MCAST PROGRAMMES - PUBLIC INFORMATION TEMPLATE (FULL TIME)

Institute	Institute for the Creative Arts
Department	-

Programme Title	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fashion				
Course Code *To be filled in by Admissions Dept.*	CA6-A01-23		**If the programme includes a WBL element, How is it accredited?**	Apprenticeship	
MQF/ EQF Level	Level 6	**Type** *(refer to Appendix 1 for Parameters)*	Qualification	**Awarding Body**	MCAST – Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology
Accreditation Status	Accredited via MCAST's Self Accreditation Process (MCAST holds Self-Accrediting Status as per 1st schedule of Legal Notice 296/2012)				
Mode of Delivery	Face to Face	**Duration***(Academic Years or Semesters)*	3 Years	**Mode of Attendance**	Full-Time
Total Number of Credits	180 credits	**Total Learning Hours** *(25 Total Learning Hours for each ECTS)*	4500 hours		
Target Audience	Ages 16 - 65	**Target Group** *(the type of learners that the educational institution anticipates joining this programme)*	Further and Higher education learners with a background in fashion (e.g. tailoring, textiles, etc.)		
Programme Fees	There are no fees applicable to Maltese and other EU Nationals (as will be evidenced by their Identity Document) Fees apply for other International Applicants… for fee information and any related updates it is best to communicate with MG2i International through applyinternational@mcast.edu.mt One may consider checking about possible eligibility or otherwise for any exemption from fees by contacting the relevant section within MEYR (Floriana) – or visit the servizz.gov.mt website here				
Date of Next Student Intake	For further information regarding upcoming student intake and applications time windows for same kindly click here				
Language of Instruction	The official language of instruction at MCAST is English. All notes and textbooks are in English (except for language courses, which will be in the respective language being instructed). International candidates will be requested to meet English language certification requirements for access to the course.				
Application Method	Applications to full-time courses are received online via the College Management Information System. Applicants can log-in using Maltese Electronic ID (eID) in order to access the MCAST Admissions Portal directly and create one's own student account with the identity being verified electronically via this secure service. Non-EID applicants need to request account creation though an online form after that they confirm that their local Identification Document does not come with an EID entitlement. . Once the identity is verified and the account is created on behalf of the applicant, one may proceed with the online application according to the same instructions applicable to all other applicants.				

	For more information about how to apply online for a course at MCAST, please visit: https://mcast.edu.mt/how-to-apply-online-2/
Information for Non-EU Citizens	Non-EU candidates require a study visa in order to travel to Malta and join the course applied for (on a Full Time delivery mode). For further information re study-visa please access https://www.identitymalta.com/unit/central-visa-unit/. Further information International / TCN applicants should take note of before requesting to being considered for a programme of studies at MCAST, can be obtained through the respective FAQ found on https://mcast.edu.mt/important-information/
IMPORTANT note to Non-EU Nationals / TCNs	In instances where a TCN is applying for an MCAST programme of studies which includes Apprenticeship / Placement / Internship, it is the applicant's responsibility to check with the relevant Maltese Authority whether one would be eligible to have the necessary permits to be able to carry out the accredited Apprenticeship / Placement / Internship, success from which is expected in order to be able to successfully complete the selected programme of studies. Further information can also be obtained through the respective FAQ found on: https://mcast.edu.mt/important-information/

Address where the Programme will be Delivered	*MCAST has four campuses as follows:*
	
	 MCAST Main Campus
	 Triq Kordin,
	 Paola, Malta
	
	 All courses except for courses delivered by the Institute for the Creative Arts, the Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences and the Gozo Campus are offered at the Main Campus address (above).
	
	 Courses delivered by the Institute for the Creative Arts, the Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences, or the Gozo Campus, are offered in one of the following addresses as applicable:
	
	 Institute for the Creative Arts
	 Mosta Campus
	 Misraħ Għonoq Tarġa Gap,
	 Mosta
	
	 Institute of Applied Sciences
	 Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences,
	 Luqa Road, Qormi
	
	 Gozo Campus
	 J.F. De Chambray Street
	 MCAST, Għajnsielem
	 Gozo
	
	 In the case of courses delivered via Online Learning, students will be following the programme from their preferred location/address.
	
	 Programmes delivered via Blended Learning, and which therefore contain both an online and a face to face component shall be delivered as follows:
	
	    o Face to Face components – as per above address instructions
	    o Online components – from the student's preferred address.

