

Joint Course in Critical Cultures in 2019-20

*[This guidance is **not** for Visual Culture BA students or for Education students – separate arrangements are in place for you!]*

What is Joint Course?

Next year, your Critical Cultures studies at NCAD will take the form of 'electives' – a themed seminar focusing on a particular area of art, design or culture. Second year students sign up for an elective at the start of each semester. An 80 minute weekly class running for 11 sessions, each elective is a chance to focus your interests and to share ideas with your peers from different parts of NCAD.

Unlike other students (who take one elective each semester in the second year), Joint Course students take two electives each semester throughout the second year and one each semester in the third year.

By the end of the degree, Joint Course students will have studied four more electives than those who don't take up this option.

To balance their work, Joint Course students are not usually expected to take the 'Professional Practice' modules on offer as part of the studio programme. This means that if you become a Joint Course student, you will complete the same number of credits as everyone else on your programme.

The range of elective options changes every semester. Please consult outline of electives (sent as a separate pdf).

Who should become a Joint Course student?

Joint Course is a great option for someone with a strong interest in criticism and ideas, and a desire to develop good writing and analytical skills. It can be challenging too – Joint Course students write two essays each semester (but the essays are scheduled to avoid too many clashes).

How do you apply to be Joint Course student?

If you are interested in signing up for the Joint Course, you need to complete the application form attached. You will need to achieve an average of B- or higher in your first year work in Critical Cultures. The deadline is **Friday 12th April 2019**. You should also talk to your tutors in the studio about the module that you will be dropping by signing up for Joint Course.

Will I get my first choices if I become a Joint Course student?

We try to support the interests of Joint Course students but cannot guarantee that you will be given your first choice.

How can I find out more?

Please ask your Thursday seminar tutor for advice. You can also email visualculture@staff.ncad.ie with any queries.

How do I apply?

Please complete the form and return to the Visual Culture Office by **14.00 Friday 12th April 2019**. The Office is on the first floor of the Harry Clarke Building.

Critical Cultures Joint Course Application form – please complete and return to the Visual Culture Office by 14.00 Friday 12th April 2019

NAME:

SCHOOL:

DEPT:

EMAIL: @student.ncad.ie

I wish to apply to the Joint Course in 2018-19

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