

Drawing & Painting

Course Type: Part Time Love2Learn

Location: City Centre Campus

You will be guided through the basics of drawing, composition and tonal painting in a traditional studio environment. Tuition will be given in the exploration of colour and you will be able to develop your understanding of processes and techniques in painting. This course will also explore the work of a number of significant artists and art movements to expand your knowledge and is suitable as a refresher course for those who have some art experience.

What topics are covered?

10 weeks course:

This course provides an encouraging atmosphere for students who want to discover and develop their drawing and painting skills and techniques. Media covered are charcoal, oil pastel, soft pastel, pencil, watercolours and acrylic and oil painting.

We will look at the work of other artists from around the world and from a range of periods including modern and contemporary art. This will serve to provide inspiration and help students to develop an understanding of topics such as The Elements of Design, Perspective and Composition.

Students will gain experience of drawing and painting from direct observation of Still life, as well as using photographs as source material, and they will be encouraged to develop skills in constructive feedback to support their peers and to deepen their creative practice.

5 weeks course:

As in the Ten Week Course, students will have the opportunity to explore a range of drawing and painting media. For inspiration, we will look at the ways different artists have approached the same subject matter that we are using in class, and source material will include photographs as well as direct observation.

Who is the course aimed at?

Students of all levels of ability are welcome and are fully supported in building a portfolio. Ideal for those who have already attended the Art for Beginners course.

Who will be my tutor?

Melissa Wraxall is a Bath-based artist, who has exhibited in Vancouver, Sydney, London, and the South West, and has work in private collections in Canada, Australia and the UK. She has a Master of Fine Art from Bath Spa University, and a Bachelor of Art Education from the City Art Institute in

Sydney. She has curated three exhibitions in Bath, and has extensive teaching experience including freelance lecturing at the National Gallery in London. Melissa's drawings and paintings, which start from found historical photographs, are about time, transience and memory. Each photograph is a fraction of a second – a tiny piece of the jigsaw or narrative of someone's life. While the paintings are figurative, she aims to produce abstraction in the detail, choosing when to control the medium and when to allow drips and runs. The process of drawing and painting from these images is essentially a conversation between the artist and people who are long gone, or children now grown old, trapped as ghosts in a layer of silver emulsion. Melissa's work can be seen on her website: <https://melissawraxall.com/index.html>

How will I learn?

Group demonstrations, hands on experience, peer discussion.

Which department is this course in?

Department of Creative Arts and Enterprise

Where will I need to go on my first day?

On your first day, please report to the Reception in the **Roper Building** at [City Centre Campus](#).

What do I need to bring?

Your tutor will advise you on images and items to bring to sessions.

What else do I need to know?

When you have been enrolled on your course you will receive a confirmation email containing information about where to go, campus information, parking and the Student Code of Conduct. This email will be sent to the email address provided in the online booking. You will be required to wear a photographic ID badge at all times when in College. Please email a passport style photograph stating your full name and course title in the subject line to StudentID@bathcollege.ac.uk

To avoid disappointment, please make sure you enrol on your chosen course early. Decisions regarding running or cancelling a course are made one week prior to the start of the course. If a course is cancelled, you will be informed and your course fees refunded in full. Please see [Terms and Conditions of Enrolment](#). The course will not run on bank holidays

or during half term. Please check the [term dates](#).

Cancelling your enrolment

If you have to cancel your enrolment please notify us by email: info@bathcollege.ac.uk as soon as possible.

Refunds will not be issued if a learner is unable to attend due to a change of mind including concerns about Covid-19, accommodation, domestic circumstances, work commitments or if the College requires a learner to leave for reasons of conduct.

Click here to access our Covid-19 FAQ - <https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/news/84413>

Where can I find out more information?

If you need help or answers to specific questions, please contact the [Student Advice Centre](#) on [01225 312191](tel:01225312191) ext 720 or email info@bathcollege.ac.uk.

How do I enrol?

You can enrol on this course:

Online: Click the "Add to Cart" button to enrol online.

Phone: Call [01225 328720](tel:01225328720) during our [opening hours](#)

Post: Download the [Love2learn Learning Agreement](#) and send to Student Advice Centre, Bath College, Avon Street, Bath BA1 1UP.

In person: Visit the [Student Advice Centre](#) in either of our campuses

Please see [how to enrol](#) for more detailed information.