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Welcome to KLC School of Design

London’s leading independent interior design school
Where passion meets profession

Here at KLC, our students are more than just a name on a register. Founded almost 40 years ago by Principal Jenny Gibbs, KLC School of Design has dedicated itself to offering interior design courses which develop the creative potential of every student and prepare them for the industry.

We want to help you understand what it really means to be a designer and we pride ourselves on delivering our training programmes through exciting and innovative methods; intended to spark excitement and to inspire students to reach for excellence.

All of our qualification courses include extensive training on the latest computer aided design programmes, as well as teaching core skills such as traditional hand-drafting; so that students can effectively and professionally communicate their design ideas in a variety of mediums.

Our tutors are trained educators and practising professionals, with first-hand knowledge of working in the industry – giving students access to a wealth of knowledge both inside and outside the studio environment.

KLC’s relationship with the London design industry is second to none; as evidenced by our impressive employment track record, our extensive work experience opportunities and our array of visiting guest lecturers. Not to mention the exclusive design competitions on offer to our students.

University of Brighton
Since 2010, KLC School of Design has had a formal partnership with the University of Brighton. The University validates our Diploma HE and BA (Hons) Degree courses and we enjoy a close relationship with this prestigious university; working together to ensure we are delivering the highest standard of design education.

OfS
KLC is registered with the Office for Students (OfS) which is an independent public body who regulate English higher education provider on behalf of all students and who report to the UK Parliament through the Department of Education (DfE).

Validated by
University of Brighton
Student employability is a major priority for the School. It seeks to meet local, national and international needs and make a major contribution to the development of qualified designers through the provision of highly vocational, skills-focused programmes. This approach manifests itself throughout all curricula and includes provision for case studies, industry placements and visits. Industry specialists, acting as module tutors, also use their current work as live briefs for studio activities. This approach to student employability is appreciated by both employers and students.

QAA Report June 2018

QAA Educational Oversight
KLC is subject to regular review and annual monitoring by the UK Quality Assurance Agency, which demonstrates that we meet expectations in setting and maintaining academic quality and standards, enhance the quality of student learning opportunities and information about learning opportunities.

1. KLC is based on the 5th Floor of Design Centre East, Chelsea Harbour, Europe’s largest centre for the interior design industry.
2–4. Previous winning designs from competitions held with Lombok, Porta Romana and Crucial Trading.
Studying in London

Based in Chelsea Harbour, south west London, KLC School of Design is located right in the heart of London’s design district and is an active member of the surrounding interior design community. We’re housed in the Design Centre, a stone’s throw from the Kings Road and a short bus ride from Sloane Square and Pimlico Road.

There’s design inspiration to be found in every nook and cranny of this bustling and dynamic city; with museums, galleries, installations and pop-ups waiting to be explored.

London is a hugely exciting city to live in and students here benefit from endless opportunities to have fun! With over 7000 bars and pubs, 5000 restaurants, 350 live music venues, 100 cinemas and 100 parks for those all-important summer barbeques, studying in the nation’s capital will leave you with memories to last a lifetime!
KLC is a leading career-focused interior design school offering unrivalled teaching, welfare and careers support

Students and staff alike enjoy the friendly, welcoming, professional studio atmosphere which the school actively promotes.

The student to tutor ratio is kept deliberately low to ensure that we really get to know who we’re teaching and we provide a much higher percentage of tutor-directed learning than any other college of University.

Our lecturers genuinely care about students succeeding and our holistic Student Welfare services are available for anyone experiencing any particular difficulties during their time with us.

Welfare is at the heart of KLC’s vision and values

Emotional stress can have a big impact on academic success. At KLC, welfare is integral to our holistic teaching approach.

We recognise the need for pastoral (non-academic) support for all students. This is especially important for overseas students and those new to London, who are adapting to a different culture and living environment.

The Welfare Department provides one to one, non-judgemental and confidential information. We offer advice and guidance to students on a range of personal and course-related concerns.

KLC offers a long-established and proactive careers service, which is an integral part of studying at KLC

The end goal of our training is to secure work in the industry for our graduates and we actively facilitate this.

Throughout your studies, you will be educated on CV preparation, portfolio presentation and professional practice with access to our very busy KLC Online Jobs Forum once you graduate.

For onsite courses, work shadowing is organised for students during holiday breaks and, for online courses, we would connect you to any local KLC alumni (if available) and provide guidance on how to proactively approach local interior design or architecture firms in your respective area of job search wherever possible.

Students are offered 1-2-1 career sessions throughout their course and on graduation, KLC helps graduates find paid internships, job placements and freelance appointments utilising our end of year onsite and online KLC Exhibition/Graduate show and Online Jobs Forum. Great care is taken to match the student's aspirations and abilities with a suitable practice, wherever possible.

