

# **Textiles and Fashion: Course Description**

## **Course structure**

3 contact hours plus 4 hours additional practice per week for 2 years

## **Objectives**

The student will learn:

- Proficiency in the use of the industrial sewing machine, domestic sewing machine, overlocker, coverstitch sewing machine and in hand sewing
- Basic knowledge about and experience in using a range of woven and jersey fabrics and of yarns
- Dressmaking techniques and finishes - seams, fastenings, bindings, pockets, etc.
- Adjustment of a basic garment pattern to fit the maker or another person
- Pattern drafting and construction
- How to carry out clothing alterations and repairs
- The embellishment of clothing with embroidery, appliqué, beads, etc.
- Dyeing and printing techniques on fabric or finished pieces
- How to make one or more stitched textile products other than a garment, eg. a bag, table runner, cushion
- Concepts of sustainability and ethics in the fashion market
- Appreciation of artisanal practice
- Basic entrepreneurship and how to set up a microenterprise
- Planning and development of a fashion collection (garments and accessories)
- Development of social media/blogs to publicize and record the history of the course. Students will post and update social media on an ongoing basis.
- Relevant health and safety practices

At the end of the course, the student will have created a portfolio of samples and garments that take into account sustainability and ethical considerations. The course will conclude with an exhibition of work or a fashion show.