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A comprehensive handbook for any art, design or media student, or for those thinking about pursuing studies in this area. This accessible guide is designed for continuing use as the student prepares for and undertakes any HE A, D & M course. From choosing a course, to assessment criteria to graduate life, this book will break down the university experience for this group, providing the answers that they really need. The book will be split into two sections, the first part providing the study information that art, design and media students require and the second looking at the key concerns of specialist media such as animation, photography and 3D design. The guide will address key concepts from the particular perspective of the specialist undergraduate student in managing practical and written projects; including approaches to information gathering, exploration of ideas, and development of creative solutions to problems, presentation of work, and essay and report writing. Study Skills for Art, Design, and Media Students provides essential and practical information of what you need to know to study successfully and prepare for a career within the creative and cultural industries.

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