

Art and design

Undergraduate courses 2026



Best university in Hampshire for learning opportunities, teaching, assessment and feedback, and academic support (NSS 2025).





Led by a passionate team, our art and design courses help you to develop essential skills and industry awareness required for work in the creative industries. From photography to animation or fine art, you'll find the perfect course to develop your creative talent and forge your future career.

Why Solent

- £3 million has been invested to provide modern interdisciplinary spaces, with dedicated facilities for a range of courses across art, design, fashion and photography.
- Benefit from the strong connections with the local creative scene through our academics and our public art gallery.
- Solent has been identified as a beacon of good practice in a report by the RSA on creativity in higher education institutions.

- Thrive in a creative environment which gives you the freedom to explore your craft, try new ideas and techniques, and collaborate across disciplines.
- Learn from highly skilled industry professionals with recent and extensive experience in research, exhibition, publications and industrybased work.
- Engage with opportunities for work experience through live client briefs, our in-house agency, Solent Creatives, and Southampton Solent University's retail initiative, Re:So.
- You'll be assigned a personal tutor who can assist you with pastoral support to help you make the most of your learning.
- Benefit from working alongside our unique artist in residence and alumni mentoring scheme to develop your skills and stretch your imagination.
- Graduate showcase perfect for networking and launching your creative career.



Take a virtual tour of our state-of-the-art facilities - visit explore.solent.ac.uk

Course list	UCAS tariff points	Foundation Year available	URL and UCAS code
BA (Hons) Animation	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/W615
BA (Hons) Computer Games (Art)	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/G450
BA (Hons) Fine Art	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/FA01
BA (Hons) Graphic Design	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/GD01
BA (Hons) Illustration	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/IL01
BA (Hons) Interior Design	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/ID01
BA (Hons) Interior Design Decoration	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/IDD1
BA (Hons) Make-up and Hair Design	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/MHD1
BA (Hons) Photography	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/PH01
BA (Hons) Prosthetics and Special Effects Design	104-120	Υ	www.solent.ac.uk/PSE1

Specialist facilities and equipment

During your studies you will have access to a range of state-of-the-art facilities to support your learning.



Art and Design studio spaces

Our open studios for fine art, illustration and graphic design are designed for you to work in a creative atmosphere with plenty of opportunity to collaborate. You'll be able to work across a range of mediums such as the print-making workshop, with intaglio, dry point, etching, silkscreen, woodcut and letterpress facilities, as well as digital tools such as the Mac suites outfitted with the latest design software.



Interior design studios

A creative hub for you to learn alongside fellow creatives, our interior design studios are kitted out with Apple Macs and all the tools you need for your professional career, from Vectorworks and Google SketchUp to Adobe Creative Suite giving you the perfect space to experiment, design, and bring your concepts to life.



Make-Up, Hair Design and Special **Effects and Prosthetics Lal**

You'll train in our dedicated facilities which includes the Beauty Room, Body Lab, and Prosthetics Studio – all designed to mirror real working environments where the magic of makeup and artistry comes to life.



Photography studios
The main studio complex is made up of eight private spaces all with a full-width, Colourama backdrops and mobile workstations to enable tethered connection to Capture One software. In addition to the main studio area, there is a separate dedicated studio space for still life, and a white infinity cove, as well as three dedicated headshot booths.

Animation studio

Our dedicated animation studios offer students the opportunities to explore the various methods and types of animation, from traditional handdrawn 2D styles to stop-motion to digital 3D, using a range of industry-standard software such as Adobe Creative Suite, 3D Studio Max, Maya, Blender, Toon Boom and more.

Media production store

Students across our creative courses have access to our specialist media production which offers specialist equipment, including high-end cameras, lenses, monitors and grip equipment, lighting equipment, sound recording equipment, plus equipment for digital, flash and analogue photography.



Solent was absolutely key to my success. I had amazing tutors who supported me and helped nurture my design skills and thought process. That helped me develop in to the designer I am today and I'll be forever grateful."

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Co-Founder/Creative Director,
Studio BLUP
Honorary Fellow – Southampton
Solent University
BA (Hons) Graphic Design, 2011

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Get involved in everything the course has to offer. The three years go by so quickly and you have got to absorb as much as you can while you still have the privilege of being a student.

Also, take time to connect with Southampton's art scene – go to events, visit the local galleries, and network with other local artists. Opportunities that you can get involved with to further your career as an artist will arise from this, I promise you!"

Megan Georgia Smith Contemporary Artist BA (Hons) Fine Art, 2020



How to apply

For information and advice on how to apply to Solent, find your course at **www.solent.ac.uk/courses** and visit the 'How to apply' section.

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