

Higher Graphic Communication (Course Code: C853 76)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Graphic Communication?

Higher Graphic Communication is all about how we use visuals to communicate ideas – from designs to maps, and even advertisements. Graphics are everywhere, in everything from education to business, and they play a huge role in how we understand and share information.

In this course, you'll get hands-on experience creating 2D, 3D, and pictorial graphics, both digitally and on paper. You'll explore the technology behind graphic design and learn how to make your visuals have real impact.

The skills you pick up in this course are perfect for a wide range of careers, especially in fields like architecture, engineering, design, and marketing. Whether you want to design the next big product or work in the world of digital graphics, this course will give you the tools to bring your ideas to life.

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college, but you would normally be expected to have achieved:

- **National 5 Graphic Communication**

What will I study?

The course consists of **two** areas of study.

2D Graphic Communication

You'll build creativity and presentation skills in a 2D graphic context. You'll learn how to plan, develop, and communicate your ideas using 2D graphic techniques. You'll also develop important skills like spatial awareness, visual literacy, and the ability to interpret different drawings, diagrams, and graphics. Plus, you'll get the chance to evaluate how effective your own work and others' graphics are in achieving their intended purpose.

3D and Pictorial Graphic Communication

You'll also dive into 3D and pictorial graphic communication, where you'll apply your creativity and presentation skills to bring ideas to life in 3D. Just like in the 2D section, you'll plan and develop your ideas using 3D techniques, and you'll continue to build skills like spatial awareness and visual literacy. You'll also practice interpreting and evaluating graphics to ensure they meet their goals.

Overall, this course will give you the chance to work with both 2D and 3D graphics, developing skills that are useful in areas like design, engineering, and architecture.

How will I be assessed?

The course assessment has **two** components **totalling 140 marks**:

Component 1: Question Paper – 90 marks

This is a written exam where you'll be tested on everything you've learned in the course, including graphic techniques and how to interpret and create different types of graphics.

Component 2: Assignment – 50 marks

For the assignment, you'll be given a brief and asked to produce a piece of graphical work. You'll apply your skills to respond to the brief and create something that meets the requirements.

Both the question paper and the assignment are set and marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). Your final grade will be based on the total marks from both assessments, and the course is graded A-D depending on your performance.

Study Materials

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