

## National 5 Graphic Communication (Course Code: C835 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

### Why study Graphic Communication?

Graphic Communication is everywhere. It's all about using pictures, drawings, and designs to share ideas and information. Whether it's in adverts, on websites, or in books, graphics are used in almost every part of our lives—school, work, and even the stuff you see around town.

In this course, you'll learn how graphics are made and how they help people understand things better. You'll get to create your own 2D, 3D, and digital designs that are eye-catching and communicate information clearly. You'll also work with both paper and digital tools to bring your ideas to life.

The skills you'll pick up can open doors to all sorts of cool careers, like architecture, engineering, design, marketing, and more. So, if you enjoy being creative and love how graphics are used to make things look great and easy to understand, this is the course for you!

### What will I study?

In Graphic Communication, you'll learn how to understand and create all sorts of graphics that help us communicate ideas, whether it's through pictures, symbols, or designs. You'll get better at seeing how things fit together and how to use shapes, lines, and images to explain things clearly. Plus, you'll work with different tools, software, and materials to create your designs. You'll also explore how technology affects the world around us and how graphics are used in everyday life.

The course is split into two main parts:

#### 2D Graphic Communication

You will:

- Get creative and develop your skills in making 2D graphics, like drawings and diagrams.
- Learn how to come up with ideas and turn them into clear, easy-to-understand visuals.
- Build up your ability to create designs in both familiar and new situations.
- Work on improving your spatial awareness (understanding how shapes and objects fit together in a space).

#### 3D and Pictorial Graphic Communication

You will:

- Be creative and develop your skills in 3D and pictorial graphics, like models and perspectives.
- Take your ideas and bring them to life in 3D, using graphic techniques.
- Work on building your skills in less familiar areas and new types of designs.
- Improve your spatial awareness in 3D, so you can understand how objects and designs exist in real space.

## How will I be assessed?

### Course Assessment

The course assessment has **two** components **totalling 120 marks**:

#### Component 1: Question Paper (80 marks)

- This is the written part of the assessment, where you'll be tested on your knowledge of graphic communication and how to apply what you've learned.

#### Component 2: Assignment (40 marks)

- For the assignment, you'll create a set of graphics, including designs for production, promotional materials, and your planning process. You'll also need to show how you've evaluated your work. This part will be set and marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The question paper will be set and marked externally by the SQA.

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across all course assessment components.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

## Study Materials

- [SQA Past Papers Graphic Communication National 5](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper Graphic Communication National 5](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Graphic Communication](#)
- [BBC Bitesize National 5 Graphic Communication](#)
- [Ushare Study Resources](#)