

Introduction to Design Practice

CEAD1025

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

ECTS credits¹	5	Programme	University Certificate in Jewellery & Objects Design
NQF level	7	School	Education
Stage	1	Module Co-ordinator	Aisling Higgins
Trimester	1	Module Team	CEAD tutor panel
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Responsibility	The NCAD Academic Council and the School of Education Board have responsibility for this module.		

1. Introduction

The aim of this module is to introduce students to a design idea process and contribute to the development of a collection of finished pieces through research, investigation and problem-solving.

2. What will I learn?

On successful completion of this module students will be able to:

1. Present their research process;
2. Collate, describe and investigate in response to a project brief;
3. Enhance their practical skills and apply them to design processes;
4. Demonstrate appropriate practices and engagement for studio.

Module content

This module is project led, with a studio-based brief to explore and respond to, requiring students to use a range of sources and methods of investigation to address the brief.

3. How will I learn?

Students will engage in studio-based projects, learning practical skills through project work. A tutor-led critical review will be scheduled at key points in the trimester. Approaches to learning include inquiry and problem-based learning. Seminars and lectures also feature. Students will be supported to work independently over the duration of the module.

Learning tool	Hours
Lectures and seminars	12

¹ European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, where 60 ECTS credits equate to the workload of a full-time academic year

Specified Learning Activities	28
Autonomous Student Learning	60
Total Workload	100

4. What learning supports are provided?

Tutor guidance, including small group and individual tutorial

Access to library research sources

5. Am I eligible to take this module?

Module Requisites and Incompatibles

Pre-requisites	None
Co-requisites	None
Incompatibles	None
Prior learning	Where students can demonstrate that they have achieved at least 30% of the learning outcomes of this module, by academic certified achievement, or through quantifiable and documented experience, they can apply to the School for that prior learning to be recognised. Applications must be received prior to the commencement of delivery of the module.
Recommended	None

6. How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed at the end of the trimester using presentation mode.

Each student presents their required finished jewellery pieces with detailed research notebooks. Digital or physical and developmental test pieces and or maquettes for assessment.

Assessment tool	% of final grade	Timing	Learning outcomes assessed
Review of portfolio project including notebooks and preliminary research	100	End of trimester	All learning outcomes
Total	100%		

Grading

Students' assessments will be graded using the [NCAD Grade Descriptors](#).

7. Feedback, results and grading

Students will be given feedback in tutorials on a continuous basis and written feedback on the completion of the module at the end of the trimester.

8. What happens if I fail?

Students who are not successful in the assessments for this module may resubmit their work for assessment in the Spring Trimester. Failing at that point will require the student to repeat the module in the next academic year (which will require payment of fees).

9. When and where is this module offered?

Trimester 1 in the jewellery and objects area, where practicable the use of design studio in adjacent buildings may apply.

10. How will I have the chance to evaluate the module?

It is important to NCAD that students inform the development of teaching and learning at NCAD. We encourage all students to communicate their concerns and their observations about their study to members of staff so that any changes can be made in a timely manner.

About two-thirds of the way through the year, a student forum will be convened to gather students' comments about their study and the delivery of the programme. In addition, at the end of Trimester 2, students have the opportunity to complete an online evaluation of their study and experience at NCAD. These evaluation events are important to current and future students, to ensure we can enhance the delivery of programmes at NCAD.

In addition, you are invited to discuss your experience on the module with your lecturers at any point during the year. You can also relay your comments to the class student representative who will communicate your comments to the staff.

**For further details on the content of your module and teaching arrangements,
consult your Programme or Module Handbook**