Facts at your Fingertips
Apparel Design & Technology
College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What types of careers can I get with an Apparel Design & Technology degree?
   A degree in ADTC will open up opportunities in many professional positions. Recent graduates are working in positions such as technical designers, design assistants, pattern makers, small business owners, product development, buyers, and illustrators for companies such as Abercrombie & Fitch, alice + Olivia, Liz Claiborne, Polo Ralph Lauren, Estee Lauder, and Nicole Miller - - just to name a few.

2. Are there Career Fairs on campus for Apparel Design & Technology students?
   Yes. Each year CSR holds the Annual CSR Career Conference in February. Students have the opportunity to mingle, have lunch, and meet with 30-50 recruiters at the all-day event. Other Professional Development activities are held throughout the year including a recruiter/student reception for juniors and seniors in the fall. Apparel Design & Technology students are also encouraged to attend the Krannert Career Fair each fall and spring for opportunities in the retail and fashion-design related fields. CSR students also use the Center for Career Opportunities and CCO Express for access to databases of job opportunities and on-campus interviewing.

3. Is an Internship required?
   Yes, students in Apparel Design & Technology will complete TWO (2) internship (or field experiences) prior to graduating. The first is in a retail setting where they will work at least 140 work hours and the second is in a design setting where they will log at least 280 work hours. Students may complete these during the summer or during the school year. To fulfill the retail internship requirement, students must have CSR 209 completed, be in the ADTC program at the time of employment, and be registered for CSR 300 in the semester in which they are working. Students will also fulfill all written academic internship assignments and attend a small group session/syllabus meeting (in April for summer or during the first week of school for fall/spring). To fulfill the design internship requirement, students must have CSR 221 completed, be in the ADTC program at the time of employment and be registered for CSR 322 in the semester in which they are working. Students will also fulfill all written academic internship assignments and attend a small group session/syllabus meeting (in April for summer or during the first week of school for fall/spring). Students search and secure their own position which may be paid or unpaid. A popular option for one or both of the internships is the London, Sydney, or Beijing Internship program offered in the summer. You would be placed in a position in this case.
4. **Since internships are required, how do you help students find the positions?**
   Learning how to secure a position is part of the learning experience. Except for the Study Abroad Internship, we do not select and place students into positions. We offer a variety of resources to assist students in seeking and landing an internship or full-time job including but not limited to: the CSR Annual Spring Career Conference, other on-campus career fairs in the fall and spring; clubs and organization participation where industry speakers or site visits are key; departmental contacts with program alumni offering positions; professional development activities throughout the year where students and industry professionals are brought together; the use of Purdue’s [www.cco.purdue.edu](http://www.cco.purdue.edu) career services website & job databases and Career Wiki.

5. **Explain the current CODO policy.**
   Prospective Apparel Design & Technology students must attend a CSR CODO Information Session and complete the steps at the [www.hhs.purdue.edu/codo](http://www.hhs.purdue.edu/codo) website. All students will be provided a personal Plan of Study at the CODO Info Session. To CODO, a student must have at least a 2.50 GPA. This program is usually at capacity and may require you be placed on a waiting list and accepted on a space available basis. Students on Academic Probation will not be able to CODO until they are in good standing.

6. **What if I do not meet the GPA requirement, but I’ve completed the pre-requisite courses?**
   Students with less than a 2.50 GPA will not be able to CODO into ADTC.

7. **What if I attend a CODO meeting and I don’t meet the criteria now but would still want to pursue the major when I meet the CODO requirements in the future?**
   We maintain a database of all students who have attended a CODO information session. We will contact all students regularly who qualify. Students who have attended a CODO Information Session may see Bobbe Molter for academic advising by calling Molly Menges at 765.494.8317 or stop by MTHW 223 to make an appointment (please identify it as a “Codo follow-up”). We encourage all serious students to meet regularly during registration periods.

8. **Where do I get my CODO paper Form 705?**
   [http://www.purdue.edu/registrar/Students/CODO705_Form.pdf](http://www.purdue.edu/registrar/Students/CODO705_Form.pdf)

9. **Where do I take my CODO Form 705?**
   After Section 1 & 2 have been signed by your current College/School you may bring the CODO Form 705 to MTHW 223. Students who qualify prior to attending the CODO Info Session may bring signed CODO papers to the meeting to be held or to be processed.

