

ADVANCED STUDY DEGREE PROGRAMS AT FIDM

Who is eligible to apply for an Associate of Arts (A.A.) Advanced Study Degree Program?

If you've already received your Associate of Arts (A.A.) Degree or your Associate of Arts Professional Designation (A.A.P.D.) Degree from FIDM and possess a 3.0 GPA (or higher), you are eligible to apply for an intensive Advanced Study Degree Program (45–48 units depending on major).* *Advanced Study Degree Programs are only offered once a year and are only open to FIDM Graduates.

Whether you're a new graduate or coming back to FIDM after working in the industry, an Advanced Study Degree will help set you apart from the competition.



FIDM OFFERS ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.) ADVANCED STUDY DEGREES IN:

FILM & TV COSTUME DESIGN • Learn how to analyze a script; conceptualize, illustrate, and create costumes for contemporary and period productions; source costumes and materials; and bring a character to life. FIDM Degree in Apparel Industry Management, Fashion Design, Merchandise Product Development, or Visual Communications required.

ENTERTAINMENT SET DESIGN & DECORATION • Learn the ins and outs of creating sets for movies, plays, and television from professional Production Designers, Set Decorators, and Directors. Intern at television shows such as *The Mentalist*, *Chuck*, and *Cougar Town*, and at local prop houses. FIDM Degree required.

FASHION DESIGN • Conceptualize, create, and present a cohesive fashion collection on the runway at DEBUT, the event that attracts almost 10,000 people, including industry leaders, over three days each year. FIDM Fashion Design Degree required.

MENSWEAR • Learn how to take a targeted collection from design and merchandise/marketing through delivery. Study tours to Central America, operations facilities, and design rooms offer first-hand experience and industry contacts. FIDM Degree in Apparel Industry Management, Fashion Design, or Merchandise Product Development required.

FOOTWEAR DESIGN • Learn to identify trends and understand all aspects of design and construction. Travel to Italy to meet footwear executives, tour factories, and find inspiration. FIDM Degree in Apparel Industry Management, Fashion Design, or Merchandise Product Development required.

INTERNATIONAL MANUFACTURING & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT • Prepare and present a Global Product Development strategy. Analyze trends, travel to Europe and Asia to gain advanced understanding of the international marketplace, and network with top companies. FIDM Degree in Apparel Industry Management, Fashion Design, or Merchandise Product Development required.

BEAUTY INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT • Learn how to manage a beauty brand from forecasting and analysis to product innovation, online marketing, and e-commerce with an emphasis on luxury branding and retail management. Study tour to San Francisco introduces students to top retailers. FIDM Degree in Beauty Industry Merchandising & Marketing or Merchandise Marketing with three required Beauty Industry courses.

THEATRE COSTUME DESIGN • Learn how to analyze a script, research historical costumes and décor, and design and construct costumes for theatre, film, video, and spectacle productions. Students in the program design a themed collection that is presented at the DEBUT Runway Show. FIDM Fashion Design Degree required.

TEXTILE PRODUCTION & DEVELOPMENT • Learn how to source textiles and materials to create marketable finished garments or products. Students in the program gain a global perspective on textile production and development, and study sustainability initiatives, innovative techniques, and trend design. FIDM degree in Apparel Industry Management, Fashion Design, Merchandise Marketing, Merchandise Product Development, or Textile Design required.

“My favorite things about FIDM were the instructors from industry teaching in a modern environment and knowing that I could develop my potential at a school with a great reputation in the industry.” – Film & TV Costume Design Graduate Michelle Liu, Motion Capture Key Costumer for *Alice in Wonderland* and Set Costume Designer for *Avatar*

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DID YOU KNOW?

FIDM also offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. If you're interested in running or launching a business, the Bachelor of Science program offers you the opportunity to further develop all the necessary advanced skills and knowledge, with real world instructors who are the best in the business. The Bachelor of Science Degree Program is open to qualified students who already have an A.A. degree from FIDM.

CAREERS AFTER FIDM

Graduates of FIDM's Advanced Study Degree Programs have started their own fashion, footwear, and interior design companies, worked on Hollywood TV and movie sets, and traveled the globe on behalf of major manufacturers and retailers.

Our Career Center has cultivated a database of 24,000 employer contacts nationwide with the singular goal of providing industry-related internships and employment for our students and graduates.



“The Advanced Study Degree Programs are fantastic choices for FIDM Graduates who are looking to take their careers to the next level. The programs are a unique opportunity to dive into a specialized field.”

- Mary Stephens,
Fashion Design Director

ADVANCED STUDY DEGREES GET RESULTS

“FIDM has been crucial in helping me find work right out of school. I feel like I have a personal agent and it's really wonderful.” - Theatre Costume Design Graduate Adrienne Young, Costume Supervisor for *35 & Ticking* and Animal Planet's *Virus Hunters*

“FIDM was like a light bulb moment for me. Wonderful mentors took me under their wings to help push my mind and skills and truly find out what I wanted to do for a career.” - Entertainment Set Design & Decoration Alumna Ali Matilla, Set Decorator, Disney TV's *Zeke & Luther*

“The International Manufacturing & Product Development Program really provides you with the fundamental knowledge, skills, and experiences that you can apply to any area within the industry.”

- International Manufacturing & Product Development Graduate Sky Liu, Production Manager, Toys for The Disney Store North America/Disney Consumer Products

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