Graphic Design HNC/HND

Graphic Design is a dynamic, industry related course that provides learners with a strong grounding in design theory and technique. Students will engage in building a range of skills in disciplines such as animation, web design, branding, advertising, motion graphics, page layouts and packaging as well as have the opportunity to develop a professional design related portfolio.

"The college offers excellent Art and Design studios and workshop space to work in. The studios are large and spacious. The standard of the equipment for Graphic Design is well planned and there is an Apple Mac available for every student. There are effective links with industry. Workshops and visiting speakers are regularly invited into College to work with the students." (Edexcel External Examiner Report 2015)

This programme is designed to be a two year HND level 5 course which is the equivalent of the first two years of a degree programme. On completion of the first year (at HNC level 4) accreditation can be claimed.

The course aims to be fast paced and professional with strong industry links and a curriculum that reflects this. The staff are experienced and passionate about design and deliver 16 units over two years in a state of the art studio environment. The qualifications are accredited by Pearson Education.

All students should have the opportunity to undertake a range of live projects across a range of creative disciplines. Encouraging students to pitch for jobs and gain that all important industry experience with companies, design agencies and local community requirements.

Within the industry itself you would usually work from around 9 am to 5 pm, but you would need to work longer hours when there are deadlines to meet. As a freelance graphic designer, your hours would vary depending on the work you get. You would usually be based in a studio or office, but may spend some time visiting clients and printers.

Starting salaries can be around £15,000 a year for a graduate. Experienced graphic designers can earn between £20,000 and £35,000 a year, and senior graphic designers can earn up to, and over, £50,000 (figures intended as a guideline only).

Jobs in the industry include: Advertising, branding, graphic designer, motion designer, packaging designer

If you need information about a loan for your fees and other related information try The Student Loan Company www.slc.co.uk/services/higher-education.aspx

Please be aware we do require you to apply via UCAS https://www.ucas.com/apply.

The UCAS Institution Code for Gloucestershire College is G45.

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Please see Gloucestershire College's Admissions Policy and Code of Practice available at

http://www.gloscol.ac.uk/about-us-and-jobs-at-gc/partnerships-and-governance/governance/policies (subject to agreed amendments). Gloucestershire College's Admissions Policy and Code of Practice has been written based on guidance from external bodies that regulate consumer law, customer protection and education standards. If you have any queries about either Gloucestershire College's Admissions Policy or Code of Practice, please contact Gloucestershire College's Admissions department via telephone 01242 532008 or applications@gloscol.ac.uk

Please note that modules could be subject to change but any such changes, to module delivery, would be in consultation with the students.

Entry Requirements

Course Entry Point: Year 1Typical Offers48 UCAS tariff points:A Levels at grade DDBTEC National at grade PPPT Level at grade P (D or E)Access to Higher Education at grade P45Advanced ApprenticeshipCourse Entry Point: Year 2 (Direct Entry)Typical OffersHigher National Certificate PASS (120 Credits) in a comparable and relevant subject

GCSE Maths and English Requirements

To study Higher Education at Gloucestershire College, normally applicants will be required to have GCSE English and Mathematics grade 4 (C) or above or have comparable/equivalent qualifications.

English Language Requirements

If English isn't an applicant's first language they will be required to have a minimum IELTS score of 5.5 across all components. The College also accepts a range of international English qualifications and English language tests that demonstrate the required level of English language proficiency.

Gloucestershire College welcome any other/combinations of relevant qualifications that are comparable and/or equivalent to the typical course entry requirements.

Applicants that do not have recognised qualifications may still meet course entry requirements through alternative methods of assessment at the College's discretion.

All queries regarding course entry criteria including the equivalency of qualifications and exceptional extenuating circumstances should be directed by email to the Admissions Department through applications@gloscol.ac.uk.

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What's Next

The general progression route for our Graphic Design HNC/HND programme is:

Top up year (Level 6) Degree

Or

Employment in industry

Your Options

	Start Date	End Date	Course Level
Graphic Design Higher National Certificate (Full **Time**)			
Gloucester	18/09/24	30/06/25	4
Graphic Design Higher National Diploma (Full **Time**)			
Gloucester	18/09/24	28/06/26	5

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