



Foundation Degree Fashion Interpretation & Practice

OVERVIEW

The Foundation Degree in Fashion Interpretation and Practice is a two year full-time course validated by Nottingham Trent University. It allows students to develop their creative potential and have confidence in their abilities, whilst experimenting with the relationship between 2D and 3D work.

COURSE AIMS

- To provide an educational foundation for creative and technical skills
- To encourage students to explore their own potential
- To provide flexibility, knowledge and skill as a basis for future development
- To allow students to develop their technical skills in a creative context, and a heightened awareness of current predicted market trends
- To encourage the development of personal skills
- To become familiar with and competent at using CAD (Computer Aided Design)

TOPICS OF STUDY

- Studio Practice
- Visual presentation
- Historical Referencing
- Professional Studies
- Modelling and Creative Cutting
- Cutting for Stretch
- CAD
- Critical Study
- Range Conception to Retail
- Project Proposal and Management
- Image Realisation and Development

COURSE EQUIPMENT

- Large spacious studios with cutting tables, design areas, and study areas
- Industrial standard machinery
- Dedicated Gerber CAD suite

ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment of all project work and assignments.

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE

At present students work on a live project for a theatre production.

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:

- Problem solving
- Working with others
- Developing self
- Numeracy
- Applying technology
- Applying design and creativity
- The ability to develop concepts

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 whilst 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 equivalent international qualification
- Work experience is valuable, but not essential as an entry requirement
- A good standard of English: IELTS 5.5 or equivalent is the minimum required (with no component less than 5.0).
- A working knowledge of IT.



CAREERS

- Career in the fashion industry leading to a key role of responsibility within the larger design function, relative to pattern or garment production, or design assistant
- CAD
- Self-employment

PROGRESSION

Progression to the third year of a related degree course. Many students progress to top-up courses to complete a degree; the required profile is usually a merit grade with a good portfolio of work.

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

"Fashion Design has been my dream job ever since I was 11 years old. Taking the HND Fashion Design course has been one of the first and biggest steps to fulfilling this dream. I am really enjoying every unit of this course. We are given the opportunity to visit exhibitions in other cities, as well as attend designer forums.

"So far, my challenges on this course have been overcome by perseverance and a lot of great assistance from my course tutors. They have been excellent in teaching me new skills as I have never done any 'hands on' art work before. I know that because of the knowledge I have gained, I am destined for a great career. My fellow students define the word encouragement. They are also very generous and helpful, especially those on my course. I don't think I would want to be anywhere else; **ncn** is the best educational choice for me.

"**ncn** has not only given me an opportunity to further my dream in fashion design, but also in the music sector. I love singing, so I was given the opportunity to do so at the International Student Showcase 2006 (pictured). It gave me an opportunity to publicise my talent and look for potential sponsors for an album I would like to release. I also made the garment I was wearing! I am having a lot of fun!"

Chipso Sibotshiwe, Zimbabwe

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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