

Fashion/Apparel Design

Associate in Applied Science Degree in Visual Arts

Program **FASH.APP.AAS**
CIP 500402



The Fashion/Apparel Design A.A.S. degree prepares students for entry into the dynamic world of fashion or for further study at a four-year institution. The tri-state metro area of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania is one of the nation's largest regions for the fashion/apparel industry, where skilled students can seek opportunities as assistant fashion designers, stylists, visual display artists, product and merchandise managers, and fashion illustrators.

The Fashion/Apparel Design program is highly interdisciplinary, providing a strong foundation in art, design, and technical studies while developing a perspective on both the creative and business aspects of the industry. The program also prepares students for advanced study at four-year colleges by paralleling the first two years of course requirements at several institutions. While the design sequence emphasizes core creative art skills, technical training focuses on computer applications used in the industry and sewing labs structured to mirror those of actual fashion/apparel studios.

In addition to coursework, students focus on portfolio development throughout the program, and finalize a professional product in both hard copy and digital format in a capstone course. Students take advantage of field studies at design and/or production houses and have an opportunity to showcase their work in an annual fashion show.

The program may be pursued full-time or part-time. Some courses may only be offered during the day.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Develop foundation art skills to apply to fashion/apparel design development;
- Develop and present ideas effectively in both written and oral formats;
- Understand current trends in the fashion industry from a global perspective;
- Demonstrate knowledge of a wide range of textiles and manufacturing processes;
- Use specialized computer applications to create fashion/apparel design elements;
- Drape fabrics on a dress form in preparation for pattern-making and sewing;
- Develop sewing skills/techniques to produce finished garments;
- Design and produce individual fashion and apparel pieces;
- Understand the basic principles of merchandising;
- Create a portfolio for use in transferring or gaining employment.

Curriculum

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
FIRST SEMESTER		
ART 102	Basic Drawing (1/4)	3
ART 105	Two-Dimensional Design (1/4)	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0)	3
	OR	
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
FAS 105	Fashion: The Global Marketplace (3/0)	3
SECOND SEMESTER		
ART 104	Life Drawing (1/4)	3
ART 106	Three-Dimensional Design (1/4)	3
ART 123	History of Modern Art (3/0)	3
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
FAS 110	Introduction to Fashion Drawing (1/4)	3
FAS 130	Introduction to Textiles for Fashion (3/0)	3
THIRD SEMESTER		
ART 125	Topics in Contemporary Art (3/0)	3
FAS 120	Introduction to Fashion Design I (1/4)	3
FAS 140	Computerized Fashion Drawing (1/4)	3
FAS 150	Technical Skills for Apparel Production I (1/4)	3
HIS 113	World History Since 1500 (3/0)	3
—	— Science OR Technology general ed. elective ¹	3
FOURTH SEMESTER		
FAS 205	Fashion Merchandising (3/0)	3
	OR	
FAS 220	History of Costume Design (3/0)	3
FAS 250	Technical Skills for Apparel Production II (1/4)	3
FAS 260	Fashion Design II: Portfolio (1/4)	3
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)†	2
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3
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¹ Select from BIO 114; IST 101, 140.

² MAT 120 or 125 recommended. Select in consultation with an academic advisor.

†CSW 100 is a preferred alternative; HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

NOTE: The above curriculum sequence presents an example of how this degree can be completed in two years – based on fulfillment of all foundation skills requirements and prerequisites, and presuming a Fall Term start date. An individual's program may vary depending on transfer institution, career objectives, or individual needs. See your academic advisor for other options and to monitor your progress.

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