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ONLINE PREPARATORY PROGRAMME

FASHION AREA

Combined with Master's Programme in FASHION DESIGN

The Domus Academy Preparatory programme is an **8-week long series of intensive online courses** which allows students to improve their knowledge and prepare for the challenging interdisciplinary approach of the master's degree programmes.

Created for students who have already earned a bachelor's degree and who will be entering into a graduate-level programme, the courses will offer the opportunity to refine professional skills and acquire a deeper cross-disciplinary understanding of the design disciplines.

The Preparatory programme's core course will present a survey of design culture, while the individual pathways will address fundamental competencies in preparation for high-level study in the student's chosen area.

8 WEEKS

88 CONTACT HOURS + ELECTIVE COURSES

ONLINE PREPARATORY PROGRAMME STUDY PLAN

from November 10th to January 29th

BLOCK1		BLOCK2			BLOCK3		
WEEK1	WEEK2	WEEK3	WEEK4	WEEK5	WEEK6	WEEK7	WEEK8
Design Culture 15 lessons, 30 hours					Desktop Publishing / Portfolio 7 lessons, 14 hours Software: Adobe InDesign		
Digital Art <i>Raster Images: Editing & Management</i> 8 lessons, 16 hours Software: Adobe Photoshop		Vector Graphics <i>Design, Drawing & Editing</i> 7 lessons, 14 hours Software: Adobe Illustrator			Short Video / Editing <i>Video, Audio and Graphics</i> 7 lessons, 14 hours Software: Adobe Premiere		



AutoCAD <i>Design, Development & Documentation</i> 8 lessons, 16 hours Software: AutoCAD	3D Modeling <i>Designing & Representing</i> 7 lessons, 14 hours Software: Rhinoceros	Rendering <i>Digital Visualizations</i> 7 lessons, 14 hours Software: 3ds Max
Visual Communication for Business 7 lessons, 14 hours		
Made in Italy 3 lessons, 6 hours	Innovation 4 lessons, 8 hours	

FASHION AREA PREPARATORY PATHWAY

44 LESSONS
(88 HOURS)

ELECTIVE COURSES

Schedule permitting, students may choose to **integrate other courses outside of their pathway** from the academic offering. All courses foresee **direct study hours and student-centred learning.**

8 **PROGRAMME SUMMARY**

QUALIFICATION

(First Level) Academic Master

PROGRAMME TITLE

Master's Programme in Fashion Design

PROGRAMME TYPE

Full Time

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

English

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FASHION is the sphere of activity where the tendency towards social imitation and equalization eternally contends with the desire for individual differentiation and evolution. It resonates with the core of human beings: culture, identity, body, imagination, production, consumption, representation, dialogue.

Fashion Design entails the ability to decipher the contemporary and translate it into meaningful and visionary codes.

Fashion Designers must pursue their own identity and act courageously. At the same time, they are tasked to understand the requirements of the industry and speak the language of the various players of the fashion system, to guide complex creative projects, from material experimentation to visual communication of the product.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Master's Programme Fashion Design combines fashion studies, design thinking and intensive studio-practice. Students will be guided to question, refine and strengthen their individual creative vision as well as to address the challenge of designing for existing fashion brands. Students will be engaged in the exploration of other disciplines to produce outcomes that combine conceptualization, textile manipulation, garment prototyping, branding, photo and video storytelling, and business intelligence. Students will understand the complexity of the fashion system on all levels, grow a mature awareness of the various professions across its value chain, and envision the future of the Industry. Moreover, Domus Academy ensures that students attending the academy become aware of the great opportunities surrounding them, such as the fact that Milan is an international and design-oriented city with a lot of famous design studios and agencies, research labs, trade fairs and companies. Students at Domus Academy come from about 50 different countries and this fact makes it an international school where different cultures can be met. Domus Academy is part of an international network of universities and the faculty of the academy are internationally renowned professionals in their field.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this programme students will be able to:

- Plan independently driven conceptual research projects, using and selecting appropriate practical and research methodologies relevant to fashion design practices;
- Illustrate their ability to examine contemporary cultural, social and technological phenomena envisioning future scenarios and solutions in the fashion design process;
- Demonstrate an advanced understanding and use of materials, processes and techniques with a mature commitment towards ethical and environmental considerations;

- Evaluate consumer and market requirements in order to anticipate and predict the next big trends in fashion;
- Design an original body of work able to combine aesthetics, ethics, sustainability, innovation and material experimentation;
- Relate critical conceptual knowledge of the functions and aesthetic aspects of fashion design solutions, materials and their end use in line with the quality standards in professional practice within the chosen specialism.

