

BA(HONS) TEXTILE DESIGN WITH INTEGRATED FOUNDATION YEAR

Dear

Welcome to BA(Hons) Textile Design with Integrated Foundation Year.

We're getting in touch with some important information about your course that will help you as you prepare to join us.

At the end of this letter, you will find a list of equipment that you should bring with you, as well as any other costs that you might incur throughout your course that are not covered by your student loan.

We've also included some suggested reading. You will have access to all the reading resources from the library when you arrive on campus, but if you're looking forward to getting stuck in, this is a good place to start.

Your academic experience will be predominantly in person with some courses using some digital resources to support your learning. To engage in the digital learning activity, although you will be able to access IT suites on campus, you may find it beneficial to have a laptop to access the platforms and tools we use. You will be provided with free access to the Microsoft Office suite, (including Word, Excel and PowerPoint) while you study at Falmouth.

Student Finance

If you are eligible for a loan from Student Finance and have not yet applied, please do so immediately to ensure the loan is approved before you enrol. Once you enrol you are liable for the tuition fees. You can find more information from the Student Loans Company at: [gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company) If you are paying for your tuition yourself please check out falmouth.ac.uk/study/tuition-fees. Advice on managing your finances whilst studying can be found on the University's website here: falmouth.ac.uk/study/student-funding/how-much-does-it-cost

Student Support

We know the prospect of coming to university can feel overwhelming but we're here to support you every step of the way. You can find an overview of the support available to you once you get here at this link falmouth.ac.uk/experience/support

To help us provide you with the right support during your time at Falmouth, if you have a disability, health condition or Specific Learning Difference (SPLD), you should apply for an Individual Learning Plan (ILP). This document suggests simple adjustments to your academic experience, tailored to your needs. By disclosing early, we can ensure that the necessary support is in place before you begin your journey with us. Find out how to apply here studyhub.fxplus.ac.uk/accessibility-inclusion/ilps

If you don't have a formal diagnosis of an SPLD like such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or ADHD but think you might, our free online screening tool, the Do-It Profiler can help. It's like a quiz that helps

pinpoint any areas where you might need extra support. More information and a link to the Profiler can be found here studyhub.fxplus.ac.uk/accessibility-inclusion/spld-screening

Step Into Falmouth

In the coming weeks, you can join our Step into Falmouth programme, designed to provide advice and guidance to help you to settle into university life. This programme includes a range of informative and supportive videos you can view at a time that suits you, followed by live online events in August where you can meet our staff, current and new students. More information can be found at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/step-into-falmouth

Student Mentors

Before September, if you have any questions, you can join the Student Mentor team on Discord to talk about the course, living in Cornwall and what to expect at Falmouth. Our mentors are already studying on your course, so ask them anything you like. Find them at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/mentoring. Alternatively, email your name and your course to: studentmentors@falmouth.ac.uk and they will be in touch.

Over the next few weeks, we'll email you more important information about your course and life at Falmouth. If you're going to be away or out of contact, make sure you ask someone to check your emails and reply on your behalf.

We know there is a lot to think about before you start at university. So, we're here to help. If you have any questions, just get in touch with Applicant Services on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk

Finally, we wish you an enjoyable few weeks before the start of term and we're looking forward to welcoming you to Falmouth in September.

Yours sincerely,

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IFY Course Leader

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IFY Pathway Leader: Fashion and Textiles

Getting started

Your offer

If you have a conditional offer, your place is subject to meeting those conditions. This means we're waiting to receive your results or some more information before your place can be finalised. You can see these conditions on your UCAS Hub <https://accounts.ucas.com/account/login>

If you need to ask us anything about your offer, get in touch with our Applicant Services team on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk

Enrolment and Student Terms & Conditions

You'll get an email two weeks before the start of term telling you how to enrol online. You'll need to enrol before the first day of term to officially register as a student of Falmouth University and receive your undergraduate student loan.

When you enrol, you'll need to agree to and comply with the University's Student Terms & Conditions. These Terms & Conditions are important, and we encourage you to read them carefully, before enrolling. You can find them under 'Student Terms & Conditions' on our website www.falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations

Tuition fees (per year)

2024-2025 full-time UK: £9,250

2024-2025 full-time International: £17,950

Term dates

Term dates can be found at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/term-dates/term-dates-2024-25

Welcome Week starts on Monday 16 September for first year students.

Study Block one begins on 23 September and teaching and assessment will be throughout the full 15 weeks of the study blocks.

Your timetable

Your academic timetable shows all scheduled learning activities and your course timetable. It will be published from 9 September. After you've enrolled, you can view it via the Student Portal at falmouth.myday.cloud/ or the Falmouth University App. You can download the app by searching the Google Play Store or Apple Store. It will also be accessible at mytimetable.falmouth.ac.uk.

Welcome Week

After you have enrolled, your timetable will show you where you need to go and when on Monday 16 September and throughout the week.

This is the week when you'll meet your course mates, course tutors and University staff. There will be important inductions to both your course and the wider University facilities and services, in addition to social activities organised by the University and Students' Union.

Pre-course preparation

We are not setting you an IFY summer project, but we would encourage you to maintain your creative practice over the summer in preparation for the course start in September.

Additional Note: You might also consider starting a Creative *Instagram* feed or *tumblr* blog. It's also a good idea to perhaps start collecting creative inspiration on *pinterest* boards.

