

Bridging Course 2010

The Bridging Course is aimed at students who show potential but did not meet The Open Window's selection criteria and who need to develop certain primary visual communication skills in order to reach the required entry-level skills.

Students will be guided to understand and utilise the English language, research skills, selected media and creativity.

Students who pass the Bridging Course may apply for selection at the end of the course.

COMPONENTS OF THE COURSE

A: Language/communication/literacy

- English comprehension
- Sentence, paragraph structuring
- Mind mapping and idea hierarchy
- Paraphrasing: Putting it into your own words
- Tools/aids in writing: Microsoft Word
- Compulsory reading list

B: Research

- Basic academic research methodology
- Basic applied research methodology
- Problem identification>focus>formulation>viability
- Problem statement>introduction>discussion>conclusion

C: Visual communication literacy

- Drawing skills: Observation and media sensitivity
- 3D creation: Additive and subtractive modelling
- Creativity skills: workshop
- Visual interpretation skills: workshop

D: Computer literacy

- Computer principles: DPI, LPI, scanning, etc.
- CorelDRAW and basic layout
- Microsoft Office

DURATION

The course will run over one academic year and each quarter/term will deal with a specific theme (Language, Research, Creativity and Computer Literacy)

Students will attend a 2-hour class in each component once a week

Classes have been scheduled as follows:

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| • Friday 09:00-11:00 | Drawing | Studio 8 |
| • Friday 11:00-13:00 | Other component | Studio 2 |

COSTS

All components (4 modules, 2 subjects):	R17 400
Drawing only (4 modules, 1 subject):	R 8 700

Registration fee: R1500 (deducted from course fees)