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Footwear

Leicester College is an International School of Footwear and has strong links with industry. Current learners are designing a range of shoes for Brantano and Clarks.

Our university level 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.

You will also participate in national competitions and learners will have the chance to visit at least one major international exhibition, including Paris, Dusseldorf, Florence and Bologna.

Previous learners have topped-up to a BA (Hons) Degree in Footwear, or launched their career in the wide world of footwear.

A career change from nursing to footwear design evolved for Henry Bwila from an interest in drawing shoes. People saw the drawings and told him they were good and that he should consider it as a career. Henry visited Leicester College and decided the Professional Development Diploma in Footwear was the course for him. He now studies full-time while working as a nurse at weekends on a contractual basis.

He said: "Since starting the course I've learnt new skills in Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing, embroidery, and in making shoes.

"Footwear design and development is something I've found I am quite good at and I'd like to start my own brand in the future."



Henry Bwila
 Professional Development Diploma
 Footwear Programme.

Foundation Degree in Footwear

This course has been written in conjunction with employers which ensures it addresses the needs of today's footwear industry.

Full-time

UCAS Code D26 WJ74
Course Starts September
Course Length Two years
Location St Margaret's Campus

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

You will study modules in:

- footwear fashion and design
- production technology
- footwear buying, supply and management skills
- style prediction
- marketing strategies
- manufacturing technology
- professional development and product design and development.

These are assessed through practical and written assignments. The course offers an opportunity to take part in competitions and live briefs.

The course is equivalent to the first two years of a BA (Hons) Degree and combines academic research with vocational practice in a range of footwear disciplines.

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
- relevant Access to HE course
- Level 3 (Nat Dip, NVQ) award in a related subject
- at least one A2 level in a related 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?

De Montfort University. Please see Associate Universities page 126.

What else do I need to know?

In previous years visits to trade shows in Paris, Dusseldorf and Florence have been arranged. Guest speakers are invited into College and this year visits to Lobb Bootmakers, Church and Co and the Northampton Shoe Museum have been organised.

What can I do next?

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.

How do I apply?

Please apply to UCAS at www.ucas.com



Professional Development Diploma Footwear Programme

This 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.

Full-time

UCAS Code A4960
Course Starts September
Course Length One year
Location St Margaret's Campus

The course is made up of three Professional Development qualifications in CAD/CAM, Design, and Footwear Technology and is a fast track intensive course.

The 15 units over the year provide professional updating, support career progression and provide the skills and knowledge essential for the changing needs of the industry.

The course is unique in covering:

- footwear fashion
- design
- pattern cutting
- CAD
- footwear materials
- quality testing and control
- footwear technology
- practical shoemaking
- costing
- management techniques.

What do I need to start?

You will need a minimum of four GCSE's at grade C or above, (including English) plus one of the following:

- successful completion of an Art and Design Foundation Studies or relevant Access to HE course
- National Diploma in Footwear, Design and Technology or NVQ level 3 in Manufacturing or relevant subject
- at least one 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?

One year, full-time.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is continuous throughout the year.

What is the fee?

£8,500.00

Who is the awarding body?

Edexcel.

What else do I need to know?

The programme area for Footwear has Associate Colleges in Japan, Turkey and India. The department usually attends one of the major European footwear exhibitions each year in Paris, Dusseldorf, Florence or Bologna; students are expected to finance and participate in these trips.

Market research and an awareness of trends and working patterns is crucial to your development. Guest speakers are invited into the college to share their experience and this year industrial visits to Lobb Bootmakers and the Northampton Shoe Museum have been organised.

What can I do next?

This course allows you to progress within a global context into footwear manufacturing and retail, to be a product developer, trainee shoe buyer, quality controller or footwear technologist.

How do I apply?

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

