

## Fashion and Textile Technology Department Undergraduate Advisement Plan

The **Fashion and Textile Technology Department** Undergraduate Advisement Plan consists of a four stage process:

### 1. **Program Entry: All Students**

The **Fashion and Textile Technology Department** maintains an open door policy and therefore does not require a portfolio review for admission into the major.

However, due to the multiple concentration options and sequenced nature of the different fashion concentrations in the Fashion and Textile Technology major, it is essential that any prospective student inform the Fashion and Textile Technology program as to what fashion concentration they would like to be listed as on their Degree Navigator audit sheet.

The fashion concentrations are: fashion merchandising, apparel design, fashion textile design technologies or apparel product development. Fashion students are strongly encouraged to cross train. Students can change fashion concentrations at any time by visiting the FTT department offices in Technology 303. Course requirements for the different concentrations are listed [here](#).

Once you have received notification of acceptance into the program, send an email that includes your name, BANNER ID and fashion concentration selection to Kelly McNeight [mcneigka@buffalostate.edu](mailto:mcneigka@buffalostate.edu)

### **Program Entry: Transfer Students**

It is essential that any new transfer student inform the **Fashion and Textile Technology Department** office staff as to what fashion concentration they would like to be listed as on their audit sheet as soon as possible. The fashion concentrations are: fashion merchandising; apparel design, fashion textile design technologies or apparel product development. Fashion students are strongly encouraged to cross train.

When you receive notification of acceptance into the program, send a memo [to Kelly McNeight [mcneigka@buffalostate.edu](mailto:mcneigka@buffalostate.edu) or Kim Stollar [sargenkn@buffalostate.edu](mailto:sargenkn@buffalostate.edu) ] that includes your name, BANNER ID and list your fashion concentration selection

*Transfer credits:* The **Fashion and Textile Technology Department** has developed course equivalencies for Genesee Community College and Villa Maria College. To determine if your fashion related college courses already have an equivalency attached to it, visit the [TABS \[Transfer articulation Buffalo State\] page](#). If your fashion related course is not listed and you would like to have a review of completed fashion related courses for potential college credit, contact the department chair, Dr. Boorady via email [booradm@buffalostate.edu](mailto:booradm@buffalostate.edu). Include your

name, phone, BANNER ID and fashion concentration. Dr. Boorady will send you a transfer equivalency chart to fill out and return.

[Here is a link](#) to the Transfer student Web page to assist you with any questions relating to general education transfer credits.

## 2. Orientation

During summer and inter-semester orientation sessions, students are advised in small groups. Prospective students, especially transfer students, are encouraged to attend the first orientation session in the summer. At orientation and advisement, the student fills out an advisement form, states their fashion concentration and has the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a faculty member. A file is started on each student.

Here is a link to the [Academic Road Map](#) for Fashion and Textile Technology to assist you with planning your course plan for four semesters. (Scroll to the bottom of the page to find.)

Transfer students are advised based on the number of general education [Intellectual Foundations] all college required courses they have already completed and what fashion concentration they select. As a general rule we try to place transfer students in as many fashion core and concentration classes as soon as possible.

Degree requirements include Fashion required core classes [21 cr] that all fashion majors are required to take and courses within a specific fashion concentration [30 cr] that the students selects for a total of 51 credits in the fashion major.

After enrollment, every student is assigned a faculty member who will serve as their adviser. This information will be listed at the bottom of your Degree Navigator.

## 3. Ongoing Advisement

Due to large enrollments the **Fashion and Textile Technology Department** sometimes has advisement assistance. All FTT students receive an email notifying them of dates for pre-registration advisement for an upcoming semester. Students are all instructed to review the [Fashion and Textile Technology program requirements](#) for their required core and concentration and to keep in mind that some courses require prerequisites. Course descriptions are listed [here](#).

It is the responsibility of each individual student to review the program requirements informational page on the Buffalo State Website to learn general information about the program and any extra informational items that are posted on the site.

Students should make a copy of the major curriculum noting the required program CORE courses as well as the courses that are required for the fashion concentration the student is

following. Fashion concentration required option courses should be selected based on customized research for career path goals.

Registration advisement dates are emailed to all students via their Buffalo State email account. Advisement is mandatory for our students.

One-on-one advisement is offered every semester. Advisement lists are posted on each faculty office door along with a sign-up sheet. You will find your advisor listed at the bottom, of your Degree Navigator.

The student is expected to sign up in advance for a time slot and bring the latest copy of their [Degree Navigator](#) audit full report with them. Advisers have access to both Degree Navigator and the student's file.

### **Customization Strategy**

The area of Fashion and Textile Technology is inherently interdisciplinary. The four concentrations overlap and carefully selected courses from other areas on campus can strengthen your career qualification. You need to continually research opportunities in your area of interest and increase your career options by cross training in related areas. In order to take advantage of cross training, international studies or the visiting student program at FIT you should carefully plan your schedule. Generally students are advised to register for courses from the all college requirements, fashion core and fashion concentration each semester. Electives should be saved for the final year of studies unless they strengthen the major.

**Required Electives:** Each individual fashion concentration contains several “select from the following” required courses. The courses you select should be based on your customized employment research in the career field that is your professional goal.

**Cross Training:** An excellent career preparation strategy is to cross train with courses from other fashion concentrations as well as courses from areas that indirectly relate to strengthening qualifications for your career goal such as Design, Fine Art, Communication, Business, Creative Studies, or Chemistry.

**International Studies:** A number of students in the fashion program participate in study abroad programs. If this is something that you are planning on participating in, mention this to your advisor immediately so you can work together to carefully plan what courses you should be registering for at Buffalo State based on where you plan to study. Visit the [International office](#) to get more information:

**“Three-one” program at Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in NYC:** Fashion and textile technology majors may spend a year studying their specialty at FIT earning a B.S. from Buffalo State and an associate’s degree from FIT. If you are planning to participate in this program you will find more information about planning for it at [this link](#).

The Fashion and Textile Technology chair serves as point person during the academic year, available to answer specific questions about the major.

#### 4. **Preparation for Graduation**

B.S. students in Fashion and Textile Design Technology are encouraged to take advantage of the services of the [Career Development Center](#) at SUNY-Buffalo State to develop a professional resume. Professional portfolios differ based on the concentration selected and target career goal. This should be discussed with your advisor. Some examples can be researched [here](#).

The student application for graduation flags the Registrar's Office degree coordinator who reviews the audit. The FTT department is contacted if there are any deficiencies. If some exist, the adviser is contacted who works to facilitate, if possible, the successful graduation of the student. Typically you must apply for graduation within the first two weeks of the semester you wish to graduate in – by the first week of September for a December Graduation or by the first week of February for a May graduation.