

Fashion Design Certificate Program

Academic Plan as of spring 2025

Program Description:

Step into a rewarding career as a fashion designer, illustrator, seamstress, merchandiser, model, photographer, or costume maker. You will learn about both the creative and technical sides of the fashion industry through hands-on activities, demonstrations, special events, and field trips. Fashion Design students also participate in fashion shows, award competitions, and networking opportunities. This program is offered in conjunction with Nevada Association of Fashion Design (NAFD).

Program Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the Fashion Design Certificate Program, students will be able to:

- Modify and create an original pattern.
- Design, analyze, and construct a garment.
- Describe the elements of the fashion industry.
- Apply techniques of design.
- Prepare a self-promotion storyboard, a color board presentation, and a business plan.

Prerequisites and Admissions Requirements:

High School Diploma or equivalent.

Program Requirements:

To earn the Fashion Design Certificate, you must successfully complete the 9 required courses for a total of 297.5 contact hours (29.75 CEUs).

Required Courses:

- Sewing: The Stitch Room (FD2144)
- Fashion Design: Elements & Principles (FD2101)
- Dressmaker Studio (FD2161)
- Fashion Illustration & Design (FD2142)
- Patternmaking: Introduction (FD2105)
- Fashion Costume Construction (FD2123)
- Business of Fashion Marketing, Showcase (FD2146)
- Cutting Edge: Swimwear & Lingerie (FD2114)
- Alterations & Upcycling (FD2170)

**Students who started the Fashion Design certificate program prior to fall 2024 will follow the previous Academic Plan and may contact ce-assistant@unlv.edu for assistance.*