



**CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES**

**MODULE SPECIFICATION**

| Part 1: Basic Data    |   |                           |                |             |    |
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| Module Title          | Exploring Practice in Fashion Communication |                           |                |             |    |
| Module Code           | UA1AJU-45-1                                 | Level                     | 1              | Version     | 1  |
| UWE Credit Rating     | 45  | ECTS Credit Rating        | 22.5           | WBL module? | No |
| Owning Faculty        | Arts, Creative Industries and Education     | Field                     | Visual Culture |             |    |
| Department            | Art and Design                              | Module Type               | Project        |             |    |
| Contributes towards   | B.A. (Hons) Fashion Communication           |                           |                |             |    |
| Pre-requisites        |   | Co- requisites            |                |             |    |
| Excluded Combinations |   | Module Entry requirements |                |             |    |
| Valid From            | Sept 2015                                   | Valid to                  | Sept 2021      |             |    |

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| <b>CAP Approval Date</b> | March 2015 |
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| Part 2: Learning and Teaching |  |
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| Learning Outcomes             | <p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. develop an understanding of Fashion and its related practices.</li> <li>2. develop and translate ideas through Fashion practices</li> <li>3. develop analytical and critical skills through research and evaluation</li> <li>4. develop skills in Fashion practice(s)</li> <li>5. demonstrate an understanding of a range of approaches within Fashion</li> <li>6. demonstrate an understanding of the role of research to inform Fashion practices</li> <li>7. perform basic skills with awareness of tools and materials and be aware of potential hazards</li> <li>8. identify key elements of a problem and select methods, techniques and/or processes appropriate to task</li> </ol> <p>All assessed by component A</p> |
| Syllabus Outline              | <p>This module introduces critical perspectives on key issues and debates surrounding Fashion Communication and facilitates through set projects and the creative exploration of ideas in response to these. Key debates include for instance: Branding, Consumerism, Sustainability, Marketing, PR and ethics.</p> <p>Practical projects will be short and fast paced and will require students to work independently and collaboratively on set tasks, the outcomes of which could include for instance, drawing, photography, film, blogs / web</p>   |

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|                               | <p>development and digital media.</p> <p>Throughout the module, students will be encouraged to work in a creative, investigative and experimental manner, testing and playing creatively with their ideas. Through individual feedback tutorials and seminar group critiques and discussion, they will be expected to unpack pre-conceptions about Fashion and Fashion Communication and to develop the ability to begin to place their own work within a range of fashion, design, media and broader cultural contexts, thus developing their creative approaches and understanding of the subject.</p> <p>Workshops, group work, lectures and independent study will focus intellectual, critical and creative enquiry. Through experimentation with concept development, skills, processes, materials and methods students will be expected to develop and present a body of work that explores a range of specific themes.</p> <p>Critical engagement and reflection on practice will be supported through tutorial and seminar group activity. Emphasis in this module is placed on exploring and identifying appropriate forms of visual communication and extending skills in critical evaluation, in order for personal methodologies to be coherently articulated and communicated. Students will be introduced to professional expectations and will be increasingly required to manage their own workloads and meet deadlines.</p> <p>Technical workshops may include for instance; Adobe, in-Design and illustrator, Photography, film, litho, letter-press and screen print, and on-line formats such as blogs and the development of U-Tube channels.</p> |
| Contact Hours                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students can expect a total of 108 hours scheduled contact time for this module within the context of their other learning and teaching activities. This includes for instance: tutorials, group crits, lectures, seminars, site visits / field trips, studio-based sessions, inductions, workshops, field work, work-based learning or project supervision.</li> <li>• Contact time may also take a synchronous virtual form rather than face-to-face, through the use of email discussion groups, virtual learning environments (VLEs) and other technology-aided means. It can also take place in a work-based setting.</li> </ul>  |
| Teaching and Learning Methods | <p>The principle of 'learning through making' is approached through studio and workshop based activities, which are then expanded through contextual research, critique and understanding.</p> <p>The module is typically delivered via short projects, seminars, group critiques, workshops, individual tutorials and independent study. Teaching sessions early in the module are aimed at introducing key issues and debates surrounding Fashion Communication and set projects will enable students to explore these creatively.</p> <p>Typically teaching sessions encourage students to take a hands-on experimental approach to their learning through set tasks, workshops and lively project briefs.</p> <p>The development of critical, analytical and evaluative skills is supported and encouraged through set reading, group discussion in group critiques and activities and through individual tutorials. Students are encouraged to develop their visual, verbal and written communication skills through all aspects of the Teaching and Learning process.</p> <p><b>Scheduled learning</b> includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork; external visits; work based learning; supervised time in studio/workshop.</p> <p><b>Independent learning</b> includes hours engaged with creative, academic and</p>  |

technical development, visual and textual research, workshop activity and learning via the VLE. These activities constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices you make.

