



# Foundation Degree Fashion

## OVERVIEW

The Foundation Degree in Fashion is a two year full-time course validated by Nottingham Trent University.

It intends to develop students' informed creativity alongside vocationally relevant knowledge and is aimed at students who wish to pursue a career in the creative fashion industries.

The course is mainly studio-based and will include studies in research, drawing and design, forecasting and trend prediction, drawing approaches, CAD (Computer Aided Design) for fashion, and historical and professional studies.

The course includes visits to seminars, exhibitions, companies and professional bodies.

## COURSE AIMS

- To provide specialised studies directly relevant to the pathways of fashion in which students intend to seek employment
- To help students develop all-round fashion skills and to produce a portfolio of work for either university applications or employment
- To provide flexibility, knowledge and motivation as a basis for future studies and career development
- To develop a range of skills and techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in professional working life
- To provide a Higher Education experience

## TOPICS OF STUDY

- Fashion Forecasting and Trend Prediction
- Fashion Visualisation and Design
- Approaches to Drawing Techniques
- CAD for Fashion
- Historical Referencing
- Professional Studies and Development
- Critical Study
- Final Project and Display

## COURSE EQUIPMENT

Students work in well-equipped dedicated fashion studios. The CAD suite has industry standard equipment and packages.

## ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment of all project work and assignments.

## WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE

All students will work on live projects with the fashion industry.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The hours of study include 18 hours of contact time each week with the course tutor. You will also be expected to do a minimum of 10 hours of private study every week.

This course will help you to develop the following skills:

- Managing and developing self
- Working with and relating to others
- Communicating
- Managing tasks and solving problems
- Applying numeracy
- Applying technology
- Applying design and creativity

Your studies will also include English Language support. All international students are expected to take advantage of this additional learning since it will support you while on programme and when making an application for further HE study.



## ENTRY CRITERIA

- EDEXCEL/BTEC National Diploma in Fashion or equivalent international qualification
- AVCE Advanced in Art and Design/'A' Levels or international qualification
- Applications from mature students with relevant work experience are welcome
- A good standard of English: IELTS 5.5 or equivalent is the minimum requirement (with no component less than 5.0).

## CAREERS

Students may wish to pursue a career in fashion design or related areas such as styling, buying etc.

## PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion of the course many students continue their studies at degree level with entry at year two or three, depending on the course and specialism. Many students progress onto the top-up degree in Design. This course is delivered at **ncn** and validated by Nottingham Trent University.

## GRADUATION

A Graduation Ceremony takes place for all successful students in the October of the final year, therefore students who start in September 2007 will attend the graduation in October 2009. The visa letter we prepare does take this event into account.

The Ceremony is held at a very prestigious building in the centre of Nottingham, The Albert Hall, and is attended by students with their families and friends, staff and honoured guests. Students receive their certificates on stage and wear graduation robes, and have the opportunity to enjoy some final time with friends and tutors – it really is a memorable occasion.



## STUDENT PROFILE

"The course is great at the moment. I've gained a lot of experience and we go to designer forums, it's all good! My favourite thing about the course is that we get to travel within the UK. We get to design clothes and learn about the things that designers have to do. At New College Nottingham, you've got loads of friendly students and staff."

**Mario Loftman, Jamaica**

## HOW TO APPLY

At **ncn** we can advise on individual applications and answer questions about the course you are interested in. Please contact us at the address below:

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