

Fashion Level 3

What will happen in my first week?

Within your first week of Fashion your induction will include designing and making tasks as well as an introduction to sewing machines and other specialist technical machinery. You will meet your new tutors and begin to explore the world of Fashion.

Who will teach me?

You will have three course tutors. Charlotte Mack is head of Fashion course; she will be your personal tutor and lead your pattern cutting and fashion design lessons. Jamie Swift will be your styling and fashion photography tutor and he has a wealth of knowledge teaching at university level as well as college. Your final tutor is Sam Brady Davies who used to work as a designer in industry and she will teach you how to present work to industry standard.

Do I need to buy any equipment or kit?

USB memory stick (4Gb or above), Fabric shears (scissors), Paper Scissors, Basic sewing kit (including: Threads, tape measure, chalk, pins, needles, pin cushion, thread snips, seam ripper and marking pencil), Pattern master (Link to purchase https://www.morplan.com/gb_en/patternmaster-design-tool), Basic art Kit (including: Set of graphite pencils, watercolour pencils, Pencil Sharpener, Black fine-liners, Artists paint brushes).

A4 Sketchbook, A glue stick (i.e. Pritt Stick), Black ballpoint pen, Notepad, Ring binder with plastic wallets, Home sewing machine – Optional item, Home Mannequin – Optional item.

What can I look forward to in my first year?

Within your first year you will explore wide range of skills and processes associates with the different career roles in the Fashion industry. For example, you will work on LIVE project briefs, designing and creating garments for a fashion show held at IKEA in Warrington. You will go on to develop the digital skills required to produce styled outfits and produce your own fashion magazine.

We run an annual trip to London where you can experience many art galleries to enrich your creative knowledge. Finally, we also run trips to Staffordshire University and Manchester Fashion Institute.

What will my timetable look like?

You will be in college for 3 days a week plus you will have a study day where you will be expected to complete coursework and work on your projects.

Are there any books I need to buy or useful websites I should look at?

A number of specialist books and magazines are available through the Learning Resource Centre in college such as Vogue, Elle and Trend Forecast. You can buy Fashion magazines in advance of starting your course, the best of which are I-D and Dazed and begin to identify current trends and collections that you like as well as read about industry professionals that inspire you. In addition, you can explore Graduate Fashion week which has lots of videos and talks on becoming a creative student and working in the fashion industry. <https://www.graduatemodelweek.com/>