Key Information Sets Information

| <b>Key Information Set - Module data</b> |   |                         |                       |                 |
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| <i>Number of credits for this module</i> |   |                         |                       | 45              |
| Hours to be allocated                    | Scheduled learning and teaching study hours | Independent study hours | Placement study hours | Allocated Hours |
| 450                                      | 108   | 342                     |                       | 450             |



The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a -

- Written Exam:** Unseen written exam, open book written exam, In-class test
- Coursework:** Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project
- Practical Exam:** Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam

Please note that this is the total of various types of assessment and will not necessarily reflect the component and module weightings in the Assessment section of this module description:

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| Total assessment of the module:      |  |      |
| Written exam assessment percentage   |  |      |
| Coursework assessment percentage     |  | 100% |
| Practical exam assessment percentage |  |      |
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Reading Strategy

All students will be encouraged to make full use of the print and electronic resources available to them and through systems such as UWE online.

Any essential reading is available in the Bower Ashton Library and will be indicated clearly in the module brief. The currency of information may wane during the life span of the specification, consequently current advice on readings will be available through more frequently updated mechanisms such as the handbook and intranet, these will be revised annually.

Under the university's Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) permit, reading packs with relevant chapters or excerpts from books will be given to students where applicable, supplied at the beginning of the module. Text excerpts from books published in the UK may also be available via UWE Online Digital Collections, where permissible, during the module period

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| Indicative Reading List | <b>Core Reading:</b>    |        |   |                               |
|                         | <i>Brown, S</i>         | (2010) | <i>Eco fashion</i>  | London :<br>Laurence King     |
|                         | <i>Webb, Iain R.</i>    | (2013) | <i>BLITZ : as seen in BLITZ : fashioning '80s style</i>           | Woodbridge :<br>ACC Editions, |
|                         | <i>Whittaker, J.</i>    | (2008) | <i>Magazine production</i>  | London:<br>Routledge          |
|                         | <b>Further Reading:</b> |        |   |                               |
|                         | <i>Baron, K</i>         | (2012) | <i>Stylists : new fashion visionaries</i>                         | London :<br>Laurence King     |
|                         | <i>Chariau, J</i>       | (2010) | <i>Drawing fashion : a century of fashion illustration</i>        | Munich : Prestel              |
|                         | <i>Fink, L</i>          | (2014) | <i>Larry Fink on composition and improvisation</i>                | New York :<br>Aperture        |
|                         | <i>Lorenz, M</i>        | (2000) | <i>Ray Petri Buffalo edited by Mitzi Lorenz</i>                   | London :<br>Westzone          |
|                         | <i>Teunissen, J</i>     | (2013) | <i>Couture graphique : fashion, graphic design &amp; the body</i> | MOTI:<br>Netherlands          |

### Part 3: Assessment

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| Assessment Strategy | <p>This module is assessed 100% via component A: A body of work which should include evidence of research, idea development, creative experimentation, project outcomes and participation in summative critique. A more detailed breakdown of the content of the body of work required will be outlined in the module handbook.</p> <p>Within the Body of work students are expected to present evidence of work which demonstrates engagement with the minimum number of contact hours for the module, as well as the minimum number of independent study hours.</p> <p>Individual responses to project briefs and evidence of independent study time will form part of the formative and summative assessment processes. Here it will be possible to weigh the individual student's effort and contribution to group work via the quality and quantity of research, experimentation and individual development evident.</p> <p>Feedback at formative and summative assessment points (verbal and/or in writing) provides students with a clear understanding of the level of their achievement, their progress and advice about how this can be improved.</p> <p>Assessment strategies within the programme that this module contributes to reflect the Faculty of Art, Creative Industries and Education's philosophy which considers assessment to be part of the learning process.</p> <p>Formative and summative assessments are regarded as positive learning tools and feedback from assessment offers students clear guidance with regard to future development. Assessment strategies support students understanding of their learning process and are designed to build on a pro-</p> |
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|  | <p>active approach to learning. Self and peer evaluation constitute an important part of formative assessment.</p> <p>Formative and summative assessments are designed to provide the opportunity for students to understand and reflect upon their achievements and to support the monitoring of progress by tutors and students. Assessment methods used are varied in demonstrating achievement to both academic and industry stakeholders, and form a coherent programme of assessment which is designed to offer students the maximum opportunity to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and experience that they have gained through the course of study, as well as to support ongoing and continuous improvement in their individual creative practice and development as practitioners.</p> <p>Forms of assessment used as part of this module include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and participation in studio-critique (formative)</li> <li>• Portfolio review and assessment (formative/summative)</li> <li>• Group and individual visual/verbal presentations (formative)</li> <li>• Peer and self-assessment (formative and summative)</li> <li>• Evaluative and reflective outcomes, including visual, verbal and written (formative and summative)</li> </ul> |
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| Identify final assessment component and element                                  |  |           |
| % weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)                   | <b>A:</b><br>100%                                      | <b>B:</b> |
| <b>First Sit</b>   |  |           |
| <b>Component A</b> (controlled conditions)<br><b>Description of each element</b> | <b>Element weighting</b><br><b>(as % of component)</b> |           |
| 1. Body of developmental work, summative group critique, documentation of work   | 100%   |           |

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| <b>Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Component A</b> (controlled conditions)<br><b>Description of each element</b>  | <b>Element weighting</b><br><b>(as % of component)</b> |  |
| 1. Body of developmental work, evaluative statement, documentation of work  | 100%   |  |
| <p>If a student is permitted a retake of the module under the University Regulations and Procedures, the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.</p> |  |  |