

Fashion and Footwear

Creativity is important when you are studying fashion or footwear, but at Leicester College we believe the vocational experience of a course is equally crucial.

Our fashion courses enable you to learn about design, garment making, brand development, retail, import, export and marketing.



Previous learners have progressed into the West End, made costumes for plays and musicals, designed outfits for blockbuster movies or set up their own businesses.

Our footwear department enjoys strong links with industry, including successful partnerships with Clarks and Brantano. Learners can benefit from these links by taking part in live projects and competitions set by employers. Leicester College is an International School of Footwear, and you will be able to design and make your own shoes using industry-standard equipment.

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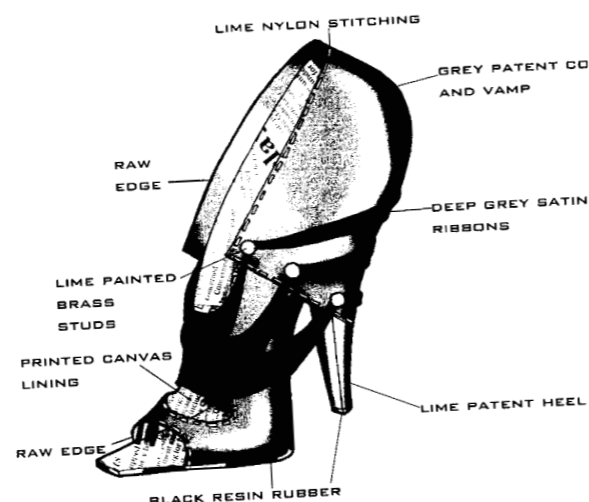
Nurein Jamal, Foundation Degree: Fashion Costume



Nurein had always had an interest in fashion, so after completing a degree in Architecture, she decided to follow up on this interest through enrolling on the Foundation Degree: Fashion Costume.

Nurein has gained work experience with George for ASDA resulting in her design being featured in the spring/summer 2011 collection and won the Leicester College Fashion Innovation Award for 2011. She wants to use her experience to start her own label in the future.

Nurein said: "The course is industry-based and very hands-on, I've learnt so much on the course, from the design to the making of costumes."



BTEC Level 2 Diploma: Art and Design (Fashion)

Location: St Margaret's Campus
Course Code: A9077
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

The course is for you if you are interested in studying towards a career in the fashion, textile and clothing industry. It is an access course for the level 3 Diploma in Fashion.

What does it involve?

It gives you a grounding in a wide variety of fashion-related skills and knowledge, including:

- fashion illustration
- marketing
- clothing technology
- pattern cutting
- production methods
- Functional Skills in English, maths and ICT.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Art and design related GCSE minimum grade D. English GCSE minimum grade D. An interest in art, design, fashion and textiles. A portfolio of work will be required for interview.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress to a BTEC level 3 Diploma in Fashion or Textiles, BTEC level 3 Diploma Art and Design, A levels or pursue a position in fashion retail work, or high street stores, for example in sales, production and marketing. Alternatively you could aim for employment in a range of fashion-related manufacturing industries.

What days and times will I be in College?

18 hours a week in College over 33 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

A portfolio of drawing and textile or practical work is required. Participation in trips that fall outside of the usual timetable.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma: Art and Design (Fashion)

Location: St Margaret's Campus
Course Code: A9027
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

This course is for you if you wish to further your education in a fashion specialism. You will build a portfolio of creative art work, written pieces and design and produce garments in preparation for Higher Education or employment.

What does it involve?

You will develop skills in a wide range of areas including:

- drawing development
- Computer Aided Design
- pattern cutting and garment manufacture
- fashion design and illustration
- fashion marketing
- Functional Skills in English, maths and ICT.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Four GCSEs at C grade or above, or a First Diploma in Design. Any knowledge gained through employment will be assessed and may provide evidence for entry to the course.

What can I do afterwards?

You can apply for a Higher Education course such as a Degree or Foundation Degree in a fashion specialism. Trainee/junior designer or buyer positions or a position in retail management.

What days and times will I be in College?

18 hours a week in College over 33 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

The course is intensive and requires full commitment to the exploration and development of creative thinking. There will be a number of trips that may be outside of the usual course timetable, eg market/trend research and fabric buying. There will be an opportunity to go on an overseas trip in the second year of the course.



Foundation Degree: Fashion Costume

Location: St Margaret's Campus
UCAS Code: L36 EJ24
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 5

What's it all about?

It is a creative and vocationally-relevant course equivalent to the first two years of a BA (Honours) Degree. It prepares you for career paths in fashion and costume industries.

What does it involve?

In year one you will cover academic practice, practical and creative. Contextual study is explored through a series of lectures and seminars. In addition, guest speakers support the fashion and costume industries module. Design projects are industry linked and specialist staff deliver production modules in our well-resourced workshop and studios. In Year Two you will produce a final collection and fashion show. To ensure currency with industry you will be required to complete an independently-sourced work placement.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What entry qualifications do I need?

GCSE English C or equivalent (without this you will be asked to complete a literacy test) and 80 UCAS points to include either: Art and Design Foundation, relevant Access to HE course, National Diploma/GNVQ level 3 in a relevant subject or A2 level in an Art and Design subject.

