

Section 8

Fashion and textiles

What is fashion and textiles?

- It's not just about designing clothes! Using technology and learning how to make up garments and accessories is important too.
- It's an enormous industry, so you need to think about what area you want to work in.

What courses are available?

- Menswear
- Womenswear
- Accessories
- Textiles
- Journalism
- Photography
- Promotion and management
- Styling
- Costume design

What careers could I go into?

- Designing patterns for fabrics.
- Running your own designer label.
- Making accessories and shoes.
- Working in a creative team for a chain of department stores.
- Working in the technological side of making garments, for example as a pattern cutter.
- Stylist, journalist, photographer or promoter, to name a few.

Where can I research fashion and textiles?

- www.ftmlondon.org - Fashion and Textiles Museum.
- www.vam.ac.uk - Victoria and Albert Museum.
- www.WGSN.com or www.wgsn-edu.com - Worth Global Style Network. Find out if your school, college, library or community centre is signed up.
- www.instyle.com - In Style magazine.
- www.style.com - Vogue and W magazines.

What should be in my portfolio?

- **Life drawings** to show your drawing and observational skills.
- **'Mood boards'** showing ideas for designs and how you've developed them.
- **Garments or textiles** that you've made. Keep them clean and presentable in a bag.
- **Good quality photographs** of garments you've made.
- **Work that shows the area you're interested in.** If you're interested in studying menswear, make sure you include some menswear!
- **Show your interest in fabric, colours and textures.** Explain how different fabrics fold or drape, and how this affects your design ideas.

What else could I do?

Product design for the fashion industry: see also section 10 – 3-D design.

Photography: see also section 9 – Graphic design.

Jewellery design: see section 10 – 3-D design.

This is section 8 of 11 sections.

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A bobbin in the textiles workroom at Chelsea College of Art & Design

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