

NEW STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET: TEXTILES, MERCHANDISING, AND DESIGN

Thank you for your interest in the Textiles, Merchandising, and Design (TXMD) Program at Middle Tennessee State University. The program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and affiliated with the International Textiles and Apparel Association.

We offer a four-year Bachelor of Science Degree in Textiles, Merchandising, and Design consisting 120 credit hours. As with most textiles, merchandising, and design programs nationwide, **courses must be taken in a strict sequence**. All students must apply and be accepted into the TXMD program in order to take the TXMD *Professional Course Sequence*. Application to the program occurs each semester with due dates of October 1st for fall applications and March 1st for spring applications. Applications are typically submitted in the spring semester of the freshman year. Students interested in majoring in the TXMD program should declare a TXMD major or minor with a concentration in either Apparel Design or Fashion Merchandising prior to applying to the program.

Entrance requirements into the TXMD *Professional Course Sequence* include the completion of 30 credit hours of General Studies and Professional Support courses with a cumulative weighted GPA of 2.50 or higher.

$(MTSU\ GPA \times .75) + (ACT/SAT\ score\ converted\ to\ 4.0\ scale \times .25) \text{ must} = 2.5\ \text{or higher}$

TXMD Pre-Admissions Required Courses

- ENGL 1010 Expository Writing
- ENGL 1020 Research & Argumentative Writing
- ART 1030 Orientation to Art
- MATH – 3 credits
- Natural Science – 8 credits (two courses must be with **different prefixes**)
- TXMD 1110 Basic Design
- TXMD 1170 Introduction to the Fashion Industry
- HSC 1010 Career Orientation
- Other – 3 credits in general education, professional support, minor, or open enrollment TXMD courses

Once a student is accepted into the TXMD Professional Course Sequence, it will take approximately two to three years of full time study to complete the Bachelor of Science degree in TXMD. You must earn a grade of “C” (2.00) or better in all TXMD courses and maintain a cumulative weighted GPA of 2.50 or higher to continue in the TXMD courses.

TXMD students are assigned a College of Behavioral & Health Sciences academic advisor based on their area of study and the beginning letter of each student’s last name. The academic advisors assist students with course scheduling, registration, major and minor selections to help them toward graduation. It is recommended that you schedule an appointment with your college advisor each semester in order to stay on track with the degree requirements of the TXMD program.

College of Behavioral & Health Sciences Advisors (CBHS Advisors) for TXMD

A - Z	Sandy Anderson	615/898-4803	https://www.mtsu.edu/cbhsadv/
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In addition, students are also assigned a faculty mentor for career planning and other educational options. Keep in mind, many faculty members are not on campus during June and July. Thus, it may be more difficult for you to meet with your TXMD major mentor during the summer.

Apparel Design Concentration Faculty Mentors:

A – K	Dr. Teresa King LRC 133	615/898-2156	teresa.king@mtsu.edu
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Fashion Merchandising Concentration Faculty Mentors:

A – K	Dr. Rick Cottle LRC 204	615/494-8752	rick.cottle@mtsu.edu
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Admission and Progression in the Textiles, Merchandising, and Design Professional Course Sequence

1. An application form must be submitted to the TXMD program during the semester prior to beginning the *Professional Course Sequence*. **Applications are accepted September 15-October 1 for spring acceptance and February 15-March 1 for fall acceptance.**
2. Transcript validation of all prerequisite courses must be on file in the MTSU Records Office
3. A **cumulative weighted undergraduate MTSU college grade point average of 2.50** is required for eligibility in the TXMD program.
4. Applicants must have no grade less than a C (2.0) in any Pre-Admissions Required Courses before entering the *TXMD Professional Course Sequence*.
5. MTSU grade point average and weighted ACT/SAT scores will be used to rank candidates for progression to the *Professional Course Sequence*.
6. Students must attain a minimum grade of C (2.00) in all TXMD courses
7. Students **may repeat a TXMD course only once** to earn a minimum grade of C (2.00). This includes TXMD 1110 and TXMD 1170.
8. Students may repeat a maximum of 2 TXMD courses.
9. **Failure of more than 2 TXMD courses will result in dismissal from the program.** A failing grade is defined as receiving a grade of less than C (2.00)
10. If a student receives a grade below C (2.0) in a TXMD course at MTSU, he/she must repeat that course at MTSU.
11. Students will be dismissed from the TXMD program if they:
 - a. Commit a breach of ethics or gross professional negligence
 - b. Fail to progress due to unsuccessful attainment of requirements. Students who fail to progress will be readmitted on a space-available basis. Only one readmission for failure to progress will be allowed.
 - c. For transfer students who are admitted into the TXMD program, a grade below C (2.0) from another school counts as the first “failing” attempt. The next incidence of grade below C (2.0) in TXMD Pre-Admissions Required Courses or in any other TXMD courses, counts as the second incident; any additional TXMD grade below C (2.0) will result in dismissal from the program (See item 9 above).
12. Readmission to the program, for any returning TXMD major who left the university in good standing, will be granted on a space available basis.

