Bachelor of Design (Fashion)

Your degree will begin with introductory and shared impact lab units where, working with students from other disciplines, you’ll focus on problems and social issues and identify potential solutions connected to industry and community.

Your introductory studies will focus on the theory and practice of fashion design, including hands-on studies of design fabrication that form the foundation for your technical skills and associated knowledge to realise your own design ideas. You will then build on this foundation through studies covering global fashion cultures, ethical and sustainable practices, as well as collaborative and communication skills.

In the later stages of your degree you will synthesise your understanding of product development and retail readiness including developing a major final-year project.

Why choose this course?
New fashion brands are emerging all the time. Digital channels are allowing designers to not just show their work, but also tell their story and connect with audiences that share their values. If you love fashion and want to see your work on the catwalk, QUT can put you on the right path.

Our fashion degree is the longest running fashion degree in Queensland and provides industry standard facilities. You will be advised by leading industry mentors, and embrace the challenges and opportunities of twenty-first century fashion including ethics and sustainability, industry practices and emerging digital technologies.

In the studio, you will develop your design identity, working individually and in teams on real-world briefs and projects. Our students have opened pop-up stores, produced fashion magazines and websites, and collaborated with leading designers such as Lydia Pearson.

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and creative styles via portfolio and academic achievement.

Real-world learning
QUT’s fashion course is the longest running fashion degree in Queensland and provides industry-standard facilities. You will be advised by leading industry mentors, who will help

Emily Giles
International experiences

‘Throughout the course we were always pushed to network to ensure we had contacts after graduating. I flew to New Zealand to intern for Karen Walker. I now develop and create clothing ready for catwalk and showroom. Seeing the final product on the catwalk in Paris and celebrities wearing your garments is incredible.’
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you develop your design identity as you work in the studio, individually and in teams, on real-world briefs and projects.

Your skills will be rounded with real-world experiences through work integrated learning, study tours and chosen electives. QUT fashion students have completed international exchanges to London, Milan, Berlin, Amsterdam and Delhi, and secured internships with leading global brands including Alexander McQueen, Vivienne Westwood, Antipodium and Tom Ford. International business skills and bilateral connections with designers are encouraged through integrated programs.

Entry requirements

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Minimum English requirements

Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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Course structure

To meet the course requirements for the Bachelor of Design (Fashion), you must complete a total of 288 credit points, made up of:

- a design major (144 credit points), including four shared foundation units (48 credit points) and 96 credit points from the fashion discipline
- four school-wide impact lab units (48 credit points)
- complementary studies, made up of both: design specialisation units (minimum 48 credit points) a minor, or a combination of design specialisation units and electives (unit options) (48 credit points).

Study overseas

Study overseas while earning credit towards your QUT creative industries degree with one of our worldwide exchange partners.

Overseas study can be for one or two semesters (or during the semester break) and the units you take can be in a creative or non-creative discipline area, depending on how they match with your QUT course.

Careers and outcomes

Our fashion graduates have had a significant impact on the emerging Brisbane fashion scene and have launched internationally successful careers. They work as independent designers or with larger fashion houses. Others work as fashion stylists, international trend forecasters and product development managers.

Double degrees

Fashion is an internationally recognised business powerhouse. Study fashion with a double degree in business to enhance your opportunities to work in diverse design careers internationally including fashion buying, fashion marketer, fashion finance, fashion business analyst, design forecaster and fashion entrepreneur.