

Programme Specification

Every taught course of study leading to a UAL award is required to have a Programme Specification. This summarises the course aims, learning outcomes, teaching, learning and assessment methods, and course structure. Programme Specifications are developed through course validation and are formally approved by UAL Validation Sub Committee (VSC). They are available to prospective students through the course web page, and must be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure currency of information (for example, following any modifications or local developments).

Awarding Body	University of the Arts London (UAL)
Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB)	NA
Teaching Institution	London College of Fashion
Final Award	MSc Cosmetic Science
Length of Course	4 Years / 5 Years with placement
UCAS code	W297
Date of production/revision	June 2017

Course Aims

- provide you with a unique integrated master's experience in Cosmetic Science, based on the study and practice of a range of relevant disciplines;
- develop your capacity to respond to complex issues and problems independently, systematically and creatively;
- provide you with an in-depth working knowledge of Cosmetic Science and related areas, and offer you the opportunity to apply it within a professional context;
- develop your practical laboratory skills and your competence in the planning, design, execution, interpretation and reporting of experiments;
- enhance your ability to communicate and interact with professionals from other disciplines;
- develop your ability to enter employment, respond to professional opportunities or to undertake further study.

Course Outcomes

The outcomes that you will have demonstrated upon completion of the course, are:

1. coherent and systematic knowledge of the various disciplines underpinning Cosmetic Science and Technology;
2. an understanding, at strategic level, of the structure and functioning of the Industry;
3. an application of appropriate theoretical scientific principles to the development, production and marketing of cosmetic products;
4. an ability to apply your research, analytical, organisational, management and communication skills in dealing with complex issues and solving problems;
5. a practical awareness of the safe and effective use of specialist laboratories and equipment;
6. an ability to initiate, research, plan, manage and present an independent Master's project in your chosen area of Cosmetic Science showing originality in the application of knowledge and skills;
7. evidence of engagement with the Personal and Professional Development (PPD) principles as outlined in this document.

Learning and Teaching Methods:

The following learning and teaching methods are employed to support the integrated achievement of the course outcomes:

- lectures, seminars, critiques, group presentations, studio based workshops, open access work, visiting speakers, field trips, demonstrations, self-directed study.

Scheduled Learning and Teaching

This is the percentage of your time spent in timetabled learning and teaching. In each year you are expected to study for 1200 hours over 30 weeks; below is the amount of time which is timetabled activity. The rest of your learning time will be self-directed, independent study.

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Year 1 – 28 %

Year 2 – 27 %

Year 3 – 19 %

Year 4 – 23 %

Assessment Methods:

The following assessment methods are employed to assess the achievement of learning outcomes in an integrated approach:

- written examination
- practical assessment
- oral presentation
- project report
- case study report
- essay
- reflective log

Reference Points

The following reference points were used in designing the course:

- The College Learning and Teaching Strategy
- The College Assessment Strategy
- The College approach to Personal and Professional Development
- Feedback from the fashion industry and students
- The Learning and Teaching policies of the University of the Arts London
- University of the Arts London Level Descriptors
- Framework for Higher Education Qualifications.
- Science Benchmark statements
- The UAL Medium Term Strategy (2010-15)
- LCF Annual Operating Plan

Programme Summary

Programme structures, features, units, credit and award requirements:

In Stage 1 you are required to complete 120 credits at level 4 in order to progress to Stage 2.

- Introduction to Cosmetic Science; 20 credits
- Scientific Principles; 20 credits
- Marketing with Perfumery; 20 credits
- Formulation Principles; 20 credits
- Formulation Practice; 40 credits

In Stage 2 you are required to complete 120 credits of which a minimum of 100 must be at level 5.

- Packaging Development and Technology; 20 credits
- Formulation and Legislation; 20 credits
- Research Methods in Marketing and Quality Management; 20 credits
- Formulation and Evaluation; 20 credits
- Hair Care Formulation and Evaluation; 40 credits

In Stage 3 you are required to complete 120 credits at level 6.

- Product Development and Claim Support; 20 credits
- Production and Distribution Management; 40 credits
- Product Launch Project; 60 credits

In Stage 4 you are required to complete 120 credits at level 7.

- Strategic Management; 20 credits
- Advanced Cosmetic Science; 40 credits
- MSc Project for Cosmetic Science; 60 credits

A 20-credit unit is approximately equivalent to 200 hours of learning time, which includes a mixture of taught time, independent study and assessment.

