

BA (Hons) Footwear & Accessories



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Welcome

On behalf of the staff here we would like to welcome you to The University of Northampton and to the BA (Hons) Footwear & Accessories programme.

The full range facilities of The University of Northampton (both academic and social) are available to all students and we hope that you can make the best use of them in your time with us. The programme of study will be challenging for you in many ways, but you will find it rewarding, stimulating and enjoyable.

This guide contains important information about the programme and its various academic components. It includes an introduction to the University Modular Framework (UMF) within which the programme operates, the resources and the staff. It will be supplemented by the University's Undergraduate Student Handbook as well as separate module guides which will be made accessible to you through NILE (Northampton Integrated Learning Environment).

This BA Footwear & Accessories handbook will also be available to provide you with key information concerning the programme: its aims, outcomes, assessment, structure and organisation, which will enable you to understand and plan your studies. It will help you to shape your experience with us so that by the end of the programme you can make well-informed decisions about your future. We hope that you will have an enjoyable and rewarding experience on this programme.

Thank you
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As a team we will look forward to welcoming you in to the BA (Hons) Footwear & Accessories degree. We are delighted that you have chosen to study here at Northampton. Our fantastic links with industry and exciting programme of guest speakers will enhance your professional knowledge. Specialised workshop activities with designated staff in studio areas will develop and support you in to your chosen career. Ultimately this will prepare you to work in a creative, dynamic industry.

This innovative programme is especially designed for students who are driven to forge successful creative careers in Footwear & Accessories within the fashion and related industry sectors of:

- Design
- Technical
- Product Development
- Leather Specialists
- Merchandising
- Trend Forecasting



Students will gain design & technical skills in both footwear & accessories, they will also use the University tannery to produce their own leather samples. The course has 'live industry' projects and incorporates skills of team working. The programme offers a diverse range of professional skills to meet the rapidly evolving environment of 'Footwear & Accessories'.

The course combines the key areas:

- Footwear design & prototyping
- Bag design & prototyping
- CAD for presentation & communication
- Leather specification and finishing



Students will be equipped to strategically negotiate a career path in The specialist Footwear/Accessories industries and roles within the fashion and related industries. This is a creative, dynamic environment to work in.

We have support from local industry and very generous bursaries from of The Worshipful Company of Cordwainers, The Worshipful Company of Leathersellers' and The Worshipful Company of Curriers who all support our students. Helen Kirkum won the prestigious Cordwainers Footwear Student of the Year competition in 2015 which is a national competition sponsored by The Worshipful Company of Cordwainers.

Students are encouraged to participate in a number of high profile competitions throughout their time at University.

Our graduates are placed in a variety of positions Internationally from Adidas to Dr.Martens in both design and technical positions. Some chose to continue their study at post graduate level before entering the work place.

Key Contacts

The Programme Team

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The Module Leaders will be able to help you with specific queries about the modules on which you are enrolled. All modules you study will have a Module Leader who delivers or oversees the delivery of the module. You will meet them initially in the classroom but they will set aside time to see you individually if you require this. This is the person to consult if you have specific study difficulties with the module, for example, you might not fully understand the assessment requirements for the module, or you might have problems meeting and assignment deadline, or you might have difficulties obtaining reading material.

PAT (Personal Academic tutors) will be provided at each level of study and involves individual tutorial support across pastoral, academic and professional development with the student. The students are encouraged to attend one-to-one meetings with their allocated PAT tutor for personal and academic support. PAT tutors may share their feedback with programme staff if deemed necessary. This can be effective in identifying a level 4 student, (who may need additional support), and sharing the information with colleagues teaching at that level, but also to colleagues who may be tutoring the student at the next level of study

Your PAT Tutor for Level 4 is Chris Hill

Programme Structure

In order to complete the BA (Hons) in Footwear & Accessories, you must successfully complete each of the modules of study listed below and gain the pre-requisite credits. Each year there are 120 Credits to qualify for an honours degree you need to gain 360 credits.

LEVEL 4 – Year1

Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Term
FSH1109	Footwear & Accessories Techniques & Processes	20	1
FSH1101	Contextual Studies 1	20	1 + 2
LEA 1012	Creative Leather Applications 1	20	1
FSH1107	Design Practice: Concept, Research & Design Development	60	2

LEVEL 5 – Year2

Module Code	Module	Credits	Term
FSH 2010	Creative & Technical Exploration	20	1
FSH 2101	Contextual Studies 2	20	1 + 2
LEA 2011	Creative Leather Applications 2	20	1 + 2
FSH 2105	Design Practice: Concept, Research & Design Development	60	2

LEVEL 6 – Year3

Module Code	Module	Credits	Term
FSH 3103	Final Major	80	1 + 2
FSH 3105	Project Design Context & Communication	40	1 +2

More information about each module is provided on NILE (Northampton Integrated Learning Environment) via www.northampton.ac.uk/students. You will rely on NILE for information, which is essential for you to complete your modules. For example, NILE contains the learning materials for each module including details of the compulsory assessments for each module, which must be completed by the deadlines, set in order for you to complete the programme.

We look forward to teaching and guiding you through your course.

Chris and the footwear team

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Welcome Week Timetable: 24th-28th September 2018

Time	Monday 24/09/2018	Tuesday 25/09/2018	Wednesday 26/09/2018	Thursday 27/09/2018	Friday 28/09/2018
11.00am – 11.30am	<p>University Expectations Session 11.00am – 11.30am With Student Admin and PAT Room: Morley Room (SN101)</p>	<p>Welcome to Fashion Welcome to the Subject Area of Fashion with Subject Leader Programme Leader & Subject Team</p> <p>Room: CH201</p> <p>To include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Subject Leader • Scholarships presentation • An overview of Welcome Week • Tour of Fashion studios/ workshops with Personal Academic Tutor <p style="text-align: center;">10.00am – 11.00am</p>	<p>Social Belonging and Team Building Activity With PAT/ Programme leader</p> <p>London Study Trip</p> <p>V&A: Fashioned From Nature</p>	<p>Welcome Week Wrap Up (Review/ Evaluation/ Q&A) 10.00am – 11.30am Project Briefing –Term 1</p> <p>Meet with Personal Academic Tutor/ Programme Leader followed by Leather Technology Orientation at Avenue Campus Room: CH208</p>	<p>Self Directed Study Opportunity for enrolment and following up any outstanding information</p>
11.30am – 12.30pm	<p>Student Union Activities At the Market Square</p>	<p>Break</p>		<p>Break 11.30am – 12.00pm</p>	
		<p>Subject Orientation 11.30am – 12.00pm Questions and Answer session CH208</p>		<p>Academic Skills Session With LLS, Changemaker and PAT Room: LH126</p>	
		<p>Lunch</p>		<p>12.00pm – 3.00pm</p>	
12.30pm – 1.30pm				<p>Welcome To Your Programme with PAT/ Programme Leader Room: CH208</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice Breaker Activity with PAT/ PL • Information about trip to London <p style="text-align: center;">And</p> <p>Tutorials 1- to – 1 tutorials with PAT Room: CH208</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1.00pm – 3.00pm</p>	
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