

BA (Hons) Fashion Communication and Styling

At DMU, as in most Art and Design institutions, students are expected to cover the cost of some materials and trips.

We have a fully stocked Art and Design Materials Shop located on the ground floor of the Vijay Patel Building, adjacent to the Gallery. The shop stocks a wide range of art materials and sketchbooks at reasonable prices.

Course Materials List 2026

What do I need to buy?

Below is a suggested materials list for the first two modules of your Level 4 studies. It is essential that you bring the relevant materials to each taught session.

Block 1: FSHN1011 Fashion Styling

Block 2: FSHN1012 Fashion Image Creation

Styling Toolkit

Your styling toolkit is a collection of materials and accessories that will help you experiment, create, and problem-solve during styling workshops and photoshoots. Many of these items can be sourced affordably from home, charity shops, discount stores, or recycled materials, and will support the development of your creative styling practice.

- Safety pins (the larger the better)
- Clamps (spring clamps are stronger than bulldog clips and are available from retailers such as Amazon and Poundland)
- Scissors
- Strong tape, rope, belts, elastics, or any materials that can be used for styling
- Clothing: second-hand items, your own clothing, or garments borrowed from friends or family. Anything from tights and underwear to tailoring and suiting can be useful.
- Clothing that can be cut up or altered (charity shops can be a great source, although this is not essential)
- Fabric: tulle, netting, blankets, or any interesting textile materials
- Padding materials such as wadding or foam to create scale and volume

General Art Materials

General art materials will support your creative practice across workshops, independent study, and project work. They will be used for researching, developing, recording, and presenting ideas through a variety of visual techniques, allowing you to experiment with different approaches and creative outcomes.

- Paper scissors and/or a craft knife
- Glue stick and/or Blu Tack
- A2 and A3 paper in a variety of textures and colours
- Mechanical pencils
- Old magazines for collage and image-making
- Repurposed cardboard and recycled paper, as we aim to work as sustainably as possible

Optional Art Materials

The following materials are suggestions and will largely come down to personal preference.

TO NOTE: you will not need to purchase all of these items.

- Drawing and graphite pencils
- Oil pastels
- Gel crayons
- Fine liners
- Neon highlighters
- Inks (various colours)
- Twin-tip marker pens
- Water-soluble pencils
- Brush pens and felt-tip pens
- Paints (acrylic, watercolour, etc.)
- POSCA pens or acrylic paint markers
- Paintbrushes in a variety of sizes
- Mixing tray or palette
- Masking tape
- Washi tape
- Duct tape
- Electrical tape
- Invisible tape in a variety of colours and sizes

Additional Materials for All Modules

- Loose cartridge paper or sketchbooks for documenting research and development (A3 preferred)
- Drawing materials (see above list)
- Notebook for note-taking during technical workshops
- Pens and pencils
- More than one USB memory stick for saving and backing up your work, or alternatively an external hard drive
- Access to a laptop or computer outside of university sessions is desirable not essential

Where Can I Purchase These Materials?

The materials you purchase do not need to be of the highest quality.

Retailers such as Poundland, The Range, and The Works are excellent sources of affordable materials. Online retailers such as Amazon and eBay also offer a wide range of inexpensive art supplies, while Jackson's Art Supplies provides a comprehensive selection of specialist materials and often offers free delivery promotions. Advice to shop around

Fashion Magazines, Zines and Blogs

We encourage you to familiarise yourself with a variety of fashion publications, zines, and online platforms. Showstudio is a great place to start: <https://www.showstudio.com/>

Recommended Zines

- Buffalo Zine
- Polyester Zine
- Period Zine
- Sum Zine
- We Are The Same Zine

Recommended Magazines

Many of these publications are available in both print and digital formats:

- LOVE
- POP
- Re-Edition
- 1 Granary
- The Gentlewoman
- Another Man
- Dust
- Interview
- V Magazine
- Another Magazine
- Garage
- Purple Fashion
- The Face
- Tank
- 10 Magazine
- Wonderland
- Self Service
- i-D
- Dazed
- Hunger

Photography and Video for FCS

Photography and video production will form an important part of your studies. Throughout the course, you will have access to a range of professional equipment, including cameras, batteries, tripods, lighting, and other accessories.

We do not expect students to purchase this equipment, as DMU provides free access to a comprehensive equipment loan service.

A wide range of technical equipment can be booked and borrowed through **DMU AV Loans**: <https://avloans.dmu.ac.uk>