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2. Why do students undertake postgraduate MA IDP study?

Undertaking postgraduate study is usually an endeavour premised on enhancing one's existing goals; for instance, one may wish to further their current knowledge about a particular sphere of expertise, wish to upskill and strengthen their professional practice and career, wish to shed a new light on fields of research, or, perhaps a hybrid of all three.

3. On what days, and at which times, is the programme taught?

Present-day, the delivery of the programme takes place between 09.30am - 13.30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, with some additional Wednesday sessions also taking place at the same time throughout the academic calendar. Delivery of the programme commences in January.

4. What does undertaking the programme part-time entail?

Undertaking the programme in its part-time mode of study means completing the programme by ACCS (Accumulation of Credits and Certification of Subjects) mode. This is over the course of two years as opposed to one year. Four modules are completed in the first year of study (Contemporary Design Issues, Collaboration, Situated Design Research and Marketing for Design) and three modules in second year of study (Design Research Methods, Enterprise for Design and Major Project). Part-time students attend one day per week - Tuesdays in Year 1 and Mondays in Year 2.

5. Do students undertaking the programme learn new practical studio-based skills?

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6. Is the delivery of the programme online or on campus?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in the name of best practice and social responsibility, MA IDP was moved temporarily fully online last year (2020/2021). Going forward for 2022, a blended or hybrid mode of study, i.e., a mix of online and onsite, is deemed fit for purpose where all procedures can be adhered to accordingly in line with present-day government restrictions. When MA IDP programme delivery is not taking place, MA IDP students are welcome to use LSAD's resources and facilities once correct procedures are strictly adhered to in accordance with present-day institute/government guidelines.

7. Why LSAD?

The Limerick School of Art & Design is proud to be recognised as one of Europe's leading fine art, design and creative media schools. We are a hub of energy and imagination, and an inclusive and supportive creative community.

8. What type/style of delivery do the classes take?

The style of classes for each MA IDP module can differ depending on the needs of each module's outcome. Generally, all MA IDP modules take the form of a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, group work and peer-learning, and self-directed study.

9. Where do I send my application form to?

For all domestic/EU applicants please send forth your application for MA IDP to our school administrator Jill Lees at jill.lees@lit.ie. For all International applicants please send your MA IDP application to our International Office at international@lit.ie. Applications forms can be found on our web page <https://lit.ie/en-IE/Courses/Postgrad-Taught/MA-in-Interdisciplinary-Design-Practice>.

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All queries related to grants and fees can be discussed with our Grants and Fees team at studentfees@lit.ie.
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