

Preparatory Level (Prep)

These foundation modules provide students with the essential creative, technical, and academic skills needed to progress into their chosen programme of study. They ensure that all students, regardless of prior background, develop a strong grounding in drawing, design principles, digital skills, art history, and communication. This level acts as a bridge between secondary education and higher education, introducing students to the expectations of academic and studio-based learning in the Faculty of Arts & Design.

The Preparatory Level is vital for ensuring all students begin their undergraduate journey with a shared foundation. These modules introduce core visual literacy, creative exploration, academic communication, and contextual awareness, which are transferable across all specialisations in the faculty. By completing this level, students gain confidence and essential competencies to succeed in higher-level modules and to engage critically with art, design, and society.

Prep Module

- **ADFA101 Basic Drawing Techniques**
Introduces students to the fundamentals of observational drawing, proportion, and representation. Builds confidence in visual expression as a core design skill.
- **ADID102 Design Fundamentals**
Covers the basic principles of design including balance, rhythm, scale, and composition, laying the groundwork for creative problem-solving.
- **ADFA103 Art and Design History**
A survey of key movements, styles, and periods in art and design, providing students with essential contextual knowledge.
- **ADENGL101 English Language 01**
Develops academic English skills with a focus on reading, writing, and presenting ideas effectively in an academic setting.
- **ADIA104 Principles of Digital Visualization**
Introduction to digital tools and techniques for visual communication, presentation, and creative experimentation.
- **ADID105 3D Form and Space Exploration**
Hands-on exploration of three-dimensional design, materials, and spatial thinking to support both artistic and applied design practices.

- ADFA106 Contextual Explorations in Art and Design
Encourages students to connect art and design practices with cultural, social, and historical contexts.
- ADENGL102 English Language 02
Builds on English Language 01, with a stronger emphasis on critical reading, professional writing, and presentation skills.