

INFORMATION FOR FASHION CORE PROGRAM APPLICATION
SAIC DEPARTMENT OF FASHION DESIGN

Thank you for your interest in studying Fashion Design at SAIC. The Fashion Design Core program classes meet for 6 credit hours a week and are taken in sequence from the sophomore year through the senior year. Beginning in the Fall semester and continuing in the Spring, the Core program prepares students for a career as a designer in the fashion industry. You will need to submit your portfolio through a Google Form, the link to which is listed below. If you have any questions, please send an email to fashion@saic.edu.

PROCEDURE: The Core program application will open **Saturday, February 5, 2022**. Submit your portfolio via Google Form, <https://forms.gle/XgB9Ea2LHHWKA3SX6>. **The deadline to apply is Monday, February 21, 2022**; the application will close at 5:00 PM CST on that date.

TRANSCRIPTS: All students must upload their most current SAIC transcript as a PDF through the Google Form application. Non-official transcripts are acceptable. Please make sure you give the Registrar (<https://www.saic.edu/academics/registration-records/records/transcript-requests>) enough time to process your transcript request.

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITES: All students entering the Fashion Design Core program should have completed the first-year program by the start of the Fall semester, meeting the requirements of:

- 18 Studio credit hours
 - 6 credit hours in Art History*
 - 6 credit hours in English
- Total: 30 credit hours

**If you do not meet the Art History requirement, certain accommodations might be possible. Please contact fashion@saic.edu to inquire about your specific circumstances.*

OVERVIEW OF APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants must submit a portfolio based on the requirements outlined below. Submissions will be made through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/XgB9Ea2LHHWKA3SX6>. Submission of the portfolio will be followed by a Zoom interview with two Fashion faculty members.

CONCEPT STATEMENT: A brief concept statement relating to the work included in your portfolio submission (maximum 300 words). You can speak to your inspirations, visual references, process, etc. This is your opportunity to set the tone for what we'll be looking at in your portfolio.

PORTFOLIO: Maximum 20 images. All images must be saved as **individual jpegs** and uploaded through the Google Form.

Please include the following:

- PDF of SAIC transcript**
- 10 original designs:** Include 10 full color illustrations of your designs with swatches.
- Please include visual references and process development; **include several images that illustrate your process.** This could include preliminary sketches, collage, color story, material swatches, fabric manipulations, etc. You will be asked to refer to these visuals during the interview.
- Show us who you are as an artist. Include **3-5 other artworks** that inform your vision of fashion or define you as an artist: painting, drawing, sculpture, etc.



Reminder, the deadline to submit your application is February 21, 2022.

INTERVIEW: We want to get to know you! We will contact each applicant to set a time for an interview. All interviews will happen via Zoom and last 15-20 minutes. During this interview, you will meet with faculty members from Fashion and you will discuss the work included in your portfolio. Be prepared to discuss the links between your visual references and original designs.

NOTIFICATION: A letter distributed via email will notify students who have been accepted into the Department of Fashion Design's Core program. You will be assigned a sophomore Design and Construction section. You will be able to register online after receiving your acceptance letter.

WAITLIST: The portfolio process for the Fashion Core program receives more applications than we can accommodate. After the portfolio review and interview, some students will be notified that they have made the waitlist. Spots may become available around registration, and after transfer applications are reviewed, and will be filled from the waitlist.