

National 4 Fashion & Textile Technology



Entry Level:

The purpose of this course is to develop practical skills, construction techniques and knowledge which supports the development and manufacture of fashion and textile items to an appropriate standard of quality.

Students will ideally have completed the Elective Fashion & Textile course within S2/3 or have experience of completing practical textile projects to a suitable standard of quality.

Students should have a keen interest in fashion, be able to work independently and possess good organisational skills.

The areas of study are similar for National 4 and 5, so everyone will do the same course and a decision about your final level will be made after completion of the first unit of study.

Course content:

This course comprises three mandatory units:

Textile Technologies (National 4) - This Unit provides learners with the opportunity to develop straightforward knowledge and skills related to textile technologies. This includes knowledge of the characteristics and properties of a range of fabrics and their uses. Learners will have the opportunity to make straightforward fashion/textile items, to an appropriate standard of quality, using a pattern and a range of textile construction techniques. The Unit also provides learners with the opportunity to select, set up and use equipment and tools safely and correctly.

Fashion/Textile Item Development (National 4) - This Unit provides learners with the opportunity to explore fashion/textile trends and the fashion/textile item development process. They will work with given briefs to develop solutions for straightforward fashion/textile items based on those trends. Learners will plan and make straightforward fashion/textile items, to an appropriate standard of quality, which takes into account fashion/textile trends.

Fashion and Textile Choices (National 4) - This Unit provides learners with the opportunity to develop and apply their knowledge and understanding of a range of factors affecting the fashion and textile choices of consumers. Learners will investigate the fashion/textile choices of consumers and develop solutions for items to meet these choices. They will justify straightforward fashion/textile items, with a focus on factors that affect fashion/textile choice.

Added Value Unit — Fashion and Textile Technology: Making a Fashion/Textile Item (National 4)

The aim of this Unit is to enable the learner to provide evidence of added value for the National 4 Fashion and Textile Technology Course through the successful completion of a practical activity, which will allow learners to demonstrate breadth and application of skills and knowledge. Learners will draw on and extend their skills and knowledge in order to research and develop a solution to a given design brief.

Assessment:

Assessment is continuous throughout this course and learners must gain a pass in all 4 units to achieve the full course award. National 4 courses are ungraded.

Homework:

Homework is an essential part of the course. Homework will include research, development of design solutions and making mood boards.

Progression:

Students who successfully obtain a pass at National 4 could continue their studies at National 5 Level.

Additional Information:

Due to the level of personalisation and choice offered within this course students will be responsible for obtaining the fabrics and components required in advance of each practical activity. The department carries a limited stock of basic items which can be purchased at cost price

Further Details:

Full details of the course specification can be found online <http://www.sqa.org.uk>. Examples of course work can be viewed by speaking to Mrs Williams.

National 5 Fashion & Textile Technology

ENTRY LEVEL

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Students should have a keen interest in fashion, be able to work independently and possess good organisational skills.

COURSE CONTENT

The course has three main areas of work:

Textile Technologies – students will develop a detailed knowledge of textile properties and characteristics, textile construction techniques and demonstrate their ability to set up, adjust and use a range of relevant tools and equipment safely.

Consumer choices- students will explore current fashion trends and investigate a range of factors affecting the fashion and textile choices of consumers.

Developing Fashion & Textile items – Students will undertake practical projects following the various stages of the development process to make detailed fashion/textile items to an appropriate standard of quality using a paper pattern and a range of construction techniques. Students will also have the opportunity to critically evaluate both commercially produced items and their own pieces of work

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Component 1 – Question paper (30% of total mark)

Component 2 – Assignment (35% of total mark)

(Research a given design brief to develop a fashion/textile item)

Component 3 – Practical Activity (35% of total mark)

(Construction of developed design solution)

Total 100 marks. The course will be graded A-D with the grade being based on the total mark achieved across all three course assessments.

HOMEWORK

Homework is an essential part of the course. Homework will include research, development of design solutions, practice questions and regular revision of all the material covered in the course.

PROGRESSION

Students who have developed a detailed understanding of the properties and characteristics of textiles, have demonstrated a good level of proficiency in a range of construction techniques and who can work independently may consider continuing their studies at Higher Level.

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