



## BFA FASHION DESIGN

**Where craftsmanship meets industry standards.  
Where vision becomes wearable innovation.**

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Welcome to a place where garments tell stories and creativity comes to life. At Otis College, fabric, form, and vision come together as you learn to design, build, and refine apparel alongside industry professionals shaping the future of fashion. You'll develop a strong foundation in garment creation through hands-on learning and close mentorship, gaining technical expertise, creative confidence, and collaboration and communication skills. From construction, draping, and patternmaking to hand drawing and digital illustration, every course is designed to prepare you for the real world. By graduation, you'll have the skills and fluency to take a garment from concept to runway with intention, precision, and your own distinctive point of view.

### HOW YOU'LL WORK

Think studio-centered. Think team-driven. Think workflows calibrated to industry standards.

As juniors and seniors, students work collaboratively in fast-paced fashion cycles, developing original collections based on real-world design directions and industry-standard briefs reflective of professional practice. You'll work side-by-side with Otis faculty throughout the year and gain exposure

to a range of professional perspectives through the renowned legacy Mentor Program, where top designers like Mike Amiri challenge you to stretch your skills, elevate your craft, and think like a professional.

Sustainability is woven into the curriculum—from upcycling and zero-waste techniques to working with next-generation materials and cutting-edge digital tools. Partnerships with top brands like Amiri, J.Crew, Nike, Patagonia, Jonathan Simkhai, Vince, and Vuori bring real expectations, real critiques, and real-world relevance to each project.

You'll build key skills including:

- **Design & Build Garments**—develop concepts into finished pieces through construction, draping, textiles and patternmaking
- **Create Digital 3D Spaces**—visualize and simulate garments using CLO 3D, Adobe applications, and innovative AI platforms
- **Illustrate & Communicate Ideas**—express your design vision through hand drawing, digital illustration, and professional presentations
- **Develop Specialized Industry Collaborations**—shape creative direction, materials, fabrication, and finishing while collaborating and designing responsibly

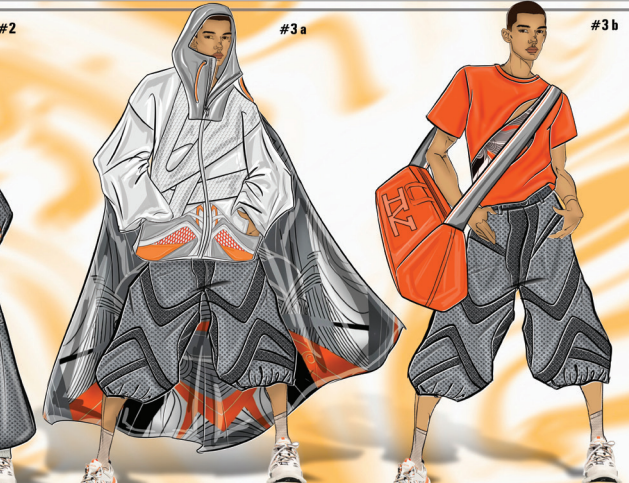


**“The faculty encouraged and challenged me. I definitely feel more confident now. By the time you graduate, they know your style and help connect you with companies that fit. They truly care about their students’ success.”**

**—Erin Bond,  
'25 BFA Fashion Design,  
Associate Designer,  
Good American**



**PROGRAM  
OVERVIEW**



**CURRICULUM  
OVERVIEW**

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## CAREER PATHS

Otis Fashion Design graduates enter a globally connected industry with portfolios shaped by real client work, technical rigor, and conceptual depth. This is where you learn to design garments that articulate ideas, challenge conventions, and move innovation forward. Alumni build careers across the fields of fashion, entertainment, textiles, and more.

### JOB TITLES INCLUDE:

Assistant/Associate Fashion Designer • Illustrator • Textile Designer • Accessory Designer • Product Designer

### ALUMNI WORK AT:

Adidas • Amiri • Coach • J.Crew • Nike • Rag & Bone • Ralph Lauren • Patagonia • Jonathan Simkhai • Theory • Universal • Vince • Alexander Wang and more.

## THE X-FACTOR

What sets Fashion Design at Otis apart?

- Learn like a pro—our mentor-led studios run on real industry timelines, just like fashion houses
- Work with the industry—collaborate directly with major brands and creative influencers
- Design with purpose—sustainability and innovation inform your creative decisions across the design process
- Learn from the best—faculty are professionals, creatives, and innovators shaping the field
- Study in L.A.—at the center of fashion, where entertainment and global creative industries meet

## FEATURED MINORS

**Sustainability:** Explore responsible design practices that shape the future of fashion.

**Entrepreneurship:** Turn creative vision into viable fashion ventures by building skills in business, branding, and leadership.

The College offers 15 minors to appeal to a wide range of interests.