



Fashion

Laura came to Leicester College to take the Foundation Degree in Fashion Costume as a mature learner after having a baby. Having started an Art and Design course at aged 19, Laura then worked as an estate agent and then an account manager for a large utilities company. Having her son motivated her to go back to college to pursue her dream job as a fashion designer. She is now progressing well with the course and wants to "top-up" the qualification to degree level.

Laura said: "Having my son gave me a wake-up call. I love clothes, I'm quite artistic and I have good A level grades, but it took me a while to realise what I wanted to do.

"I wasn't sure I was going to be able to do it, but it's been brilliant and I feel a lot happier now."



Laura Thomas
Foundation Degree in
Fashion Costume.

Creativity should be a given when you are studying Fashion, but at Leicester College we believe the vocational aspect of a course is equally crucial.

You will develop both creative and vocational skills to equip you for working in the world of fashion and costume.

Previous learners have found employment in diverse areas including wardrobe departments or costume props departments for television, theatre or stage, or gone on to "top-up" to a full BA (Hons) Degree.

The Fashion department has excellent links with industry, and offers opportunities for learners to engage in industry placements and visit key employers.

Previous learners have worked with Asda's fashion label George on live briefs. The links with industry are reinforced with the use of guest speakers.

Being a breeding ground for creative thinking, a huge part of the Fashion department's culture is allowing you the freedom to let your imagination run wild.

Foundation Degree in Fashion Costume

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

Full-time

UCAS Code L36 WJ24
Course Starts September
Course Length Two years
Location St Margaret's Campus

You will complete four modules in year one. They 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 a greater sense of independent study is required with further development of your specialist skills culminating in a final collection and Fashion Show.

To ensure currency with industry you will be required to complete an independently sourced work placement.

What do I need to start?

GCSE English grade C or equivalent (without this you will be asked to complete a Literacy test) plus 80 UCAS points to include either:

- Art and Design Foundation
- a relevant Access to HE course
- National Diploma/NVQ level 3 in a relevant subject
- A2 level in an Art and Design subject.

A portfolio of work is required at interview.

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.

Overseas learners please see page 116.

How long is the course?

Two years, full-time.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is continuous throughout the course.

What is the fee?

The fee is currently under evaluation and yet to be confirmed. Please call 0116 224 2240 for the latest fee information.

Who is the awarding body?

Coventry University. Please see Associate Universities page 126.

What else do I need to know?

Guest speakers share their experience and industrial visits to the sector are arranged. An annual visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre expands your knowledge of costume production and related careers. A study residential to Florence is scheduled.

You will be required to attend trips and trade shows.

What can I do next?

You can "top-up" by joining the final year of the BA (Hons) 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. Opportunities also exist in the buying, marketing and retail sectors of the industry.

How do I apply?

Please apply to UCAS at www.ucas.com

