Master of Fashion and Textiles at RMIT

Worldwide the fashion and textile industry employs tens of millions of people. They are employed in every aspect of the supply chain; from raw material production to high end fashion design and management of multinational corporations. Two significant trends are emerging in the industry: one is increasing globalisation and the other is the need of developing countries to move beyond the first stages of fibre, yarn and fabric production to more labour and cost intensive aspects such as design, brand management, quality control and distribution to be able to compete in global markets. It is an industry of complex supply chains and rapid technology change that requires experienced and knowledgeable professionals who understand how to pull together their organisations needs efficiently and effectively.

RMIT’s Master of Fashion and Textiles focuses on the international fashion and textile industry and is aimed at people wanting a successful career in this industry. It is for people who want a postgraduate qualification that builds and adds expertise and knowledge in the areas of design, technology and supply chain management to their existing textile, merchandising and fashion skill base. The degree is relevant to fashion designers, fashion technologists, textile designers, textile technologists, industry managers and those with a fashion and textiles merchandising and marketing background. This postgraduate degree also offers an entry point to people wanting to start a career in the fashion and textile industry.

This program addresses not only textile and fashion industry issues, but includes the broad scope of business operations, such as marketing and distribution, product development, leadership and management, industry economics and the global issues in current business environments.

Graduates of this program will be skilled and knowledgeable in the areas of global fashion and textile markets, supply chain structures, business management issues and understanding the implications of technology which are all contextualised within the fashion and textiles industry.

Mode and duration

1.5 years full-time

Program features

Program structure

The Master of Fashion and Textiles is comprised of 144 credit points.

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Core Courses
• Management 1–Managing People
• Advanced Case Studies in Fashion and Textiles
• Global Business Issues in Fashion and Textiles
• Research Methods (Fashion and Textiles)
• Innovation and Entrepreneurship
• Advanced Textile Materials and New Technology

Electives
• Production Management for Fashion and Textiles
• Product Development Strategies
• Design Management and Quality Systems
• Trend Forecasting for Fashion and Textiles
• CATD3–Computer Aided Fashion and Textiles Design
• Fashion and Textiles Arts and Culture
• Master Pattern Engineering
• Accounting for Management Decisions
• Business Planning
• E-Commerce Development
• Marketing Management and Implementation
• Distribution Logistics for Fashion and Textiles
• Fashion and Textiles Merchandising Management
• Retail Management Strategies
• Major Project

* Please note that not all electives are available every semester.
Teaching methods
All courses are taught in combination of online and face-to-face in the form of lectures, tutorials, seminars and workshops during normal working hours.

Assessment
Assessment is ongoing throughout the semester and may include examinations, essays/reports, oral class presentations, group projects, research projects, laboratory projects and practical assignments.

Entrance requirements

Academic
Applicants must have a bachelor degree from a recognised tertiary institution and/or significant professional practice within the fashion and textiles or merchandising/retail industry. Typically professional experience is at least five years’ practice.

Students with non-fashion/textile undergraduate degrees will have to complete a 5-day Fashion/Textile Product Knowledge Workshop offered by the School of Fashion and Textiles during the first semester of study.

English language
One of the following:
- IELTS (Academic)—6.5+ (no band less than 6.0)
- TOEFL Paper-based—580+ (TWE 4.5+)
- TOEFL Computer-based—237+ (TWE 4.5+)
- TOEFL Internet-based (IBT)—overall score 92, minimum 20 in all sections
- REW—English for Academic Purposes Advanced 2

Application procedures
Apply any time via: International Student Application Form
www.rmit.edu.au/international/future
Email: isapplications@rmit.edu.au

Fees
Program fees may vary according to the courses chosen and fees are invoiced on a semester basis. RMIT reserves the right to adjust fees on an annual basis but no fee increase will exceed the annual increase cap of 7.5%.

For the latest fee information please refer to our website:
www.rmit.edu.au/international/programfees

Fees for 2009
Masters: $18,720 per year
Fashion/Textile Product Knowledge Workshop (if applicable): $900.

Further information

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