The programme ensures students will gain the skills and attributes to:

- Assemble information from a variety of sources to generate strategic and innovative insights for the development of an original body of work;
- Generate a high degree of self-direction and promptness in tackling and solving problems;
- Manage of technical skills and tools in pattern drafting for technical understanding of garment construction in the context of womenwear and/or menswear;
- Articulate ideas and concepts effectively and communicate information appropriately and accurately using a wide range of media;
- Arrange timeframes and tasks to a professional level in respect of the fashion industry's players;
- Justify with confidence their work in written, visual and oral form to different professional audiences.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The aim of the Master's in Fashion Design is to create mature professionals who will be equipped to find employment as fashion designers, textile designers, trend researchers, product developers and merchandisers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Criteria for Admission to the Programme (including required English language score)

Eligibility conditions for entering the Master's Programme are:

- Bachelor Degree or Equivalent
- English Language Knowledge: IELTS 5.0 or equivalent

Applicants are required to submit the Application Package, including:

- Application Form (full and satisfactory completion)
- Copy of Bachelor Degree* or equivalent
- Transcripts of previous study paths
- IELTS 5.0 Certificate or Equivalent
- Detailed Resumé
- Statement of purpose
- Portfolio of projects

* Degree Certificate

The programme is addressed to candidates holding a bachelor degree in fashion design, accessories design, design or disciplines related to the programme's field of study that wish to develop their professional skills in the Fashion Industry. Admission of students with different degrees or diplomas will be taken into consideration if the applicant is motivated by a research interest towards the programme's topics. Upon successfully completing the programme the student will receive a Domus Academy Master Diploma. Participants who are eligible according to NABA rules will receive an Academic Master from NABA.

Students holding a non-Italian Bachelor Degree shall contact the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country where the degree was issued in order to ask for the so called "completion documents", consisting in:

- a. Translation into Italian – made by a certified translator – of the student's Bachelor Degree.
- b. Translation into Italian – made by a certified translator – of the student's Academic Transcripts.
- c. "Dichiarazione di valore in loco" (Declaration of Value) of the student's Bachelor Degree. The "Dichiarazione di valore in loco" is the document attesting that the study qualification obtained in the student's country of residence is valid for accessing Italian Universities or Academies.

LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGIES

OUR LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGIES

Domus Academy prioritizes an original “learning by designing” approach, that is in continuous development to reflect the fast changing world of today.

The teaching methods employed at Domus Academy are designed to help students achieve their individual professional goals along with the learning objective, while also considering their roles as designers in our contemporary world.

The primary vehicle for the “learning by designing” approach is project work. Emphasis is placed on, learning and applying a “problem setting” approach;

- to ensure that students refine their critical skills and apply them throughout their work process;
- to foster a personal creative style and developing an original way of expression;
- to develop research skills, which will enable students to source relevant materials, assimilating and articulating relevant findings; - to conceive concepts and visions capable to blend creative languages with the actual needs of end users by interpreting a brief, primarily based on a real design assignment, in order to design a project that can match, or even exceed, the company’s expectation.

Students are exposed to different points of view in the design field, working with designers and companies. One of the purposes of this exposure is to give students the broadest view possible of the design field in order to support them in the selection of the area in which to concentrate their future careers.

All Master’s Programmes are workshop-based, supported by seminars, tutorials, lectures, work-in-progress sessions, critiques and a series of tutor led projects. Through a pro-active relationship with the academic staff, students will lead their project work and be supported through consultative

and advisory tutorial guidance by the faculty and by visiting lecturers and designers who each have dedicated roles.

The “Programme Leader” is the teacher who has overall responsibility on a specific Master’s Programme, and whose role is to coach students and to support them in the definition of their learning and professional path. The Programme Leader sustains students in their workshop activities and coordinates the assessment process.

The “Project Leader” is professionals and teachers, chosen among experts of a specific field, whose role is to lead workshop activity, by developing a project brief in collaboration with the Programme Leader, inspire and provide guidance to students along the design process, and to take part in the assessment of the projects.

Formal teaching is supplemented by a range of visiting lecturers and visiting professionals where students will have the chance to attend presentations by designers, artists, critics, industry professionals and academics. Lectures are usually used for the presentation and discussion of theoretical issues. They will often be supported by group discussions, which provide an opportunity for interaction between faculty and students, and allow students to extend and examine the issues raised.

Students work in multi-cultural and international teams to enhance their capacity for teamwork, as well as to expose them to a comparison with different backgrounds and cultures. Most workshop activities require students to work in groups. Teams are carefully selected and suitably managed to ensure that all students are aware of effective group processes and contribute to final project outcomes.

