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Textiles, Merchandising, and Design Handbook

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Thank you for your interest in the Textiles, Merchandising, and Design (TXMD) Program at Middle Tennessee State University. The TXMD program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. It is an affiliate member of the Textile and Apparel Programs Accreditation Commission.

We offer a four-year Bachelor of Science Degree in Textiles, Merchandising, and Design consisting of 120 credit hours. As with most textiles, merchandising, and design programs nationwide, **courses must be taken in a strict sequence**. Students interested in majoring in the TXMD program should declare a TXMD major with a concentration in either Apparel Design or Fashion Merchandising before progressing in the TXMD upper-division coursework. Upon successfully completing the TXMD coursework in Apparel Design or Fashion Merchandising, students will earn a Bachelor of Science in Textiles, Merchandising, and Design.

Apparel Design Concentration

Apparel Design blends a flair for fashion with practical knowledge. Students with a talent for drawing and creating clothing can apply their creativity in classes designed to expand their knowledge of the billion-dollar fashion industry. Students who choose this concentration should be tech-savvy and ready to learn 3D design technologies in the classroom.

Fashion Merchandising Concentration

Fashion Merchandising prepares students for the fast-paced, rapidly expanding, and exciting world of the garment industry. This concentration emphasizes the business functions of the promotion and sale of fashions in the retail sector and synchronization with the design, production, and retail functions in the manufacturing sector of the fashion industry. Students who choose this concentration should be tech-savvy and have business acumen.

The TXMD Program requires the four pre-requisite courses before taking upper-division coursework. You must earn a grade of “C” (2.00) or better in all TXMD pre-requisite courses to progress in the TXMD Program.

TXMD Pre-Requisite Courses

- VCOM 2950 Visual Communication Application
- TXMD 1110 Apparel Foundations Applications
- TXMD 1170 Introduction to the Fashion Industry
- TXMD 2180/2181 Textiles I

Progression in TXMD Upper-Division Coursework

- Students in the Apparel Design Concentration may take TXMD 3200 concurrently while taking the TXMD Pre-requisite courses of VCOM 2950, TXMD 1110, TXMD 1170, and TXMD 2180/81 to facilitate timely progression in the program.
- Students must have no grade less than a C in the TXMD Pre-Requisite course before registering for the TXMD *upper division courses*. This includes ACCT 3000 as a pre-requisite for TXMD 3450.
- Students must attain a minimum grade of C (2.00) in all TXMD courses.
- Students **may repeat a TXMD course only once** to earn a minimum grade of C (2.00). This includes TXMD 1110, TXMD 1170, and TXMD 2180/81.
- Students may repeat a maximum of 2 TXMD courses.
- If a student receives a D or F in a TXMD course at MTSU, he/she must repeat that course at MTSU.

- Students will be dismissed from the TXMD major if they:
 - Commit a breach of ethics or gross professional negligence.
 - Fail to progress due to unsuccessful attainment of requirements.
 - For transfer students who are admitted into the TXMD program, a grade of D or F from another school counts as the first “failing” attempt. The next incidence of D or F, in TXMD Pre-Requisite Courses or in any other TXMD courses, counts as the second incident, thus resulting in the inability to progress in the program.

TXMD students are assigned a College of Behavioral and Health Sciences Academic Advisor based on their declared major. It is recommended that you schedule an appointment with your major advisor during each semester to stay on track with the degree requirements of the TXMD program.

College of Behavioral & Health Sciences Advisors (CBHS Advisors) for ALL TXMD Students		
Bonnie McCarty	615/898-4803	https://www.mtsu.edu/cbhsadv/

In addition, students are also assigned a faculty mentor for career planning and other educational options. Remember that many faculty members are not on campus during June and July. Thus, meeting with your TXMD major mentor during the summer may be more difficult.

Apparel Design Concentration:				
Student Last Name	Faculty Mentor	Office	Phone	Email
A – J	Dr. Gina Pisut	EHS 100	615/898-2884	gina.pisut@mtsu.edu
K-Z	Dr. Lauren Rudd	LRC 203	615/898-2089	lauren.rudd@mtsu.edu
Fashion Merchandising Concentration:				
Student Last Name	Faculty Mentor	Office	Phone	Email
A – J	Dr. Rick Cottle	LRC 204	615/494-8752	rick.cottle@mtsu.edu
K – Z	Dr. Jasmin Kwon	LRC 131	615/904-8430	jasmin.kwon@mtsu.edu

TXMD Graduation Requirements:

Students may access the TXMD degree requirements for planning and for meeting with their CBHS Academic Advisor when scheduling courses. See the links below for each concentration.