We welcome applications from adult learners, who do not match the standard entry requirements but who can demonstrate commitment to studying this subject at university level, and, who can evidence academic or vocational experience in a related field. International learners can send evidence of qualifications (IELTS 6), work experience, and portfolio electronically or by post. Following receipt of this work an interview by phone will be conducted.

What can I do afterwards?

You can "top up" by joining the final year of the BA (Honours) Fashion programme at Coventry University. You may also apply to other universities to "top up" on related degrees. Careers are varied and range from costume assistant for stage, TV and film, to freelance designer, cutter and maker.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours a week in College over 30 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Guest speakers share their experiences and an annual visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre expands your knowledge of costume production and related careers. A study residential abroad is scheduled. Application is made through UCAS. A portfolio is required at your interview.



Travel

How will you be travelling to College?
Find out about subsidised bus passes on page 7.



Foundation Degree: Footwear

Location: St Margaret's Campus
UCAS Code: D26 WJ74 G
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 5

What's it all about?

There is a strong focus on work-based learning and the course covers a broad spectrum of footwear industry-related topics.

What does it involve?

You will study modules in footwear fashion and design, production technology, footwear buying, supply and management skills, style prediction and marketing strategies, manufacturing technology, professional development and product design.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What entry qualifications do I need?

GCSE English C or equivalent (without this you will be asked to complete a literacy test) and a minimum of 80 UCAS points to include either:

- Art and Design Foundation
- relevant Access to HE course
- Level 3 (National Diploma or NVQ) award in a related subject
- at least one A2 level in a related subject.

We welcome applications from adult and international learners.

What can I do afterwards?

You can "top up" by joining the final year of the BA (Hons) Footwear Design Degree at De Montfort University. It may also be possible for you to apply to other universities to "top up" to other Footwear-related Degree programmes. This course allows you to progress within a global context into product development and design, footwear manufacturing and retail, quality control or footwear technology.

What days and times will I be in College?

15 hours a week in College over 30 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

A portfolio is required at your interview. You will be required to attend visits to industry and national exhibitions.



Apprenticeship: Apparel

Location: St Margaret's Campus/Workplace
Course Code: A7585
Course Length: One/Two Years
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

An Apprenticeship is a work based training programme which allows you to complement the skills you learn, develop and use within the workplace with knowledge gained via day release at College.

What does it involve?

On completion you will achieve:

- an NVQ in your chosen subject (NVQ level 2 for Apprenticeship)
- technical knowledge relevant to your occupation and level of work
- Functional skills in English and maths.

Are there exams?

No exam or test is required. You will need to compile a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates achievement of all the learning outcomes through work based observations and verbal questioning.

What entry qualifications do I need?

- Evidence of prior experience relevant to your proposed field of study, or
- The ability to study at level 2, or
- Agreed support from an employer or mentor with a demonstration of your commitment to learn.

What can I do afterwards?

On completion of an Apprenticeship you may wish to progress onto the Advanced Apprenticeship. This qualification will help you progress into new technical and managerial areas in the Textiles, Footwear and Fashion industries.

What days and times will I be in College?

Flexible day release programme.

Are there any other things I need to know?

You may be entitled to skills for life classes.



Advanced Apprenticeship: Apparel

Location: St Margaret's Campus/Workplace
Course Code: A7585
Course Length: One/Two Years
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

If you already have a career within the Fashion and Textiles industry an Advanced Apprenticeship offers the perfect course to gain skills and qualifications which are vital to your career.

What does it involve?

On completion you will achieve:

- an NVQ in your chosen subject (NVQ level 3 for Advanced Apprenticeship)
- Technical knowledge relevant to your occupation and level of work
- Functional skills in English and maths.

Are there exams?

No exam or test is required. You will need to compile a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates achievement of all the learning outcomes through work based observations and verbal questioning.

What entry qualifications do I need?

You should be employed in a suitable job role for at least 30 hours per week, and have been in that position for a minimum of three months,

- GCSE grades A to D in maths, English and one other academic subject, or
- at least one year's work record and references to demonstrate good all round attendance
- commitment and skill progression.

What can I do afterwards?

You may wish to progress onto level 4/5 full and part-time courses in fashion and textiles. This qualification will help you progress into new technical and managerial areas in the textiles, footwear and fashion industries.

What days and times will I be in College?

Flexible day release programme.

Are there any other things I need to know?

You may be entitled to skills for life classes.

Advanced Apprenticeship: Footwear and Leather

Location: St Margaret's Campus/Workplace
Course Code: A8065
Course Length: One/Two Years
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

If you are starting a career in the Footwear and Leather industry an Advanced Apprenticeship will provide skills, knowledge and understanding of all aspects of footwear production.

What does it involve?

On completion you will achieve:

- an NVQ in your chosen subject (NVQ level 3 for Advanced Apprenticeship)
- technical knowledge relevant to your occupation and level of work
- Functional skills in English and maths.

Are there exams?

No exam or test is required. You will need to compile a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates achievement of all the learning outcomes through work based observations and verbal questioning.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Advanced Apprenticeships are suitable if you have completed an Apprenticeship or if you have achieved appropriate GCSEs and are undertaking a wider range of work activities within your job role.

What can I do afterwards?

You may wish to progress onto level 4/5 full and part-time courses in fashion and textiles. This qualification will help you progress into new technical and managerial areas in the textiles, footwear and fashion industries.

What days and times will I be in College?

Flexible day release programme.

Are there any other things I need to know?

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College
Fashion Show