Course Description *(Refer to Programme Specification)*	The Fashion industry is continuously evolving, and this degree programme aims to address the requirements in the various specialisations within the industry. The programme focuses on various spectrums such as fashion/costume design and production, as well as retail and marketing. Learners are supported by contextual studies to understand how fashion designers inspire their creativity. The degree programme provides learners with the specialist skills to create patterns using traditional techniques, as well as modern software (CAD/CAM) within fashion production processes, on small and mass production scales. Moreover, the programme offers specialist units addressing retail and marketing content. The programme targets new, evolving digital technologies for individuals who wish to set up their own firm with the required entrepreneurial skills, as well as those who wish to progress in the fashion business.
Deskrizzjoni tal-Kors *(Refer to Programme Specification)*	L-industrija tal-Moda qegħda tevolvi b'pass imgħaġġel, għalhekk dan il-programm fil-livell ta' baċellerat jindirizza r-rekwiziti speċjalizzati għal setturi differenti fi ħdan din l-industrija. Il-programm jiffoka fuq oqsma speċifiċi fi ħdan l-industrija tal-moda, inklużi d-disinn u l-produzzjoni tal-moda/kostumi, il-bejgħ u l-marketing. L-istudenti għandhom l-appoġġ permezz ta' studji kuntestwali li jwasslu lill-istudenti jifhmu kif id-disinjaturi jiġu spirati fil-kreattività tagħhom. Il-kors f'livell ta' baċellerat jipprovdi lill-istudenti l-ħiliet speċjalizzati u neċessarji sabiex ifasslu ħwejjeġ bl-użu tat-teknika tradizzjonali u permezz tas-softwer modern (CAD/CAM) li jintuża fil-proċess tal-produzzjoni tal-ilbies, kemm fuq skala żgħira, kif ukoll fuq skala ħafna ikbar. Barra minn hekk, il-programm joffri wkoll unitajiet speċjalizzati li l-kontenut tagħhom jittratta l-bejgħ u r-reklamar. Il-programm jindirizza t-teknoloġija diġitali ġdida li qegħda tevolvi, bl-għan li-individwi li jixtiequ jibdew in-negozju tagħhom jiksbu l-ħiliet intraprenditorjali meħtieġa, kif ukoll għal dawk l-istudenti li jridu jimxu 'l quddiem fl-industrija tal-moda.
Career Opportunities:	Fashion Production Manager, Outlet Layout Designer, Fashion Merchandiser, Fashion Designer, Fashion Events Coordinator, Retail Manager, Fashion Marketing Manager, Customer Service Manager, Brand Manager, Fashion Entrepreneur
Entry Requirements *(Refer to Prospectus / Course Page on MCAST website)*	Internal Progression Route… MCAST Advanced Diploma in Fashion and Retail or MCAST Advanced Diploma in Art and Design (with a textiles major project) OR 2 A-Level passes and 2 I-Level passes <u>Compulsory</u> A-Level: Art or Graphical Communication or Engineering Drawing or Physics or Home Economics and Human Ecology or Fashion, Textiles and Interiors Applicants may be asked to sit for an Interview and/or present their Portfolio.
Other Notes related to this Programme, and which are to be taken note of	Full MQF Level 4 Qualifications awarded by the Malta School of Art can be submitted as part of the required documents uploaded at point of application for this programme of studies, and will be reviewed accordingly with a view of considering, or otherwise, eligibility. Any possible alternative qualifications (local and European) which may be presented instead of the above clearly set compulsory subjects, must very clearly be evidenced / documented as being equivalent to the set compulsory subjects in terms of Level,

