

# COURSE INFORMATION



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## BA (Hons) Fashion Design Top-up

<b>Subject:</b>	Art and Design
<b>Type:</b>	Bachelors Degree
<b>Course Code:</b>	ART263T/HM1
<b>Attendance:</b>	Full Time
<b>Location:</b>	Taunton
<b>Awarding body:</b>	The Open University

### Description

The BA (Hons) top-up follows a modular structure and takes your learning and skills to a further level allowing your specialist skills to flourish towards the career you want. You will consider the wider cultural context to underpin your studio work and focus on your own personal design statement, culminating in your collection being shown at the End of Year Degree Show.

Students can also be offered national platforms to showcase their work to industry at events such as Graduate Fashion Week or New Designers in London.

The modules studied may include:

Context

Inspiration and Innovation

Resolution

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

100% coursework, including practical design solutions and written content exemplified through a dissertation.

### Career Progression

We work with a panel of well-respected people from within the fashion and textiles industry to ensure that our course keeps up-to-date with the expectations of an ever-changing industry. As a result, University Centre Somerset students have a great reputation for securing employment upon completion of their studies.

Recent graduates have gone on to jobs in design, retail management, buying and fashion promotion. They've 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. Others have progressed on to a postgraduate level studying an MA or PGCE.

### **Entry Requirements**

Applicants must have a Foundation Degree, HND or equivalent Level 5 qualification in an appropriate discipline. Students also require GCSE at grade A\*-C (new grading system 9-4) in 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.

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

Mature students who do not meet these formal entry requirements are welcome to apply, if they can evidence their interest in the field of study.