

Art Textiles

Why choose to study Art Textiles?

Textiles has shrugged off its old reputation of being all about ball gowns and peg bags and has moved into the 21st century. This course allows you to experience the “new textiles” and leads you on a journey through the ever growing and exciting world of printed, constructed and illustrated design. Textile, fashion and surface pattern are all important elements of today’s design world and many people who follow such a route find themselves with very exciting and varied career opportunities. You may either base your studies on an arts and craft approach, exploring surface textures, embellishments and construction techniques or follow a more commercial style of working.



Entrance Requirements

- A willingness to listen and learn.
- A personal desire to communicate through illustrated design and fashion, drawing, printed and constructed textiles and all forms of mixed media surface pattern.
- A desire to create and express your ideas.

Course Content & Learning Styles

You will work on two projects over the course a coursework project and an exam project. You will be encouraged to explore your own responses to a fashion or textile design brief, researching and developing your ideas by means of considered drawing, investigating form and tone in particular, and experimentation, with a wide variety of textile techniques, processes and ideas before moving on to design and create more resolved final pieces. You will be encouraged to explore the work of other artists, designers, and cultures. You will be encouraged to work in a portfolio format, to help inform your work and projects and to undertake extensive written research to support your work.

What skills will I develop?

The skills you will develop are varied. Among them you will build up a working knowledge of materials, practices and technology of art. You will develop the skills to interpret and convey your ideas and feelings using art, craft and design. You will also expand your imaginative and creative powers and your experimental, analytical and documenting skills.

Techniques you will experiment with:

Batik, printing, felt making, construction, reverse appliqué, paper construction, mixed media, appliqué - just to name a few!

Progression Opportunities

Many students make successful applications for higher education places on specialist art and design/textiles courses at art colleges and universities. It is possible to take a wide range of degrees, in subjects as diverse as printed and woven textiles, fashion illustration, interior design, furnishing, fashion marketing and promotion, fashion technology, costume design, and many more!

