

General English + Art and Design

St Giles English + Art and Design courses are offered to students with an intermediate level of English or above. Courses last for 4 weeks with 28 lessons per week.

The programme combines general English lessons in the mornings with special interest lessons in the afternoons. Classes are small (maximum 12 students, average 8) so that students receive a lot of individual attention and tutorials.

The English + Art and Design course is currently offered in:

- St Giles London Highgate
- St Giles San Francisco

Our English + Art and Design programme provides a unique opportunity for students to learn the vocabulary and structures to discuss art history, graphic and interior design, fashion and photography, and to practise this language in context. Different subjects (e.g. dance, drama, film, television, public art: murals and mosaics, architecture, sculpture) may be incorporated into the timetable according to students' aims and interests. In addition, students are taken on guided tours of most exciting galleries and museums to see some of the finest art collections in the world (although the cost of these visits is not included in the fees). Professional artists and photographers may also give talks on their own work. A sample timetable of our London programme is provided below.

The course provides students with the opportunity to become involved in practical projects such as painting murals and producing exhibitions around the college. They will also receive a St Giles Certificate of Studies (in General English and Art and Design) upon completion of their course.

Furthermore, St Giles has connections with Art and Design and Fashion colleges in both London and San Francisco, and can arrange courses at these centres leading to vocational qualifications. Help and advice is available to those students wishing to start a career in the arts. Organised trips to college open days are also an option.

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Sample English for Art and Design Timetable

Week A	Week B	Week C	Week D
<p>Art and artists Introduction: General vocabulary used in fine art and the language needed to describe a painting. A look at different art periods, comparing and contrasting artists works. Slide shows, pictures and video. Guided tour around a London gallery. Feedback from visit and follow up activities.</p>	<p>Art and artists Project work, e.g. the environment: including slide shows, visual aids and videos. Investigations on how different artists interpret a subject matter differently, and influence each other. Follow up practical and theoretical activities Guided tour around the Tate Modern.</p>	<p>Design Looking at different types of design. Furniture, jewellery, interior, graphic, etc General vocabulary used in design and the language used to talk about objects, buildings, etc. The Bauhaus: video, visual aids and group discussions. Trip to the design museum or current exhibition. Follow up project work.</p>	<p>Fashion & textiles General vocabulary. A look at different fashion eras and influences. Textiles. Current fashions. Different designers. Trip to fashion show or exhibition. Practical: designing an outfit. Student presentations.</p>

Other modules to choose from :

Week E	Week F	Week G	Week H
<p>Photography Looking at the history of photography. Looking at how a camera works and how to take a photograph. Practical; taking photographs. Trips to photographic exhibitions. Visiting photographer gives talk about their work. Different types of photography.</p>	<p>Performing arts Drama The history of the theatre. Studying, learning and performing set texts. For example, Shakespeare, and comparing and contrasting this with more contemporary writers. Visiting a London Theatre and visiting back stage. Writing reviews.</p>	<p>Performing arts Dance Types of dance: ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap, etc. Choreographers and dances. Dances from different countries. Practical: learning set dance pieces. Choreography: How? Creating a dance, filming & reviewing it. Writing & reviewing a dance performance. Trip to a dance production.</p>	<p>Architecture And sculpture Looking at different types of architecture and architects. Looking at the architecture and sculpture around London. Class projects, for example designing a studio apartment. The successes and failures in architecture.</p>