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# International Foundation – Art & Design



As the International Foundation is a pathway onto University in the United Kingdom, it is important that you find and use quality resources efficiently and effectively. **This will be expected of you as part of your studies.**

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## Is This The Right Guide for You?!

This guide is intended for students studying the **International Foundation: Art & Design**. It outlines the information sources available to help you research for assignments, essays and presentations.

### Online Resources

The Learning Centre has bought licences to specialised databases to help you find **QUALITY** material that has been assessed by fellow experts (peer-reviewed); these databases are **NOT** available freely via the web and should be a key part of your research. **To log into these databases, you need your OPEN ATHENS password. You need to COME INTO THE LEARNING CENTRE to fill in a form for this password. It is important that you do this as soon as possible.**

Sources include:

- **EBSCO Discovery**

This provides a quick and easy way to search nearly 7,000 academic journals and e-books. You can access the databases from INTO Manchester or at home.

It is available via **<http://intolearningcentre.co.uk/online-resources/>**

Click on the logo



or click on **Log in here** Log into **OpenAthens** using your **Open Athens username and password**. **If you do not have a password, please ask the Learning Centre staff.**

Once you log in, the following screen appears;

A large purple circle with a black outline, containing the text "Always ask for help if you are stuck!" in white.

select **Multimedia** from the menu and you can search Ebsco Discovery for images from your favourite artist



- **A-N Magazine**

Online art and design magazine. Very useful for news/ opportunities in the creative industries. The news section gives you a round-up of the latest exhibitions. Access from <http://intolearningcentre.co.uk/online-resources/>

**Ask Art & Design Foundation Staff for ID and password.**

## Useful Websites

The internet is full of information resources for you to use for your studies. However, it is **VERY** important that you use information from reputable sources only.

Anyone can (*and many do!*) set up a website just to fool people/ promote their own point of view, so you need to be careful about which sources you use.

At International Foundation level you should **NOT** be relying on Wikipedia for all your information – this is frowned upon at University so get into good habits here at Manchester INTO!

The following websites are from bona fide (reputable) sources, with the content clearly described:

- **Artcyclopedia**

Provides references to museum collection websites where over 7,000 artists' works of art can be viewed. Covers mainly painting and sculpture. Searching is by artist or movement.

**Website:** <http://www.artcyclopedia.com/>

- **Axis: the online resource for contemporary art**

A national online resource for information about contemporary art and artists based round a directory of current practising artists in the UK. Artists entries include biographies, images, audio, film and video clips, past and future events.

**Website:** <http://www.axisweb.org/>

- **BBC News**

Latest UK and World news from the BBC. Covers news about major arts prizes such as the Turner prize.

**Website:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

- **Craft Council Photostore**

A searchable database of around 1,000 contemporary makers. It includes images from the Crafts Council's Collection, Crafts magazine, exhibitions and fairs. You do need to register, but this is free.

**Website:** <http://www.photostore.org.uk/>

- **Galleries Now.net**

GalleriesNow.net is a global survey of contemporary art exhibitions. It features over 200 public and commercial galleries from around the world. Browse by date, by gallery or artist.

**Website:** <http://www.galleriesnow.net/>

- **Guardian Newspaper**

Online version of *The Guardian*, the British daily national newspaper. Very goods arts coverage in the culture section.

**Website:** <http://www.guardian.co.uk/>



Online newspapers are a great source of information about current artists

- **Independent Newspaper**

Online British daily national newspaper. Has free access to archive of stories back to 1992. Very good arts coverage in arts & entertainment section.

**Website:** <http://www.independent.co.uk/>

- **National Portrait Gallery**

Contains images of the most influential characters in British history. It is possible to search for a picture by sitter, artist, or portrait. There are copyright restrictions on some pictures.

**Website:** <http://www.npg.org.uk/collections.php>

- **Tate Gallery Collection**

Search the entire Tate Gallery Collections, which house the national collections of British Art and international modern art.

**Website:**

<http://www.tate.org.uk/art/>

- **Victoria & Albert Museum**

Search for thousands of images from the gallery's collections.

**Website:** <http://collections.vam.ac.uk/>



Always check the website address/ URL carefully. Be careful of hoax/ prank websites

## VADS: Visual Arts Data Service

Provides over 100,000 images that are freely available and copyright cleared for use in research in the UK.

**Website:** <http://www.vads.ac.uk/>

## Don't Forget Books!

Your teacher will recommend key texts that you should read as part of your studies: most of these should be available in the Learning Centre. To find both paper and electronic books you need to search using the Library Catalogue.

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The Library Catalogue gives you the “Dewey number” of the book. The Dewey number for art and design is **746.92**

Details of how to use the catalogue efficiently are available in **Guide 4 Finding a Book in the Learning Centre**

## Other Libraries

**Manchester Metropolitan University library** has a rich wealth of resources for art and design and you should be spending a lot of time in their library, using their materials. For example the library has:

- a subscription to *Design Week* so MMU students can read it online and keep up to date with new developments in the field

- a large collection of exhibition catalogues; these are shelved together after the art and design book on the first floor west wing
- a Special Collections Gallery on the Third Floor of the Sir Kenneth Green Library This has a changing programme of exhibitions often accompanied by lectures and tours.
- an Image Collection Website that offers remote access to selections from the Library's amazing wealth of images in the Special Collections, Archives and Gallery.

**Website: <http://>**

**[www.specialcollections.mmu.ac.uk/](http://www.specialcollections.mmu.ac.uk/)**



Make use of other libraries such as Manchester Central Library or the Manchester Metropolitan University Library

### **Manchester Central Library**

As well as having many arts books that you can borrow from the library, you also have free access to the Berg Fashion Library. The Berg Fashion Library is the only resource to provide text and image content on world dress and fashion throughout history. To use Berg Fashion Library, you need to join Manchester libraries then simply log in to the Berg Fashion Library typing MAN in front of your Manchester public library card number

**Website: <http://www.bergfashionlibrary.com/>**

## Joining Manchester Central Library

All you need to join the public library is take a letter showing you live/study in Manchester. You can apply for this letter via the INTO Learning Centre website at <http://intolearningcentre.co.uk/>

## Details for Manchester Central Library

### Manchester Central Library

St Peters Square, City Centre, M2 5PD

**Telephone:** 0161 234 1983

**Email:** [libraries@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@manchester.gov.uk)

## Opening Times for Central Library:

**Monday -Thursday: 9am-8pm;**

**Friday: 9am-5pm;**

**Saturday: 9am-5pm;**

**Sunday: closed**



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