Fashion & Interior Design Course Syllabus

What you will learn in this course

Fashion and Interior Design

Do you have a flair for fashion? Are you constantly redecorating your room? If so, the design industry might just be for you! In this course, you'll explore what it is like to work in the industry by exploring career possibilities and the background that you need to pursue them. Get ready to try your hand at designing as you learn the basics of color and design then test your skills through hands-on projects. In addition, you'll develop the essential communication skills that build success in any business. By the end of the course, you'll be well on your way to developing the portfolio you need to get your stylishly clad foot in the door of this exciting field.

Unit 1: Introduction to Fashion and Interior Design

If you have always had a flare for fashion or decorating, there are several ways for you to turn this into a career. While staying on top of trends and having a knack for putting together that killer outfit are definitely part of a career in fashion design, there is a lot more to it than that. Similarly, interior design is a lot more than selecting the couch cushion that pulls together a room. While these talents help, most careers in fashion and interior design require great communication skills as well as a strong sense of style because helping people express themselves through design and color requires a lot of listening. In this unit, you will learn about some of the careers in fashion and interior design and what it takes to prepare for them.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Describe careers in the fashion and design industry.
- Classify careers from entry to professional level.
- Explore entrepreneurship opportunities in the design industry.
- Research and present information on design careers, including the responsibilities, employment opportunities, and education/training requirements.
- Identify the basic components of Internet marketing.

Unit 2: Building Basic Skills for the Design Industry

Students begin to explore basic elements of design as well as the essentials of strong communication. This unit provides students with the core elements and principles of design that they will need to know to complete the design projects. In addition, they will learn the basics of effective communication and conflict resolution techniques.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Define and illustrate the elements of design
- Create a color wheel
- Recognize basic color schemes
- Research the psychology of color
- Define and illustrate the principles of design
- Describe why communication is the basis of all relationships
- Distinguish between non-assertive, assertive, and aggressive communication
- Demonstrate communication skills that promote positive relationships in the work place
- Practice active-listening skills
- Utilize conflict-resolutions skills
- Exhibit work expectations of an employer in the design industry

Unit 3: Tools of the Trade

Students continue their exploration of the basics of the design industry by learning about the tools required to begin a career in the fashion and interior design industries. This unit also identifies and explains the various types of fabric and their origins. Students will also further explore the "tools" that professional organizations provide by contacting someone in the profession and conducting an informal interview.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify and select the appropriate tools and equipment.
- Demonstrate the proper and safe use of tools and equipment.
- Practice care and maintenance of equipment.
- Identify a variety of fabrics through tactile activities.
- Compare and contrast natural and synthetic fabrics.
- Recognize types of fabric construction.
- Identify fabrics appropriate for various purposes.
- Identify roles and responsibilities of members and professional service organizations, including career and technical student organizations.

Unit 4: Sewing and Technology

This unit will let you get some hands-on experience as you get to know the sewing machine, one of the most basic pieces of equipment in the fashion design industry. You will identify the parts of the machine, learn how to thread one, and make a simple project. There is also a bit of math involved, and calculating the right amount of materials the first time around is important. You will also learn a bit more about how technology shapes the industry. Sewing machines have come a long way from your grandmother's day, and their evolution represents one of the many ways in which technology shapes the industry.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify and explain the purpose of sewing machine parts.
- Demonstrate math skills as they relate to sewing.

- Demonstrate the threading of the sewing machine.
- Demonstrate straight stitching.
- Identify and demonstrate various stitches.
- Interpret written instructions and construct a basic sewing project.
- Identify technology utilized in the design field.
- Analyze technology trends impacting the design industry.
- Utilize technology to construct a sewing project.

Unit 5: Clothing

If you are taking this course, there is a good chance that you are fascinated by fashion. This unit will enable you to consider the difference between trends and wardrobe staples and the place that both have in fashion design. Designers need to be aware of both to keep their collections current. In addition, you will consider how fashion works on the body. Given the wide variety of shapes and body types represented by today's consumers, being able to create fashion that works for as many people as possible is important. Doing this requires a basic understanding of which styles flatter which body types. Along with wearing the right types of clothing, it is essential that the ensemble fits the occasion. As new terms like "business casual" come into the common vocabulary, those in the fashion industry need to provide the right clothes for all social and professional situations (not to mention "cozy lounge" and "around-the-house" wear). In addition, those in the fashion industry need to consider cost when planning their fashions. The high-volume sales many in the industry seek require making fashion affordable, so you'll consider the factors that those in the design industry need to consider.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Explain the impact of trends and social climate on fashion styles.
- Identify appropriate clothing styles for various events.
- Identify factors that impact clothing costs.
- Demonstrate the procedure for recording accurate body measurements.
- Analyze proper fit.

