

NATIONAL COLLEGE
OF ART & DESIGN

FIRST YEAR ART & DESIGN STUDIES

Calendar 2025–26 Trimester 1 | All 1st Yr. Art & Design Students

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	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12	Wk 13	Wk 14	X-MAS	Wk 15	BREAK
SEPT 08–12	SEPT 15–19	SEPT 22–26	SEPT 29–03	OCT 08–12	OCT 13–17	OCT 20–24	OCT 27–31	NOV 03–07	NOV 10–14	NOV 17–21	NOV 24–28	DEC 01–05	DEC 08–12	DEC 15–19	DEC-JAN 24–02	JAN 05–09	JAN 12–16
INDUCTIONS & ORIENTATION Student Supports & Services, Library, Canvas, LinkedIn, H&S	CE1-4 STUDIO MODULE Weeks 1–6 (10 ECTS) Observation, Analysis & Research Materials & Processes							CE1-5 ELECTIVE 1 Weeks 8–10 (5 ECTS) Concept & Topic				CE1-5 ELECTIVE 2 Weeks 12–14 (5 ECTS) Negotiating Fields of Practice					
	LPP Brief, Library Quiz	Formative Discussion 1	LPP Tours Friday 3 rd Oct	Formative Discussion 2 LPP DEPT TALKS	ELECTIVE 1 Preference – Mon 13th Oct LPP DEPT TALKS	Formative Discussion 3 INSTALL	Bank Holiday Monday STUDIO ASSESSMENT – 10 ECTS LLP Onsite Workshop Pre-Research Tasks + Move Studio – 1 st Nov			ELECTIVE 2 Preference – Mon 17th Nov INSTALL	STUDIO Assessment + LLP Onsite Workshop OPEN DAY – Weds 26th Nov Submit CC Essay (28th Nov) Pre-Research Tasks + Move Studio – 29 th Nov			INSTALL	CHRISTMAS BREAK CAMPUS CLOSED Path Experience Preference – 2nd Jan	STUDIO Assessment – 5 ECTS CE1-2 LPP Assessment – 5 ECTS Research Tasks for Next Project	Inter Trimester Break + Remodel Studio Move Studio – 16 th Jan
	VC1-1 CC MODULE Weeks 1–12 (5 ECTS) Critical Cultures Lectures & Seminars																
	CE1-2 LPP MODULE Weeks 1–14 (5 ECTS) Learning & Professional Practice Lectures, Tours, Workshops & Digital																
	ED1-1 & ED1001 Education Joint Hons Course Module																
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Calendar 2025–26 Trimester 2 | All 1st Yr. Art & Design Students

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JAN 12-16	JAN 19-23	JAN 26-30	FEB 02-06	FEB 09-13	FEB 16-20	FEB 23-27	MAR 02-06	MAR 09-13	MAR 16-20	MAR 23-27	MAR 30-03	APR 06-10	APR 13-17	APR 20-24	APR-MAY 27-01	MAY 04-08	MAY 11-15			
Inter Trimester Break + Remodel Studio Move Studio – 16 th Jan	CE1-6 STUDIO MODULE Weeks 16-18 (5 ECTS) Area Experience 1			CE1-6 STUDIO MODULE Weeks 19-21 (5 ECTS) Area Experience 2			SPECIALISM Placement + DPP Onsite Workshop Move Studio – 6 th Mar	CE1-7 Weeks 23-28 (10 ECTS) Specialist Consolidation Project Fine Art & Design All Pathways and Departments								Bank Holiday Monday STUDIO ASSESSMENT – 10 ECTS Open Studio, 08 th – 10 th May	Uninstall – 11 th May 2pm Clear Studio for Degree shows			
			Bank Holiday Monday STUDIO Assessment – 5 ECTS			DEGREE PATHWAY Preference – 26 th Feb STUDIO Assessment – 5 ECTS			Bank Holiday Tuesday		PP Research / Studio Access to 4pm	PP Research / Studio Access to 4pm Submit CC Essay – 10 th Apr		Submit D PP – Fri 24th Submit FA PP – Fri 24th	INSTALL					
	VC1-2 CC MODULE Weeks 16-26 (5 ECTS) Critical Cultures Lectures & Seminars																			
	CE1-8 PP MODULE Weeks 16-27 (5 ECTS) Design and Fine Art – Professional Practice Lectures, Workshops & Digital																			
	ED1-2 & ED1001 Education Joint Hons Course Module																			
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