



**COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

*Human Sciences*

Textiles Merchandising and Design

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# **Textiles, Merchandising, and Design Handbook**

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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 of 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 to take the TXMD *Professional Course Sequence*. **Application to the program occurs each year in both fall and spring semesters with due dates of October 1<sup>st</sup> for fall applications and March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 x .75) + (ACT/SAT score converted to 4.0 scale x .25) must = 2.5 or higher*

**TXMD Pre-Admissions Required Courses**

- ENGL 1010 Expository Writing
- ENGL 1020 Research & Argumentative Writing
- MATH – 3 credits
- Natural Science – 8 credits (two courses must be with **different prefixes**)
- VCOM 2950 Visual Communication Application
- TXMD 1110 Apparel Foundations Applications
- TXMD 1170 Introduction to the Fashion Industry
- TXMD 2180/2181 Textiles I
- HSC 1010 Career Orientation

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 Textiles, Merchandising, and Design. You must earn a grade of “C” (2.00) or better in all TXMD courses and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher to continue in the TXMD courses.

TXMD students are assigned a College of Behavioral and Health Sciences Academic Advisor based on their declared major. It is recommended that you schedule an appointment with your major advisor during each semester to stay on track with the degree requirements of the TXMD program.

College of Behavioral & Health Sciences Advisors (CBHS Advisors) for ALL TXMD Students		
Rashidah Haynes	615/898-4803	<a href="https://www.mtsu.edu/cbhsadv/">https://www.mtsu.edu/cbhsadv/</a>

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:				
Student Last Name	Faculty Mentor	Office	Phone	Email
A – J	Dr. Gina Pisut	EHS 100	615/898-2884	<a href="mailto:gina.pisut@mtsu.edu">gina.pisut@mtsu.edu</a>
K-Z	Dr. Lauren Rudd	LRC 203	615/898-2089	<a href="mailto:lauren.rudd@mtsu.edu">lauren.rudd@mtsu.edu</a>
Fashion Merchandising Concentration:				
Student Last Name	Faculty Mentor	Office	Phone	Email
A – J	Dr. Rick Cottle	LRC 204	615/494-8752	<a href="mailto:rick.cottle@mtsu.edu">rick.cottle@mtsu.edu</a>
K – Z	Dr. Jasmin Kwon	LRC 131	615/904-8430	<a href="mailto:jasmin.kwon@mtsu.edu">jasmin.kwon@mtsu.edu</a>

### **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 undergraduate 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 in any Pre-Admissions Required Courses before entering the TXMD *Professional Course Sequence*
5. College grade point average and 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 D or F 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 of D or F from another school counts as the first “failing” attempt. The next incidence of D or F, in TXMD Pre-Admissions Required Courses or in any other TXMD courses, counts as the second incident, thus resulting in dismissal from the program (See item 7 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 CBHS Academic Advisor when scheduling courses. See the links below for each concentration.

**Apparel Design:** <https://www.mtsu.edu/programs/apparel-design/requirements>

**Fashion Merchandising:** <https://www.mtsu.edu/programs/fashion/requirements>

### **Academic Maps:**

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

**Apparel Design:** <https://catalog.mtsu.edu/mime/media/36/2803/>

**Fashion Merchandising:** <https://catalog.mtsu.edu/mime/media/36/2804/>

### **TXMD Minor:**

The Textiles, Merchandising, and Design Program also offers a TXMD minor. Students may declare a minor in Textiles, Merchandising, and Design by specifying either an Apparel Design or Fashion Merchandising Concentration Minor.

Prior to applying for admissions, TXMD minors must complete the pre-admissions requirements with two exceptions. Candidates for the TXMD minor do not have to take HSC 1010 Career Orientation or VCOM 2950 Computer Application Foundation. Students then apply for admission to the TXMD professional sequence of courses. When a student applies for admission, is accepted, and becomes enrolled, he/she is then classified as a TXMD minor admitted to the program and can then progress in required TXMD professional sequence courses. TXMD minors must earn a grade of C (2.0) or higher in all TXMD courses. Students earning a D or F will be required to repeat the course before being allowed to advance in the program.

[https://catalog.mtsu.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=36&poid=12762](https://catalog.mtsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=36&poid=12762)

### **Electronic Application for TXMD Admissions**

#### **Applications Acceptance Period\***

Fall: September 15 - October 1

Spring: February 15 - March 1

#### **Applicants Notification Date (no later than)**

Fall: October 31

Spring: March 31

Click on the link Textiles, Merchandising Application

<https://mtsu.edu/humansciences/handbooks.php>

*\*Late Applications may be accepted if space is available. Processing time will be dependent on the time of submission. Please contact the TXMD Coordinator for details when submitting a late application.*