

T LEVEL
Craft and Design

Textiles and
Fashion Maker



What are T-Levels?

- **T Levels are two-year, Level 3 study programmes that follow the study of GCSEs and Technical Awards and offer an alternative to A Levels and Apprenticeships.**
- **T Levels combine classroom theory, practical learning and a minimum 315 hours of industry placement with an employer. The work placement ensures students have real experience of the workplace.**
- **T Level programmes are developed in collaboration with employers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work. T Levels provide the knowledge and experience needed to progress to highly skilled employment, an Apprenticeship or higher-level study, including university.**

Pearson T level Textile and Fashion Maker Course information

Equivalent to 3 A levels

Entry Requirements

5 GCSE's 4 or above to include Maths
And English, Textiles / Design technology
preferred, sewing machine experience desired

Assessment

The core knowledge and understanding are assessed through an examination and core skills through a practical employer-set project in year 1. In year two there are set design and make assessments, working to a set brief to test technical skills and understanding of the design process.

Students who complete their T Level will receive an overall grade of Pass, Merit or Distinction, the exam is graded A- E. They will get a nationally recognised certificate which will show their overall grade and a breakdown of what they have achieved.

Overview

During the 2-year course, students will learn the core knowledge and skills that are needed for entry to a range of Textiles and Fashion maker occupations or for progression onto a degree course in fashion or textile design.



Overview of Course Content



FASHION AND TEXTILES IN CONTEXT

PRACTICAL SKILLS
WORKSHOPS TO DEVELOP-
SEWING, PRINT, DYING,
PATTERN CUTTING,
VISUALISATION, DESIGN,
CONSTRUCTION,
SAMPLING, TECH PACKS,
TOILES AND COLLECTIONS.



FASHION AND TEXTILES HOT TOPICS

SUSTAINABILITY,
EQUALITY AND
DIVERSITY, SIZING,
AUDIENCE, CULTURAL,
SOCIAL AND GLOBAL
IMPACTS ON FASHION
AND FUTURE
TECHNOLOGIES.
REPORTS, RESEARCH/
MOODBOARDS,
SAMPLING AND DESIGN
COLLECTIONS.



FASHION AND TEXTILES INDUSTRY READY

INDUSTRY BRIEFS, WORK
PLACEMENTS, VISITS,
TALKS, INTERVIEWS,
PRESENTATIONS AND
CLIENT FEEDBACK.
HEALTH AND SAFETY,
LEGISLATION,
REGULATION,
COPYRIGHT AND
PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS.



PROFESSIONAL FASHION AND TEXTILE PRACTICE

MOCK DESIGN AND
MAKE PROJECTS TO
BUILD AND TEST SKILLS
FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL
SPECIALIST
ASSESSMENTS.



FASHION RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

INDUSTRY RESEARCH,
TREND RESEARCH AND
ANALYSIS, MATERIALS
AND TECHNOLOGIES,
GLOBAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES AND AUDIENCE
RESEARCH, MOOD
BOARDS, ANALYSIS AND
REPORTS.

Qualification Content

Through practical investigation, research and industry talks and visits students will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

