

Discover a career path in

ARTS AND LANGUAGES



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Designer
Creative Arts
Photographer
Architect
Musician

English
Media Studies
Translator
Journalist

This guide has been prepared for you to discover a range of different careers. Each of the pages outlines some key information about a particular career. If there is something of interest, we recommend using the information as a starting point and researching more online. Some suggested subjects to study are listed on each of the career pages. These are just ideas and exact entry requirements should be checked with each institution when applying. It should also be noted that most higher education courses will have a minimum GCSE requirement.

The Higher Education Outreach Network (HEON) is a partnership of local organisations including universities and colleges working in Surrey and Northeast Hampshire. The partnership is made up of the following institutions, many of whom offer courses that can lead to the careers listed in this guide:



Work experience can be a fantastic way to find out more about a job or industry you may be interested in. It's also a great way to gain and demonstrate experience for your future college, university, and job applications. It's worth reaching out to employers to ask about opportunities, and your school or college careers leader can help you with this.

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL LINKS TO GET YOU STARTED:



AND YOU CAN ALWAYS LOOK AT VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPTIONS TO COMPLETE AT HOME OR AT YOUR OWN PACE:



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So you want to be a DESIGNER



A qualification in Art and Design can act as the first step on your journey to becoming an artist. The diversity of the subject enables it to cover a wide range of skills and talents, preparing students to venture into the business and management side of the industry. As a student of art and design, you will gain the creative, technical and management skills required to be successful in the creative industry.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Entrepreneurship
- Creativity
- Open-mindedness
- Inquisitiveness

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- 3D Design
- Fashion Designer
- Textile Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Illustrator

Illustrator
average salary

£31,953

with a range from
£18,000 to £40,000

39-41 hrs a week
(may be self-employed)



Graphic Designer
average salary

£27,021

with a range from
£18,000 to £35,000

39-41 hrs a week
(may be self-employed)

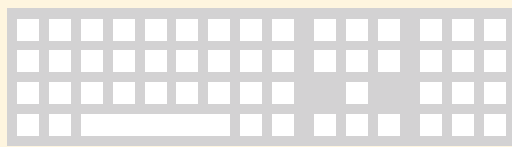
SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Art
- Design
- Photography
- Product Design

CHECK THESE OUT

**Design and the
Play Instinct**
by Paul Rand

Be creative by starting
a sketchbook or building
a portfolio



So you want to study CREATIVE ARTS

Creative Arts covers a wide range of industries, with the key areas being Art & Design, Performing Arts and Creative Writing. Depending on which specialist course you choose, you may find yourself studying music, dance, drama, film, musical theatre and/or production.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Interest and passion for the subject
- Creativity
- Confidence
- Resilience and self-discipline
- Analytical thinking

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Performing Arts
- Acting
- Travel And Tourism
- Media And Public Relations
- Voluntary Organisations
- Therapy (drama, music, dance)

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- English
- Performing Arts
- An essay-based humanities subject
- Art and Design

CHECK THESE OUT

Immerse yourself in **performance**
by **visiting performances as often**
as possible

Listen to **creative arts podcasts**
such as the **Off Book podcast**



Actor

Average salary
£35,000

with a range from
£25,000 to £48,000
37-47 hrs a week

So you want to be a PHOTOGRAPHER

Bringing together technology and art, a degree in Film, Cinema and Photography will enable you to exercise your passions and creativity, preparing you for a career in the creative industry.



SKILLS REQUIRED

- Technical skills
- Attention to detail
- Creativity
- Open-mindedness

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Camera Operator
- Television And Film Producer
- Photographer
- Video Editor
- Cinematographer

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Media Studies
- Photography
- Film Studies
- English (language or literature)
- Art And Design

CHECK THESE OUT

The Filmmaker's Eye
by Gustavo Mercado

The British Journal of Photography
magazine



Average salary
£26,988
with a range from
£17,250 to £45,000
39-41 hrs/week
(may include evenings
and weekends)



So you want to be an ARCHITECT

Bringing together a wide range of insight from both the arts and sciences, Architecture will equip you to plan and design the construction and development of structures, buildings and the surrounding landscapes and spaces. The technical skills to be developed while studying architecture will prepare you for a creative career.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Visual, planning and technical skills
- IT skills e.g. computer-aided model-making
- Numeracy, design and drawing
- Analytical problem solving
- Teamwork

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Architect
- Interior And Spatial Designer
- Town Planner
- Historic Buildings Inspector/ Conservation Officer

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Maths
- Art And Design
- Art History

CHECK THESE OUT

The Architecture of Happiness
by Alain de Botton

Twenty-Five Buildings Every Architect Should Understand
by Simon Unwin



Average salary
£49,054
with a range from
£30,000 to £60,000
35-40 hrs/week



So you want to be a MUSICIAN

Whether you are interested in musical performance, composition or production, a qualification in Music will offer a variety of specialisms, opportunities and genres to choose from.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Ability to work collaboratively
- Creativity
- Enthusiasm, motivation and passion for the subject

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Musician
- Educator
- Orchestra Performer
- Sound Engineer

