

MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF ART

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Welcome to Interior Design at Manchester School of Art!

We look forward to seeing you in September for what we hope you will find an exciting and engaging year of study. During your first year you will be part of an energetic programme that seeks to enable you with creative tools that will help develop how you think, research, write, talk, make, draw and experience design.

There will be an introduction to the course and your first opportunity to meet your year group on Monday 14 September at 11am in Benzie Building, but please check your timetable for more details of the exact location. We are looking forward to meeting with you all and will go over the first week's induction schedule at this meeting.

One of your first requirements for the course is that you read design-related material over the summer. Whether through books, blogs or magazines, this will help you to contextualise the subject area, particularly with your first-year lecture series. We have referenced some books and magazines below which we feel will give you a good starting point to developing your interest in the subject.

Books:

1. Re-readings: Interior Architecture and the Design Principles of Remodelling Existing Buildings Authors: Brooker, Graeme & Stone, Sally. Publisher: R.I.B.A. Enterprises. 2004. ISBN-13: 978-1859461327
2. Architectural Graphics - Author: Ching, Francis
Publisher: John Wiley Publishing, Hoboken, N.J. 2009. ISBN-13: 978-0471209065
3. Constructed Narratives – Author: Adjaye, D, ed Peter Allison
Publisher: Lars Müller Publishers. 2016. ISBN - 978-3-03778-517-1
4. Metric Handbook, Planning + Design Data - Author: Adler, David
Publisher: Architectural Press, 2005. ISBN-13: 978-0750652810
5. The Architects Pocketbook - Author: Baden-Powell, Charlotte, Ross Ann & Hetreed, Jonathan. Publisher: Architectural Press. ISBN-13: 978-0750686174
6. Architectural Voices Listening to Old Buildings – Author: Littlefield, David
Publisher John Wiley and Sons. ISBN-13 9780470016732
7. Farrelly, Lorraine, Representational Techniques,
Publisher: AVA Publishing, ISBN 2-940373-62-0

We do not expect you to have read all of these books from cover to cover for September but we suggest that you use them as reference books. You will dip into them throughout your three years of study.

Below are some recommended interiors/ architecture/ furniture/ product focused design magazines and blogs. The library holds all these magazines (and more) and their back catalogues, so if you can't stretch to subscribe to one or two of these then not to worry, you will be able to access a copy at MMU. Over the summer it would also be a good idea to bookmark the listed blogs to keep up to date with the latest information and happenings in the 'design world'.

Magazines:

- Icon, www.iconeye.com
- Abitare, www.abitare.it
- Frame, www.frameweb.com
- Blueprint, www.designcurial.com/folksonomy/blueprint/
- Domus, www.domusweb.it
- Architectural Review, www.architectural-review.com
- Architect's Journal, www.architectsjournal.co.uk

Blogs:

- Dezeen, www.dezeen.com
- Core77, www.core77.com
- Designboom, www.designboom.com
- Archdaily www.archdaily.com

As well as reading and sketching over the summer we would like you to complete a 2 part simple summer project (please see the brief entitled 'Make the Sketch! Summer Project Brief 2020' and also Padlet Bio). It's an excellent opportunity for you to show us what you can do and how creative you can be. We look forward to seeing and discussing the results when we see you on the first day of term!

Every year we like to take students to significant design events, cities and festivals. As much as we would like to run study trips, we are uncertain at this time whether that will be possible, however we should have some more news on that at the start of term in September. If we can't go on a trip physically then we can certainly visit places, exhibitions and events virtually! These will be inspirational visits and change the way you look at and engage with the world of design, more info on the trips can be found on your student intranet (Moodle), which you receive access to over summer.

If we are able to organise a study trip this year and you are keen to join us please make sure you save-up over the summer because we will be booking flights and accommodation in the first couple of weeks of term. As a guide you may need in the region of £350 + spending money for this trip. We will discuss the study trips again when you arrive in September but please be prepared when you arrive to book for the year ahead. More details to follow when you arrive in September! ☺

You are joining the School of Art at an exciting time and we have an intensive schedule of projects and events lined up to ensure you are inspired by the discipline of Interior Design and being part of a fantastic creative Art School environment.

We hope you enjoy the summer and look forward to welcoming you in September!

best wishes

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