Employers appreciate the way that KLC graduates have been effectively prepared for entry into the industry with practical and commercial knowledge combined with design skills and nurtured creativity. Consequently KLC graduates are now working in a broad and prestigious range of design companies and there is a history of graduate successes.

KLC keeps in close contact with past students worldwide through the KLC Alumni Association and offers life-long careers advice.
The Diploma of Higher Education in Interior Design is a specialised vocational qualification, designed to make its students highly employable and industry-ready interior designers.

This Level 5 course immerses students in professional and inspirational design training for the residential and commercial sectors, and is attainable through full time or part time study.
Course Modules
• Design Process and Application
• Design Representation and Communication
• Materials and Processes
• Professional Practice
• Historical and Critical Studies
• Final Design Project

1. Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disablety (RHN) Group Project by Long View
2. ‘Long View’ Diploma Group celebrating their award win at the 2019 Architects for Health Competition
Full Time / Part Time Diploma HE Interior Design

Favoured by career changers, this rigorous course equips students with the array of creative and professional skills needed to gain employment within the design industry.

Full Time Diploma HE
Course Starts
September & January
Duration
One year (3 terms)

Part Time Diploma HE
Course Starts
September
Duration
Two years (6 terms)

Entry Requirements
Prior degree in any subject. Mature students with work experience also considered, subject to completion of KLC Preparatory Course. IELTS score of 6.5 or above (if required)

Progression
BA (Hons) Interior Design
(Final year – Level 6)

Key Skills
• Design Development and Evaluation
• Evolution of Style
• Materials, Finishes and Technology
• 2D & 3D Visual Communication Techniques
• SketchUp, AutoCAD, Photoshop, InDesign, EstiPC
• Ergonomics & Proxemics
• Lighting Design
• Building Construction
• Professional Practice

Course Leader
Ruth Casserly

Studying on the Full Time Diploma HE course gives you unprecedented access to design companies and professionals throughout the year, with regular inspirational guest lecturers, industry panel discussions, lunchtime talks from various design companies and a live group project.

Working closely with our unique Careers Service, students are also given the opportunity for integrated work experience during term breaks and plenty of help with finding employment after they graduate.

As with all of our full time courses, unrivalled levels of tutor interaction are available; the tutors work with their groups every day and we keep the student/tutor ratio deliberately low in order to ensure full support throughout.

Great reasons to apply
• As a professionally recognised course, graduates of the Diploma HE Interior Design are eligible to progress to the BA Hons Interior Design Level 6 with just one extra year of top-up study.
• You will explore residential, commercial and hospitality design through reality-based projects with unprecedented access to design companies and professionals throughout the year.
• You will get involved in projects, involving charities, local communities and commercial organisations. Previous collaborations have included Andrew Martin, Tom Faulkner, George Smith, Chesneys and the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability.
• Life-time support from KLC’s career team that includes: CV and portfolio advice, 1-2-1 career sessions, facilitation to graduate job placements and exclusive access to the industry-connected KLC online Jobs Forum.
Full Time or Part Time?
The Diploma of Higher Education combines a mix of on site learning which includes team work, individual tutorials, site visits, lectures and workshops supported by online study materials, resources and student forum.

The Full Time Diploma HE course is a completely immersive experience which can make you industry-ready in just one year with no distractions and a singular focus.

The Part Time Diploma HE course over two years offers the flexibility of studying alongside other family or work commitments. This study method follows the same curriculum as Full Time study, but the gentler pace allows more of your own ‘thinking-time’ and can provide further opportunities for extra holiday work placements between terms in year two.

My experience has been both challenging and rewarding, trying to get to grips with the wide variety of skill sets that we are being taught. All the tutors have been extremely supportive throughout the course and have made the time to help me when I have needed their guidance.

Elinor Pitt, Alumni

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Helen Mackay, Alumni

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Paul Langston, Alumni
BA (Hons) Degree Interior Design

This supportive course aims to nurture, develop and equip you with a broad range of interior design skills and professional practice. You will learn to collaborate with your tutors and peers on compelling projects made possible by KLC’s extensive industry and community links.

As the course progresses, you will gain self-confidence and a real sense that design is a tool for social change and ethical innovation. Upon graduating, you will be industry-ready for commercial or residential design with life-long support from KLC’s successful careers team.
In Levels 4 and 5 you will gain core skills, learning all aspects of the design process relating to both residential and commercial design.

**Level 4 & 5 Course Modules**
- Thinking for Design
- Visualisation for Design
- Professional Practice I and II
- Interior Design Theory
- Design Evolution & Trends
- Digital Tools
- Space and Form
- Materials and Processes
- Commercial Design
- Advanced Technical Communication
- Final Major Project

In Level 6 you will study to complete a full Bachelors qualification, as well as broadening your understanding of commercial design.