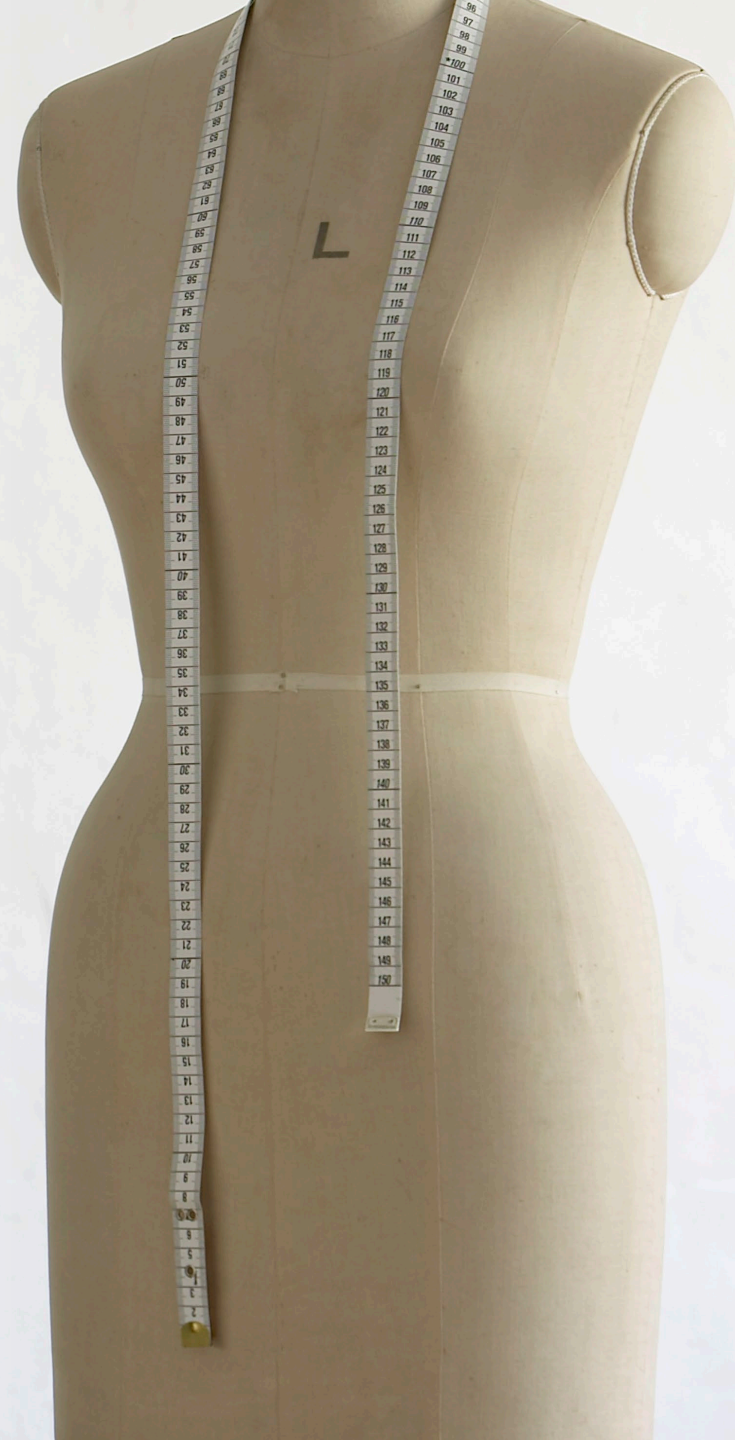
- the creative economy
- the individual in the creative industries
- cultural context and vocabulary
- audience
- legal/regulatory
- Professionalism and ethics
- equality, diversity and inclusion
- research skills
- project methodology and administration
- continued professional development

Year 1

- Industry visits, talks and remote briefs
- Practical skills workshops
- Core content projects to build knowledge for exam.

- **1 x 2.5 hour exam in June testing knowledge of core content = 60%**
- **1 x ESP – Employer Set Project 40% in June an industry based project set by Pearson**

