

Fashion Design

The Fashion Design Program prepares students for careers in fashion design for the apparel industry. The curriculum stimulates creative expression in all aspects of fashion design, including fashion sketching, creative design, computer applications, draping, and pattern drafting. Students will understand the importance of communication and critical reasoning and the effect they have on this diversified and global industry. The program is structured to challenge and inspire students by incorporating artistic, technical, and theoretical elements into a realistic approach to the fashion design industry.



Fashion designs and sketches by Justin Green.



Associate of Arts FASHION DESIGN

DESN 1100	Fashion Sketching I	3
DESN 1250	Industry Sewing	3
DESN 1280	Fundamentals of Draping & Pattern Drafting	3
DESN 1550	Fashion Sketching for Design II	3
DESN 1700	Pattern Drafting Essentials with Studio	3
DESN 1820	Creative Draping I	3
DESN 1850	The Business of Fashion	3
DESN 2180	Creative Design Theory & Elements	3
DESN 2260	Pattern Drafting Procedures with Studio	3
DESN 2280	Creative Design Applications	3
DESN 2320	Creative Draping II	3
DESN 2530	Computer-Aided Fashion Design I	3
DESN 2540	Computer Pattern Drafting I	3
DESN 2680	Creative Design Analysis & Collection Development	3
DESN 2980	Portfolio Preparation & Presentation, <i>OR</i>	3
DESN 2685	Collection Brand Identity (with Dept. Chair approval)	3
DESN 2700	Collection Development with Studio	3
DESN 2780	Industry Pattern Drafting, <i>OR</i>	3
DESN 2785	Industry Production (with Dept. Chair approval), <i>OR</i>	3
DESN 2960	Chairing Styles (with Dept. Chair approval)	3
DESN 2830	Computer-Aided Fashion Design II	3
DESN 2840	Computer Pattern Drafting II	3
GNST 1040	English Composition	3
GNST 1170	History of Costume	3
GNST 1230	Color & Design Theory	3
GNST 1240	Textile Science for Fashion Design I	3
GNST 1600	Effective Speaking	3
GNST 1650	Critical Thinking	3
GNST 2020	Survey of Western Art I	3
GNST 2420	Survey of Western Art II	3
GNST 2960	American Political & Economic History	3
GNST 2980	Professional Practices	3
MFTG 2330	Computer Grading, Marking, & Cutting	3
	Total Units of Credit	90

Professional Designation FASHION DESIGN

DESN 1100	Fashion Sketching I	3
DESN 1250	Industry Sewing	3
DESN 1280	Fundamentals of Draping & Pattern Drafting	3
DESN 1550	Fashion Sketching for Design II	3
DESN 1700	Pattern Drafting Essentials with Studio	3
DESN 1820	Creative Draping I	3
DESN 1850	The Business of Fashion	3
DESN 2180	Creative Design Theory & Elements	3
DESN 2260	Pattern Drafting Procedures with Studio	3
DESN 2280	Creative Design Applications	3
DESN 2320	Creative Draping II	3
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DESN 2980	Portfolio Preparation & Presentation, <i>OR</i>	3
DESN 2685	Collection Brand Identity (with Dept. Chair approval)	3
DESN 2700	Collection Development with Studio	3
DESN 2840	Computer Pattern Drafting II, <i>OR</i>	3
DESN 2780	Industry Pattern Drafting, <i>OR</i>	3
DESN 2785	Industry Production (with Dept. Chair approval), <i>OR</i>	3
DESN 2960	Chairing Styles (with Dept. Chair approval)	3
DESN 2830	Computer-Aided Fashion Design II	3
GNST 1170	History of Costume	3
GNST 1230	Color & Design Theory	3
GNST 1240	Textile Science for Fashion Design I	3
GNST 2420	Survey of Western Art II	3
GNST 2980	Professional Practices	3
MFTG 2330	Computer Grading, Marking, & Cutting	3
	Total Units of Credit	72

At FIDM's Debut Fashion Show, a professional model struts the runway in Angelo Estrada's design.



Advanced Study Program

Fashion Design

The Advanced Study Program in Fashion Design develops specialized expertise in the student's individual area of study. The curriculum is structured to provide the opportunity to explore and analyze new ideas, and study industry-related principles of design and construction as well as to apply industry techniques.

Advanced Study FASHION DESIGN

DESN 3030	Fashion Design Special Projects	3
DESN 3100	Studio I	3
DESN 3180	Applied Pattern Drafting	6
DESN 3300	Studio II	6
DESN 3600	Studio III	6
DESN 3700	Studio Workshop	6
DESN 3750	Studio Lab	6
DESN 3930	Portfolio Development	3
MFTG 4700	Writing Business Plans	1
MFTG 4720	Professional Presentation for Fashion Designers	1
MFTG 4800	Advanced CAD Techniques	1
MMKT 2880	Marketing Essentials	3
Total Units of Credit		45

Advanced Fashion Design student Marina Tia receives a special award at FIDM's annual Debut Fashion Show.

Fashion Design by FIDM student Ashli Parker. Students in the Advanced Fashion Design Program unveil their designs at FIDM's annual Debut Fashion Show and Gala Event.