**Level 6 Course Modules**
- Historical and Critical Studies
- Construction, Technology and Environment
- Professional Practice and Business Administration
- Design – Brief, Concept and Development
- Design – Synthesis and Resolution
Gone are the days of nodding off in the back row of the lecture theatre – the BA (Hons) Degree course has been intentionally formulated to spark imagination, encourage debate and ignite curiosity!

Design theory and skills are imparted through active learning experiences, such as hands-on workshops, group seminars, inspirational visits and debates.

The first two years of this course contain many more workshops and 1-2-1 sessions with tutors than a standard university course, providing students with a supportive, creative and motivational atmosphere, intended to help you transform into accomplished and confident designer upon graduation.

Course Leader – Levels 4 & 5

“I can’t wait to watch the students’ faces as they begin to realise the extent of fun we have in store for them – from our fantastic days out, to hands on workshops and hanging out with guest industry designers discussing project development. From a teaching perspective, I’m so excited that we’re pushing design education techniques into the 21st century. Learning should be instinctive, fun and inspiring and I truly believe we’ve designed one of the best courses out there.”

Rachael White

Course Leader – Levels 4 & 5

Full Time BA (Hons) Interior Design
For students who are looking for a different learning experience, the Full Time BA (Hons) Degree takes you out of the classroom and into the heart of the industry.

Course Starts
September

Duration
Three years full-time

Entry Requirements
5 GCSE’s at grade C or above A-Levels or Equivalent 96 to 112 UCAS points IELTS score of 6.5 or above (if needed)

Level 5 Entry
It is also possible for those who have already studied in Higher Education to join the course for the second year (Level 5) or final year (Level 6) if they meet the level entry requirements – call us for more information.

Key Skills – Level 4&5
• Interior Design Theory & Principles
• Technical & Freehand Drawing
• One & Two Point Perspective Drawing
• Lighting & Technology
• SketchUp, AutoCAD, Photoshop, InDesign, EstiPC
• Accessibility & Inclusive Design
• Professional Practice
• Portfolio & Presentations

Course Leader – Levels 4 & 5

Rachael White

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This immersive, industry-focused final year builds on your existing design knowledge to broaden and deepen your skills, truly preparing them to work within the commercial design sector.

During this level 6 programme, students will follow a careful constructed series of lectures and seminars given by industry professional design consultants.

All final year projects are based on real sites within London, with challenging yet rewarding project briefs. Students studying full time can expect to receive extensive tutor support and personalised supervision throughout.

This course is one of the few in the UK to have adopted the use of Revit software – fast becoming the industry standard of tomorrow.

Course Leader – Levels 6
“The BA (Hons) – Level 6 tutor team is committed to providing the highest level of education necessary to practice and succeed in the profession. The KLC BA course provides a unique, current, diverse and engaging learning experience, preparing students for careers in larger commercial agencies and the international arena.”

Sam Butterfield
Course Leader – Level 6

Key Skills – Level 6
• Commercial Design
• Ethical Design in the Built Environment
• Sustainability
• Materials Selection
• Accessibility and Inclusive Design
• Revit, Photoshop, InDesign, EstiPC
• Professional Practice
• Portfolio & Presentations

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Students from all over the UK, and the world, can now take advantage of the industry-recommended and validated design training which KLC offers, without having to move to London! After enrolment you are divided into time zone groups for ease of communication and can look forward to regular contact with your tutors. Skills are taught through pre-recorded video lectures, lesson notes are uploaded weekly and each group enjoys a fortnightly live webinar, which brings everyone together for a chat and a debate about design!

The online ‘Coffee Shop’ forums also give students a space to collaborate, ask questions and share ideas. Balancing your commitments and your study time has never been so simple, with this flexible, affordable route to a degree.

KLC has been pioneering digital and online teaching for over 17 years and at the 2017 Independent Higher Education Awards KLC won two accolades for “Innovation in Digital Teaching and Learning” and “Breakthrough in Course Design and Delivery”.

Course Leader – Levels 4 & 5
Marianna Velissaropoulou

Course Leader – Levels 4 & 5

“The beauty of this flexible course is the opportunity it gives students to manage existing work and family commitments, while embarking on a creative journey towards their new career in interior design. What excites me the most is the enjoyment students take from collaborating online: structured, timetabled and inspiring activities, small group sizes and live interaction make the course fun, with peer support and engagement being what students themselves say is best about this course. After all, online learning and teaching is the future of education and KLC’s Online Foundation Degree is leading the way!”