- You can see the IFY Instagram feed here as an example [@falmouthify](#)

Attend some exhibitions:

We recommend you experience a range of exhibitions, events, and performances, ideally in person.

You may like you to explore two websites www.fashionrevolution.org. and <https://fashion-declares.org> before you arrive, this will start you thinking about Fashion Design's impact on the environment.

Course equipment and costs

A laptop or tablet will be an essential piece of equipment along with a reliable broadband connection (if you are living in University accommodation you will have this). Many students prefer a good quality tablet to a laptop as these are better for drawing. If you find writing on a tablet a challenge, the university has many desktop computers loaded with up to date software including the Adobe suite that you can use on campus.

Essential (for your BA not your IFY year)

The following items make up a basic kit, which you will find essential to complete your work on the course. You probably already have most items on this list. However, if you have to buy all these items from scratch, it will cost approximately £150:

- Range of drawing pencils HB to 6B (a set of 12 is approximately £10.95).
- Soft eraser - approximately £1.25.

- Gouache paints. Ensure these are good **designers' quality** paints such as Windsor & Newton . You will need these colours in the first week of study:
 - White (large tube essential) - approximately £7.25
 - Lemon yellow - approximately £3.85
 - Marigold yellow (or any orange) – approximately £3.85
 - Magenta - approximately £4.15
 - Spectrum red – approximately £3.85
 - Ultramarine blue - approximately £3.85
 - Viridian green - approximately £5.00
 - Burnt umber - approximately £3.85
 - Black - approximately £3.85
- A range of brushes, including a sable type brush size 8 or 10. (A set of ten acrylic brushes is approximately £9.95; a sable brush size 8 is approximately £12.95)
- White palette for mixing paints - approximately £1.00

- Masking tape - approximately £1.25
- Cutting knife - approximately £1.50
- Sketchbooks from £2.25 depending on size
- Sewing threads - approximately £1.80 each
- Two pairs of boot laces – for use during weave preparation - approximately £3.00
- Notebooks for keeping records – approximately £2.00
- A2 folder. (Transparent plastic portfolio folder with carry handles £8.00)
- Basic lino cutting tools (from approx. £7.40)
- Water based inks for print making (from approx. £5.00 per colour)
- Fabric scissors, at least 20cm long, kept for fabric use only - approximately £25.00
- Small sharp-pointed scissors, kept for fabric and thread only - approximately £10.00
- Paper scissors (at least 20 cm long) - approximately £8.00
- Sewing needles, a variety of sizes – approximately £1.20
- Dressmaking pins, a large box - approximately £4.00
- Tape measure - approximately £1.50

Optional

- Headphones.
- A hard drive or USB stick for backing up your work.
- If you have a sewing machine or other textile related equipment, and you are considering whether to bring it to Falmouth, please do. But there is no need to purchase such equipment.

Highly Recommended - the 'Live @ AMATA Pass'

AMATA is Falmouth University's arts centre, offering a diverse year-round programme of exciting performances and productions, from monthly comedy nights to fantastic live music, trailblazing new theatre and dance.

The programme complements our portfolio of degrees and enables students to experience high quality, contemporary performances on their doorstep.

Students can purchase a one year Live @ AMATA Pass which offers five tickets for £25. This represents a 50% reduction on our standard student ticket price of £10. You will be able to view the programme at falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre from August 2024. However, the Live @ AMATA Pass is available now to book at falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre/visit/tickets#live-pass

Please note: If a parent or guardian is purchasing on behalf of a Falmouth University student, the account should be set up in the student's name, using their email address.

Study trips

Optional

We run overseas study visits from time to time in the BA second and third years of the course. Recent visits have been to important international trade fairs such as Première Vision in Paris. Trips such as this are optional, and we work hard to secure the best deals for accommodation and travel.

Prices will vary at the time we organise the trips but as a guide, the 2019 Paris trip for year three Textile Design students cost approximately £325, including travel from London and accommodation, but not food.

Work placement

Optional

Work placements and internships, generally undertaken during your BA second year, are very much encouraged, but are not required to pass the course. The costs of travel, accommodation and living should be factored in for this. Some placement providers may cover a limited amount of expenses, but this is not guaranteed.

New Designers Exhibition, London

Optional

We aim to exhibit our best students at New Designers in the summer following your BA third year. The University covers some of this cost, but students also need to contribute towards the cost of the stand and van hire to transport to and from London. As a guide, the students this year are contributing £325 each. We encourage students to fund raise as a cohort to help reduce this cost.

There are several IFY field trips and you will need to allow for some costs for student contributions towards coach hire and exhibition entry. Total annual cost approx' £50. If you want to attend the planned IFY week-long residential trip to London in the Spring of 2025 then you will need to plan for a £100 deposit payment shortly after arriving on the course, to secure a place, and to budget for a total trip cost of approx' £400 - to be paid in instalments.

Reading lists

The course expects students to become competent researchers, so it is important to start expanding and developing your knowledge as soon as you can. You will be expected to independently research as a part of each project you undertake on the course.

Optional

You are **not** required to purchase books for this course as we have an excellent library provision, though some people like to do so. You might find a subscription to an online or paper version of a journal or magazine helpful in supporting your understanding of contemporary textile design practice. Some suggestions are Selvedge, Embroidery magazine, Pressing Matters.