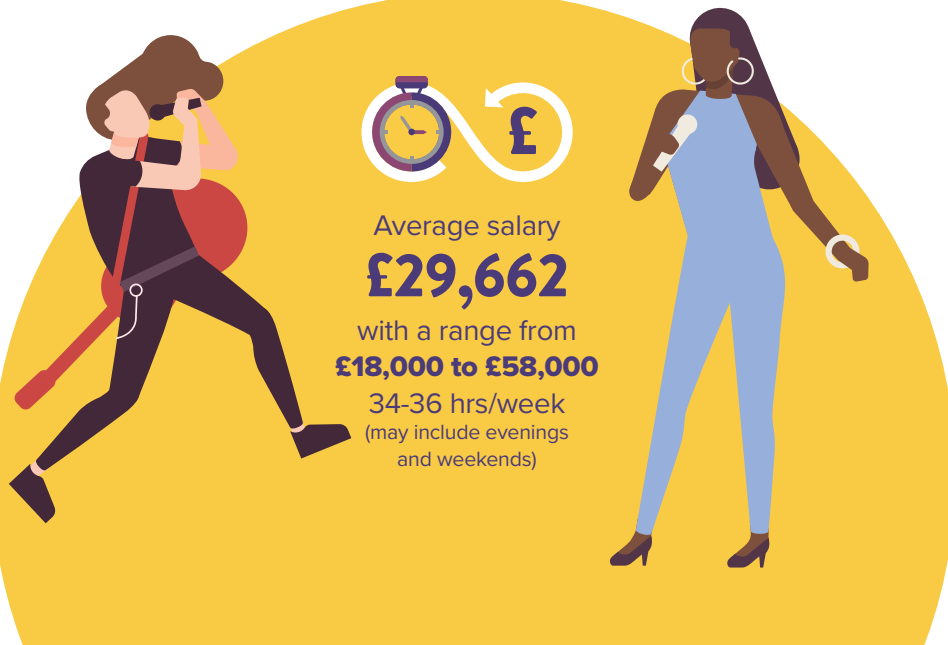
SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Music
- Grade VII/VIII for your main instrument
- English
- History

CHECK THESE OUT

Music: A Very Short Introduction
by Nicholas Cook

Acoustics and Psychoacoustics
Paperback
by David Howard



Average salary
£29,662
with a range from
£18,000 to £58,000
34-36 hrs/week
(may include evenings
and weekends)

So you want to study ENGLISH

An English degree will get you reading, thinking and writing critically and creatively. It is a particularly wide-ranging subject which covers English, American and global literature works across time, cultures, genres and geographies.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Intellectual curiosity
- Independent critical thinking
- Effective communication (both verbal and written)
- Creativity

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Teaching
- Journalism and Publishing
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Writer
- Editor

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- English Literature
- English Language And Literature
- Media Studies

CHECK THESE OUT

Read some **literary classics** such as Shakespeare or books by Jane Austen

Try watching some **lectures online** about books you have read



Average salary
£35,000
with a range from
£28,500 to £53,397
37-39 hrs/week
(may be self-employed)



So you want to study **MEDIA**

Media studies is a broad subject, offering a range of modules that will gear you up for a career in the fast-moving media industry. The media skills to be gained range from copywriting to camerawork, to designing public health campaigns and consulting on communications for big businesses.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Curiosity
- Creativity
- Technological proficiency
- Consistency
- Patience, drive and passion

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Broadcast Journalist
- Presenter
- Copywriter
- Media Researcher
- Television/Film Producer
- Digital Marketing

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Media Studies
- English
- English Literature
- Psychology
- Sociology

CHECK THESE OUT

How to watch Television
by Than Thompson
and Jason Mittell

New Media and Society
by Deana Rohlinger



Digital marketing executive average salary

£26,270

with a range from
£20,000 to £50,000
39-41 hrs a week
(may include evenings and weekends)

Television/film/video producer average salary

£33,716

with a range from
£27,000 to £67,000
39-41 hrs a week
(may include evenings and weekends)

So you want to be a **TRANSLATOR**

Choosing to pursue a Languages-related degree goes well beyond a simple desire to understand a foreign language; it covers not only the translation, interpreting and linguistics of individual modern languages, but also the history, literature, culture and politics of your chosen language of study. It is suitable for individuals who have a global outlook, a passion for foreign cultures, and are sensitive to cultural differences.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Knowledge of the language/culture
- Excellent communication skills (both written and oral)
- Problem solving
- Attention to detail

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Translator
- Academic Researcher
- Civil Service
- Media And Journalism
- Proofreader
- Recruitment And Human Resources

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- Language you wish to study
- History
- English

CHECK THESE OUT

Try reading **books or watching shows in different languages to increase your awareness of the language you wish to study**

Words and Rules: The Ingredients of Language by Steven Pinker



Average salary

£26,958

with a range from
£23,000 to £35,087
37-39 hrs/week
(may include evenings and weekends)