10. **If I have questions after the CODO meeting, who should I contact?**
    Students who have attended a CODO Information Session may see Bobbe Molter for academic advising by calling Molly Menges at 765.494.8317 or stop by MTHW 223 to make an appointment (please identify it as a “Codo follow-up”). We encourage all serious students to meet regularly during registration periods. Students are welcome to email Bobbe Molter with questions at [bobbe@purdue.edu](mailto:bobbe@purdue.edu)

11. **If I am to CODO, how long will it take me to graduate?**
    One size doesn’t fit all. All students must follow the course sequences and pre-requisites once accepted into ADTC. In order to graduate, you will need to take these courses in the appropriate order, fulfill all of the required courses and have at least 120 credit hours. This is
not negotiable. When you come to a CODO Information Session, a personalized plan of study will be provided. If you are unable or unwilling to commit to honoring all prerequisites and course sequencing (upon acceptance) to finish your degree in Apparel Design & Technology, we respectfully request that you consider other degree options. You will be expected to make this commitment before you complete the CODO process. If appropriate, we strongly encourage you to discuss your projected graduation date with your parents before you complete the CODO process.

12. **Once I CODO, who will be my Apparel Design & Technology advisor?**
Bobbe Molter advises all ADTC students. Appointments may be made on-line once you’ve CODOed in, at [www.hhs.purdue.edu/csr](http://www.hhs.purdue.edu/csr) or, in the meantime, by calling Molly Menges at 765.494.8317.

13. **What can I expect regarding communication for Apparel Design & Technology students?**
A lot of vital, up to the minute, information is posted on the CSR website at [www.hhs.purdue.edu/csr](http://www.hhs.purdue.edu/csr) (click on “Undergraduate”). We also send out e-mail announcements about job or internship opportunities, leadership opportunities, and registration reminders. Or, follow Bobbe on Twitter: [@PUadvisorBobbe](https://twitter.com/PUadvisorBobbe). While some info you receive by email from us may not be of interest to you, we will not email you junk mail so we expect you review all e-mail correspondence from advisors before deleting!

14. **Do I need to know how to sew before entering the program?**
It is a good idea to know how to use a home machine and understand simple pattern directions. We will teach technique and use industry machines.

15. **Do I need to know how to draw before entering the program?**
No; students take Drawing I and II; Design I and II; Life Drawing, and Fashion Illustration so it is not necessary to come in with fully developed artistic skill.

16. **Does the application require a portfolio review?**
No

17. **How many students are accepted each year?**
Approximately 30 new students (beginners and CODOs combined) are accepted each year.

18. **How much does a student spend on fabric?**
It varies depending on the type of fabric you’re interested in working with and how much you need. A senior collection comprising of 5-6 garments could be as little as $500, and as much as $1,000.

19. **Where do students purchase fabric?**
In Lafayette/West Lafayette students purchase fabrics at JoAnn’s, Walmart and Hobby Lobby. Students may wish to purchase fabrics at stores in their hometowns. The ADTC students typically travel to Chicago each semester, as a group, to visit sites and purchase fabric.

20. **Are there study abroad programs specifically for Apparel Design students?**
There are many programs that match up nicely with the ADTC curricula. Too many to list here! Whether your niche is fashion or basic business, you will have countless options for Studying Abroad. Your advisor can help work a Study Abroad fall, spring, or summer option into your plan of study. Here are a few popular choices:
Fashion Related-Departmental Tours:

**International Influences on Retail & Fashion:** Maymester. Spend 30 days based in London. London is considered a primary European fashion center with Edinburgh serving as a secondary center with a focus in textiles. Tours to professional site visits in these locations will enable students to compare and contrast between the international locations and the American retail and fashion businesses. Site visits and guest speakers will include locations representing the various levels of the fashion business channel from design to manufacturer to retailer. This program will include in-class instruction by CSR faculty and invited professionals. Additional educational experiences will include out of class readings and research, professional and cultural site visits, both group and individual.

Fashion Related Co-Sponsored Programs:

**London College of Fashion:** Attend in fall, spring, or summer and earn 12-16 credits of coursework. Typical courses include: Fashion Journalism, Fashion Marketing in the UK, Visual Merchandising, French for Fashion, Fashion Forecasting, Fashion Public Relations, Buying & Product Development in the UK…and more!

**Other Popular Destinations:** IES London Program, Hong Kong PolyTechnic Institute (China); and Accademia Italiana (Italy) - - just to name A FEW!

21. **Are there scholarships available?**

All college level scholarships are posted at [www.hhs.purdue.edu](http://www.hhs.purdue.edu). Industry scholarships are often available and are announced on our website and by direct email to qualifying students. All merit based scholarships offered by Purdue University are posted at [www.purdue.edu/dfa](http://www.purdue.edu/dfa). Study Abroad scholarships are posted at [www.studyabroad.purdue.edu](http://www.studyabroad.purdue.edu)