

COURSE TITLE	OIL PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS PLUS
COURSE CODE	EC2502057
TUTOR	BENAT OLABERRIA
START DATE	20/01/2026
DAY & TIME	TUESDAYS, 6.30PM - 9.00PM
LEVEL	BEGINNERS +
LOCATION	BANKSIDE CAMPUS

DAILY BREAKDOWN

Date	Topics/ Skills covered
20 January 2026	Duo Chromatic Painting Starting with a simple still life set up students will focus on creating a sense of depth to their painting. In this twist on the usual tonal study, students will use warm and cool colours as well as darks and lights to see how this can give an added sense of space within an image.
27 January 2026	Still life full colour Students will be encouraged to think about colour and texture, using the full range of their colour palette and and to consider their application of paint. We will explore how these approaches can be used to give a sense of what an object both looks and feels like.
3 February 2026	Portrait using a Zorn Palette. Anders Zorn was known for his rich dark colours and beautifully rendered portraits and nudes. Students will stretch their colour mixing skills using a limited palette inspired by his work.
10 February 2026	Expressive portraits In this session students will create 4 portrait studies in quick succession, each using a different oil medium to alter the consistency of their paint. This is a fast paced session that encourages students to experiment with their style and try new ways of painting.
17 February 2026	Atmosphere Painting from photographs of a landscape of a Great Masters artwork, the students will focus in the mark making and techniques covered in the previous weeks to imbue their paintings with a strong atmosphere.
24 February 2026	Life painting: The body and understanding its inner structure. Looking at varied examples of life paintings and the use of tone, colour and mark-making to paint a convincing and exciting image. We will study the skeleton and muscles to understand the body and its movement. We will start with short poses to continue with a long pose.
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