Footwear and Accessories Design BFA Degree Program

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SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Applications accepted for fall only. NYSED: 27491 CIP: 50.0407

The Footwear and Accessories Design major offers design, technical, and business skills to prepare students for careers in design, product development, merchandising, and entrepreneurship. Curriculum below is for the entering class of fall 2024.

Semester 5		Credits
MAJOR AREA	LD 332 - Theatrical and Character Footwear	3
	LD 342 - Zippered Handbags Design	2.5
	LD 371 - Accessories that have Changed Fashion	2.5
RELATED AREA	JD 138 - Introduction to CAD Modeling for Designers	2
LIBERAL ARTS	HA 344 - European Fashion: Ancient Origins to Modern Styles	3
	choice - see Requirements*: Liberal Arts	3
Semester 6		
MAJOR AREA	LD 331 - Athletic Footwear Design	3
	LD 451 - Sports-Specific Bags and Carrying Gear	2.5
RELATED AREA	JD 237 - 3D Digital Object Design	2
	TD 362 - Screen Printing for Accessories Design	2
LIBERAL ARTS	choice - see Requirements*: Liberal Arts/Foreign Language	3
	choice - see Requirements*: Liberal Arts/History of Art	3
PE/ HEALTH	choice - see Requirements*: Liberal Arts Elective(s)/PE/Health	1
Semester 7		
MAJOR AREA	LD 333 - Nontraditional Footwear Design	2.5
	LD 341 - Unconventional Handbag Techniques	2.5
	LD 471 - The Accessories Industry	2.5
	LD 492 - Portfolio Development	3
RELATED AREA	choice - see Requirements*:Major/ Related Area Elective(s)	3
LIBERAL ARTS	choice - see Requirements*: Liberal Arts/Foreign Language	3
Semester 8		
MAJOR AREA	LD 491 - Accessories Design Senior Project	3
RELATED AREA	IC 497 - Senior Internship: Career Planning	3
	choice - see Requirements*:Major/ Related Area Elective(s)	3
LIBERAL ARTS	choice - see Requirements*	3
TOTAL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS		

PE/HEALTH	1
MAJOR AREA	27
RELATED AREA	15
LIBERAL ARTS	18
Total Credits:	**61**

***Fall 2024 Requirements:** See below.

Liberal Arts: 18 credits

- **Foreign Language: 6 credits.** Two semesters of the same foreign language, one of which must meet General Education Foreign Language requirement (G8).
- **History of Art: 6 credits.** HA 344 and CHOICE of one (1) additional 3-credit History of Art course that meets General Education Other World Civilizations requirement (G9). See HA: History of Art.

Liberal Arts Elective(s): 6 credits. Select a Liberal Arts course (for which prerequisites have been met) from the following subject areas: AB (Arabic); CH (Chinese); EN (English); FI (Film and Media Studies); FR (French); HA (History of Art); HE (Health Education) HE 201, HE 301; IT (Italian); JA (Japanese); HI (History); MA (Math); MC (Modern Languages and Cultures); MU (Music); PE (Physical Education and Dance) PE 215, PE 216, PE 217; PL (Philosophy); PO (Portuguese); SC (Science); SP (Spanish); and SS (Social Sciences). See Liberal Arts Courses.

Major/Related Area Elective(s): 6 credits. CHOICE of LD 112, 181, 182, 184, 185 or any related area elective courses in Art and Design (for which prerequisites have been met) totaling 6 credits.

NOTE: Students who hold an AAS degree from the School of Art and Design and who wish to transfer into the BFA program from the following majors: Fashion Design, Jewelry Design, Menswear and Textile/Surface Design are required to complete LD 133 and LD 143 prior to fifth semester.

Students who hold an AAS degree from the School of Art and Design and who wish to transfer into the BFA program from the following majors: Communication Design Pathways, Fine Arts, Illustration, Interior Design and Photography are required to complete the one-yr AAS degree in Footwear & Accessories Design prior to starting fifth semester.

Students who hold an AAS degree from the School of Business and Technology or Liberal Arts and who wish to transfer into the BFA program from the following majors are required to complete the one-yr AAS degree in Footwear and Accessories Design prior to starting fifth semester.

OVERALL BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

FIT's 2+2 degree structure requires an earned AAS or equivalent plus all the BS or BFA degree requirements.

This structure includes the following overall bachelor's degree graduation requirements:

- 120–126 total earned credits
- 30 credits in General Education credits approved by the State University of New York (SUNY)

BFA degrees NASAD and New York State guidelines:

- 12 credits art/design history
- 30 credits in Liberal Arts/General Studies
- 78–84 credits in major and related area, including a minimum of 24 credits in 300- to 400-level major and related area coursework

Students who successfully complete the Footwear & Accessories Design BFA degree will be able to:

1. Research, analyze, and creatively illustrate the historical relevance of fashion evolution, innovation, and trends.
2. Design and create accessories that address a need in the current market using learned assembly techniques, inventive materials, and trend research.
3. Develop an accessories business plan and deliver a coherent, articulate oral presentation.
4. Identify technology and apply, either digitally or manually, to the creation of fashion, theatrical, and athletic accessories.

5. Prepare, organize, and present a professional-level portfolio for internship and employment opportunities.