

# **Course Specification**

Cou	Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	Fashion Media Masters	
2	BCU Course Code	PT1098	
		PT1099	
3	Awarding Institution	Birmingham City University	
4	Teaching Institution(s)		
	(if different from point 3)		
5	Professional Statutory or		
	Regulatory Body (PSRB)		
	accreditation (if applicable)		

# 6 Course Description

### Each route has its own webpage:

- Fashion Promotion: <a href="http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/fashion-promotion-ma-2018-19">http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/fashion-promotion-ma-2018-19</a>
- Fashion Styling: <a href="http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/fashion-styling-ma-2018-19">http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/fashion-styling-ma-2018-19</a>
- Cosmetics Branding and Promotion: <a href="http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/cosmetics-branding-and-promotion-ma-2018-19">http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/cosmetics-branding-and-promotion-ma-2018-19</a>

These MA postgraduate courses in fashion are designed to sit alongside, share modules and find synergies with their sister courses on the Fashion and Textile Design Masters Programme. All courses share common elements of operation, structure and philosophy as well as sharing core theoretical elements and enrichment activities.

Your Course is strongly industry focussed and projects are frequently entrepreneurial in character. The Course is also sufficiently flexible to allow for more theoretically focussed studies and an MA stage Dissertation module is an available option if you wish to progress to research degree study.

In general, the FMMP allows for the pursuit of employment-related scholarship relevant to a diverse range of interconnected and broadly comparable practices within the fashion media industry. For dealing with the creative and professional ambitions of individual students, the Course has an embedded a system of project-managing your learning experience. Student-centred, and for the majority of students mainly focussed on practice, the full course (from PgCert to MA) takes you through a sequence of creative ideation and exploration (PgCert), contextual analysis and project management (PgDip), portfolio and career development (MA). There is a strong emphasis on developing independence (through you managing your own programme), self-discipline (through personal planning, goal and target setting), professional and creative ambition (through critical dialogue and self-evaluation).

In summary, your Course focuses on the wider realms of the fashion industry and in particular its use of mass communication, visual and verbal messages and the conception of commercial fashion and fashionable identities manifested as products and brands. Your projects can reflect this through a mixture of academic formats and creative approaches ranging from business planning to theoretical analysis to the development of online shops. Your opportunities for self-direction and self-management play a key role in allowing you to address your personal interests and meeting personal requirements relating to employability or entrepreneurship. You are allowed to develop 'real world' simulations where teams of fashion professionals can collaborate and network. The highly International nature of the student cohort coupled with the



knowledge sharing opportunities allow the development of global views of the fashion industry while developing a personal project that can still be very much focussed on your home market or local employment opportunities.

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Master of Arts Fashion Promotion	7	180
	Master of Arts Fashion Promotion with Professional Placement	7	240
	Master of Arts Fashion Styling	7	180
	Master of Arts Fashion Styling with Professional Placement	7	240
	Master of Arts Cosmetics Branding and Promotion	7	180
	Master of Arts Cosmetics Branding and Promotion with	7	240
	Professional Placement		
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Postgraduate Certificate Fashion Promotion	7	60
	Postgraduate Certificate Fashion Styling	7	60
	Postgraduate Certificate Cosmetics Branding and Promotion	7	60
	Postgraduate Diploma Fashion Promotion	7	120
	Postgraduate Diploma Fashion Styling	7	120
	Postgraduate Diploma Cosmetics Branding and Promotion	7	120

8	Derogation from the University Regulations	
	Not applicable	

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study		Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study	Code(s)
Full Time		City Centre	1 year	PT1098
Part Time		City Centre	2 years	PT1099
Full Time with		City Centre (and	18 months	PT1445
Professional Placement		placement provider)		

## 10 Entry Requirements

The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk/">https://www.bcu.ac.uk/</a>.



