

Criteria for Final Assessment

Students who pass the final examination should demonstrate:

- the successful completion of a body of work that demonstrates knowledge and understanding sufficient to apply their learning and skills in the professional world
- an evaluation of its weaknesses and strengths
- a contribution to the development of the subject

At the end of the course students receive a grade for **Overall Achievement** within the range Excellent, Very Good Pass, Good Pass, Pass, Borderline Fail/Referral, Fail. This takes into consideration their dissertation, which is also marked separately and a grade for each of the key attributes as defined in the assessment criteria common to all specialisations **creativity and quality of work, intellectual engagement, technical skills, personal development, and professional orientation** within the range Excellent, Very Good, Good, Satisfactory, Poor, Very Poor.

Any factor beyond the student's control - e.g. ill health - will be taken into consideration in the assessment by those involved in the Final Progress Review and at the Final Exam Board.

Student assessment records are held in individual files by the Director and a summary of the assessment is held on the Personal student database. Following the Final Exam Board, the student is informed of the result and the record is signed by the Head of Department, the Director and the external examiners.

Following the Final Exam Board, the Royal College of Art (RCA) are sent the conferment listing for final approval, certificates are then signed by the RCA.