

# COURSE INFORMATION



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## BA (Hons) Fashion Design

<b>Subject:</b>	Art and Design
<b>Type:</b>	Bachelors Degree
<b>Course Code:</b>	ART206T/HM1
<b>Attendance:</b>	Full Time
<b>Location:</b>	Taunton
<b>How to apply:</b>	How to apply here
<b>Awarding body:</b>	The Open University

### Description

The catwalk, the models, the shows... the world of fashion is exhilarating, rewarding and hard work. This course can help you be a part of it, by taking you through the design process to produce catwalk-ready collections that showcase your talent and demonstrate your technical ability.

You'll cover everything from designing, garment construction including fashion drawing and illustration, style forecasting and marketing. From a broad skills base, the course allows focus into specialist areas into the final year including, menswear, sportswear and corsetry.

The course aims to provide our graduates with the wide-range of skills the fashion industry are looking for. It has an exciting mix of hands-on practical skills based in our spacious industry-style fashion workshop, with creative development through idea generation and innovative techniques with contemporary fabrics,

We may offer opportunities for residential trips in the UK and abroad as well as a variety of day trips. Previous cohorts have taken opportunities to embark on study visits to London, New York, Berlin and Paris among others.

Find an example of the course handbook here.

For more information about regulations and policies relevant to studying with the Open University please visit our Wider Information Set page.

### Teaching and Assessment

A range of study methods are used with an emphasis on using modern technology creatively to both research ideas and communicate completed products. You are encouraged to work to your strengths, and will be supported in developing these skills.

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The course is generally taught over 2.5 days a week with independent study expected through the remainder of the week. Communication between you and your tutor is key to our supportive ethos, with social networking and blogging being used to help you develop ideas, solve problems and submit work. Assessment is via practical projects, reports, essays and peer and professional evaluations.

### **Career Progression**

We work with a panel of well-respected people from within the fashion and textiles industry to ensure that our course stays relevant in an ever-changing industry. As a result, graduates have a very good success rate in securing employment upon completion of their studies.

Recent graduates have worked with employers including Courtaulds, Abercrombie and Fitch, Sassi Holford, Fat Face, Debenhams Fashion Design team, Ashley Isham, Miss Selfridge, Next, New Look Design Team, Peacock's buying team and Vivienne Westwood.

### **Entry Requirements**

Applicants require 80 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 Level) or equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MMP/Diploma - DM), or Pre-degree Access Diploma. Students also require 4 GCSEs at grade A\*-C (new grading system 9-4) including English and Maths or Equivalent Level 2 Literacy and Numeracy.

You will be asked to send a digital portfolio prior to interview. The portfolio must demonstrate your creative skills, subject knowledge and enthusiasm for study. We are looking for a maximum of 12 images that demonstrate a variety of skills research, design development, progressing through to final outcomes. These must include examples of drawing, sketchbooks, idea development, digital skills and finished pieces.

The nature of study at this level requires GCSE grade A\*-C (new grade system 9-4) in English and Maths or equivalent qualification. Under exceptional circumstances, a conditional offer may be made to a prospective learner to include an expectation of working towards GCSE Maths grade C or Level 2 Numeracy alongside completing the degree programme. Mature students who do not meet these formal entry requirements are welcome to apply, if they can evidence their commitment to the subject through previous experience.

Applicants with English as their second language must have minimum IELTS Level 6 or equivalent.