

MA Innovative Fashion Production

Programme Specification 22/23

Awarding Body	University of the Arts London
College	London College of Fashion
School	School of Design and Technology
Programme	LCF Product Programme(L054)
Course AOS Code	LCFMAINPF01
FHEQ Level	Level 7 Masters
Course Credits	180
Mode	Full Time
Duration of Course	15 months
Valid From	September 1st 2022
QAA Subject Benchmark	None
Collaboration	N/A
UAL Subject Classification	Fashion design
JACS Code	None
UCAS Code	N/A
PSRB	N/A
Work placement offered	N/A
Course Entry Requirements	<p>The standard entry requirements for this course are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Honours degree at 2.1 or above from a fashion based course, supported by a digital portfolio evidencing abilities in one of the following disciplines: fashion design and/or development, fashion and/or technology, pattern cutting, buying and/or merchandising; • OR equivalent qualifications in an alternative subject will be considered if supported by a digital portfolio which demonstrates significant evidence of technical and/or business skills;

	<p>APEL (Accreditation of Prior (Experiential) Learning)</p> <p>Applicants who do not meet these course entry requirements may still be considered in exceptional cases. The course team will consider each application that demonstrates additional strengths and alternative evidence. This might, for example, be demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related academic or work experience (minimum of three years) • The quality of the personal statement • A strong academic or other professional reference • OR a combination of these factors <p>Each application will be considered on its own merit but we cannot guarantee an offer in each case.</p> <p>English Language Requirements</p> <p>All classes are conducted in English. The level required by the University for this course is IELTS level 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each skill.</p>
<p>Selection Criteria</p>	<p>The course seeks to recruit students from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds and welcomes applications from mature students.</p> <p>The course seeks to recruit students who can demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a clear interest in the study of innovative approaches to exploring technology in the widest sense of the word and its application to the fashion supply chain; • an interest in developing creative technical solutions to current and future industry problems; • relevant experience of one of the following: fashion design and/or development, fashion and/or technology, pattern cutting, buying and/or merchandising; • a capacity for intellectual enquiry and reflective thought;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a developed and mature attitude to independent study and intellectual growth. <p>UAL Language Development</p> <p>We offer English Language Development for Overseas students. See how we can help you with your studies. https://www.arts.ac.uk/study-at-ual/language-centre/english-language-development-for-ual-students</p>
<p>Scheduled Learning and Teaching</p>	<p>Following two years of disruption due to Covid 19 we are glad to be returning to normal delivery in 2022/23. This means on campus face-to-face activities such as course projects, lectures, seminars, and studio work, except for courses designed to be delivered online.</p> <p>Scheduled learning and teaching activity may include lectures, seminars, studio and workshop briefings, tutorials, external visits and project briefings.</p>

Awards and Percentage of Scheduled Learning

Year 1

Awards	Credits
Postgraduate Certificate (Exit Only)	60
Postgraduate Diploma (Exit Only)	120
Master of Arts	180

Scheduled Learning Split by Level	
Level 7	16%
Total Scheduled Learning Split	16%

Course Aims and Outcomes

The Aims and Outcomes of this Course are as follows:

Aim/Outcome	Description
Aim	Extend and master the integration of your knowledge and contextual understanding of innovation in fashion production.
Aim	Advance your innovative thinking and intellectual skills with independence of judgement synthesising theoretical and applied research.
Aim	Develop an enquiring, critically analytical and systematic problem-solving approach to the current and future challenges facing fashion production.
Aim	Engender a critical awareness of the impact of global change upon future challenges and/or insights into fashion manufacturing.
Aim	Enable you to exercise initiative when creating and managing a professional development strategy placing your Masters learning within longer term career goals in Fashion Production.
Outcome	To respond to complex current and evolving fashion manufacturing needs with imagination and innovation. (enquiry, knowledge, process)
Outcome	To demonstrate originality in the application of your fashion production knowledge in planning and problem solving in self-directed projects. (process, communication, realisation)
Outcome	To communicate in depth analysis of information and research findings to specialist and non-specialist audiences using a variety of methods. (communication, knowledge, realisation)
Outcome	To critically evaluate and systematically synthesise current research, creating innovative solutions in fashion production. (enquiry, knowledge, process)
Outcome	To realise and analyse complex abstract concepts in a body of work with in-depth personal reflection and strategies for career and independent learning. (knowledge, process, realisation)
Outcome	To evidence the ability to plan without complete data and in changing and complex situations in product development and manufacturing. (knowledge, process, realisation)