- June / July – work placement 1



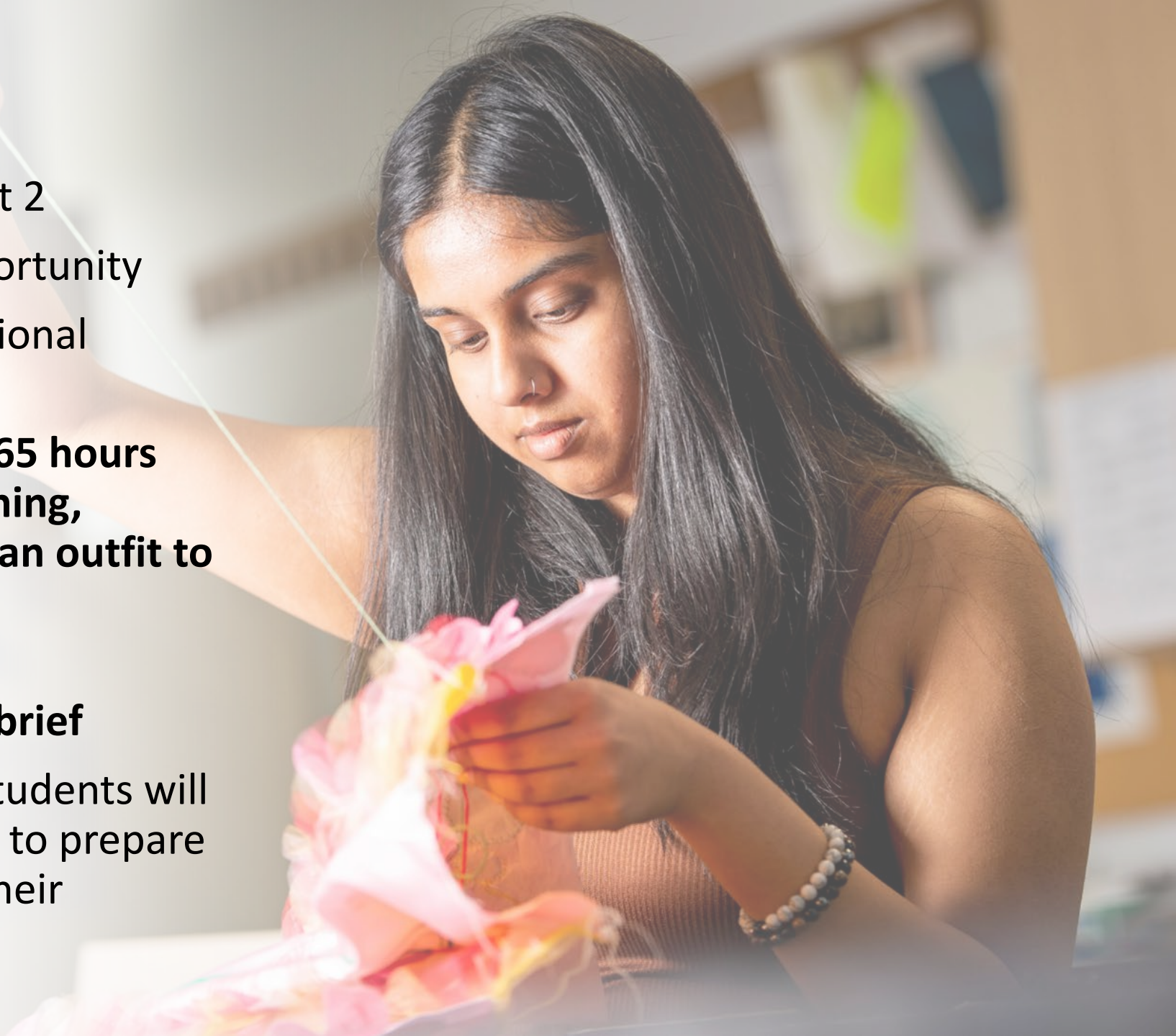
Year 2

- September = work placement 2
- November = exam re-sit opportunity
- April – June = OSP – Occupational Specialist Projects

**1 x design and make project –65 hours
researching, developing, planning,
pitching and idea and making an outfit to
a set brief**

**1 x make project – 21 hours
making a bag to a specific set brief**

Throughout the second year, students will develop design and make skills to prepare for the assessment and build their portfolios.



Industry Placements

45 Day Industry Placement

- 25 hours industry tasters – talks, visits, tasters
 - 20% can be remote working
 - 2 x 3 -4 week industry placements
- We will work with local fashion and textile companies arrange industry visits, talks and placements for Fashion and textiles.
 - You can work with companies that we have built links with or arrange your own industry placement if you have contacts.

“Leicester’s position combined with its history as a textile hub, has made Leicester a hub for fashion. The textile sector still has 1,500 firms in Leicester and Leicestershire. Hosiery and clothing companies that are still based in Leicester include Next, Boden and Pantherella as well as many smaller firms making quality clothing and specialty textiles.”
www.visitleicester.info



Industry set briefs

We will work with local fashion and textile companies to set live industry set briefs for the Fashion and textile industry to prepare for the employer set project.

- Client set brief
- Research
- Development
- Design Presentation
- Client Feedback



Career Progression

This course is suitable for anyone wanting to progress onto a fashion apprenticeship or fashion degree programme.

Career/progression options might include:

- **Independent Fashion/accessories designer-maker**
- **Fashion/accessories designer**
- **Fashion Production** – technologist, pattern cutter, sample machinist
- **Fashion communication**
- **Dressmaker or tailor**
- **Fashion buyer or Trend predictor**
- **Visual fashion merchandiser**
- **Sustainable and eco fashion innovator**





Specialist Fashion and Textile workrooms

- Sewing and pattern cutting workrooms
- Industry standard machinery
- Textile testing and dyeing workroom
- Screen print area



Is it right for you?

- Do you have an interest in the fashion and textiles industry?
- Do you have technical skill in fashion and textiles?
- Are you hardworking?
- Can you communicate well?
- Do you have an eye for detail?
- Do you want to gain industry work experience whilst gaining your qualification?
- Apply now on www.gateway.ac.uk/apply-now or log into your PS16 account and make an application