

# FASHION MERCHANDISING, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Financial Aid Eligible

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Completion of the Fashion Merchandising Certificate programs 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 professional and competent fashion merchandiser in the fields of retail management, retail buying, special events and promotions, visual merchandising, styling, fashion marketing and public relations.

## 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
<b>Semester 1</b>		
FASH A110	Applied Textiles and Design	3
FASH A115	Introduction to the Fashion Industry	3
FASH A120	History of Fashion	1.5
FASH A121	Street Style	1.5
FASH A175	Applied Color and Design Theory	3

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FASH A177	Fashion Merchandising Concepts	3
Subtotal		15
<b>Semester 2</b>		
FASH A118	Trend Forecasting	3
FASH A255	Fashion Illustrating Techniques 1	3
FASH A170	Clothing Design and Selection	3
FASH A145	Fashion Reporting and Analysis	2
Subtotal		11
<b>Semester 3</b>		
FASH A116	Fashion Styling	3
FASH A190	Apparel Industry Sustainability: The Environment, Ethical Business Practices & the Law	3
DVP A180	Introduction to Display and Visual Presentation	3
MKTG A220	Retail Buying	3
Subtotal		12
<b>Semester 4</b>		
FASH A181	Fashion Internship	2
FASH A200	Fashion Internship Lecture	1
FASH A182	Professional Practices	2
FASH A225	Media, Events, and Promotions	3
MKTG A110	Professional Selling	3
or MKTG A200	Retail E-Commerce Management	
Subtotal		11
Total Units		49

## Fashion Merchandising Suggested Electives

Course	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
BUS A118/A118H	Introduction to International Business	3
BUS A239	Professional Communication	3
or MGMT A239	Professional Communication	
CIS A132	Business Multimedia and Graphics	2
DMAD A181	Introduction to Computer Graphics	3
BUS A240	Entrepreneurship	3
MKTG A142	Direct Marketing	1.5