11	Course Learning Outcomes
Kno	wledge and Understanding
1	Comprehend the professional contexts within which your specialist area is situated.
2	Explain the creative and managerial processes of your chosen area of specialism.
3	Document and accurately explain a phase of creative research and investigation.
4	Describe the role of different types of communication practices in Fashion Promotion, Cosmetics
	Branding and Promotion or Fashion Styling.
Cog	nitive and Intellectual Skills
5	Provide a sophisticated, in depth and professional account of management strategies in your
	chosen area of specialism.
6	Critically evaluate the work of others and apply that judgement to your own learning.
7	Articulate a critical understanding of communication strategies within the Fashion Media
	Industries.
8	Undertake a strategic analysis of how to pursue a set of interrelated activities, including project,
	resource and time management related to an overarching set of goals and ambitions.
Prac	ctical and Professional Skills
9	Originate, manage and complete projects ideas independently and/or collaboratively.
10	Communicate ideas clearly, accurately and effectively both orally and in writing with professional
	figures in your chosen specialist area.
11	Argue rationally and draw independent conclusions based on rigorous, analytical and critical
	assessments of visual and textual communication.
12	Explain the motivations leading to creative judgements in your subject area.
Key	Transferable Skills
13	Apply formal academic and professional research skills to an advanced level.
14	Elicit the co-operation of others and contribute to team goals
15	Conceive, research, prepare and present balanced arguments and reasoned judgements.
16	Organise work effectively and meet deadlines.
	, ,



# 12 Course Requirements

### 12a Level 7:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 140 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
FAS7032	Portfolio: Concepts and Treatments	40
FAS7034	Professional Practice	20
FAS7027	Research Strategy	20
FAS7039	Major Project: MA Fashion Media	60

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following indicative list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
FAS7029	Critical Issues in Fashion Media	40
FAS7033	Portfolio: Short Projects	40

#### Level 6:

In order to qualify for the awards with Professional Placement, a student must successfully complete all of the Level 7 modules listed above as well as the following Level 6 module:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PLA6003	Professional Placement	60



## 12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

**FMMP Full-Time: OPTION 1** 

**Portfolio: Concepts and Treatments Professional** Sept – Jan PG Cert **Practice** FAS7032 Trimester 1 FAS7034 Core Module Core Module 40 Credits 20 Credits **Portfolio: Short Projects Research Strategy** Jan – Apr PG Dip **FAS7033** Trimester 2 FAS7027 **Optional Module** Core Module 40 Credits 20 Credits Major Project: MA Fashion Media Apr – Aug MA Trimester 3 FAS7039 **Faculty Module** 60 Credits **Professional Placement** Sep - March PLAC6003 Placement **University Module** 60 Credits



**FMMP Full-Time: OPTION 2** 

**Portfolio: Concepts and Treatments Professional** Sept – Jan PG Cert **Practice** FAS7032 Trimester 1 FAS7034 Core Module Core Module 40 Credits 20 Credits **Critical Issues in Fashion Media Research Strategy** Jan – Apr PG Dip Trimester 2 FAS7029 FAS7027 **Optional Module** Core Module 40 Credits 20 Credits **Major Project: MA Fashion Media** Apr – Aug MA FAS7139 Faculty Module 60 Credits **Professional Placement** PLAC6003 Sep - March Placement

**FMMP Part-Time: OPTION 1** 

**University Module** 

60 Credits



Trimester 1	Sept – Jan PG Cert	Portfolio: Concepts and Treatments  FAS7032	Professional Practice FAS7034
Trimester 2	Jan – Apr PG Cert	Core Module 40 Credits	Core Module 20 Credits
Trimester 3	Apr – Aug PG Dip	Portfolio: Short Projects  FAS7033	Research Strategy FAS7027
Trimester 4	Sept – Jan PG Dip	Optional Module 40 Credits	Core Module 20 Credits
Trimester 5	Jan – Apr MA	Major Project: MA Fashion Media FAS7139	
Trimester 6	Apr – Aug MA	Faculty Module 60 Credits	



### MMP Part-Time: OPTION 2

Trimester 1	Sept – Jan PG Cert	Portfolio: Concepts and Treatments FAS7032	Professional Practice FAS7034
Trimester 2	Jan – Apr PG Cert	Core Module 40 Credits	Core Module 20 Credits
Trimester 3	Apr – Aug PG Dip	Critical Issues in Fashion Media FAS7029	Research Strategy FAS7027
Trimester 4	Sept – Jan PG Dip	Optional Module 40 Credits	Core Module 20 Credits
Trimester 5	Jan – Apr MA	Major Project: MA Fashion Media FAS7139	
Trimester 6	Apr – Aug MA	Faculty Module 60 Credits	



### 13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- Scheduled Learning includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- Private Study includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

#### Level 7

#### Workload

## % time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	320
Directed Learning	1090
Private Study	390
Total Hours	1800

### **Balance of Assessment**

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	92%
Exam	
In-Person	8%