Apparel Design: <https://www.mtsu.edu/programs/apparel-design/requirements>

Fashion Merchandising: <https://www.mtsu.edu/programs/fashion/requirements>

Academic Maps:

Students may access the [TXMD Academic Maps](#) for planning and meeting with their CBHS Academic Advisors before scheduling courses. Use the link, click on T, to find the Textiles, Merchandising, and Design **Apparel Design Academic Map** and/or **Fashion Merchandising Academic Map**.

TXMD Program Expenses:

- There are no program-specific software costs. These costs are worked into your tuition and fees. However, it is recommended that Apparel Design and Fashion Merchandising students have a personal laptop to complete TXMD coursework. The recommended system requirements are included below.

Mac Requirements		
Component	Minimum	Recommended
Processor (CPU)	Intel® i7 with 8 cores	Apple Silicon M1 (all types) or higher
Memory (RAM)	DDR4 16GB	DDR4 32GB
Graphic card (GPU)	AMD Radeon™ R9 M375, 4GB	Apple M1 GPU (all types) or higher, 16GB or higher
Storage	HDD 256GB	SSD minimum 512GB
Screen	1920x1080 60Hz	2560x1440 60Hz
Operation system 3-button mouse (left-click, right-click, scroll wheel) Component Processor (CPU) Memory (RAM)	Mac OS Catalina 10.15.7 Minimum Intel® i7 with 8 cores DDR4 16GB	MacOS 13.0 Ventura Latest MacOS 15.4 Sequoia (requires installation of supported hotfixes). Supported in the following versions: 2024.1.5 (build 54352) 2024.2.4 (Build 54350) 2025.1.2 (build 54351) and above 3-button mouse (left-click, right-click, scroll wheel) Recommended Apple Silicon M1 (all types) or higher DDR4 32GB
Graphic card (GPU)	AMD Radeon™ R9 M375, 4GB	Apple M1 GPU (all types) or higher, 16GB or higher

Windows Requirements		
Component	Minimum	Recommended
Processor	Intel® Core™ i7 Processors / AMD® Ryzen 7 processors	Intel® Xeon Processor, 12 cores, min. 3.2 GHz or higher
Memory (RAM)	DDR4 16GB	DDR4 32GB
Graphic card	NVIDIA® GeForce GTX 960 / NVIDIA® Quadro P2200 HDD 256GB	NVIDIA® RTX 3000 series / NVIDIA® Quadro RTX , RTX A series SSD minimum 512GB
For information about NVIDIA graphics cards, go here .		
Storage		
Screen	1920x1080 60Hz	2560x1440 60Hz
3-button mouse (left-click, right-click, scroll wheel)		3-button mouse (left-click, right-click, scroll wheel)
Operation system	Windows 10 64bit	Windows 11

- Apparel Design majors and students taking Apparel Design courses must purchase fabric and supplies to construct their garments in these courses. Costs will vary based on each student's existing sewing supplies and choice of fabrics and materials for each project.
- It is recommended that Apparel Design students have or purchase a sewing machine before taking TXMD 3300 Apparel Construction II. Time requirements to complete projects deem outside class work imperative for success in completing quality work.

TXMD Minor:

The Textiles, Merchandising, and Design Program also offers a TXMD minor. Students may declare a minor in Textiles, Merchandising, and Design by specifying a concentration in either Apparel Design or Fashion Merchandising.

TXMD minors must complete the pre-requisite courses of TXMD 1110, TXMD 1170, and TXMD 2180/81. However, students for the TXMD minor do not have to take VCOM 2950 Computer Application Foundation unless it is a pre-requisite to a TXMD course they have chosen. TXMD minors must earn a grade of C (2.0) or higher in all TXMD courses. Students earning a D or F will be required to repeat the course before being allowed to advance in the program.

https://catalog.mtsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=36&poid=12762

The Textiles, Merchandising, and Design (TXMD) major leads to entry-level career opportunities in fashion-related industries. The fast-paced, exciting, and ever-changing fashion industry requires you to use creative problem-solving skills and pivot with unexpected changes. Every day is different! We are happy you have chosen this creative and fulfilling major and career!