

# COURSE INFORMATION



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## BA (Hons) Fashion Design

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| <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.

During your course there may be 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](#).

Regulations for validated awards of The Open University and the Appendices can be found here.

### 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

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encouraged to work to your strengths, and will be supported in developing these skills. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year. 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 everchanging industry. As a result, previous graduates have had a very good success rate in securing employment upon completion of their studies.

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

### **Entry Requirements**

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points from a full Level 3 qualification• or an equivalent Edexcel qualification (Extended Diploma – MMP/Diploma – DM• or a Pre-degree Access Diploma• GCSE English

Mature applicants with relevant experience who do not have the stated entry requirements are encouraged to apply.

You will be asked to bring your portfolio to interview. For more details please visit the course page on our website.