
403	Exploring Subject	30	
404	Platforms of Exchange	30	

### **YEAR 2:**

7.3 TRIMESTER 1 (FULL TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
501	Speculative Strategies	30	
502	Global Challenges	30	



7.4 TRIMESTER 2 (FULL TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
503 / 506 <sup>2</sup>	Ideas & Audience	30	
504 / 508 <sup>3</sup>	<b>Emergent Practice</b>	30	

# SANDWICH YEAR (OPTIONAL):

7.5 Year Long:			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
510	Sandwich Year Unit	0	

### **YEAR 3:**

7.6 TRIMESTER 1 (FULL TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
601	Research & Development	30	
602	Publication	30	

7.7 TRIMESTER 2 (FULL TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
603	Final Major Project	30	
604	Positioning Practice	30	

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# **SECTION 8: COURSE STRUCTURE (PART-TIME).**

### YEAR 1:

8.1 TRIMESTER 1 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE UNIT TITLE CREDITS SPECIFIC INFORMATION -			
401	Methods & Materials	30	

8.2 TRIMESTER 2 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
403	Exploring Subject	30	

### **YEAR 2:**

8.3 TRIMESTER 1 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
402	Encountering Place	30	

8.4 TRIMESTER 2 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
404	Platforms of Exchange	30	

### **YEAR 3:**

8.5 TRIMESTER 1 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
501	Speculative Strategies	30	

8.6 TRIMESTER 2 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
503/ 506	Ideas & Audience	30	



### YEAR 4:

8.7 TRIMESTER 1 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
502	Global Challenges	30	

8.8 TRIMESTER 2 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
504/ 508	Emergent Practice	30	

# **SANDWICH YEAR (OPTIONAL):**

8.9 Year Long:			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
510	Sandwich Year Unit	0	

### YEAR 5:

8.10 TRIMESTER 1 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
601	Research & Development	30	

8.11 TRIMESTER 2 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
604	Positioning Practice	30	

### YEAR 6:

8.12 TRIMESTER 1 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
602	Publication	30	



8.2 TRIMESTER 2 (PART-TIME):			
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	CREDITS	SPECIFIC INFORMATION -
603	Final Project	30	

# **SECTION 9: JANUARY ENTRY (FT ONLY).**

The distance learning level 4 part of this course comprises six 20-credit units. These are mapped to the four level 4 face-to-face 30-credit units.

9.1 LEVEL 4 (FULL-TIME)			
BLOCK 1 (END OF TRI-1 + TRI 2)	BLOCK 2 END OF TRI-2 + TRI 3)		
DLCS101 Contextua	Il Studies - 20 Credits		
DLPP102 Professional Practice - 20 Credits			
DLAS103 Academic Skills for Creative Learning - 20 Credits  DLAP105 Amplifying Practice - 20 Credits			
DLEP104 Exploring Practice - 20 Credits	DLIP106 Interdisciplinary Practice - 20 Credits		

### **SECTION 10: ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION.**

10.1 ADDITIONAL NOTES:		



### **SECTION 11: LEARNING OUTCOME MAPPING.**

Reference CUF mapping documentation. Link here.

