

Fashion Management

Fashion management is a multifaceted discipline that involves overseeing and coordinating various aspects of the fashion industry to ensure the successful development, marketing, and sale of fashion products. It encompasses a range of strategic, creative, and operational responsibilities, including trend analysis, product development, supply chain management, marketing, retailing, brand positioning and material re-circulation.

Fashion management plays a crucial role in guiding fashion brands or businesses to stay competitive, adapt to industry trends, and meet consumer demands while considering sustainability, market trends and business strategy.

Studying fashion management is beneficial for all business students, providing insights into innovation, consumer behaviour, sustainability, adaptability, and strategic thinking. This knowledge prepares students for the complexities of the global business landscape.

Courses are open to students studying business administration, management, marketing, or equivalent at their home institution who want to learn more about the fashion industry.

The Swedish School of Textiles is part of the University of Borås and welcomes exchange students every semester from partner institutions across the world to study with us.



Course Content

FASHION LOGISTICS AND PURCHASING

Discover how logistics and purchasing shape the textile and fashion value chain. This course covers sourcing strategies, supplier relationships, and global supply networks, with a strong emphasis on sustainability. Explore topics like insourcing vs. outsourcing, offshoring vs. reshoring, and how purchasing strategies adapt across products and markets. Through theory and hands-on exercises in calculations, data analysis, and academic writing, the course equips students with the the skills to evaluate purchasing strategies and improve global supplier networks.

MANAGEMENT AND AESTHETICS IN FASHION COMMUNICATION

Focusing on brand-building and visual storytelling, this course introduces students to applied marketing communication in textiles and fashion. Students will create sustainable business concepts while learning about graphic design, visual communication, and trend analysis. The brand-oriented perspective equips students with the tools to communicate fashion effectively through both imagery and text, fostering a strong understanding of aesthetic and managerial aspects of fashion.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

This course provides students an in-depth exploration of global business dynamics and the strategies employed by multinational corporations. Students will examine critical topics such as global inequalities and social justice in international business, engaging with feminist labour, decolonial, and cross-cultural management theories. The combination of business strategy and critical theory prepares students to navigate and challenge the complexities of the international business landscape.

TEXTILE PRODUCTION

In this course, students follow a textile product from design to final production, analysing each step from multiple perspectives. The course focuses on developing sustainable strategies for textile production and incorporates key skills like cost calculation, product specification sheet creation, and life cycle assessment. By framing a collection plan, students learn to align production processes with sustainable business practices, making them adaptable for both existing and start-up companies.



"Here, you will get a broad perspective of the fashion and textile industry and, at the same time, gain knowledge that you can apply to other industries as well."

- Raoul Delen exchange student from the Netherlands

The Place to Study Fashion

Borås is the 'textile capital of Sweden' and became the centre for Sweden's textile industry several hundred years ago. During the 20th century, multiple fashion and textile entrepreneurial mail order retailers were founded as a complement to the manufacturing industry in Borås.

Today, most manufacturing has moved abroad, but Borås remains the centre for textile in Sweden. Many of Sweden's leading fashion and textile companies are based in and around the city and the entrepreneurial mail order firms have turned into prospering e-commerce businesses. In addition to the fashion and textile industry, a strong logistics industry has developed in Borås to support the fashion brands and the e-retailers.

The Swedish School of Textiles is well known, both nationally and internationally, and combines the areas of design, technology and management in a technically advanced and interdisciplinary environment. We are proud to be ranked as one of the best fashion schools in the world.

For students interested in fashion and textiles, this is certainly the place to be!

Semester dates:

31 August 2026 - 17 January 2027

Orientation Days are held for all international students 27–28 August 2026.

Nomination and application:

Nomination deadline: 15 October Application deadline: 1 November

Required documents

Transcripts of Records in English
Certificate of English Language Proficiency
(minimum B2-level)

More information

Website for incoming exchange students:
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