



Business & Hospitality

Fashion Design & Merchandising

2

Years

TO DEGREE

3

Classes

TO CERTIFICATE

\$9.8B

MARKET SIZE IN 2025

Ethical Fashion

8,400

DESIGNER JOBS FORCASTED

In California (by 2026)

Program Overview

Clothing is a powerful means of expressing personal taste and values, and leading designers can define popular culture. The Fashion Design and Merchandising program prepares students to work in this vibrant field. Students learn basic principles of design and textiles, knowledge of the fashion business, and computer assisted design. Upon program completion, graduates are prepared to transfer to a university with a fashion design and merchandising program to pursue a career in the global fashion industry.

Job Outlook

Program graduates have introductory skills they can apply in entry-level roles or use as a foundation for further studies in design and merchandising. With further training, graduates may also pursue careers costuming for performing arts or entertainment companies. Behind the scenes, merchandising, inventory management and sustainable sourcing are all growing in importance in an increasingly global and online industry.

CAREERS

Costume Designers

\$25,890 - \$53,710

Pattern Makers

\$27,100 - \$96,610

*Fashion Designers

\$39,030 - \$164,870

*Wholesale & Retail Buyers

\$41,190 - \$112,090

*Online Merchandisers

\$51,220 - \$87,709

* Requires additional training

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (CA data) and Salary.com



CSU Long Beach and Sacramento State University offer bachelor's degrees with concentrations in fashion design or merchandising.



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Suggested Course Sequence

Associate in
Science Degree
CSU GE Pattern

YEAR

1

Total Units:
29

FALL		SPRING	
	Units		Units
ENGL 1A	3	ENGL 2	3
LIBR 50	1	ECON 2	3
Math 16 or 18	4	FASH 11	3
FASH 10	3	Area E	3
Area C2	3	BUSI 22 rec.	
US-1 Course rec.		CSU Electives	3
Total Fall Units	14	Total Spring Units	15

YEAR

2

Total Units:
31

FALL		SPRING	
	Units		Units
Area A1	3	FASH 20	3
FASH 15	3	Area C1 or C2	3
Area B1 & B3	4	Area F	3
ECON 4	3	US 2& 3 (POLIS/ETNC 16) rec.	
CSU Electives	3	AREA B2	3
		BIOL 31 rec.	
		CSU Electives	3
Total Fall Units	16	Total Spring Units	15

This is a suggested sequence of coursework and is one pathway for students to earn their degree/certificate. This is not an official educational plan. A counselor is able to assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. For more information about counseling and up-to-date program requirements, please visit www.mpc.edu/counseling.



MPC has provided me with a clear educational path that allowed me to complete my associate degree while working full time. The instruction I received at MPC helped me feel prepared for upper courses at a 4-year university. Without the faculty and staff support at MPC, I do not believe that I would be transferring to pursue my bachelor's degree.

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MPC Graduate

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