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Digital Arts 1: A Creative Approach

A first level digital arts course for OCA written by George Apostoli

The course helps to:

- introduce the creative use of the computer in an art & design context
- develop skills in image manipulation and the digital process.

Course content

This course explores the potential of digital imaging software and introduces the student to computer hardware and peripherals that can be used to develop creative skills in image manipulation. Students gain an understanding of the nature of digital scanning equipment and the characteristics of digital conversion developing their skills in image manipulation and artistic creativity.

They will learn how to use a scanner and be creative with it using both 2-D and 3-D objects, being aware of the various output options for images, including printing and websites. They will also gain knowledge of the intrinsic painting techniques available and the importance of 'layers', image translation and the creative ways of working with more than one image.

Also covered are colour theory and image manipulation, including image enhancement and applying filters; the different file types available and the various image compression techniques, different types of 'selection' that can be made and the effects of 'feathering' and distorting (the new language of digital technology). The combinations of these

techniques are underpinned by understanding of the issues of copyright and how these could affect and protect work produced.



Teaching methods

The course provides you with a series of projects that are supported by distance learning techniques. At certain points in the course your work will be seen by your tutor, and answers to any specific questions you have.

You can get credits for your course too

If you want to have your work recognised you can gain credits towards a full qualification in art. To do this you present a portfolio of your work on the course, including work on specific projects, for assessment. But if only studying for pleasure,