B.F.A. in Fashion Design

College of Visual Arts & Design Suggested 4-Year Curriculum Guide
2026-2027 Academic Year, curriculum expires August 2034

First Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ART 1700: Foundations - Space
ART 1800: Foundations - Narrative & Representation
ADES 1550: Introduction to Fashion Design
College Math core option (MATH 1580 recommended)
ENGL 1310: First-Year Writing 1 (or 1311: Honors, core)

First Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
ART 1600: Foundations - Perception & Translation
ART 1900: Foundations - Systems & Transformations
ADES 1560: Fashion Design Studio 1
ART 2350: Art History Survey 1 (core)
ENGL 1320: First-Year Writing 2 (or 1321: Honors, core)
Entry Review and Degree Plan (see Page 2 for requirements)

Second Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ADES 2550: Fashion Design Studio 2
ADES 2570: Fashion Illustration & Media
MDSE 2650: Textiles for Apparel
ART 2360: Art History Survey 2 (core)
Life & Physical Sciences core option

Second Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
ADES 2555: Fashion Design Studio 3
ADES 2560: Fashion Technology & Prototyping
CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU)
ART 2370: Art History Survey 3 (core)
Life & Physical Sciences core option

Third Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ADES 3550: Fashion: Draping
ADES 3575: Computers in Fashion: Concept to Product
Advanced Fashion Design Elective *(see Menu 1)*
ADES 3570 Computers in Fashion: Presentation *(see notes below)*
HIST 2610: United States History to 1865 (or 2675: Honors, core)

Third Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
ADES 3555: Fashion Design Studio 4
ADES 3560: Technical Design in Fashion
ADES 3590: Fashion Design Professional Practices
Fashion History Elective *(see Menu 2)*
HIST 2620: United States History since 1865 (or 2685: Honors, core)

Fourth Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ADES 4550: Fashion Pre-Collection
Advanced CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU 3000+)
Advanced Elective (any subject, 3000+)
Social & Behavioral Sciences core option
PSCI 2305: Political Behavior & Policy (or 2315: Honors, core)

Fourth Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
ADES 4555: Fashion Collection
Advanced CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU 3000+)
Advanced Elective (any subject, 3000+)
Component Area Option core course (See Academic Advisor)
PSCI 2306: Constitutions & Institutions (or 2316: Honors, core)
Total required credit hours: 120

Menu 1 (Fashion Design Elective): ADES 3565: Fashion Accessories, ADES 4590: Fashion Design Studio, ADES 4595: Exploration: Fashion Design, ADES 4700: Professional Internship, or ART 4120: Art on Location. Courses are not offered every semester.
Menu 2 (Fashion History): ARTH 4849: Dress & Fashion in the Early Modern Period, ARTH 4850: Dress & Fashion: Early Modern to Contemporary, or MDSE 3350: History of Fashion

Important Notes:

- Please refer to the statement regarding **"Time to Degree Completion"** on Page 2.
- ADES 1550 is offered in fall semesters only. ADES 1560 and Entry Portfolio Review are offered in spring semesters only.
- ADES 3570 is being removed from the curriculum. It is no longer offered and should be replaced with an advanced elective.
- **Graduation Requirements:** Grades of "C" or better are required for all CVAD requirements. Additional graduation requirements include: 42 hours must be advanced; 24 of the 42 advanced hours must be completed at UNT. Must have a 2.0 GPA (UNT & overall) and a 2.5 GPA within the major. Students are encouraged to run their online degree audit regularly to track the completion of all requirements for this degree.
- Please visit the CVAD website for up-to-date information. Additionally, many common questions are answered on the CVAD Advising Frequently Asked Questions page.

Entry Portfolio Review

Students interested in pursuing a major in Fashion Design begin as pre-majors. Admission to the Fashion Design major occurs through an entry portfolio review process at the end of the first year, for which students must meet minimum eligibility requirements to be considered, as follows:

Fashion Design Entry Review Eligibility (end of first-year spring semester)

- Completion of at least 30 hours of college courses;
- Completion of ART 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900; ADES 1550 & 1560, with grades of C or better;
- GPA of 2.50 or better on the required CVAD courses for eligibility;
- GPA of 2.25 or better on all courses completed at UNT; and
- Submission of all entry portfolio review materials by the deadline on the CVAD website listed below.

Details regarding the Fashion Design Portfolio Review requirement and timing are updated annually and are available on the Fashion Design Entry Portfolio Review website.

Approximately 40 students will be selected from eligible entry review applicants for full admission into the Fashion Design major. All subsequent ADES coursework (sophomore level and higher) is restricted to those admitted as Fashion Design majors.

Transfer Credit

Students must submit official transcripts of all prior collegiate-level coursework as part of the UNT admissions process. Transfer information is reviewed with the student at Orientation. **Little to no transfer coursework is typically approved to transfer towards the required ADES coursework.** All students, regardless of academic status, must be admitted to the Fashion Design Program through the Fashion Design Portfolio Review.

Time to Degree Completion

Due to the highly sequenced curriculum and skill-building nature of coursework, ADES courses cannot be taken concurrently unless otherwise listed as such. This means that, regardless of the required total remaining credit hours, students should anticipate four years (8 fall/spring semesters) to complete the B.F.A. in Fashion Design, starting from the first ADES course completed (ADES 1550, fall semesters). ADES courses are not offered in summer semesters.

Students that do not successfully complete the review may, upon approval of department, re-review. However, this will delay the anticipated time to completion, typically by one year. Likewise, students that fail to successfully complete courses in sequence should anticipate a one-year delay in time to completion.

KEY to terms & abbreviations found within this document:

ADES = design courses
ART = general art courses
ARTE = art education courses
ARTH = advanced art history courses
ASTU = studio art courses
B.F.A. = Bachelor of Fine Arts
CVAD = College of Visual Arts & Design
core = university core curriculum requirement
elective = course that student chooses
ENGL = English courses
FASH = Fashion Design (major)
GPA = grade point average
HIST = history courses
MATH = mathematics courses
MDSE = merchandising courses
PSCI = political science & government courses
UNT = University of North Texas