



Unit Title	Self-Authorship and Publishing
FHEQ Level	Level 5
Unit Code	ILC18202
Credit Value	15 credits
Unit Type	Subject

Learning Hours			
Staff – Student Contact Hours		Independent Study Hours	
Classes	37.5	Independent Study	50
Supervised access to resources	0	Preparation for Assessment	12.5
		Unsupervised Access to Resources	50
Total			150

Unit Description

An external client is not always needed to instigate and develop a project. Many illustrators produce work to give them an opportunity to look in depth at a theme or issue. This work may have an ethical or social context (Advocate Principle) and be less likely to be commissioned. Whatever the objective, self generated work enables you to continually develop your artwork outside commercial constraints. Developments in technology have created an increasing number of ways for illustrators to publish their work to the world. Social media has created networks that artists and illustrators use to build an audience and communicate ideas through their own visual voice. (Collaborate Principle) Using these networks you can build conversations that provide the opportunity to open narrative strands that can evolve and connect storytelling in dynamic and exciting ways. At the same time Riso printing and on demand publishing provide opportunities to open up more traditional print based publishing options at very little cost. In this unit we ask you examine the potential of these developments by releasing content into the world to engineer a conversation and build your own dynamic visual narrative and identity, which began in Studio Practice 2 and will culminate in your final year in the Self Promotion and Professional Practice unit. (Cultivate Principle)

The Five Principles underpin the Mindsets and Skillsets Manifesto and are the foundation upon which all course curriculum frameworks and unit specifications are based. The relevant Principles as stated below have been mapped against the Learning Outcomes relevant to each course unit and at each level (see Programme Specifications for full description of the Five Principles):

1. Cultivate / Where the individual thrives.
2. Collaborate / Where disciplines evolve.
3. Integrate / Where education engages industry.
4. Advocate / Where purpose meets practice.
5. Originate / creativity meets technology.

Unit Indicative Content

- Creative use of social media platforms.
- Use of a range of both digital and print based media.
- Workshops experimenting with risography
- Workshops experimenting with Memes, GIFS and visual networks
- Workshops experimenting with bookbinding techniques.
- Experimentation with small run print based publishing technology.
- Reflection and evaluation using a blog/sketchbook.
- Testing experimentation and discussion.
- The utilisation of relevant visual reference and observational drawing.

Unit Aims

- To effectively utilise and exploit both print and digital publishing channels.
- To engineer a visual conversation with an audience from market research.
- To research and develop a project around a non commercial, self initiated issue
- To explore and speculate on the emerging communication formats.
- To examine narrative communication that utilises sequence or audience input.
- To build a responsive narrative, using own visual voice, and audience reaction.

Unit Learning Outcomes

LO 4 (Pre) Production

Employ relevant knowledge of production skills alongside a grasp of the creative potential of a selection of processes, materials and methods that inform creative and academic practice.

Related Principle: COLLABORATE

LO 5 Presentation /Storytelling For Influence

Select and employ effective methods of presentation and communication of projects in considering the audience/client and the purpose of the work, whether in visual, oral or written form.

Related Principle: ADVOCATE

LO 7 Employability

Demonstrate professional transferable and employability skills, including the ability to manage time and work to clear briefs and deadlines, respond to set goals, and communicate effectively.

Related Principle: CULTIVATE

LO 8 Professional Identity

Investigate specific professional contexts to situate your own practice

Related Principle: CULTIVATE

Learning and Teaching Methods

Workshops and lectures will provide support and guidance to enable the development of published outcomes. Feedback will be provided throughout the unit to provide strategies to overcome obstacles and the inherent challenges of the specific aims of the unit. Formative feedback is provided at the midpoint of the unit and at the end of the unit summative assessment will be provided on the required assessment evidence for the unit.

Assessment methods and tasks

Assessment tasks	Weighting (%) (<i>one grade or multi-grade unit</i>)
Published outcomes utilising both print and digital media, using contemporary publishing formats.	100%

Indicative Assessment Criteria

Assessment criteria are the basis on which the judgment of the adequacy of the work is made. A more detailed assessment criteria will be specified in the brief.

- Demonstrate the effective utilisation of both print and digital publishing channels. (LO4)
- Evidence of a visual conversation with an audience. (LO5)
- Evidence of publishing work outside of Ravensbourne. (LO8)
- Demonstrate the exploration of the emerging communication formats. (LO5)
- Examination of narrative communication that utilises sequence or audience input. (LO7)

LO 4,5,7,8

Essential Reading list

1. Goode, Simon & Yonemura, Ira (2017) *Making Books: A Guide to Creating to Creating Handcrafted Books*, London: Pavillion
2. Komurki, John (2017) *Risomania: The New Spirit of Printing*, Salenstein: Niggli
3. McMillian, John (2011) *Smoking Typewriters: The Sixties Underground Press and the Rise of Alternative Media in America*, Oxon: OUP
4. NFGMan (2006) *Character Design for Mobile Devices: Mobile Games, Sprites, and Pixel Art*, Hove: Rotovision
5. Todd, Mark & Watson E.P. (2006) *Whatcha Mean, What's a Zine?: The Art of Making Zines and Minicomics*, Boston, MA: Graphia
6. Trigg, Teal (2010) *Fanzines*, London: Thames & Hudson

***Other reading matter and reference points will be specified within the project briefs that make up this Unit**