Fashion and Interior Design Midterm Exam

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the first five units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

Unit 6: Fashion Design Project

This unit is a little more hands-on than the previous ones. You have already learned a lot about the fashion industry, from the careers available to how to thread a sewing machine. Now it is time to pull it all together. As you know, there is a lot more to fashion than just looking good. In this unit, you will create an outfit and demonstrate your understanding of the fashion industry by considering all aspects, including cost, market, and production. Making at least one piece of the outfit yourself will help you further develop your sewing or accessory design skills. You will

also explain the rationale behind your choices and demonstrate your understanding of the industry as you pitch your outfit as an example of your line to a potential buyer, developing leadership and presentation skills. You will keep a journal of the entire process to show what you have learned. This unit will also provide you with some pieces that could be the beginning of your portfolio if you are seeking an internship or entry-level position.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Select materials and supplies for fashion projects.
- Calculate the costs of a given fashion project.
- Interpret written directions for constructing a fashion project.
- Apply math skills and construct a fashion project.
- Identify steps of the decisions-making process.
- Describe the difference between a need and a want.
- Explain how values and goals affect decisions.
- Identify and utilize the planning process.
- Develop a personal-growth project.

Unit 7: Interior and Environmental Design

Students will be introduced to the many ways in which environmental design factors into many aspects of the design field. By weighing the advantages and challenges of incorporating environmentally friendly products, students will better understand the merits of these designs. They will create their own repurposing project and find an innovative use for household objects. This unit also considers cultural factors that influence design and how to recognize some distinct features of an era.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Explain the impact of political and social climates on decorating styles.
- Define green design.
- Research eco-friendly design products.
- Examine the positive and negative impact that a design product has on the environment.
- Redesign an item into another useful product.

Unit 8: Considering Interior Design

You will learn the basic categories of furniture and styles within those categories, as well as how to choose furniture for a room by considering scale, function, and placement. You will further develop hands-on skills by planning, designing, and completing an interior design project while using basic skills to calculate materials and staying within a budget.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify the characteristics of furnishing styles.
- Identify factors that impact furnishing choices.

- Apply the principles and elements of the design in selecting an interior design project.
- Interpret written directions for assembling/constructing an interior project.
- Apply math skills and construct interior design project.

Unit 9: Interior Design Project

In this unit, you will learn some hands-on applications for the design skills that you have been building throughout the course. You will complete a larger project and design a complete room while sticking to a budget. Because interior designers work with clients, you will also learn to work with others as you demonstrate your leadership skills while collaborating with a group. Finally, it is time to share your designs so that you can build some presentation skills in your own fashion and design show.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Apply the principles and elements of design in selecting an interior design project.
- Work cooperatively as a group member to achieve organizational goals.
- Demonstrate leadership roles and organizational responsibilities.
- Exhibit work expectations of an employer in the design industry.
- Apply math, reading, science, and critical thinking skills as they relate to the design industry.
- Identify steps of the decision-making process.
- Distinguish between a need and a want.
- Explain how values and goals affect decisions.

Unit 10: Presenting as a Professional

Now that you have learned at lot about the basics of the fashion and interior design industries, it is time to examine career prospects in the field and identify the steps to getting a job, including how to communicate and present yourself professionally. While your design skills and creativity are important, employers also look for those with good work ethics, so here you will learn about expectation in the working world. This unit will require you to practice interview skills and investigate the possibility of a part-time job or internship. You will also select your best work as the foundation for your professional portfolio.

What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify and utilize the planning process.
- Develop a personal growth project.
- Identify personal talents and abilities that can contribute to self-esteem and success in the workplace.
- Practice employability skills.
- Practice a positive work ethic and identify negative work ethics.
- Exhibit work expectations of an employer in the design industry.
- Demonstrate communication skills that promote positive relationships in the workplace.

- Research and present information on a design career to include roles and responsibilities, employment opportunities, and requirements for education and training.

Fashion and Interior Design Final Exam

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from units six to ten in this course – the last five units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)