

APPAREL INDUSTRY SUSTAINABILITY, CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION

Not Financial Aid Eligible
Banner Code: 1_CE_AIS

This program focuses on sustainability in the apparel industry including, the study of responsible business, with a focus on environmental sustainability, responsible decision making, social impacts, corporate social responsibility, regulatory compliance, certifications, and other emerging technologies. Students will examine current topics, concepts, trends, and rules that are driving the sustainability and responsible business movement and will develop the skills to compete in the global fashion industry. Completion of the Apparel Industry Sustainability certificate program prepares students for careers in the fashion industry and in related businesses.

Program Outcomes

1. The outcome of the program is to prepare students for entry-level employment as a competent professional in the fields of sustainable apparel design, merchandising, compliance, product development, production, sales and marketing and meet the needs of the local fashion industry.

Certificate Requirements

Orange Coast College offers two types of certificate awards in career programs designed to prepare the graduate to enter a particular field of employment. At least 3 units in an advanced course from the certificate must be completed at OCC.

1. **Certificate of Achievement** - 8 units or more in a state-approved program. Certificates of Achievement are not automatically awarded. A petition must be filed in Enrollment Services or online at the beginning of the semester in which the student will be completing his or her final requirements. The petitioning periods are listed in the Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/graduation-requirements/>) section of this catalog.
2. **Certificate of Specialization** - 16 units or less in a locally approved program. Certificates of Specialization are not automatically awarded, not printed on official academic transcripts, and there is no acknowledgment of completion given at graduation. Please contact the division for details regarding the submission of petitions as procedures for each division vary. Most division offices prefer that students complete all of the required courses and then provide a copy of the transcript while some divisions allow petitions for Certificates of Specialization before finishing.

Minimum Grade Requirement

In order to be awarded a certificate, students are required to obtain a grade of "C" or better in all program-required courses. Grades of "CR" or "P" will be accepted whereas "CR" or "P" meets the equivalency of a "C" or better. A list of certificate programs can be found in the Programs A-Z (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/programs-study/>) section of this catalog. Check with a counselor to determine the requirements for completion.

| Course | Title | Units |
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| Year 1 | | |
| Fall | | |
| FASH A190 | Apparel Industry Sustainability: The Environment, Ethical Business Practices & the Law | 3 |
| | Units | 3 |
| Spring | | |
| FASH A191 | Sustainability & Responsibility in Fashion Design, Manufacturing and Branding | 3 |
| | Units | 3 |
| Summer | | |
| FASH A192 | Research and Development for Apparel Industry Sustainability | 3 |
| | Units | 3 |
| | Total Units | 9 |