France is the world’s standard-setter in high fashion. Jeanne Lanvin, Christian Dior, Coco Chanel, Pierre Balmain, Yves Saint-Laurent, Sonia Rykiel, Christian Lacroix, and Jean-Paul Gaultier are just a few of the French couturiers known around the world. Paris’s fashion shows (Fashion Week, Who’s Next...) and presentations of collections have an international aura, attracting journalists and notables from all over the world, year after year.

High fashion certainly stimulates the imagination, but opportunities are relatively limited. By contrast, they are much more numerous in the fields of ready-to-wear clothing and accessories. And luxury goods could not exist were it not for many supporting skills, occupations, and trades. From the nimble stitcher to the workshop director, many professionals help designers bring their vision to life.

Heirs to a long manufacturing tradition, France’s textile and apparel industries are today oriented toward innovation, design, and commercialization, offering a wide array of careers for qualified people. Openings may be rare in the area of creation (stylists, collection directors), but model makers, fabric designers, production managers, and sales and marketing specialists are in high demand.

Thanks to technical innovation, textile firms are involved in many different sectors—among them medicine, automobiles, sports, and home furnishings.
Some 15 universities offer a 1-year (BACCALAURÉAT + 3 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – L2+
LICENCE PROFESSIONNELLE (BACCALAURÉAT + 2 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – L2
> About 60 public and private institutions offer a BTS (a national postsecondary technical certificate) in subjects such as fashion and textile design, textile innovation, and fashion and apparel. BTS programs prepare graduates to move immediately into the workforce.
Level III (2-year) qualifications registered in RNCP:
Académie Internationale de Coupe de Paris AICP: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/623
IBSIM: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/621
Formamod: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/506
Supdermod: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/729
DIPLÔME NATIONAL DES MÉTIERS D'ART ET DU DESIGN (DNMADE) (BACCALAURÉAT + 3 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – L3
> DNMADE certifies the 1st cycle in ESAA over 3 years (180 ECTS) and confers the Degree of Licence. This diploma imparts traditional knowledge to prepare future practitioners of a specialized art and proposes several mentions: fashion, art modeling, textiles and apparel, fashion industry,...
DIPLÔME NATIONAL D'ART (DNA) (BACCALAURÉAT + 3 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – L3
> A 3-year DNA in textile design (180 ECTS credits) in 3 ESAs, confers the Licence degree.
Haute École des arts du Rhin: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/298
École Supérieure d'art et de design Angers: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/833
LICENCE PROFESSIONNELLE (BACCALAURÉAT + 2 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – L2+
> Some 15 universities offer a 1-year Licence Professionnelle (60 ECTS), in Arts, letters, languages concentration Fashion careers and Sciences, technologies, health concentration Apparel, fashion and textiles, Industrial production specializations: Fashion design; Textiles and environment.
École Supérieure des Arts Appliqués Duperré Paris: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/160
Level II (3-year) qualifications registered in RNCP:
> Fashion stylist/designer at Esmod: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/264,
Instituto Marangoni: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/660, Mod’Art: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/763 and Atelier Chardon Savard: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/793
> Textile designer/creator at École Conte: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/59
> Stylist model-maker at LISAA: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/628 and Écoles de Condé: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/901
> Fashion designer Lingerie, corsery and swimwear at Formamod:
DIPLÔME NATIONAL SUPÉRIEUR D’EXPRESSSION PLASTIQUE (DNSEP) (BACCALAURÉAT + 5 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – M2
> The 2-year DNSEP (120 ECTS credits) is a master-level credential signifying completion of the second cycle of postsecondary education in which students define their research goals. 2 ESAs offer an option in Textile Design.
Haute École des arts du Rhin: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/361
DIPLÔME SUPÉRIEUR DES ARTS APPLIQUÉS (DSAA) (BACCALAURÉAT + 5 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – M2
> The 2-year DSAA (120 ECTS) enables students to attain artistic mastery. Four institutions offer a DSAA in Design with a concentration in Fashion.
MASTER 2 (BACCALAURÉAT + 5 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – M2
> The Master is a 2-year national diploma (120 ECTS credits). The Université Lumière Lyon 2 offers a master of Arts, letters, languages with a concentration in Fashion and creation. Au-Marseille Université offers a master in Law, economics, and management with a specialization in a Fashion and textile professions.
INSTITUTION-SPECIFIC DIPLOMAS/GRADE DE MASTER (BACCALAURÉAT + 5 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – M2
> Textile Designer from École Nationale Supérieure de Création Industrielle (ENSCI) - Les Ateliers.
> Master in Fashion and Material Perspectives, EnaMoMa by PSL, Paris fashion school, at the Université Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL).
www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/648
Level I (5-year) qualifications registered in RNCP:
> Fashion designer-creator from Institut Français de la Mode (IFM): www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/751 and Atelier Chardon Savard: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/795
> Director of fashion product development from Mod’Spé: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/254
and Esmod: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/670
> International manager, fashion and luxury industries, from Mod’Art: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/761
> MBA Fashion Management/Business Manager, at the CNAM: www.campusart.org/artsearch/#/program/838
DIPLÔMES D’INGÉNIEUR/TITRE D’INGÉNIEUR-MASTER EQUIVALENT (BACCALAURÉAT + 5 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – M2
> Five institutions confer the national Diplôme d’ingénieur (also a professional qualification in engineering) with a specialization in textiles and fibers.
MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSC) (BACCALAURÉAT + 5 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) – M2
> Eight MSc in areas such as Creative Business; Fashion Marketing, Design and Brand Strategies; Fashion, Design and Luxury Management; International Luxury Management.
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