

CAMBRIDGE
SCHOOL OF
VISUAL &
PERFORMING
ARTS

Textiles & Fashion Design



This program is for artists looking to contribute to the ever-evolving fashion world. Students will discuss trends and the future of fashion, from gender and sustainability to materiality, and learn to apply those concepts to the design and creation of a finished garment to add to their portfolio—or better yet, their wardrobe.

WHAT'S INCLUDED



TUITION

Students will take part in at least 25 hours of practical skills workshops and will design and construct their own garment for a run way show.



ACTIVITIES

We offer a variety of onsite evening activities including sports, discos and team games. Our activities provide opportunities for students to have fun and make international friends.



EXCURSIONS

Excursions allow students to really get to know the USA. We use destinations such as Downtown Boston as a classroom, where students will find historic and cultural information through guided walking tours and visits to museums and other places of interest.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Our educational visits provide the perfect complement to lectures and workshops and give a real world perspective to our courses.



CERTIFICATE

Awarded for the successful completion of the course.

LEARN FROM PROFESSIONALS

This course is taught by Sam Donovan. During his degree, Sam focused on sustainable design techniques such as zero waste pattern drafting, which he used designing his thesis. While at Parsons, he interned for numerous designers and design companies, including Anna Sui, Gap, and Eileen Fisher, where he contributed zero waste designs to the company's cut and sew line.

Immediately upon graduating school, Sam was recruited to participate on Project Runway, where he placed 1st runner-up. He would later compete on an AllStar edition of the series. Sam has freelanced for Macy's and the Hamburg-based sustainable denim line Bridge & Tunnel, and now designs for private clients. He's excited to work with the burgeoning designers at CATS Academy, and can't wait to see what they can do!

BROADEN YOUR SKILLS IN THE INDUSTRY

Effect the most compelling method to present your work to garner attention, whether that be for school applications, editorial features, or—ultimately—sale.

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS IN:

Design, Illustration, Pattern Draping & Drafting, Garment Construction

DESIGN

We will explore design through the conventional sketching, as well as collage, draping, and a variety of other methods

ILLUSTRATION

Learn easy-to-use illustration techniques to improve the quality and effectiveness of your visual communication abilities.

PATTERN DRAPING & DRAFTING

Bring the 2-D to 3-D with pattern-making and draping

GARMENT CONSTRUCTION

Bring your first design from paper to a fully formed fabric creation.

Maximum class size

12 students

Accommodation

Single en-suite room
Meals are included (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
Excursions are also included

Requirements

Age: 14 - 18*

Minimum English standard:

Equivalent to IELTS 5.0+ / Intermediate

Start Dates:

Sunday 14th July 2024 (two weeks)

Price:

\$4,418 (two weeks)

Program Outcomes

1. You will have gained the basic knowledge and understanding of the processes involved in garment design and making from your highly experienced tutor.
2. You will have been introduced to design briefs that challenge your understanding and knowledge of contemporary fashion.
3. You will have experienced the fast paced process of putting together a runway show.

Week 1	MORNING 08:45-12:00		AFTERNOON 13:00-16:00		EVENING 19:30-22:00	
Sunday	Arrival, induction and campus tour					
Monday	BREAKFAST	Welcome/Inspiration Board Introduction		LUNCH	Finalize Inspiration Board and begin design process	
Tuesday		Finalize design project and fabric store field trip			Included Half-day Excursion: Boston Harbor Cruise	
Wednesday		Introduction to sewing machines/tote-bag project			Continue tote-bag project/begin cutting garment pattern	
Thursday		Cut garment pattern from fabric			Begin work on garment sewing	
Friday		Final Design Project Presentation and Final Design	Introduce collage design project and continue sewing		Free Time on Newbury Street/ Public Gardens	
Saturday		Included Full Day Excursion: Canobie Lake Park				
					DINNER	Movie Night Welcome Party: Team Building/ Name Games Halloween Party Jeopardy Quiz Night Karaoke Night Neon Disco Party Gym Night/ Board Games/ Arts & Crafts

Week 2	MORNING 08:45-12:00		AFTERNOON 13:00-16:00		EVENING 19:30-22:00	
Sunday	Onsite activities e.g. Team Building Games and shuttles to the mall					
Monday	BREAKFAST	Continue garment sewing and introduction to garment finishing techniques		LUNCH	Included Half-day Excursion: Museum of Science	
Tuesday		Studio sewing			Field trip to Wrentham Premium Fashion Outlets	
Wednesday		Studio sewing			Studio sewing and apply finishing techniques to garments	
Thursday		Garment finishing and preparation for photo shoot			Editorial photo-shoot with guest photographer	
Friday		Garment and photo-shoot critique with guest speaker			Half-day Excursion: Historical Tour of Plymouth	
Saturday		Included Full Day Excursion: Newport, Rhode Island				
					DINNER	Movie Night Welcome Party: Team Building/ Name Games Mardi Gras Party Minute To Win It Competition International Night Hawaiian Disco Party Gym Night/ Board Games/ Arts & Crafts

Sample timetables are illustrative only. We reserve the right to make changes without notice.

*18 year old students only accepted as part of a group where all students are returning to secondary education in September 2024. 18 year olds must follow all school rules as minors. Separate rules apply regarding lessons and activities, please enquire.