



Illustrating the Animal Kingdom Short Course Further Information

This course is designed for students wishing to develop their skills in depicting animals. Through lectures, demonstrations and several engaging practical activities, you will have the opportunity to develop your skills in understanding animal forms and to depict them effectively in a number of different ways.

If you have a love of animals or are simply intrigued by them as a topic but have trouble depicting them or don't know where to start then this is the course for you. Sion will guide you through the subject in an informative and accessible way, encouraging you to experiment, whilst imparting technical and conceptual advice throughout.

The course will include the following specific content:

- Learning how to capture the basic structure of animals and birds through drawing
- Use collage to explore animal form and structure
- How to achieve a sense of life and movement even when working from photographic reference
- Explore a variety of illustrative approaches from naturalism to simple and fun stylisations
- Experiment with composition to create heightened drama, intimacy and emotion
- Draw from taxidermy specimens in the studio
- Visit a city farm and London Zoo to draw live animals
- Take inspiration from a wealth of animal, bird and aquatic illustrations past and present
- Explore different drawing and painting materials and techniques, including dip pen and ink, watercolour and collage
- One-to-one tuition and group discussions

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