

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
IN APPAREL DESIGN**

Description: The Graduate Certificate in Apparel Design provides graduate level competency in advanced design of fashionable and functional apparel for academically talented students who are completing an undergraduate degree in apparel design. The culminating activity of the certificate is an internship or supervised research experience in apparel design. The certificate program is designed to be completed concurrently with the bachelor's degree and allows students to double-count graduate courses for both the B.S. degree and the Graduate Certificate.

Prerequisites: Students must have completed at least **90** hours of credit in their undergraduate apparel design program and earned a minimum **3.3** GPA with a grade of **B+** or better in CTE 3341 and 3734; acceptance will be on a competitive basis. Interested students should contact the Graduate Program Coordinator in the Department for specific information.

Required Courses: **Twelve** semester hours of graduate level course work are required for this graduate certificate program. These credits will be double counted for both the bachelor's program and the certificate program.

Core Courses: The core comprises 9 credit hours: 6 credit hours of specified studio courses and 3 credit hours of internship or supervised research. Internships are usually in locations other than Tallahassee and therefore cannot be taken the same semester as the lecture courses.

Following are the required courses and credit hours:

CTE 5754 Advanced Draping (3 credits) (Fall only)

CTE 5729 Experimental Design (3 credits)

CTE 5912 Supervised Research or CTE 5906 Internship (3 credits)

Electives: The remaining 3 credits are elective hours that must be taken from the following list of approved electives.

CTE 5832 Family Owned Business (3 credits, summer only)

CTE 5701 Creativity: Process and Consumer Products (3 credits)

CTE 5942 Supervised Teaching (3 credits)

CTE 6936 Special Topics (3 credits)

Application Process for Enrollment: Qualified students currently enrolled in the Apparel Design major should apply through the TCS department by submitting the TCS Graduate Certificate Program Application Form, a one page statement of educational and career goals, and an endorsement form signed by one of the merchandising faculty. **Students should apply for the program in the second**

semester of their junior year and may take courses no sooner than the first semester of the senior year.

Standardized Test Requirements: There are no standardized test requirements for this certificate, however students are encouraged to take the GRE during the senior year to assist in possible future graduate school applications.

Registration Process: Students admitted to the Certificate Program will work with a staff member in the departmental office to be enrolled in graduate courses.

Certificate Courses Applied toward Graduate Degree: Twelve hours may be applied toward the Master's degree contingent upon departmental approval.

Time Limit for Completion of Certificate: The student must comply with the University time limit rule for completing the B.S. degree.

Fee Per Course/Credit Hour: Fees parallel that of standard graduate-level courses. If not exhausted, Bright Futures and the Florida Prepaid College Program may be used to pay the undergraduate portion of tuition for graduate courses taken as an undergraduate and the student will pay the remaining difference. Undergraduate students who want to continue at the graduate level at FSU, will have saved tuition on the graduate hours taken as an undergraduate because the cost of graduate hours is partially paid by the undergraduate financial aid.

Course Locations: All Florida State University Tallahassee campus.

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