So you want to be a **JOURNALIST**

From television and radio, to newspapers and magazines, to websites and social media, journalism has become an integral part of our daily life. Whether they're reporting on the biggest sporting events or an active war zone, journalists construct narratives with the power to influence the general public. The degree is best suited to those who are investigative, curious and creative about the world and what happens in it.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Knowledge of the English language
- Knowledge of media production and communication
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- Excellent written communication skills

CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

- Broadcast Journalist
- Newspaper Journalist
- Publishing Assistant
- Public Relations Officer
- Television/Film Producer
- Social Media Manager

SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER TAKING AT SIXTH FORM OR COLLEGE

- English Literature
- History
- Media or Communication Studies

CHECK THESE OUT

Media, Culture and Society: An Introduction
by Paul Hodkinson

Watch Page One: Inside The New York Times

MEDIA, CULTURE AND SOCIETY: AN INTRODUCTION

Average salary
£29,000
with a range from
£24,000 to £45,000
37-39 hrs/week
(may include evenings
and weekends)



There are multiple pathways you may wish to consider including apprenticeships, higher education courses and school leaver programmes.

If you are looking to apply to university HEON has prepared the following steps to support, you:



If you are considering applying for an apprenticeship a similar application process would be required however you would need to apply directly. You can find out more details about this and a wealth of other information on the HEON Hub at:



Tips on applying to a CREATIVE ARTS UNIVERSITY



Lisa - University for the Creative Arts Student

Approaching university applications and portfolio deadlines are unavoidable but they don't have to be as stressful as they are made out to be. Yes, they're important and take great precision, planning and effort, but avoidable stress should be something to stay clear of.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR INTERVIEW

What shall I wear? A question so many fashion students prioritise over homing in on perfecting their portfolio. Of course, first impressions matter, so look smart, but your outfit won't get you on the course- your work will. So, plan something comfortable- wear what defines you, but most importantly, know your stuff. Especially during the interview (I had a group interview), you could clearly see those who hadn't prepared (and those who had).

PREPPING YOUR PORTFOLIO

Your portfolio is your own personal space to present what you're most proud of.

Be creative with it, because after all, this is a creative university. I spent the Christmas before my interview prepping and finalising my portfolio, filling it with articles I had written and various editorial shoots I did. Planning is key- if you are thinking of applying (or already have), then I suggest sitting down to compile how you will present your work- it also makes it clearer to see if you need to do any more.

KNOW YOUR COURSE

Before you apply, research your course. Be sure that you are confident that it's right for you, and that it's a place where you will be able to succeed. The same goes for your interview: unexpected questions will be fired away, so know what your course entails and about the industry you are stepping into. If you happen to be applying for Fashion Journalism, you will be asked about publications, the rise of the digital world, and current news. There's no reason to be nervous, however you must learn about your industry before stepping into the interview.

GETTING EXPERIENCE IS KEY

Use the summer before you start university to try and gain some experience. I began with contributing and writing to smaller websites before I landed the internships I wanted. You might not always find the dream place you're after, but if you stay persistent, and take every opportunity (small or large) it will pay off. Some students wait until second or even third year to gain industry experience, but I say the earlier you start the better.

I highly recommend Fashion Workie for internships, jobs and endless opportunities in a wealth of industry paths. From editorial experience to fashion design and PR, Fashion Workie is one of the best sites to help you look for work that will start you off.

If you have seen a career you would like to find out more about or would like to look at the full range of options then there is a wealth of information available online. Take a look at some of the links below to find out more.



WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

Different pathways are explained on this interactive webpage.

HEON STUDENTS HUB

A wide variety of resources are available to look at a range of different pathways. There are also profiles from students at a range of Higher Education providers.

START PROFILE

Check out your options, complete activities to explore the world of work and improve your employability.

CAREERPILOT

A page packed with information about lots of different industries.

SUCCESS AT SCHOOL

Explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, apprenticeships, courses and advice.

I THINK I MIGHT LIKE UNIVERSITY, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START...

BRIGHT KNOWLEDGE

Tips on how to choose what to study both at school and university.

WHICH? UNIVERSITY GUIDE

A LEVEL EXPLORER

Put some subjects in and see what pops out - be sure to check the unexpected degree options.

MOVING FROM BTECS TO UNIVERSITY STUDY

Explore your options with BTEC studies.

CAREERPILOT

Packed with information about university, courses and additional info.

UCAS

Search through all university courses here.

WHAT UNI?

Compare university and degree courses with rankings, course details and profiles.

WHAT IF I DON'T THINK UNIVERSITY IS FOR ME?

APPRENTICESHIP FINDER

Search for different apprenticeships in a range of areas with a variety of providers.

AMAZING APPRENTICESHIP

Explore resources, research and apply to apprenticeships.

SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

Find an apprenticeship guide, tips on applying and search for an apprenticeship here.

CAREERPILOT

Use the 'Get Info' menu to find out more about apprenticeships and work based learning.

STUDENT LADDER

Search over 2,500 positions for work experience, internships, apprenticeships and graduate schemes.

The information in the booklet has been collected from a range of sources and all information provided is correct at the time of printing (Jan 2023) and is subject to change without notice. Please do check all details when you apply for any courses.