NATIONAL COLLEGE OF ART &DESIGN

What's New 2025/26

HEAR and DARE

NCAD is part of the national access schemes HEAR and DARE. For studio programmes where NCAD makes offers based on the portfolio score rather than CAO points, eligible applicants who are below the cut-off point for an offer will get a concession against the portfolio score.

How to Apply to NCAD

Studio Programmes
– Applications are through the CAO by 1st February 2025.

– AD212 Product Design or AD222 Interaction Design are not Restricted on the CAO.

– A portfolio is required for all studio programmes. Portfolio submission is digital through our Portfolio Submission platform, deadline 7th February 2025.

– AD215 BA Visual Culture is not a studio programme and therefore does not require a portfolio.

Offers
Offers are made to applicants who meet minimum entry requirements based on a ranking by the portfolio score. CAO points are not added to the portfolio score.

Minimum Entry Requirements
www.ncad.ie/undergraduate/making-an-application-undergraduate/ncad-entry-requirements/

Common Entry
Applications have the option of a Common Entry (AD101) route or entry through designated routes into specific areas. Regardless of entry route, all students participate in the common First Year Art and Design experience by following the same programme for the first semester before branching off into their specialist areas.

Visual Culture
NCAD offers a BA in Visual Culture AD215 for those with an interest in studying the history and theory of art, design, fashion, media and digital culture. On completion graduates take up opportunities to work in arts and heritage management, exhibition, curation and education, in festivals and event organisation, and in the media. Offers are made based on the LC Points, QQI FETAC points, or on mature grounds. No portfolio required, just curiosity!

NCAD Important Dates

21 October 2024

Portfolio Information Session
5pm online.

22 or 23 October 2024

Portfolio Information Sessions for applicants, teachers and tutors.
Presentation from First year staff followed by Q&A, portfolio demos
from current students and tour of the First Year studios.
5.30pm NCAD Campus, Thomas Street Dublin 8.

All Portfolio sessions are free, booking is required.
www.ncad.ie/study-at-ncad/visit-ncad-open-days

30 October 2024

Portfolio Workshop for Product Design & Interaction Design
(During Mid Term Break) – practical work shop approach
to help applicants prepare their portfolio for application.
Learn about product design and interaction design at NCAD

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27 November 2024

NCAD College Open Day
Wednesday 27th November, 9.30 to 3pm (2-3pm is Calm Hour)
NCAD Campus, Thomas Street, Dublin 8.

Presentations and Q&A's from First Year Studies and across all
four Schools - Design, Fine Art, Education and Visual Culture.

– Attend talks & ask questions on preparing
  & submitting your digital portfolio
– See sample portfolios
– Take a tour of our city-centre campus
– Visit studio areas, chat to students and
  staff, experience life as an NCAD student

1 February 2025

CAO application deadline – restricted courses

7 February 2025

Portfolio submission deadline

All details available on website: *www.ncad.ie*

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