

AS / A2 Art Textiles

Textile design involves creation, selection and manipulation across a range of different practices and with a range of materials. Contemporary practice is a hybrid activity that combines different textiles disciplines and embraces both traditional and contemporary technologies. The course requires students to work in at least one discipline. MCA has selected Fashion Textiles and elements from Printed, Constructed and Dyed Textiles.

Processes and Materials used in this A-level:

- Fashion Textiles: Pattern Cutting, Illustration, Fashion Design.
- Printed Textiles: Lino, Silk Screen, Computer-aided Design
- Constructed Textiles: Hand, Machine and Computerised Embroidery, Appliqué and Felted Textiles
- Dyed Textiles: Batik, Silk Painting, Tie and Dye and Hand Painting.
- Natural and manufactured materials including:
- Paper, wire, tissue, gauze, plastics, re-cycled packaging
- Cloths such as silk, wool, cotton, polyester and hessian.

Students will examine a range of contemporary and past designers for inspiration. They will be required to be creative and reflective within their practice.

AS Units: This award may be taken as a discrete qualification, or it may be the first-half of a full A Level qualification:

Unit 1 Coursework	AS 60%	A level 30%
Internally set and marked, externally moderated		
Unit 2 Externally Set Assignment	AS 40%	A level 20%.
Externally set, including 8 hours unaided work. Internally marked, externally moderated		

A2 Units Taken together with the two AS units, it leads to a full A Level qualification:

Unit 3 Coursework and Personal Study	A level 30%
Internally set and marked, externally moderated	
Unit 4 Independent Study	A level 20%
Including 12 hours of unaided work Internally marked, externally moderated	

Core elements for each unit of work:

- *generating a range of ideas*
- *appropriate research into sources and contexts*
- *primary recording and analysis of contexts, sensitive exploration of media and processes*
- *development of ideas, review and refinement-synthesis of ideas and outcome which connect with appropriate contexts*

Exam board: EDEXCEL



Career opportunities with Art and Design A-Level

Universities and employers recognise A-level Art and Design Textiles as a rigorous course that develops decision making and thinking skills.

A-Level Art and Design Textiles enables you to progress onto a university art course or a foundation course in Art & Design leading to a broad range of specialisms such as architecture, animation, graphic design, print-making, sculpture, product design, engineering design, interior design, industrial, textiles, fashion, fashion promotion, theatre design, transport, graphic, product and environment, photography, typography, computer graphics illustration, art gallery work, conservation of paintings and the history of art.