	volume (in credits), and Content coverage. It will not be possible to consider variances, given the expected preparation and foundations in possession of the applicant asking to be considered for this MQF Level 6 Degree programme of studies.
Programme Learning Outcomes *(Refer to Programme Specification)*	At the end of the programme the student is able to: 1. Identify the requirements of the fashion industry, including retail and production. 2. Practice the production process from designing, to finishing actual fashion collections. 3. Identify the role of good customer service, fashion marketing and merchandising. 4. Prepare to be competent in the creative industry of fashion.
Teaching, Learning and Assessment Procedures	The programmes offered are vocational in nature and entail both theoretical lectures delivered in classes as well as practical elements that are delivered in laboratories, workshops, salons, simulators as the module requirements dictate. Each module or unit entails a number of in person and/or online contact learning hours that are delivered by the lecturer or tutor directly (See also section 'Total Learning Hours). Access to all resources is provided to all registered students. These include study resources in paper or electronic format through the Library and Resource Centre as well as tools, software, equipment and machinery that are provided by the respective institutes depending on the requirements of the course or module. Students may however be required to provide consumable material for use during practical sessions and projects unless these are explicitly provided by the College. All Units of study are assessed throughout the academic year through continuous assessment using a variety of assessment tools. Coursework tasks are exclusively based on the Learning Outcomes and Grading Criteria as prescribed in the course specification. The Learning Outcomes and Grading Criteria are communicated to the Student via the coursework documentation. The method of assessment shall reflect the Level, credit points (ECTS) and the schedule of time-tabled/non-timetabled hours of learning of each study unit. A variety of assessment instruments, not solely Time Constrained Assignments/Exams, are used to gather and interpret evidence of Student competence toward pre-established grading criteria that are aligned to the learning outcomes of each unit of the programme of study. Grading criteria are assessed through a number of tasks, each task being assigned a number of marks. The number of grading criteria is included in the respective Programme Specification. The distribution of marks and assessment mode depends on the nature and objectives of the unit in question. Coursework shall normally be completed during the semester in which the Unit is delivered. Time-constrained assignments may be held between 8 am and 8 pm during the delivery period of a Unit, or at the end of the semester in which the Unit is completed. The dates are notified and published on the Institute notice boards or through other means of communication. Certain circumstances (such as but not limited to the COVID-19 pandemic) may lead Institutes and Centres to hold teaching and assessment remotely (online) as per MCAST QA Policy and Standard for Online Teaching, Learning and Assessment (Doc 020) available via link https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/

	The Programme Regulations pertaining to this Programme's MQF/EQF level available at: link https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/, apply.
Grading System	All MCAST programmes adopt a Learner-centred approach through the focus on Learning Outcomes. The assessment of MCAST programmes is criterion-referenced and thus assessors are required to assess learners' evidence against a pre-determined set of Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria. For a student to be deemed to have successfully passed a unit, a minimum of 50% (grade D) must be achieved. All full time units are individually graded as follows: A* (90-100) A (80-89) B (70-79) C (60-69) D (50-59) Unsatisfactory work is graded as 'U'. Work-based learning units (where applicable) are graded on a Pass/Fail basis only. Some units which follow industry standards and regulations may also be graded on a Pass/Fail basis as per programme regulations referred below. Detailed information regarding the grading system may be found in the Programme Regulations pertaining to this programme's MQF/EQF Level available at: https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/ (Refer to DOC 003, 004 and 005)
Exit Point (where and as applicable)	Where a student will not make it to the Final Certification achievable from this Programme of Studies (as per Programme Regulations), one might wish to look into Exit Point possibilities as may be applicable to this programme for studies. Further information, is available at https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/, kindly refer to *DOC 077 Procedure for the processing of Claims for Certificates at Interim Exit Points.*
Contact details for Further Learning Opportunities	The MCAST Career Guidance Team, offers the service of qualified and experienced Career Advisers who will be very willing to discuss with potential applicants the course which best achieves one's career ambitions, as well as exploring one's education route, or similar. **MCAST Career Guidance** Tel: 2398 7135/6 Email: career.guidance@mcast.edu.mt
Regulatory Body/ Competent Authority Contact Details *(where applicable - in the case of a programme leading to Regulated Profession)*	Not Applicable

Programme Structure	Unit Code	Unit Title	ECTS	Year	Semester

CAFHN-506-2309	Introduction to Pattern Drafting	6	1	1
CAFHN-506-2310	Sewing Methods I	6	1	1
CAFHN-506-2311	Textiles Study and Technology	6	1	1
CAFHN-506-1900	Fashion Drawing	6	1	1
CAFHN-506-1904	Idea Generation & Development in Fashion	6	1	2
CAFHN-506-1907	Contextual Studies in Fashion I	6	1	2
CDKSK-503-2328	English for Academic Purposes	3	1	1
CDKSK-503-2330	Critical Thinking I	3	1	2
CAFHN-509-2312	Pattern Manipulation & Assembling	9	1	2
CAFHN-503-2313	Fashion Retail & Visual Merchandising	3	1	2
CAWBL-506-2304	Work Based Learning for Fashion	6	1	2
CAART-506-1515	Critical Studies & Research Methods	6	2	Year
CDKSK-503-2331	Critical Thinking II	3	2	1
CDKSK-602-2335	Community Social Responsibility	2	2	2
CDKSK-503-2329	English for Dissertation Writing	3	2	2
CDKSK-604-2336	Entrepreneurship	4	2	2
CAFHN-506-1913	Contextual Studies in Fashion II	6	2	2
CAFHN-506-2314	Visual Communication & Illustration I	6	2	1
CAFHN-506-2315	Visual Communication & Illustration II	6	2	2
CAFHN-506-2316	Research & Creative Development	6	2	2
	Elective Unit*	6	2	1
	Elective Unit*	6	2	1
	Elective Unit*	6	2	2
CAFHN-603-2323	Fashion Theory	3	3	1
CAFHN-609-2324	Concept Design in Fashion	9	3	1
CAFHN-606-1915	Innovative Practices in Fashion	6	3	2
CAFHN-606-1919	Major Project	6	3	2
CAART-606-1524	Personal Style & Self-Promotion	6	3	2
CAART-606-1633	Law & Ethics	6	3	2
	Elective Unit*	6	3	1
	Elective Unit*	6	3	1
CADIS-612-1501	Dissertation	12	3	Year

