

Footwear

Leicester College is an International School of Footwear and has strong links with industry. We work closely with retailers and manufacturers such as Clarks and Brantano; and have Associate Schools in Turkey, India and Japan.

Our courses will prepare you for an international career in footwear as we provide opportunities to design and make your own shoes using industry-standard equipment, participate in national competitions, and attend major European exhibitions in Paris, Dusseldorf, Florence or Bologna, as well as displaying your work in an end of year show. Previous learners have "topped-up" to a BA (Hons) Degree in Footwear, or chosen to launch their career in the wide world of footwear.



Chelsea and Toby Liu, Professional Development Diploma: Footwear

Chelsea and Toby Liu worked for the family shoe factory in Taiwan and came over to the UK to study the course after a friend's recommendation, and learn new skills for the family business. Since starting the course, Toby has learnt how to design and make shoes and found it particularly handy for learning pattern cutting techniques.

Chelsea said, "I've found the course interesting and challenging and I've learnt a lot. My graphic design skills have been useful as there are similarities with shoe design."

"I will use what I've learnt about advertising, marketing, costing and research, in the factory."



Foundation Degree: Footwear

Associate College Course in
conjunction with



Developed to suit the needs of industry, this course involves work placements, visiting lecturers, competitions and industry visits.

What is this course about?

The course has been written in conjunction with the footwear industry and is designed to address today's industry needs. It combines academic research with practical activity in a broad range of footwear disciplines. You will study modules including:

- Footwear Fashion and Design
- Production Technology
- Footwear Buying
- Supply and Management Skills
- Style Prediction and Marketing Strategies
- Product Design and Development.

What do I need to start?

You 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 in Footwear, Design and Technology or GNVQ Level 3 in Manufacturing or relevant subject
- at least one A2 level in an Art and Design subject
- an international qualification equivalent to the above.

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 through continuous practical and written assignments.

What is the fee?

In 2009 the fee for this course was £3,225. This is higher than the standard Leicester College fee, however you will be eligible to receive a bursary for this course. Please call 0116 224 2240 for further information.

Who is the awarding body?

This Foundation Degree is awarded by De Montfort University.

What else do I need to know?

The Footwear department has Associate Colleges in Japan, Turkey and India and usually attend one of the major European footwear exhibitions each year in Paris, Dusseldorf, Florence or Bologna. You will be expected to finance and participate in these trips. Guest speakers are invited into the College, and industrial visits are organised and you will have opportunities to take part in competitions.

What can I progress to?

You may choose to apply to progress onto the final year of the BA (Hons) in Footwear at De Montfort University, or any other suitable course. Alternatively you may choose to find work in a range of roles including product developer, trainee shoe buyer, quality controller or footwear technologist within a global context.

How do I apply?

Please apply to UCAS at www.ucas.com



Key Facts

UCAS Code L36 WJ74
Course Starts September
Course Ends June
Location St Margaret's Campus
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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.



Professional Development Diploma: Footwear

This international course provides intensive and professional footwear training through all stages of design through to the finished product.

What is this course about?

The Leicester College Footwear Programme area has over 100 years of history. This course develops your understanding of the global footwear economy, its future and the management skills needed to support it. The course is made up of three Professional Development qualifications:

- CAD/CAM
- Design
- Footwear Technology.

The course is unique in covering footwear fashion, design, pattern cutting, CAD, footwear materials and quality testing, quality control, footwear technology, practical shoemaking, costing, IT and management techniques. You will gain the skills and knowledge essential for the changing needs of the industry.

What do I need to start?

You 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 in Footwear, Design and Technology
 - GNVQ level 3 in Manufacturing or relevant subject
 - at least one A2 level in an Art and Design subject
 - an international qualification equivalent to the above.
- For overseas and mature learners' entry requirements, please see the "How to Apply" pages.

How long is the course?

One year, 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 £7,500. There may be an inflation-linked increase for 2010. Please call 0116 224 2240 for further information.

Who is the awarding body?

This Professional Development Diploma is awarded by Edexcel.

What else do I need to know?

This is a fast-track intensive course requiring attendance Monday to Friday, 25 hours per week. The Footwear department has Associate Colleges in Japan, Turkey and India and usually attends one of the major European footwear exhibitions each year in Paris, Dusseldorf, Florence or Bologna. You will be expected to finance and participate in these trips. Guest speakers are invited into the College to share their experience. Industrial visits are organised to enhance your learning.

What can I progress to?

You may choose to apply to progress onto the BA (Hons) Footwear Design Degree at De Montfort University. Alternatively you may choose to pursue a career in industry, in roles such as product developer, trainee shoe buyer, quality controller or footwear technologist within a global context.

How do I apply?

Please apply to Leicester College. Call 0116 224 2240 for further information.



Key Facts

Course Code A4960
Course Starts September
Course Ends June
Location St Margaret's Campus
See also... Footwear page 64

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