STRUCTURE AND ASSESSMENT

The programme is organized in four main modules including DNA kicks, courses and workshops, followed by a fifth module consisting in a professional experience and the final portfolio presentation.

module 1		module 2		module 3		module 4		module 5
 Course 1	 Core Workshop 1	 Course 2	 Core Workshop 2	 Course 3	 Elective Workshop 3	 Course 4	 Final Project Workshop	 Professional Experience
4 ECTS	8 ECTS	4 ECTS	8 ECTS	4 ECTS	8 ECTS	4 ECTS	8 ECTS	12 ECTS

FINAL PRESENTATION / GRADUATION

COURSES

Courses aim at providing students, through a combination of lectures, exercises and tutorials, with the appropriate tools and experiences useful for the developing of their professional career. They encompass specific topics in preparation for the workshop, and personal branding experiences for the development of the student's professional career.

WORKSHOPS

The workshops are the main activity of the curriculum. Workshops are project assignments designed to give students a working knowledge of different core subjects. All workshops launch with the presentation of a brief, which outlines the subject, scope, and purpose of the workshop. The brief of the workshops is based on research issues defined by the faculty, in collaboration with external professionals and industrial partners, paying attention to fulfil both educational and professional aims.

In the development of the projects students will be supported by lectures aimed at broadening their knowledge on the specific investigation theme, inviting designers, researchers, stakeholders and representatives of companies

to present their work and ideas as a link between the specific disciplinary perspective and the broader cultural/economic context.

The workshop culminates in an open presentation to the faculty and invited professionals. Feedback to students is an integral part of the final assessment provided to students after the presentation. The Programme Leader and the Project Leader are available to further discuss assessments with students if needed.

CORE WORKSHOP

- Fashion Collection - (8 credits)
- Fashion Identity - (8 credits)

ELECTIVE WORKSHOP - (8 credits)

One to be chosen among:

- Fashion Collection
- Fashion Identity
- Fashion Styling
- Fashion Buying

FINAL PROJECT WORKSHOP

Students will be able to develop personal, in depth body of work as a culmination of their academic path. They develop design research, create projects and explore conceptual ideas that are transformed into tangible output ranging from fashion collections and styling to product design, interactive scenarios, communication and business strategies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The professional experience is the final step of a process in which students receive a deep and balanced evaluation of their skills and aspirations, in order to build a career, which fits their aims.

There are three kinds of professional experiences; an internship in a company where the students will be hosted in a work environment developing assigned real projects; a field learning experience as a specific work project carried out on campus in collaboration with a company; and an entrepreneurial journey in order to develop business and managerial skills.

FINAL EXAMINATION

The Master's Programme will end with a final examination in which the student will present his/her own Final Project to an Examination Board composed of internal faculty and external professionals. The Final Project realized by each student, and its' presentation, allow the Board to evaluate the development and quality of the original work. Components of the work, particularly in the initial research phase, can involve interdisciplinary teams; however, the results should represent an independent body of work at an advanced level. The evaluation criteria will depend upon the kind of project.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The main goal of the assessment system is to monitor how students develop the design and technical competencies required to be awarded an Academic Master.

Assessment is done by evaluating each student with a 1 to 30 mark (pass 18 or above) given at the end of every workshop, and through a qualifying examination given at the end of each theoretical course. The admission mark to the final exam is calculated by arithmetic average, which takes in consideration all the marks taken after each workshop.

Students will receive 0-110 (pass 70 or above) as overall evaluation. The Diploma Examination Board may award up to 10 points for the Portfolio. Honors may be awarded on the basis of the Board assessment of study programmes, portfolio and presentation.

STUDY PLAN

Students will receive individual study counselling by the Programme Leader to establish a Study Plan that reflects their skillset and professional objectives with the academic offer available.

WORKSHOPS

CORE WORKSHOPS - COMPULSORY

FASHION COLLECTION WORKSHOP

The workshop focuses on the application of a professional approach in the development of a fashion collection, through the definition of an innovative concept and the presentation of a complete body of work addressed to an existing Italian and/or international fashion brand. The objective of this workshop is to allow students to understand the brand DNA and develop a collection that originally expresses it. Students analyze the creative process and mature authorial choices and are guided to perform sound market, aesthetic and material research to conceptualize, illustrate, realize and present a complete fashion collection. Furthermore, students are challenged to achieve the correct balance between vision and feasibility thanks to a problem solving approach, by taking into serious consideration the brand's existing needs and constraints, to create original, consistent and fully-professional designs.

FASHION IDENTITY WORKSHOP

The workshop requires students to explore their own design identity, to scope and develop an individual fashion project. The objective is to help each student rigorously investigate his/her personality as a designer, explore alternatives and new possibilities, and finally define an aesthetic manifesto, and a personal visual and material vocabulary that can be translated into innovative and contemporary artifacts.

In the current international fashion scenario, where brands go beyond products and build imagery worlds, fashion designers are asked to nurture their own distinctive, vivid and rich vision. During this workshop, students are challenged to identify their own ideal target, to discuss and experiment their design perspective and find a winning synergy to express their vision through a concrete, finely crafted and illustrated proposal of garments and accessories.