* Learners are to choose one of the following Streams:

Design and Making

Unit Code	Unit Title	ECTS	Year	Semester
Year 2 - Design and Making Stream				
CAFHN-506-2317	Advanced Pattern Drafting	6	2	1
CAFHN-506-2318	CAD/CAM in the Fashion Industry I	6	2	1
CAFHN-506-2319	Draping & Sewing Methods	6	2	2
Year 3 - Design and Making Stream				
CAFHN-606-2325	Fashion Accessories	6	3	1
CAFHN-606-2326	CAD/CAM in the Fashion Industry II	6	3	1

Fashion Commerce

Unit Code	Unit Title	ECTS	Year	Semester
Year 2 - Fashion Commerce Stream				
CAFHN-506-2320	Fashion Promotion & Marketing	6	2	1
CAFHN-506-2321	Fashion Photography	6	2	1
CAFHN-506-2322	Digital Fashion I	6	2	2
Year 3 - Fashion Commerce Stream				
CAFHN-606-2327	Digital Fashion II	6	3	1
CAFHN-606-2328	Fashion Retail & Merchandising II	6	3	1

Allocation of Total Learning Hours (per Unit)	The total learning hours required for each unit or module are determined as follows:			
	Credits (ECTS)	Indicative contact hours[1]	Self-Learning and Assessment Hours[3]	Total Student workload (hrs)[2]
	1	5 – 10 hrs	20 - 15 hrs*	25 hrs
	2	10 – 20 hrs	40 - 30 hrs*	50 hrs
	3	15 – 30 hrs	60 - 45 hrs*	75 hrs
	4	20 – 40 hrs	80 - 60 hrs*	100 hrs
	6	30 – 60 hrs	120 - 90 hrs*	150 Hrs
	9	45 – 90 hrs	180 - 135 hrs*	225 hrs
	12	60 – 120 hrs	240 - 180 hrs*	300 hrs
	Note: The 'Self-Learning and Assessment Hours'[3] amount to the difference between the 'Indicative Contact Hours'[1] and the 'Total Student Workload'[2]			

APPENDIX 1

MINIMUM CREDITS FOR QUALIFICATIONS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

MQF Level	Minimum ECTS Required for a Qualification*
8	
7	30
6	180
5	30
4	30
3	60
2	60
1	40

*Programmes assigned fewer ECTS than indicated will be classified as Awards.

Reference: Fig.1: p48, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) (October 2024). Referencing Report, 5th Revised Edition.

APPENDIX 2

EXAMPLES OF QUALIFICATION TYPES AT A SPECIFIC MQF LEVEL

MQF Level	Examples of qualification types at a specific MQF level (The list in this column is not exhaustive)	Number of ECTS *
8	Doctoral Programmes:	
	PhD	N/A
	Professional Doctorate	180
7	Master's Degree	90
	Postgraduate Diploma	60
	Postgraduate Certificate	30
6	Bachelor's Degree	180
	Bachelor's Honours	240
5	Undergraduate Higher Diploma	90
	Undergraduate Diploma	60
	Undergraduate Certificate	30
	VET Level 5	60
4	Advanced Diploma	120
	Pre-Tertiary Certificate	30 - 60
	MATSEC Matriculation Certificate (Advanced and Intermediate)	N/A
	VET Level 4	120
3	Certificate	60
	MATSEC Secondary Education Certificate	N/A
	VET Level 3	60
2	Foundation Certificate	60
	MATSEC Secondary Education Certificate	N/A
	VET Level 2	60
1	Introductory Certificate	40
	VET Level 1	40

*Programmes assigned fewer ECTS than indicated will be classified as Awards.

Reference: Fig.2: p48, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) (October 2024). Referencing Report, 5th Revised Edition.