Outcome	To work effectively both autonomously and within multidisciplinary teams acting with sound judgement in the decision-making process. (enquiry, communication, process)
Outcome	To conceptualise the impact and plan for a range of innovative technologies in fashion production. (enquiry, process, communication)

Distinctive Features	
1	Opportunity to study innovative Fashion Production at Post Graduate level, this is the only course in the UK to focus on this area.
2	Live projects to gain practical experience of production and information sharing connected with existing manufacturing opportunities/college initiatives.
3	Flexible projects enabling you to follow your own area of interest whilst gaining in depth knowledge of current practice and future innovations in fashion production.
4	Links to research teams within UAL to support cutting edge research at Post Graduate level and fulfil your individual aspirations including progression to PhD study.
5	Develop skills to enhance your existing specialism with the aim of entering teams at an assistant management level, differentiate yourself with fresh insights and additional skills.
6	Entrepreneurship: the exploration of new ideas and pioneering business opportunities, useful if you are interested in launching your own company.
7	Intrapreneurship: enables you to learn how to run a team developing innovative responses in an independent project/company within a larger organisation to the changing fashion landscape.

Course Detail

The fashion industry is a fast-changing landscape that is dominated by the urgent need to reform production practices to be more agile, cleaner and smarter.

Within the next two decades there will be a revolution in how we make the fashion we recognise but as importantly, technology will lead us to create products in ways we as yet don't fully visualise.

A systematic understanding of the importance of disruptive business models and emerging technologies in manufacturing is needed and the MA Innovative Fashion Production offers a real opportunity for graduates to play a key part in society's move to more sustainable practice, which involves more than material resources.

Collaboration is essential across all disciplines to ensure companies can manage the changes which are inevitable. Integral to the course is student collaboration and communication working to share knowledge whilst learning the impact of manufacturing upon the complete product lifecycle from concept to end of life.

This course embraces innovative ways of thinking about the entire product lifecycle and how fundamental production is to the positive innovation currently shaping the fashion industry of the future. The London College of Fashion, unlike many other fashion institutions has the facilities and academic research groups which can support a diverse range of interests.

Course Units

Collaborative Challenge: 20 credits
Innovation in Production Technologies: 20 credits
Business Models and Fashion Production: 20 credits
Research Proposal: 20 credits
Connecting Production to the Consumer: 40 Credits
Masters Project: 60 credits

MA Innovative Fashion Production is offered in full-time mode and runs for 45 weeks over 15 months, with a break over the summer. You will be expected to commit an average of 40 hours per week to your course, including teaching hours and independent study.

Learning and Teaching Methods

The following blended teaching and learning methods are employed to support the integrated achievement of the course outcomes. There will be a combination of physical and virtual online delivery:

- Academic skills, design thinking for fashion
- Brainstorming sessions
- Briefings, tutorials and feedback
- Collaborative group project work
- Lectures and seminars
- Library and workshop inductions
- Museum, trade shows and other visits
- Online learning
- Presentations
- Research Methods
- Studio teaching
- Garment making workshops

Assessment Methods

- Essays and reports
- Mid-year reviews
- Peer assessment
- Practice based portfolio of work
- Presentations
- Digital portfolios, blogs, apps
- Student self-evaluation
- Practice based outcomes with supporting bodies of work, essays and critical evaluations

Reference Points

The following reference points were used in designing the course:

- UAL Better Lives Initiative <https://www.arts.ac.uk/colleges/london-college-of-fashion/about-lcf/better-lives>
- UAL Creative Attributes Framework (CAF) (February 2017)
- UAL Credit and Course Structures Framework (April 2019)
- UAL Course Planning and Curriculum Design (June 2015)
- UAL Course Planning and Development: Communication to Prospective Students (February 2018)
- UAL Tutorial Policy: <http://www.arts.ac.uk/study-at-ual/academic-regulations/tutorial-policy>
- London College of Fashion Credit Framework Review 2016

- London College of Fashion: Validation, Revalidation and Enhanced Monitoring: Student Briefing Document 2018/19
- QAA Characteristics Statement, Master's Degree (Sept 2015)
- QAA Subject Benchmark Statement, Business and Management (2015)
- QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education Part A: Setting and Maintaining Academic Standards (Oct 2014)

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