



# Welcome 2021



## B.A. (Hons) Fine Art Painting and Drawing

# Welcome to the University of Northampton

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to your studies at the University of Northampton. The purpose of this document is to help you prepare for coming to study with us and give you an opportunity to meet members of your programme team as well as other students who've chosen the same course. We want to make sure that you are inspired, anchored, prepared, and enabled to succeed.

Through engaging with our welcome and induction activities you will get to know your super-supportive tutors, have a chance to make new friends and be able to access what you need to know and do to start studying successfully. Ultimately, we want you to feel confident about how you will learn.

This Welcome Pack covers the following key areas:

- A welcome message from your Programme Leader
- Details of online Welcome and Induction sessions scheduled during the second half of August and the first three weeks in September
- Technical information to make joining these sessions as easy as possible
- What happens during Welcome and Induction Week – meeting with your Personal Tutor and other University-wide events

## **Welcome – Dr Michael Evans, Programme Leader, BA (Hons) Fine Art Painting and Drawing**

Hello to our new year 1 students,

We have prepared a series of exciting projects in year 1 designed to explore the seemingly limitless possibilities of painting and drawing which will increase your knowledge, options and choices open to you. In Welcome Week you are given your own studio spaces and will begin working alongside others equally excited by art. You will be amazed by how far and how quickly your own work and the work of others will progress over the course of the degree. The road of creativity is not always smooth but if a problem occurs no matter how small or how serious, remember you have a committed team of academic staff who will be there to help you. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

## Welcome and Induction Online Sessions

We would like to invite you to join members of your subject and programme team, and other students joining you at the University of Northampton this year for an online welcome and induction experience in the weeks leading up to the start of term. The details of your programme specific experience are as follows:

Session 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Getting to Know You</b></li><li>• <b>Introduction to Learning and Teaching on your Programme</b></li><li>• <b>Supporting Success</b></li></ul>	Date:	7 <sup>th</sup> September (For those of you who cannot make this session we will run a 'catch-up' session on the 8 <sup>th</sup> )
	Time:	1.30pm -3.00pm
	Link:	<a href="https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/5d4919fd984190879722ad107053f5">https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/5d4919fd984190879722ad107053f5</a>
Session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Getting to Know You</b></li><li>• <b>Introduction to Learning and Teaching on your Programme/</b></li><li>• <b>Supporting Success</b></li></ul>	Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> September (This session is not necessary for those who have attended session 1)
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If you are a **Joint Honours student**, don't forget to check out both subject areas and join the different sessions for each subject.

## Preparing you for Learning and Teaching at Northampton

Learning and teaching at the University of Northampton is designed to help you take control of your own learning, using small group teaching, team-working and one-to-one tutorials that allow learning to take place in face-to-face environments and using carefully crafted digital experiences. To help you prepare for this personalised approach to learning, our welcome and induction activities are designed to introduce you to our learning technologies so that you are ready to go for the start of term. Through engaging in some preparatory work before our live sessions, you can think about some of the questions you might have and have opportunities to explore the many ways in which you are supported. You can also meet the other students on your programme.

## Technical Support

As part of our welcome and induction, we would like you to engage with us using our online tool, Blackboard Collaborate. It is broadly similar to using Skype or Zoom, which you may have come across before. You will be able to join your Welcome and Induction

sessions as a guest, meaning that you do not need to create an account in order to participate.

## **Using Collaborate**

- 1) [\*\*Test whether your browser will work with Collaborate\*\*](#)
- 2) Review the [\*\*student guide to using Collaborate\*\*](#)
- 3) Test Collaborate by visiting our test 'classroom' to address any technological challenges. This classroom will be available 24/7 from now until the end of September. You can [\*\*join the classroom now\*\*](#) and follow the instructions to test your audio and video functions.

**If you are still experiencing difficulties, please call our on-site team for further help: +44 (0)1604 893333.**

## **LinkedIn Learning**

Once you become a student at the University of Northampton, you will also have access to a wealth of online technical support through [\*\*LinkedIn Learning\*\*](#) so you can improve your digital skills any time, any place.