ELECTIVE WORKSHOP

One to be chosen among the following:

FASHION STYLING WORKSHOP

The workshop explores the cultural, social, aesthetic and practical aspects of fashion image-making. The workshop focuses on the strategic figure of the fashion stylist, as a professional who is able to build a visual narration through the development of an idiosyncratic vision.

Students are challenged to find inspiration from different sources: art, folk culture, movies, music, social issues, everyday news as well as fashion trends, to create a story for a real fashion editorial and or an advertising campaign, with a specific attention to digital publications and social media. Students are required to understand the magazine/ brand values and audience to create images and videos that resonate with them. Students acquire a professional methodology to plan a real fashion photo/video shooting, which includes the selection of: photographer, location, models, make-up artist and hair stylist. Students practice the skills of art-direction, styling and production, to ensure that their story is conveyed in a consistent and powerful way.

FASHION BUYING WORKSHOP

The purpose of the Fashion Buying workshop is to give students an insider view on the key role of a Fashion Buyer; from professional competencies and essential retail strategy and operations to personal attributes. In the current omni-channel fashion retail context, buyers are accountable for

ensuring that the store's merchandise mix has the appeal to turn potential customers into shoppers, to maximize turnover and profit margins, and minimize the inventory risk. Students learn to identify macro-trends and upcoming fashion trends, through a deep examination of fashion catwalks, shows and presentations, to generate meaningful market insights. Based on the definition of the retailer target customer, students understand how to filter the existing offers, create a brand portfolio and define balanced groups of products that will compose an accurate range plan, within the assigned budget, to achieve the maximum the sell-through. Students finally suggest tailored services and communication ideas to support their buying strategy.

FASHION COLLECTION WORKSHOP

FASHION IDENTITY WORKSHOP

COURSES

FASHION CULTURE

The course offers the possibility to deeply analyze and understand the Fashion phenomenon, through an articulated and interdisciplinary approach that involves history, anthropology, sociology and psychology. The historical and cultural evolution of modern fashion, both in Italy and internationally, is combined with the ability to read and interpret the contaminations between social issues, art, literature, movies and fashion. Students' assumptions are challenged to broaden their knowledge and deepen their thinking, to nurture a critical point of view on an increasingly complex field, strictly connected to wider social and cultural dynamics. Students question their own ideas and develop a fresh, personal and sophisticated perspective.

FASHION MARKETING & MANAGEMENT

The course examines advanced marketing and management principles and provides strategic frameworks and operational

tools to develop a comprehensive marketing plan for a fashion company. Students explore the dynamics of the global fashion industry, with a specific focus on the Made in Italy model, existing and innovative business models, consumer insights, targeting and positioning, forward-looking marketing mix, current distribution channels and retail management tactics, brand extension and licensing strategies, from a practical perspective through case studies, in-class exercises and rigorous discussion. Students are challenged to examine the strategic marketing process from research and planning through execution and evaluation of results.

VISUAL REPRESENTATION

The course explores advanced drawing and illustration skills. Fashion designers continuously need to communicate their design ideas effectively and originally. Students practice how to interpret their concepts and express their designs through conventional methods and new media, including different sketching techniques, creative styling, photography and video-making. Students identify and cultivate their own personal visual language to record their work-in-progress and build an ever-evolving portfolio, which will be shared with other designers, garment manufacturers and fashion professionals, both online and off-line.

PERSONAL BRANDING: IDEAS AND DIRECTION

This discipline-specific theoretical course, Personal Branding: Ideas and Direction is delivered independently within each Domus Academy Master's programme. The content of these courses is in relation to the specific programme with the common intent of promoting and consolidating a personal and independent vision and approach to be applied in the Final Project. In this course, students may work in teams (also interdisciplinary) for certain aspects; however, the output needs to include and represent individual work.

In the Final Project, the students are expected to address current and contemporary themes from a personal

perspective while responding to professional contexts and briefs that involve industry partners and organizations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Professional Experience is the final step of a process in which students, thanks to a one-to-one tutorship, receive a deep and balanced evaluation of their skills and aspirations, in order to build a career, which fits their aims.

There are three kinds of Professional Experiences:

- **Internship in a Company/Firm:** the students will be hosted in a work environment developing assigned real projects.
- **Field Learning Experience:** a work project carried out on campus in collaboration with a company and supervised by a project leader. The students will approach contemporary themes and explore a wide range of design subjects in a multidisciplinary environment.
- **Entrepreneurship Module:** an entrepreneurial journey in order to develop business and managerial skills. The students will be given a specific toolbox of frameworks and approaches both in theory and practice.

In all cases during this crucial phase students are mentored on a step-by-step basis, and acquire the fundamental experience of dealing with the real world, with real business and with the people working in the field.