Credit

FASHION DESIGN - B.F.A.

College of the Arts

School of Fashion Design and Merchandising www.kent.edu/fashion

About This Program

The Fashion Design B.F.A. program offers a specialized curriculum, experienced faculty, and real-world opportunities to help you develop your creative talent and succeed in the fashion industry. Enroll now and take your design skills to the next level. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- Delivery:
- In person
- Location:
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers

- Fashion Designer
- Creative Director
- Illustrator
- · Product Developer
- Print Designer
- Technical Designer
- Textile Designer
- Product Development
- Knit Designer
- Knit Programmer
- Sourcing

Accreditation

National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students: Admission to this degree is selective. The B.F.A. degree requires applicants to have a minimum 2.750 overall Kent State GPA and the support of the Fashion Design faculty. To be considered for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, students must be enrolled in junior-level fashion design studio courses and need to submit a "Letter of Intent" and a "B.F.A. Proposal" by the established deadlines.

Transfer Students: Admission to the Fashion Design major requires a minimum 2.750 overall GPA based on minimum 24 credit hours of college-level coursework at an accredited institution. Those students meeting this GPA requirement but with fewer than 24 credit hours will be evaluated as new freshmen.

Students who do not meet the criteria for admission to the Fashion Design major may be eligible for admission to the Pre-Fashion Design and Merchandising non-degree major. In addition, students who do not meet the admission criteria may initiate the process for declaring the B.A. degree in Fashion Design after completing minimum 12 credit hours of non-developmental coursework at Kent State University and earning a minimum 2.750 overall GPA.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency unless they meet specific exceptions. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Program Requirements Major Requirements

course (30000 or 40000 level)

Title

Code

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requireme	nts (courses count in major GPA)	
FDM 10010	FASHION FUNDAMENTALS	3
FDM 10023	FASHION VISUALS	1
FDM 10024	FASHION VISUALS LABORATORY	2
FDM 10033	FASHION FABRICS	1
FDM 10034	FASHION FABRICS LABORATORY	2
FDM 10043	SUSTAINABLE FASHION THINKING	1
FDM 10044	SUSTAINABLE FASHION THINKING LABORATORY	2
FDM 10053	INTRODUCTION TO FASHION TECHNOLOGY	1
FDM 10054	INTRODUCTION TO FASHION TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY	2
FDM 15055	BASICS OF APPAREL CONSTRUCTION	3
FDM 20013	HISTORY OF COSTUME	3
FDM 20050	FASHION TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS	3
FDM 20121	FASHION DRAWING	3
FDM 20123	FASHION DESIGN CONCEPTS	3
FDM 20156	2-D FASHION DESIGN PRACTICE	3
FDM 20157	3-D FASHION DESIGN PRACTICE	3
FDM 35010	CONTEMPORARY FASHION DESIGNERS (WIC) ¹	3
FDM 40121	FASHION PORTFOLIO I	3
FDM 40122	FASHION PORTFOLIO II	3
FDM 40099	SENIOR FASHION DESIGN THESIS I (ELR)	6
FDM 40199	SENIOR FASHION DESIGN THESIS II (ELR)	3
FDM 45292	INTERNSHIP IN FASHION DESIGN (ELR)	3
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Any Art Studio	(ARTS) Upper-Division course (30000 or 40000 level)	
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¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

- ² Students are required to participate in a study away opportunity. Students must have a minimum 2.500 overall GPA to participate in this study away requirement. Choose from the following: FDM 30189; FDM 30190; FDM 30289; FDM 30290; FDM 35070; FDM 35080; FDM 35589; FDM 35689; FDM 35789; FDM 35889; FDM 35989; FDM 45392; FDM 45589; FDM 45590; OGE 10095.
- ³ Maximum 6 credit hours of FDM 45093 can be used as an Additional Major Elective. Maximum 6 credit hours from each non-Fashion Design and Merchandising (FDM) subject area can be used as an Additional Major Elective.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPAMinimum Overall GPA2.5002.500

- Participation in a study abroad/away experience
- Minimum 2.500 overall GPA required for internship
- Minimum 2.500 overall GPA required for study away

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

	Semester One		Credits
	ARTH 22006	ART HISTORY: ANCIENT TO MEDIEVAL ART (KFA)	3
1	FDM 10010	FASHION FUNDAMENTALS	3
	FDM 10023	FASHION VISUALS	1
	FDM 10024	FASHION VISUALS LABORATORY	2
	FDM 15055	BASICS OF APPAREL CONSTRUCTION	3
	UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
	Kent Core Requ	irement	3
		Credit Hours	16
	Semester Two		
	ARTH 22007	ART HISTORY: RENAISSANCE TO MODERN ART (KFA)	3
!	FDM 10033	FASHION FABRICS	1
!	FDM 10034	FASHION FABRICS LABORATORY	2
!	FDM 10043	SUSTAINABLE FASHION THINKING	1
i	FDM 10044	SUSTAINABLE FASHION THINKING LABORATORY	2
	FDM 10053	INTRODUCTION TO FASHION TECHNOLOGY	1
	FDM 10054	INTRODUCTION TO FASHION TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY	2
	MATH 10041	INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS (KMCR)	4
		Credit Hours	16
	Semester Three	2	
	ECON 22060	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (KSS)	3
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		Credit Hours	14
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	FDM 45292	INTERNSHIP IN FASHION DESIGN (ELR)	3
		Credit Hours	3
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!	FDM 40099	SENIOR FASHION DESIGN THESIS I (ELR)	6
!	FDM 40121	FASHION PORTFOLIO I	3
	Kent Core Req	uirement	3
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		Credit Hours	15
	Semester Eigh	t	
!	FDM 40122	FASHION PORTFOLIO II	3
!	FDM 40199	SENIOR FASHION DESIGN THESIS II (ELR)	3
	Additional Maj	or Elective	3
	Kent Core Req	uirement	3
		Credit Hours	12
		Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

Kent Core Requirements

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Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- 1. Understand the fashion industry, fashion markets, fashion products and services.
- 2. Demonstrate understanding of integrating conceptual, technical and production design knowledge and skills, leading to a synthesis of the design process from concept to production.
- 3. Apply knowledge and skills in the use of basic tools, techniques and processes sufficient to produce work from draft or specifications to finished product, including skills in portfolio preparation.
- 4. Articulate conceptual and critical thinking applicable to the fashion industry.
- 5. Employ research processes and practices employed in the fashion industry.
- 6. Articulate professionalism and communication skills in the appropriate creative industry.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Fashion Design integrates conceptual, technical and production design knowledge and skills, leading to a synthesis of the design process from concept to production. These processes include color, design and trend research; technical sketching and rendered illustration; pattern-making and garment construction; analysis of appropriate fit and fabric selection; best practices in sustainable methods and knowledge and the ability to communicate specifications for production using industry standards appropriate to specific markets.

The degree program prepares students for professional careers by developing technical competency, creative/independent problem solving and conceptual understanding necessary for the challenges of a career in the creative industries. Students develop portfolios for presentation at industry interviews and are prepared to be strongly competitive for any entry-level design position in the industry. In addition, students participate in a study abroad/away experience, which includes opportunities to study for a semester in New York City and Florence, Italy, as well as through collaborative partnership programs with the Paris American Academy, Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Regent's University in London.

The B.F.A. degree in Fashion Design engages students in a focused-study thesis project (collection development) as a capstone experience that results in submitting their collection for formal review by faculty and industry designer-critics, followed by public presentation in a fashion venue and completion of a thesis "magazine" (print collateral).