

Portfolio Advice for International Applicants to the School of Art, Design and Architecture

Applicants who are applying to undergraduate or postgraduate courses within the School of Art, Design and Architecture may be required to submit a portfolio of work. The portfolio is a determining factor in your admission so it's important to get it right. We hope that you will find the following information helpful as you prepare your application.

What is a portfolio?

A portfolio is a collection of work that represents your artistic achievement and learning within a particular subject area. It helps us to evaluate your performance, ability and technical skills when we are assessing your application to join one of our Art, Design and Architecture courses.

What should a portfolio contain?

Normally between 12 to 15 varied pieces of work showcasing your ability to work in different media. This can include

- A series of sketches drawings ideas concepts
- A collection of paintings
- A series of life drawings still life drawings
- A series of plans elevational drawings (by hand or CAD)
- A collection of written reports or marketing strategies
- A collection of photographs that evidence the discipline of Photography OR that evidence any creative activity or installation that may be too large for incorporation within a portfolio

When you start to compile the portfolio, try to show a progression of ideas leading to final outcomes, for example ideas or concepts leading to a finished 3D product or sketches leading to a completed piece of work.

How should it be presented?

Your work should be **digitally scanned** or **digitally photographed** so that it can be uploaded when you submit an online application or emailed direct to the University. This will help to speed up the process and enable us to notify you promptly if we can offer you a place.

You can save the collection of your work as a PDF file or present in a PowerPoint format, with short notes along with your work to explain your creative work.

Once you have completed your portfolio, it can be uploaded with your application if you are completing this online at www.hud.ac.uk/international/apply, or forward separately to international.office@hud.ac.uk, or sent via your agent. If you are sending it separately please ensure you give your full name and reference number in the email message so we can match it up with your application form.

We thank you for your interest in our courses and wish you all the best in your application to the School of Art, Design and Architecture at the University of Huddersfield.