

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 2026.

Semester 5		Credits		
MAJOR AREA	LD 332 - Theatrical and Character Footwear	3	PE/HEALTH	1
	LD 342 - Zippered Handbags Design	2.5	MAJOR AREA	27
	LD 371 - Accessories that Have Changed Fashion	2.5	RELATED AREA	15
RELATED AREA	JD 138 - Introduction to CAD Modeling for Designers	2	LIBERAL ARTS	18
LIBERAL ARTS	HA 344 - European Fashion: Ancient Origins to Modern Styles	3		
	choice - see Requirements: Liberal Arts	3	Total Credits:	61
Semester 6		Credits		
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/World Languages	3		
	choice - see Requirements: Liberal Arts/History of Art	3		
PE/HEALTH	choice - see Requirements: Liberal Arts Elective(s)/PE/Health	1		
Semester 7		Credits		
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/World Languages	3		
Semester 8		Credits		
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				

Fall 2026 Requirements: See below.

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.

Liberal Arts and Sciences Course Content Requirements

(24 AAS credits* + 18 BFA credits = 42 credits total)

- **English: 6 credits**
 - EN 131 meets SUNY GE: Communication-Written (COMW) and Communication-Oral (COMO)*
 - CHOICE any 200- or 300-level EN literature or speech course*
- **Mathematics: 3 credits.**
 - CHOICE of any MA that meets General Education SUNY GE: Mathematics (MATH)*
- **Natural Sciences: 3 credits.**
 - CHOICE of any SC that meets General Education SUNY GE: Natural Sciences (NSCI)*
- **Diversity: 3 credits.** CHOICE of any course that meets SUNY GE: Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice (DVRS)
- **History of Art: 12 credits.**
 - HA 344
 - 3 credits CHOICE of one (1) HA course that meets General Education SUNY GE: World History and Global Awareness (GLBL)
 - 6 credits CHOICE of (3) additional courses (See the full list of Art/ Design History courses under HA: History of Art and Civilization. (meets HUMN)*.
- **World Languages: 6 credits.** Two semesters of the same world language, one of which must meet General Education SUNY GE: World Languages requirement (WLNQ)

Liberal Arts Elective(s): 9 credits.* Select a Liberal Arts course (for which prerequisites have been met) from the following subject areas: AB (Arabic); CH

(Chinese); EC (Economics); EN (English); ES (Educational Skills); 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); PC (Political Science); PE (Physical Education and Dance) PE 215, PE 216, PE 217, PE 220; PL (Philosophy); PO (Portuguese); PY (Psychology); SC (Science); SO (Sociology); SP (Spanish); and SS (Social Sciences). See Liberal Arts Courses.

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-year AAS degree in Footwear and Accessories Design prior to starting fifth semester.

****Credits from AAS will apply as appropriate***

FIT's 2+2 degree structure requires an earned AAS or equivalent plus all the BS or BFA degree requirements. For more information, please see Requirements for Degree Completion.

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.