

# Photography A-level Pearson/Edexcel Exam Board



## Why Study Photography?

A-Level Art and Design enables students to develop their intellectual, imaginative, creative and intuitive capabilities and also their investigative, analytical, experimental, practical, technical and expressive skills. Students are able to develop aesthetic understanding and confidence in making critical judgements. Students experience working with a broad range of media in order to develop, refine and communicate their own ideas, their own intentions and create their own personal outcomes. Students also gain knowledge and understanding of art, craft, design and media and technologies in contemporary and past societies and cultures and an awareness of the different roles, functions, audiences and consumers of art, craft and design. Students work on practical projects and complete a 1 to 3000 word illustrated essay.



The outline of the course will include:

Year 1 – Component 1 – Internally set project on the theme of 'Natural and Artificial' or 'Truthful Representations'

Year 2 – Component 1 – Personal Investigation. Individual Practical Project with accompanying essay

Year 2 – Component 2 – Externally set project culminating with a timed practical exam.

## Assessment Structure

**Component 1 Internal Assessment 60%**

**Component 2 Externally set assignment 40%**

AO1 Develop ideas through sustained and focused investigations informed by contextual and other sources, demonstrating analytical and critical understanding 25%

AO2 Explore and select appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques and processes, reviewing and refining ideas as work develops 25%

AO3 Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions, reflecting critically on work and progress 25%

AO4 Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and, where appropriate, makes connections between visual and other elements 25%

## Possible Career Pathways:

- Graphic Designer
- Magazine Features Editor
- Medical Illustrator
- Photographer
- Press photographer
- Television camera operator
- Advertising Art Director
- Digital Marketer
- Film Director.
- Film/Video Editor

## Advised Entry Requirements:

**GCSE Pass in Art and Design  
Grade 5-9**

## Specification Link

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/art-and-design-2015.html>