

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Buying and Merchandising
2	Module Credits	40
3	Module Level	4
4	Module Code	FAS4029

5 Module Overview

This module will introduce you to the buying and merchandising principles, and the roles and responsibilities of a buyer and merchandiser, in relation to the fashion industry. You will understand how the buyers and merchandisers work together, within different retail formats.

You will conduct initial research into the brand and conduct a comparative shop report, you will apply trend research appropriately to suit the brand and consumer.

You will be required to develop a detailed range of clothing which is commercially viable, and appropriate to the retailer and their consumer.

You will develop a range development book in InDesign, including: critical paths and costings. Finally, you are expected to articulate your findings to support and justify your range through a professionally presented pitch.

6 Indicative Content

- Industry terminology
- Roles of buyer and merchandiser
- Ethics and sustainability
- Presentation skills
- Industry insight
- Fabric and textile knowledge
- Trend research
- Excel critical paths
- Lead times and sourcing
- Costings profit margin size ratios
- Consumer analysis
- Competitive shop
- Range building

7	Module Learning Outcomes		
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	Evidence research to in order to define your range.	
	2	Interpret your research in order to produce your range which should be appropriate to your consumer and brand.	



3 Articulate and justify how your range is relevant to your brand and consumer.		Articulate and justify how your range is relevant to your brand and consumer.	
		4	Show visual consistency using software packages.

8 Module	Assessment	sessment			
Learning					
Learning Outcome					
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person		
1	X				
2	X				
3			X		
4	X				

9 Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities		
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	64	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	256	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	80	
Total Study Hours:	400	