

School of Art & Design

Portfolio advice

Design for Stage and Screen (Design for Theatre and Live Performance) BA (Hons)



Showing your portfolio is an opportunity for you to showcase your skills, personality and potential. It should be a collection of your work that demonstrates how you and your creativity have developed. It's also an opportunity to make sure we have the right expertise and resource to support you during your time at university.

We understand your portfolio will be unique to you, but here's a handy checklist of things you should consider when preparing your portfolio.

Approximately 15-20 pieces of work and one 3D item. Be selective, showcasing the pieces of work which you feel are particularly relevant to this area of study, whilst best highlighting your skills and interests. Your selection of work should demonstrate your enthusiasm and ability in art and design, so that we can see who you are and what you do.

A variety of work. Please select a range of work which shows us who you are and what you are interested in, as well as showing a range of art and design skills. We'll be looking for a variety of creative work including design, photography, life drawing, mixed media work, textiles and digital work.

Your working process. We'd love to see evidence of your working process. The best way for you to showcase this is by showing your two most relevant sketchbooks excerpts and working drawings that relate to your portfolio projects.

3D work. If you have work that demonstrates 3D skills in garment, props or model making, masks etc. please photograph and include in your portfolio.

A written piece. Please attach a piece of writing in the form of an essay or report, completed as part of your studies for us to see your interest in the subject.

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What are we looking for?

- A quality and range of visual concepts, narrative responses and a level of innovative and creative thinking.
- Good presentation skills, and the ability to visualise and articulate ideas.
- Your ability to handle a variety of technologies, materials and processes.
- Your willingness to experiment in a range of visual media.
- Self-motivated work which shows your passion for the subject.

Format

- A digital portfolio in PDF or PowerPoint format (15 pages/slides).
- If you have any moving image work, this can be showcased by embedding the weblink in your portfolio pages.
- Your portfolio should be submitted as a single unzipped file not exceeding 10mb.
- Your written statement can be uploaded as a separate file.

Frequently asked questions

Q – Can I submit my work as single files like JPEGs or PNGs?

A – No, work must be arranged in presentation software so we can see it in the same order you would show us as if you were presenting it yourself. Your written statement can be uploaded as a separate file.



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