All students are entitled to a tutorial package that consists of:

- one induction tutorial (group or one to one)
- one tutorial per term for the duration for their course of study at LCF;
- group tutorials as required
- an appropriate level of confidentiality

Distinctive features of the course:

- opportunity of negotiating a research-led Master's Project, individually developed through supervised self-directed study;
- provision of a vocationally relevant Master's degree course;
- provision of a fully integrated programme of personal and professional development skills to support the development of learning skills, key skills and career planning;
- access to specialist resources at a standard appropriate to the target industries;
- opportunities for student choice and negotiation

- Currently no postgraduate provision in Cosmetic Science in the UK, hence the proposed course offers a unique educational experience and very good employment prospects
- Developed in consultation with the industry and professional bodies
- The optional placement year
- Erasmus links, facilitating student exchange
- Industry sponsorship, including student awards
- Strong industry links

- Possibility of exit at BSc stage

Recruitment and Admissions

Selection Criteria

The course team seeks to recruit students who can demonstrate:

- an enthusiasm for a career in Cosmetic Science;
- the potential to complete a multi-disciplinary and scientifically based programme of study;
- an ability to engage with analytical and evaluative activities;
- a good command of oral and written English.

Evidence of work experience and some form of laboratory experience is an advantage.

Applicants will be expected to demonstrate the above at interview.

Entry Requirements

Entry to this course is highly competitive: applicants are expected to achieve, or already have, the course entry requirements detailed below.

The standard minimum entry requirements for this course are:

- Three A Level Passes at Grade BBC, where at least two subjects must be in Science subjects and one of the Science subjects must be Chemistry;
- or**
- Distinction, Merit, Merit at BTEC Extended Diploma in a relevant Science subject;
- or**
- Merit at UAL Extended Diploma;
- or**
- Access Diploma or '112 tariff points from the Access to HE Diploma;
- or**
- 112 new UCAS tariff points (equivalent to 280 old UCAS tariff points) from a combination of the above qualifications or an equivalent full Level 3 qualification;
- or**
- equivalent EU or non-EU qualifications;
- and**
- Five GCSE passes at grade A*-C including Maths and two Science subjects.

Exceptionally, applicants who do not meet these course entry requirements may still be considered if the course team judges the application demonstrates

additional strengths and alternative evidence. This might, for example, be demonstrated by:

- related academic or work experience; the quality of the personal statement; a strong academic or other professional reference; or a combination of these factors.

This course may interview candidates who meet, or expect to meet, the entry requirements.

English language requirements

All classes are conducted in English. If English is not your first language you will be asked to provide evidence of your English language ability when you enrol. The level required by the University for this course is IELTS 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each skill.

Please visit the [UAL Language Requirements](#) page. Read carefully and look at the relevant documents.

Course Diagram

Year 1, Stage 1: 120 credits at level 4. Underlying Sciences and their Application

Term 1:	Term 2:	Term 3:
Introduction to Cosmetic Science 20 credits	Marketing with Perfumery 20 credits Level 4	Formulation Practice 40 credits Level 4
Scientific Principles 20 credits Level 4	Formulation Principles 20 credits Level 4	

Students successfully completing Stage 1 may progress to Stage 2 or will be eligible for the award of a Certificate of Higher Education.

Year 2, Stage 2: 120 credits at level 5. Widening the Scope, Critical Analysis and Evaluation

Term 1:	Term 2:	Term 3:
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Packaging Development and Technology 20 credits Level 5	Research Methods in Marketing and Quality Management 20 credits Level 5	Hair Care Formulation and Evaluation 40 credits Level 5
Formulation and Legislation 20 credits Level 5	Formulation and Evaluation 20 credits Level 5	

Students successfully completing Stage 2 may progress to Stage 3 or will be eligible for the award of a Diploma of Higher Education.

Year 3, Stage 3

Optional Diploma in Professional Studies 120 credits (year in industry / possible overseas work placement)

Year 3/4, Stage 3: 120 credits at level 6/7. Consolidation and Preparation for Master's Level

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Product Development and Claim Support 20 credits Level 6	Product Launch Project 60 credits Level 7	
Production and Distribution Management 40 credits Level 6		

Students successfully completing Stage 3 may progress to Stage 4 or will be eligible for the award of a BSc (Hons) Cosmetic Science.

Year 4/5, Stage 4: 120 credits at level 7. Advanced Concepts at Master's Level, Including Specialist Project

Term 1:	Term 2:	Term 3:
Strategic Management 20 credits Level 7		
Advanced Cosmetic Science 40 credits Level 7		
MSc Project for Cosmetic Science 60 credits Level 7		

Students successfully completing Stage 4 will be eligible for the award of MSc Cosmetic Science.