TXMD Graduation Requirements:

Students may access the TXMD degree requirements for planning and for meeting with their academic advisors when scheduling courses. See the links below for each concentration.

Apparel Design: http://catalog.mtsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=32&poid=11189

Fashion Merchandising: http://catalog.mtsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=32&poid=11190

TXMD Minor: http://catalog.mtsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=32&poid=11188

Academic Maps:

Students may access the TXMD Academic Maps to use for planning and when meeting with their academic advisors prior to scheduling courses. See the links below for each concentration:

Apparel Design: <http://catalog.mtsu.edu/mime/media/32/2803/>

Fashion Merchandising: <http://catalog.mtsu.edu/mime/media/32/2804/>

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TXMD PROFESSIONAL COURSE SEQUENCE

Applications must be submitted between
September 15th - October 1st for spring acceptance or February 15th – March 1st for fall acceptance.
Deposit in the security box outside LRC 204 in a sealed envelope with your signature across the back of the seal.

Name _____
Last (please print clearly) First Middle/Maiden

TXMD Major or TXMD Minor

Apparel Design or Fashion Merchandising or Both Apparel Design and Fashion Merchandising

Student M # _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone (include area code) _____

MTSU Email: _____@mtmail.mtsu.edu Other Email (optional) _____

First year at MTSU

Change of Major within MTSU

Transfer from outside of MTSU (no previous MTSU credits)

Returning/readmitted MTSU student

Second undergraduate degree

The following items must be attached to this application at the time it is submitted.

1. A copy of your MTSU transcript from PIPELINE
2. A copy of your current semester schedule showing all classes in which you are enrolled.
3. Transfer students must include proof of admission to MTSU, copies of transcripts from all colleges attended and the Applicant Transfer Credit evaluation from the Admissions Office, and evaluation of previous Textiles, Merchandising & Design courses (if applicable) by your College and/or MTSU TXMD faculty advisor.

I understand that if I do not meet the minimum admission requirements for the TXMD *Professional Course Sequence*, my application will not be considered. I further understand that a limited number of applications will be admitted based on numerical ranking of the combined weighted GPA and ACT/SAT scores.

Signature _____ Date _____

*Students planning to pursue a double concentration (both Apparel Design and Fashion Merchandising must apply for admission to both programs (Check both boxes on the form).

TXMD Pre-Admissions Required Courses (minimum 30 hours required; must have earned C (2.0) or better)

ENGL 1010 Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer

ENGL 1020 Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer

ART 1030 Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer

MATH _____ Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer

Natural Sciences – (4 credit hours each/total 8 credit hours; two different prefixes; include lecture and lab grades)

_____ Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer

_____ Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer

TXMD 1110 Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer

TXMD 1170 Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer

HSC 1010 Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer
(not required for minors)

Other- one additional 3 credit course: general education, TXMD courses, professional support or minor courses

_____ Completed/grade of _____ Currently enrolled Summer

_____ **MTSU GPA at time of application**

To be completed by the TXMD Admission Committee Chair

MTSU GPA at end of semester: _____ X .75 = _____

ACT/SAT score (converted to 4.00 scale): _____ X .25 = _____

TOTAL SCORE FOR APPLICANT: _____