

Course Information Sheet

Still Life Beginners

AH09E11A



Venue 📍 Hyde Park House	Start Date	16 Sept 2024 10:00
	End Date	3 Feb 2025 13:00
	Fee	Full Fee £162 Concession £41
	Materials	£0

[OCSW AH09E11A Still Life Beginners \(oncoursesouthwest.co.uk\)](https://oncoursesouthwest.co.uk)

Capture the beauty of everyday objects! Learn still life drawing and painting techniques in a fun and supportive environment.

Course Description:

Have you ever admired stunning still life artworks and wished you could create them yourself? This engaging 18-week course, Still Life Beginners, is your gateway to mastering the art of still life! No prior experience necessary! Explore the fundamentals of still life creation, from composition and lighting to drawing and painting techniques. Learn to see everyday objects in a new light and translate their form and essence onto your canvas or paper. Through interactive demonstrations, guided exercises, and personalised feedback, you'll gain the confidence and skills to bring still life to life! Join us and embark on a creative journey of observation and artistic expression.

What will I learn?

- **Weeks 1-4:** Introduction to Still Life - Discover the history and genre of still life, explore composition techniques (rule of thirds, negative space), and practise basic drawing skills for still life.
- **Weeks 5-8:** Drawing & Shading Techniques - Master essential drawing techniques for still life, focusing on line drawing, light and shadow techniques, and capturing form and volume. Explore different drawing materials like charcoal and pencils.
- **Weeks 9-12:** Colour Theory & Mixing - Delve into the world of colour theory, learn how to mix colours effectively, and explore basic colour palettes for still life painting. Choose your preferred painting medium (acrylics, watercolours, etc.).

- **Weeks 13-16:** Painting Techniques - Learn essential painting techniques for still life, focusing on washes, textures, blending, and capturing light and shadow with paint.
- **Weeks 17-18:** Putting it All Together & Beyond - Create a final still life composition showcasing your learned skills and artistic vision. Explore resources for continuous learning and delve deeper into specific still life techniques.

How will I be assessed?

- **Formative:** Weekly exercises, practice assignments, and peer feedback sessions will allow you to experiment with techniques, receive constructive criticism, and refine your skills.
- **Summative:** A final still life artwork (drawing or painting) demonstrating your understanding of composition, light and shadow, colour theory, and personal artistic expression.

Who is this course for?

This course is open to anyone with a desire to learn still life drawing and painting, regardless of prior experience.

Who is your target audience?

This course is designed for learners hoping to develop their still life creation skills from scratch. It caters to those who want to explore the fundamentals of composition, drawing and painting techniques for still life, learn to observe objects with an artist's eye, and gain the confidence to create their own still life artworks.

Progression Opportunities:

After completing this course, you can delve deeper into specific still life techniques (e.g., hyperrealism, trompe-l'œil) or explore other art forms that benefit from observational skills (e.g., portraiture, botanical drawing). Consider pursuing further studies in fine art programs offered by universities across the UK.

Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:

This course can be a stepping stone towards various creative careers, such as:

- Fine Artist (selling still life artworks)
- Art Therapist
- Illustrator (incorporating still life elements)
- Set Designer (creating realistic still life props)

How do I enrol?

If you are paying the full fee, the quickest way to enrol is online at www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk, simply create an account and select enrol now. Alternatively, you will need to speak to one of our customer service team on 01752 660713.

How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