## What Happens in Welcome Week?

The first week of the semester is devoted to a range of activities that will help you to meet the rest of the students on your course, the people who will teach you and allow you to familiarise yourself with what you will be studying and the facilities you will use.

A separate timetable of events is provided for this week which will tell you where you need to be and at what time. There will also be plenty of other staff and student ambassadors around to make sure that you find your way to the right things.

Each student is allocated to a [\*\*Personal Tutor\*\*](#) (PT) and you will have an opportunity to meet with them during the first week. If you are a Joint Honours student, you will be in a tutor group with other students who share one of your subject areas. The PT meeting would be a good opportunity for you to discuss any questions you may have about personalised support if you haven't already contacted those teams directly. Please know that you can also get in touch with your Personal Tutor directly should you need to. Your PT will tell you more about how to do this.

At the University of Northampton, our Personal Tutors meet regularly and frequently with their tutees, both in group and in 1-to-1 sessions. They will help you to reflect on how your studies are going and explore actions you can take to maximise your chances of success.

## **Summer Project**

Our first project after Welcome Week is called Artificial Landscape, which involves students making a landscape in the studio. In preparation, for Welcome Week we ask you to collect and bring in natural forms/objects, rocks, branches etc but imitation natural objects could also be interesting e.g. plastic flowers. So, to prepare for this, we would like you to collect some natural objects, place them together and make some drawings and/or paintings from them. Please consider surface texture, tonal contrast, composition and colour. This could take place in a sketchbook or as separate drawings and paintings. If you could bring objects and artworks in for the Wednesday of Welcome Week this will help us prepare for the first project. Please do not feel under any pressure we are just wanting to make a start with this work. This also gives us the possibility to do a short 'hands-on' drawing session on Wednesday.

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Welcome Week Timetable 27<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

*(Subject to change. Please check the programme NILE site after enrolment for the latest version)*

Time	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
9:00-10:00					Cultural Activity (to be confirmed)
10:00-11:00	<b>Welcome and Personal Tutor Group Session</b> Dr Michael Evans Stefan Gant Location: Development Hub, room DH0104	<b>P&amp;D Team Welcome (Online)</b> Please use the link for previous welcome and induction online sessions (above).	<b>Summer Project Natural forms</b> Painting and Drawing Studio Spaces Equipment and materials list/advice DH0104	<b>Print Workshop Introductory Tour</b> Location: Creative Hub, room CH004 Basic Introduction Jayne Corfield Group A 10am - 10.30am Group B 10.30am - 11am	Cultural Activity (to be confirmed)
11.00-12:00	<b>Studio Space Allocations</b>	Enrolment. Creative Hub (available until 12.00)	<b>Summer Project Natural forms</b> Painting and Drawing Studio Spaces DH0104		Cultural Activity (to be confirmed)
12:00-1.00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Cultural Activity (to be confirmed)

1:00-2:00	<p><b>Personal Tutor 1:1</b> Dr Michael Evans, Stefan Gant</p> <p>10 minute 1-1 PT Names and times TBC</p> <p>Room: DH0104</p>	<p><b>Waterside Orientation</b> Stefan Gant</p> <p>DH0104</p>	<p><b>Students Union</b> SU Welcome Tent (1pm – 6pm) Engine Shed.</p> <p><b>SU Sports Taster Day</b> 'Play Don't Pay' (12pm – 5pm)</p>	<p><b>3D Workshop and Canvas Prep Introductory Tour</b></p> <p>Basic Introduction</p> <p>Richard Hawkes Group A 1pm - 1.30pm Group B 1.30pm – 2pm</p>	Cultural Activity (to be confirmed)
2:00-3:00	<p><b>Personal Tutor 1:1</b> Dr Michael Evans Stefan Gant</p> <p>10-minute 1-1 PT Names and times TBC</p> <p>Room: DH0104</p>				Cultural Activity (to be confirmed)
3.00-4.00	Enrolment Creative Hub Available until 4.30pm				Cultural Activity (to be confirmed)