

Fashion Business Management AAS Degree Program

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School of Business and Technology

Applications accepted for fall and spring. NYSED: 00828 CIP: 52.1902

The major in Fashion Business Management provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary for assuming positions in the merchandising industry in areas such as buying, sales, creative fashion presentation, retail management, and marketing. Curriculum below is for the entering class of fall 2026.

Semester 1		Credits
MAJOR AREA	FM 108 - First Year Experience I	3
	FM 116 - Fashion Business Practices	3
	FM 245 - Fashion Forecasting and Trend Analytics	3
GENERAL EDUCATION	EN 131 - English Composition and Rhetoric	3
	choice - see Requirements	3
Semester 2		Credits
MAJOR AREA	FM 109 - First Year Experience II	3
	FM 110 - Product Elements and Principles	2
	choice - see Major Area Elective(s)	3
RELATED AREA	TS 110 - Product Elements and Principles Laboratory	2
GENERAL EDUCATION	EC 141 - Macroeconomics	3
	choice - see Requirements	3
Semester 3		Credits
MAJOR AREA	FM 203 - Business Intelligence in Planning and Buying	3
	FM 204 - Innovation in Product Development	3
	FM 205 - Fashion Marketing and Digital Technology	3
	choice - see Major Area Elective(s)	3
GENERAL EDUCATION	MA 222 - Statistical Analysis	3
	choice - see Requirements	3
Semester 4		Credits
MAJOR AREA	FM 206 - Strategies of Merchandising	3
	FM 207 - Retail Strategies	3
RELATED AREA	choice - see Related Area Elective	1.5-3
GENERAL EDUCATION	choice - see Requirements	6
TOTAL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS		
	GENERAL EDUCATION	24
	MAJOR AREA	35
	RELATED AREA	3.5-5
	Total Credits:	62.5-64

Fall 2026 Requirements: See below.

Major Area Elective(s): 6 credits

CHOICE of

two: FM 144, FM 201, FM 213, FM 222, FM 223, FM 226, FM 228, FM 231, or FM 280

Related Area Elective(s): 1.5-3 credits

CHOICE of AC 111, AC 141, AC 171, AR 101, AR 115, CM 251, DE 101, EP 110, HD 111, HP 201, IC 297, ID 103, JD 101, MG 153, PH 118, PH 162, PM 121, TD 112, TS 215, or TT 261

FIT's Liberal Arts Requirements for Associate Degree Programs: 24 credits total

- Three (3) credits EN 131 meets SUNY GE: Communication-Written (COMW) and Communication-Oral (COMO)
- Three (3) credits of any 200- or 300-level English literature or speech course
- Three (3) credits MA 222 SUNY GE: Mathematics (and Quantitative Reasoning) (MATH)
- Three (3) credits SUNY GE: Natural Science (and Scientific Reasoning) (NSCI)
- Three (3) credits SUNY GE: Diversity: Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice (DVRS)
- Three (3) credits EC 141 meets SUNY GE: Social Science (SOCS)
- Six (6) credits from SUNY General Education courses in two (2) of the following areas
 - SUNY GE: The Arts (ARTS)
 - SUNY GE: World History and Global Awareness (GLBL)
 - SUNY GE: Humanities (HUMN)
 - SUNY GE: U.S. History and Civic Engagement (USCV)
 - SUNY GE: World Languages (WLNG)

See list of Gen Ed approved courses under NEW FIT's General Education Requirements and Courses. An FIT Gen Ed course cannot be used to meet more than one General Education area.

Evening/Weekend Option

A four-semester degree program is available for this degree program (see Curricula Overview or visit the FIT website at fitnyc.edu/evening_weekend). The sequence of courses is the same as that listed on this page.

Online Degree Option

The online degree is designed to give students flexibility in earning an Associate of Applied Science degree (see Online Degree Programs for additional information).

Upper Division Alternative(s)

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Science programs in Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing, Direct and Interactive Marketing, Fashion Business Management, Home Products Development, International Trade and Marketing for the Fashion Industries, Production Management: Fashion and Related Industries, and Textile Development and Marketing. By completing certain course requirements, graduates may also apply to the Bachelor of Science programs in Advertising and Marketing Communications and Technical Design.

Additional Location

The two-year AAS in Fashion Business Management is offered in Incheon, South Korea, as part of FIT at SUNY Korea.

Upon graduating from the Fashion Business Management AAS degree program, students will demonstrate:

1. Business Fundamentals: Students will be able to identify and apply current business methodology and discuss current situations and opportunities connected to the fashion business.
2. Communication: Students will be able to compare how business decisions are established by using coherent written, verbal, and presentation skills.

3. Globalism: Students will be able to identify and evaluate the current global issues in how they will affect the fashion business.
4. Technology: Students will be able to illustrate and distinguish their technology proficiency by beginning to adapt to the various technologies in the courses of the fashion business.
5. Research and Critical Thinking: Students will be able to explain and conduct research of primary and secondary data to make business decisions.
6. Product Commercialization: Students will be able to begin to evaluate the functions of product development, the merchandising of a line and how it works within the Product Life Cycle.
7. Retailing/ Wholesaling: Students will be able to identify and compare the differences between retail and wholesale in the fashion business.