

Apparel, Retail Merchandising and Design

Department Information

- **Department Location:**
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- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.; Certificate
- **Official Program Curriculum:**
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If you are looking for a career in a fast-paced environment that provides new opportunities each day, then a degree in Apparel, Retail Merchandising and Design (ARMD) is just for you. The global textile and apparel industry is made up of companies that produce fibers, yarns, and textile and apparel products for consumers around the world. National and global retailers provide goods and services to consumers everywhere, via multi-channel retailing involving traditional stores, catalogs, online venues, including social networking sites.

The undergraduate program in ARMD offers students opportunities to develop new approaches for dealing with challenges facing all areas of the global textile, apparel, and retail industry. Students are involved in designing new solutions for an ever-evolving global industry. Because of the size and scope of the industry, there are a variety of career opportunities available worldwide.

Students gain aesthetic, technical, practical, and professional skills in four option areas - *fashion product development*, *fashion entrepreneurship*, *retail merchandising and interior merchandising*. Retail merchandising and fashion entrepreneurship options provide students with a firm grasp of business strategy. The fashion product development option focuses on developing, designing, and marketing materials and products within this global industry. Students develop a trained eye and skills to showcase and sell products to a fashion-conscious consumer.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS:

- Apparel buyers
- Product developers
- Visual merchandisers
- Technical designers
- E-commerce developers
- Fashion entrepreneurs
- Social media specialists
- Retail managers
- Fashion forecasters
- Interior merchandisers

Accelerated Programs in ARMD

- A 3-year plan is available for each option.

- The accelerated/combined program allows high-achieving students to complete both a bachelor's and master's degree within five years. An online Master's degree in Merchandising is offered.

Plans of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

Fashion Product Development Option

Freshman					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
ADHM 101	3	ADHM 155	3		
ADHM 171	3	ADHM 181	3		
CSCI 114 or MIS 116	3	COMM 110	3		
ENGL 110	4	ENGL 120	3		
Wellness	2	ECON 105	3		
	15		15		
Sophomore					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
ADHM 310	3	ADHM 280	3		
ADHM 366	3	ADHM 386	3		
ADHM 367	1	ADHM 371	3		
STAT 330 or CSCI 159*	3	ADHM 410	3		
PSYC 111	3	Science/Tech Lab	4		
Science/Tech	3				
	16		16		
Junior					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
ADHM 375	1	ADHM 271	3	ADHM 496	4
ADHM 385	3	ADHM 272	3		
ADHM 455	3	Elective	3		
ADHM 489**	1	Elective	3		
ENGL 321	3	Elective	3		
Elective	3				
	14		15		4
Senior					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
Elective	3	Elective	3		
Elective	3	Elective	3		
Elective	3	Elective	3		
Elective	3	Elective	4		
	12		13		

Total Credits: 120

* Prerequisites may apply

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Fashion ENTREPRENEURSHIP or Retail Merchandising Option

Freshman					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
ADHM 171	3	ACCT 102	3		
ENGL 110	4	ADHM 181	3		
CSCI 114 or MIS 116	3	COMM 110	3		
Humanities Fine Arts	3	ENGL 120	3		
Wellness	2	ECON 105	3		
	15		15		
Sophomore					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
ADHM 366	3	ADHM 280	3		
ADHM 367	1	ADHM 371	3		
ENTR 201 or COMM 260	3	ADHM 386	3		
PSYC 111	3	ENTR 301 or COMM 261	3		
STAT 330 or CSCI 159*	3	Science/Tech Lab	4		
Science/Tech	3				
	16		16		
Junior					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
ADHM 375	1	ADHM 271	3	ADHM 496	4
ADHM 385	3	ADHM 410	3		
ADHM 489**	1	MRKT 362	3		
MGMT 320 (Elective)	3	MRKT 410	3		
MRKT 320	3	ENGL 321	3		
ENTR 401 (or Elective)	3				
	14		15		4
Senior					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
ADHM 372	3	ADHM 425	3		
ADHM 470	3	ADHM 272	3		
MRKT 465 (or Business Elective)	3	Elective	3		
Elective	3	Elective	4		
	12		13		

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Accelerate bachelor to master in retail merchandising Option

Freshman					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
ADHM 171	3	ADHM 181	3		
ADHM 161 or MIS 116	3	ACCT 102	3		
ENGL 110	4	COMM 110	3		
Humanities Fine Arts	3	ENGL 120	3		
Wellness	2	ECON 105	3		
	15		15		
Sophomore					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
ADHM 366	3	ADHM 280	3		
ADHM 367	1	ADHM 371	3		
PSYC 111	3	ADHM 386	3		
STAT 330 or CSCI 159*	3	COMM 261	3		
COMM 260	3	Science & Tech w/Lab	4		
Science & Tech	3				
	16		16		
Junior					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
ADHM 372	3	ADHM 271	3	ADHM 496	4
ADHM 375	1	ADHM 272	3		
ADHM 385	3	ADHM 410	3		
ADHM 489**	1	ENGL 321	3		
MGMT 320	3	MRKT 362	3		
MRKT 320	3				
	14		15		4
Senior					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
ADHM 470	3	ADHM 425	3	ADHM 720	3
ADHM 740	3	MRKT 610	3	ADHM 780	3
ADHM 730	3	ADHM 710	3		
MRKT 640	3	ADHM 750	3		
	12		12		6
Fifth Year					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
ADHM 770	3	ADHM 775	3		
ADHM 785	3	ADHM 790	3		
	6		6		

Total Credits: 137

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