FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO UNITS

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Unit Name:	Degree Courses Affected	Summary of forthcoming changes to Unit Descriptor	Rationale for Changes
Sculpture 1: Starting out in 3D	BA Hons Fine Art* BA Hons Creative Arts BA Hons Drawing BA Hons Painting	Update the course unit to incorporate contemporary 3D practice and a broader range of artist references that reflect today's culture.	The proposed changes will retain base skills development and formal understanding of sculptural practice but will be contextualised through a contemporary context. A greater emphasis on material investigation will be introduced acknowledging and introducing students to social practice, installation, modelling and casting.
Visual Studies 1: Understanding Visual Culture	BA Hons Fine Art* BA Hons Creative Arts BA Hons Drawing BA Hons Painting BA Hons Moving Image BA Hons Visual Communications BA Hons photography BA Hons Painting BA Hons Textiles	Introduce practical making tasks into the course materials to re-balance the student engagement across studio and theoretical research to 50%/50%, and to enable application of theory to the process of making. This will have the additional benefit of supporting analysis of practical application within visual culture through direct research and application in the studio.	The rationale for the change is the unit is currently wholly theoretical course, with 100% written outcomes. Tutor feedback has revealed that it is a course that presents challenges for many students and contributes to drop out. In addition, the course can severely restrict progress of studio work as a student could, in theory move away from practical work for the entirety of their study on the unit
Writing 1: Starting Your Novel	BA Hons Creative Writing* BA Hons Creative Arts	Clarify the reading list	Ensure consistency with the unit descriptor and unit materials.
Textiles 1: A Textiles Vocabulary Textiles 1: Ideas and Processes Textiles 1: Mixed Media for Textiles Textiles 2: Contemporary Context Textiles 2: Contemporary Practice Textiles 3: Research Textiles 3: Personal Specialism Textiles 3: Sustaining Your Practice	BA Hons Textiles* BA Hons Creative Arts BA Hons Textiles* BA Hons Textiles* BA Hons Textiles* BA Hons Textiles* BA Hons Creative Arts BA Hons Textiles* BA Hons Textiles*	Update the reading list	To make reading lists more readily available all publications can be accessed via the online library. This includes journals. The reading lists include websites where appropriate. The lists are also now more evenly distributed throughout the programme.

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