

Fashion

Creative and vocational, our Foundation Degree will support your career in the world of fashion and costume. The programme explores the creative design process, from originating design ideas through to pattern cutting and production knowledge, allowing you to gain experience of making costumes and specialist fashion garments.

You will have opportunities to engage in industry placements and visit key employers. You will also have the chance to listen to specialist guest speakers and join in visits around the country, for example to the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford, as well as undertake a residential in Europe. Previous learners have progressed to the final year of a BA (Hons) Degree, or chosen employment in diverse areas including wardrobe departments or costume props departments for TV, Theatre or Stage.

Emma Dowsell, Foundation Degree: Fashion and Costume

Emma Dowsell was working as a full-time receptionist when she decided to enrol with us.

Emma said, "Taking this course is the furthest thing possible from what I was doing before, as I wanted to change careers and specialise in either fashion wear for the theatre or making bridal bodices.

"Since starting the course, I've been given the opportunity to work closely with industry. At the moment I'm making a dress for a Latin-style dance to be used in the Dupont Annual show, "An Evening of Dance" at De Montfort Hall, Leicester, which is fun and good experience."



Foundation Degree: Fashion and Costume*

*Subject to validation.

Launch your career in the world of fashion design and production with this course.

Associate College Course in
conjunction with

Coventry
University

What is this course about?

The course will prepare you for a career in making costumes and specialist fashion garments including corsetry and millinery.

In year one, you will develop design, illustration and presentation techniques. Modules include an introduction to millinery, creative surface embellishment techniques, historical and professional studies.

Year two involves specialist modules such as tailoring, corsetry and millinery, building a skills base to a professional level. The work placement module in year two enables you to experience the workplace of Theatre, TV or Fashion. The final module allows you to design, produce and present a collection which reflects your future progression and specialist pathway.

What do I need to start?

You will require a minimum of 80 UCAS points in one of the following, plus four GCSEs at grade C or above (preferably including English):

- an Art and Design Foundation course or relevant Access to HE course
 - National Diploma or GNVQ in a relevant subject
 - at least one A2 level in an Art and Design subject.
- You will need to bring a portfolio of work with you to the interview. For overseas and mature learners' entry requirements, please see the "How to Apply" pages.

How long is the course?

Two years, full-time.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is continuous throughout the year.

What is the fee?

In 2009 the fee for this course was £1,285. There may be an inflation-linked increase for 2010. Please call 0116 224 2240 for further information.

Who is the awarding body?

This Foundation Degree is awarded by Coventry University, subject to validation.

What else do I need to know?

Good drawing skills are required, as are research skills and an awareness of current and predicted fashion trends. Guest speakers are invited to the College to share their experiences and deliver specialist workshops. Industrial visits are arranged and you may also have the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to Europe. As this is a university course, it will require academic practice such as producing extended pieces of written work.

What can I progress to?

You may choose to apply to top-up the Foundation Degree to a full BA (Hons) Degree. You could also choose to work in various fields including theatre wardrobe or costume props departments for Stage, TV and Film, or seek employment within the broad specialist fashion markets such as bridal wear.

How do I apply?

Please apply to UCAS at www.ucas.com



Key Facts

UCAS Code
Course Starts
Course Ends
Location
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If you are interested in this course and would like more information please email info@leicestercollege.ac.uk or call 0116 224 2240 to speak to an adviser.