Marianna Velissaropoulou
Course Leader – Levels 4 & 5

Online BA (Hons) Interior Design
With KLC's award winning, state-of-the-art virtual learning environment, gaining an interior design degree has now become a reality.

Course Starts
September

Duration
Five years part-time

Entry Requirements
5 GCSE’s at grade C or above 96 to 112 UCAS points

Level 5 Entry
It is also possible for those who have already studied in Higher Education to join the course for the second year (Level 5) or final year (Level 6) if they meet the level entry requirements – call us for more information.

Key Skills – Levels 4 & 5
- Interior Design Theory & Principles
- Technical & Freehand Drawing
- One & Two Point Perspective Drawing
- Lighting & Technology
- SketchUp, AutoCAD, Photoshop, InDesign, EstiPC
- Accessibility & Inclusive Design
- Professional Practice
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Course Leader – Levels 4 & 5
Marianna Velissaropoulou
When you commence your level 6 study you be able to further develop your design skills, acquire Revit competence and be able to generate and communicate innovative design solutions of higher standards while enhancing your lateral thinking and gaining a clearer and deeper understanding of the industry requirements to take your design skills to a higher level.

The course is taught completely online using VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) platforms that are specifically designed to enhance your learning experience and create an online community between your tutors and peers.

Online lectures, seminars, workshops, documents, and forums will allow you to gain the appropriate information and knowledge while being in touch with your tutors and receive regular feedback and personalised supervision.

The program of the regular synchronous activities e.g. online seminars or tutorial sessions will be available at the beginning of each term, so you will have plenty of time to arrange your commitments and join the online platform. All other academic material will be available via the online learning platform’s timetabled curriculum, while you can get in touch with your peers and tutors using the online forums.

The design briefs have a commercial character and vary in function and complexity allowing the development of your lateral thinking ability and to gain experience in a variety of brief complications and industry requirements.

Course Leader – Level 6

“As with Level 4 and Level 5, the Level 6 studies with the Online BA (Hons) give you a great deal of flexibility to fit the course around your personal commitments. However, at this level of your studies, you have the opportunity to explore the more complex subjects in depth and more independently, working on the projects across terms yet still within the supportive online environment.”

Audrey Bardwell
Course Leader – Level 6

The thing that concerned me most about the online course was my ‘expectation’ of feeling isolated and this has definitely not been the case. The combination of the coffee shop forums, the seminars etc. makes me feel very much a part of the group. I like the way the portfolios have open access, so as with a classroom environment you can see your classmates work.

Martin Nealon, Student

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Course Leader – Level 6

Audrey Bardwell

1. Render created with SketchUp and Photoshop
2. Render created with Photoshop
How to Apply

If you’ve decided that you want to study with KLC School of Design, then we’d love to hear from you! Get in touch with our Admissions team and they’ll get the ball rolling with your application.

+44 (0)20 7376 3377  info@klc.co.uk
01. Give us a call
Our experienced Course Advisors are on hand to guide you through our variety of courses if you’re unsure which is best for you. They’ll recommend the best options suited to meet your educational needs.

02. Attend an Open Day
Come and get a feel for the school at one of our regular Open Days. There’ll be student project work on display, tutors and graduates to chat with and a detailed presentation about the different course options.

03. Choose your course
We offer a qualification level and study method to suit everyone. If you meet the entry requirements, it is also possible to join the BA Hons Degree midway through at either Level 5 or Level 6. We are happy to explore which option would be right for you.

04. Interview
Call and book your interview appointment with the Admission team. They’ll explain what the process is, who you’ll be meeting with and send you the relevant paperwork to complete.

05. Offer
If you are successful and we decide to make an offer of a place on the course, the Admissions team will contact you within three working days. Sometimes you may need to provide additional evidence to support your application, but we’ll let you know if that’s the case.

06. Enrolment
KLC courses are filled on a first come, first served basis, so we strongly advise that you return your enrolment forms and deposit as soon as possible to secure your place.

Further information
For more information on other courses which KLC offer, or to receive details on funding, student visas and accommodation, please contact the Admissions team on info@klc.co.uk
Whether you’re visiting us for an Open Day, attending an interview or just want to pop in for a chat, we’d love to welcome you to our school.

**By Train**
Imperial Wharf station is a two minute walk from the school, where you can catch the train or the Overground towards Clapham Junction, or Stratford.

**By Tube**
Fulham Broadway tube station is about 10–15 minutes away and the route is relatively simple.

**By Bus**
The C3 route from Clapham Junction to Earls Court stops right outside our building.

**By Car**
Enter to Chelsea Harbour Drive is only available via Lots Road due to barriers. There is a public pay and display carpark underneath the Design Centre, which charges £2.70 per hour or £32.40 for a full day (12 hours) of parking.

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