



## Course Information

### BA (Hons) Design (Fashion Textiles)

<b>Subject:</b>	Arts & Design
<b>Type:</b>	HE
<b>Qualification level:</b>	6
<b>Duration:</b>	3 Years (FT)
<b>Division:</b>	Arts and Design
<b>Attendance:</b>	Full-time is usually 4 days per week. Studios are open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

<b>Location:</b>	Somerset College
<b>UCAS Code A:</b>	W221
<b>Mode of study:</b>	FT
<b>Mode of delivery:</b>	College-based
<b>Start date:</b>	September 2010
<b>How to apply:</b>	UCAS
<b>Awarding body:</b>	University of Plymouth

#### Who is this course for?

The BA (Hons) Design (Fashion Textiles) course is for those who want to build appropriate skills and develop their talent for the demanding and ever changing fashion textile industry. It is a hands-on course which explores the fundamentals of design with the aim of combining various techniques to create innovative textiles which dictate the fashioning of materials on the body.

#### Description

The first year is diagnostic so you can choose to combine your interest in fashion textiles with an exploration of fashion design, interior textiles or surface design. You can then opt to take your ideas through to garment and pattern making or concentrate exclusively on textile design. You will explore textiles ideas and fashion concepts, garments accessories etc. During the course you will:

- Gain a thorough insight into many aspects of textile development including printing, embroidery and embellishment, dyeing and mixed media textiles.
- Be encouraged to push the boundaries of how textiles are created and used on the body.
- Develop complementary skills in pattern cutting, draping on the stand and garment construction so you have an understanding of how materials work on the body.
- Work on live projects and have the opportunity to take up work placements that will give you first-hand experience of the industry.
- Develop digital design skills. You will be able to access our digital workshop which includes equipment for laser cutting, embroidery and fabric printing as well as the print room and

sewing room facilities. You will use photoshop and illustrator programmes for visual communications. • Have your own work and display space in spacious, well-equipped studios. • Be encouraged to enter competitions. • Complete a visual culture module that will underpin your studio work. • Enjoy study trips abroad and visits to trade fairs and exhibitions. • Focus on your own personal design statement in your final year, which will culminate in your collection being shown at the Somerset College Degree Show. You may also have the opportunity to show your designs during exhibitions in London. One of our students was awarded Young Designer of the Year at Clothes Show Live and another the Visionary Footwear Award. To download the course leaflet click here.

### Teaching and Assessment

Most of your time will be spent in the studios and workshops, although your practical work will be complemented by a lecture programme in Visual Culture during your first 2 years. Assessment is 100% coursework (no exams) and 30% of the marks are awarded in year 2, 70% of the marks are awarded in year 3 where your final Degree Show exhibition forms an essential part of assessment. The course is located in spacious, well-equipped design studios with access to a large sewing workshop containing a good selection of both standard and specialist machinery and digital design facilities. Each student has their own workspace comprising a work surface and a display area.

### Career Opportunities

A well-established advisory panel of successful and respected individuals from the fashion and textiles industry work with us to ensure that our course develops in line with this fast-moving and ever-changing sector. We have a successful record of students winning national competitions and graduating and starting careers in the industry which range from design, retail management, buying, and fashion promotion in companies such as Ted Baker, Courtaulds, Abercrombie and Fitch, Miss Selfridge, Next, Peacocks, New Look Design team, Fat Face and Pepe Jeans.

### Entry Requirements

Foundation Diploma Art and Design (Pass) or National Diploma Art and Design (MPP) or A Levels including Art or an art-based subject (min 160 points including 80 points at A2 level) or AVCE Double Award Arts and Design (min grade C) or Advanced New Diploma (120 points minimum) or Access Certificate Arts and Design. We also require students to have GCSE english at grade C (or equivalent). Students whose first language is not English will be required to attain IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Level 6 with a score of 5 or more in the writing test. Interviews: Will last approximately 25 minutes. Normally there are two interviewers. This is a valuable opportunity for you to show and discuss your work and demonstrate your personal skills. Your Portfolio: We expect to see a maximum of 45 pieces of work, including sketchbooks and slides or photographs of 3D work. Mature students without formal entry requirements are welcome to apply.



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### Cost

£3225 per year (for 2009/10) Fees for 2010/11 will be confirmed in March 2010

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