

# Education plan

for

**Master's Programme in Fashion Studies**  
**Masterprogram i modevetenskap**

**120.0 Higher Education**  
**Credits**  
**120.0 ECTS credits**

**Programme code:** HMFAO  
**Valid from:** Autumn 2022  
**Date of approval:** 2014-03-18  
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**Department:** Department of Media Studies

## Decision

The Faculty of Humanities at Stockholm University approved the syllabus on March 18th 2014.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor of Arts or equivalent and Swedish Upper Secondary School course English 6 or equivalent.

## Programme structure

The program comprises four semesters of full-time studies (120 credits) and consists of mandatory courses in Fashion Studies totaling 82.5 credits, other courses totaling 22.5 credits and joint-faculty mandatory courses totaling 15 credits.

The first year of the program examines the shaping and development of fashion through Western history and the emergence of the global fashion industry. It also introduces students to necessary theoretical perspectives on fashion. During the first year, sustainability-related issues in the fashion industry are also explored followed by object-based studies for the analysis of material culture. These six courses are taught at advanced level in Fashion Studies.

The second year of the program prepares the students for the master's thesis. In addition to the methods course, students have two optional courses as well as the course in advanced Academic English. During the last semester of the program, the students write an independent degree project that must demonstrate both broad knowledge in Fashion Studies as well as the ability to delve deeper and focus on a specific research topic, with the possibility of further research. The degree project for a master's degree in the main field constitutes one semester's work of 30 credits.

The program prepares students for postgraduate studies in Fashion Studies and related fields or for work in the broad field of fashion. Teaching takes place in English.

## Goals

Degree of Master of Arts (120 credits)

### Knowledge and understanding

The student must be able to

- show knowledge and understanding in Fashion Studies, including broad knowledge in the field as well as significantly in-depth knowledge in certain parts of Fashion Studies. In-depth insight into current research and development work is also required
- show in-depth methodological knowledge in Fashion Studies.

## Competence and skills

The student must be able to

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyze, assess and manage complex phenomena, questions and situations even with limited information,
- demonstrate the ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate questions, to plan and with adequate methods carry out qualified tasks within given time frames and thereby contribute to the development of knowledge. The student must also be able to evaluate this work,
- demonstrate the ability to, in both national and international contexts, orally and in writing clearly explain and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments that underlie them in dialogue with different groups, and
- demonstrate such skills that are required to participate in research and development work or to work independently in other qualified activities.

## Judgement and approach

The student must be able to

- demonstrate the ability to make judgments in Fashion Studies with regard to relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects as well as demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work,
- show insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify their need for additional knowledge and to take responsibility for their knowledge development.

## Courses

The programme consists of two full years of study, amounting to 120 ECTS credits.

### Semester 1:

- Scientific method and research ethics 7.5 ECTS (main field Philosophy).
- History of Dress 7.5 ECTS (main field Fashion Studies).
- Theoretical Perspectives on Fashion 7.5 ECTS (main field Fashion Studies).
- Elective course 7.5 ECTS Advanced level (main field Fashion Studies)

### Semester 2:

- Elective courses of total 15 ECTS Advanced level (main field Fashion Studies)
- Fashion and Sustainability 7,5 ECTS (main field Fashion Studies)
- Elective course (7.5 ECTS)

### Semester 3:

- English for academic research 7.5 ECTS (main field English).
- Optional courses of 15 ECTS.
- Qualitative methods in fashion studies 7.5 ECTS (main field Fashion Studies).

### Semester 4

- Fashion studies, master thesis, 30 ECTS (main field Fashion Studies).

For more detailed information, consult the course plan for each respective and elective course.

For specified entrance requirements for (elective) courses as well as courses of ability, see each respective course plan.

The availability of elective courses is advertised on department web page.

## Degree

The programme leads to a Master Degree of Philosophy with Fashion Studies as major.

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When an education plan is cancelled the student is entitled to finish their education according to the existing plan of education. This can occur during a period of phasing-out, comprising the programme's nominal running time, plus two years. During this phase, the limits stated in the course plan for the courses included in the programme are valid in the first instance; in the second instance the equivalent education is offered.