

FASHION DESIGN



Be the trend.

By the time you graduate from our Fashion Design program, you'll contribute to some of the largest and most creative fashion brands in the world. As the home of the third-highest concentration of fashion designers in the U.S. (behind only New York and Los Angeles), Columbus offers a fashion-forward backdrop for your ever-evolving designs. Our innovative program provides you with a rich understanding of the business of fashion so you can successfully create wearable art with purpose.

Careers

Accessory designer
Boutique owner
Costume designer
Fashion designer
Fashion forecaster
Patternmaker
Print/pattern designer
Stylist
Technical designer

Employers

Abercrombie & Fitch
Alexander Wang
Are You Am I
Express
The Gap
J. Crew
Kate Spade
L. Brands
LOFT
Old Navy
Polo Ralph Lauren
Target
Tommy Hilfiger
Urban Outfitters
Victoria's Secret
White House Black Market

Facilities

You'll have access to:

- » Studios with sewing labs and industry-standard machinery
- » 30 Juki industrial sewing machines, 5 Juki industrial overlock machines, and a Juki industrial coverstitch machine
- » 12 Silver Reed knitting machines, a Gerber digitizer, and a Graphtec plotter/cutter
- » Digital fabric printing facilities, including a Mutoh textile printer
- » A dye lab and knitting studios
- » Professional dress forms in a large variety of sizes and figures, including males, females, plus-size, and children
- » Lectra CAD systems, Gerber PLM Production, and Gerber Accumark
- » Large fabric resource room with thousands of samples

Fashion Design Curriculum

Major Requirements *51 credits*

Fashion Construction Techniques
Introduction to Fashion Design
Fashion Illustration
Computer Aided Fashion Design
Beginning Pattern Drafting
Studio Surface Program
Textiles
Fashion Layout & Design
Advanced Pattern
Professional Practice in Fashion
Tailoring or Pattern Design Digital
Draping
Design Strategies for Fashion Design
Fashion Computer Techniques
Collection I
Fashion Design Portfolio
Collection II (Experiential Learning)

First-Year Experience and Art/Design Electives *24 credits*

2D Creative Practices
Systems of Drawing
Collaboration
What Can a Drawing Do
3D Making with Care
Art/Design electives

Liberal Arts & Art History Requirements *48 credits*

Specific required courses

Modern to Contemporary Art & Design
Historical Art & Design
History of Fashion
Writing & the Arts
Math Quantitative Literacy
Introduction to Philosophy

Choose courses from each of the following categories

Self & Society
Advanced Art History
Science
Literature
Social Science
Advanced Writing
Business
Liberal Arts and/or Art History electives

Total Required Credits *120 credits*

Courses listed reflect the Fashion Design academic plan for incoming students in 2024–2025. Course titles are subject to change.

Professional Resources

American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists
aatcc.org

Association of Sewing and Design Professionals
sewingprofessionals.com

California Fashion Association
californiafashionassociation.org

Chicagoland Costumers' Guild
chicostume.org

Costume Designers Guild
costumedesignersguild.com

Costume Society of America
costumesocietyamerica.com

The Embroiderer's Association of Canada
eac.ca

Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild
gbacg.org

International Association of Clothing Designers and Executives (IACDE)
iacde.net

International Costumers Guild
costume.org

Textile Society of America
textilesocietyofamerica.org

Toronto Fashion Incubator
fashionincubator.com

Notable Alumni



Chelsea Funk

Class of 2018

Chelsea Funk, a purchasing coordinator for plus-size retailer ELOQUII, believes fashion should be an inclusive experience for everybody—and every body. Funk's 2018 CCAD

Fashion Show collection was just that, featuring four looks of adaptive children's wear made with fun fabrics and playful details, designed for differently abled children. The project hit close to home for Funk, who was born with amniotic band syndrome, meaning she was born without part of her left arm, and who eventually learned to reconstruct her own clothing to make it work with her body.