



Textiles and Apparel

Textiles and Apparel incorporates principles from arts, sciences, business, and humanities. Students receive specialized instruction in constructing and designing apparel using computer-aided design. A special emphasis is placed on executing designs using technical textiles, novel technology, and ecofriendly materials. Students are challenged to draw on all they know of history, anthropology, information sciences, popular culture, and textile science in pursuit of careers in museums, archives, libraries, and collections. They learn how to design and create environments and spaces to encourage the sale of a product or service. Students master elements of design, marketing, advertising, supply chain management, architecture, and textiles and apparel.

Possible Immediate Job Titles with a Bachelor's Degree

Industrial Designer

Industrial designers are the creative minds behind the style and function of the manufactured products that people use every day. To become an Industrial Designer, one must complete coursework related to design, and have a set of skills that include but is not limited to sketching, computer-aided design and drafting, industrial materials and processes, and manufacturing methods. It is also necessary to build a portfolio of completed designs from internships and other projects to demonstrate these necessary skills.

Fashion Designer

Fashion designers design and create original clothing and accessories. To become a fashion designer, one must complete coursework in fashion or fashion merchandising, and must also build a portfolio of designs and patterns to demonstrate their brand and abilities. Generally, fashion designers enter the fashion market as interns for a well-established fashion designer, as this not only provides additional experience, but also allows the fashion designer to network themselves and their designs.

Possible Job Titles with an Advanced Degree

Fiber Technician – Master's Degree Required

Fiber technicians use laboratory techniques to test the quality of consumer products before they enter the market. Extensive coursework in textile conservation and durability, as well as the ability to perform sophisticated laboratory procedures is necessary, as the job of a Fiber Technician is to test the durability to various apparel and accessories.

This is not an exhaustive list of occupations and it is highly recommended you conduct informational interviews and engage in experiential learning activities to help you broaden your interest areas within your major. Please contact the Career Design Center and speak to a Career Coach for further discussion; 512-471-6700 Painter Hall (PAI) 5.03.



Online Resources

[What can I do with this major?](#)

[Is a career in textiles and apparel best for you? Explore Focus2.](#)

Job Posting Websites

[Handshake](#)

Handshake is Career Services' primary job posting site, and all students should have an account to not only apply for jobs and internships, but also to stay current on upcoming events, employer information sessions and other opportunities. Create an account!

[Vault](#)

[Fashion Career Center](#)

[Snag a Job](#)

[Going Global](#)

[Style Careers](#)

[Fibre2Fashion](#)

[Dice](#)

[The Fashion Tool](#)

[Indeed](#)

[All Retail Jobs](#)

[Well Threaded](#)

[Clothing Industry Jobs](#)

[Apparel Search](#)

Professional Associations

[Fashion Group International](#)

[International Textiles and Apparel Association*](#)

[National Retail Federation*](#)

[Retail Industry Leaders Association](#)

[American Apparel and Footwear Association*](#)

[Costume Society of America](#)

[Association of Image Consultants](#)

[National Fashion Accessories Association](#)

*Association Includes a Job Database

Additional Resources

[Apparel News](#)

[Vanity Fair](#)

[Fashion Icon](#)

[Elle](#)