

Get ready for Fashion Textiles

I hope that you are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I'd like to welcome you onto Level 2 of **BA(Hons) Fashion Textiles** and say how much we are looking forward to working with you.

Please read all the information below as it will help you to prepare for starting with us.

I look forward to meeting you in September.

Deb Southerland

Programme Leader

We are looking forward to welcoming you on **27 September** when your course will start. Our 2 week Starting block has been designed to help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and have the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails with more details.

Your timetable will have more details about the start of term and will be available in September. In the meantime, you can find everything you need to know about registration, and the start of teaching on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage.

How to make a successful start to your programme

1. Engage with your programme.

- **Start your learning** - Please download and complete the three tasks in [Fashion Textiles Summer work May – September 2021](#) for students entering Level 2. We will review these tasks when you start in September.
- **Read around your subject**

To help prepare for the course and to help you start thinking about Fashion Textiles from different perspectives, we would like you to read the following book and listen to a Podcast

READ [Fashion : A Philosophy](#), Lars Svendsen, Reaktion 2006 - this short book will take you through some key ideas and debates about what Fashion is, and the roles it plays in Society. It's really accessible and clearly written and we think you will enjoy it.

LISTEN to these [British Fashion Council curated Podcasts](#) selecting at least one.

2. Connect

- **Get online** – You can connect your computer to the [UWE network](#) on campus, at home and UWE accommodation. You will need to [configure your device before you arrive](#) in order to connect when on campus. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.
- **Connect with others** – You can follow our Instagram [HERE](#)

3. Be prepared

- **Access available support** – email me and [Disability Services](#) to let us know if you need any additional mobility or specific learning support to engage in activities during induction and during your studies.
- **For your Studio work** - before you start the programme you will need the following tools and materials which are all available from [moreplan](#):

General equipment	Pattern cutting equipment
A4 and A3 sketchbooks	Pattern Master
Notebook	Fabric shears (good quality)
Variety of drawing pencils	Paper scissors (good quality)
Fine liner pens / marker	Tracing wheel
Paper scissors	Pins
Pencils	Measuring tape
Eraser	Awl
Scalpel	Tailors Chalk
Masking tape	Skirt curve
Pritt stick	Unpicker
Selection of gouache paint	Colour felt tip pens (fine) = marking out when making pattern alterations; Red, Green, Blue.
Indian ink and selection of coloured inks	Notchers - used to take small nicks out of pattern both paper and card.
Selection of brushes	
30CM Steel ruler	
Charcoal	
Graphite sticks	

- **Get equipped** – The University provides computers on all our campuses for you to use in your studies. These computers will provide access to our core digital education tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

Many students will benefit from access to a laptop, particularly if your access to campus is limited. The university licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. The core software used in your course includes:

- Microsoft 365
- Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign)

The packages we will use on the programme will run on most devices but functionality on tablets and Chromebook can be limited. We recommend that you have access to a device with the following minimum specifications:

- **i3 or Ryzen 3 processor, 8GB memory, 128GB solid state storage**

See our website for more information on [choosing your IT equipment](#).

- **International students** - If you are an international student, read our advice about [preparing to study at UWE Bristol and the support available once you have arrived](#). Start to build friendships through the UWE Global Centre on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) and join in with their Global Café events; you don't have to be a registered student to take part. The dates and future topics are on the [UWE Bristol events calendar](#).

You may wish to take the week-long [English Language and Academic Culture course](#), from 6 to 10 September.

The University library provides [academic skills and advice](#) for international students. Once your registration as a UWE student is complete, you can sign up for [workshops](#). During your induction, we will tell you more about this support and show you where to find the information on your programme page so you can refer to it throughout the year.

Support to succeed at UWE Bristol

1. **Explore our Five Secrets to Success** – if you're looking for the secret to success at UWE Bristol, it's actually pretty simple, and it's within you. Across [five themes](#), using films and podcasts, we've brought together insight from our students, lecturers and support services that will help you develop five skills to look after your wellbeing.
2. **Download the UWE Bristol mobile app** - Available on [Apple](#) and [Android](#), this allows you to access:
 - your timetable
 - university email
 - events
 - maps
 - academic skills and support
 - disability services
 - wellbeing services
 - careers and enterprise support, and lots more and lots more.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme leader:

Deb Southerland via email at deborah.southerland@uwe.ac.uk

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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