

ISTITUTO SECOLI

ANNUAL STUDY MANIFESTO

# Fashion Design and Technologies

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Level 1 Academic Diploma - DIPL02

Academic Year 2026/2027

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# 1. Authorised course, qualification awarded and references

With effect from the 2023/2024 academic year, Istituto Secoli is authorised to activate the Level 1 Academic Diploma course in Fashion Design and Technologies - DIPL02 and to award the corresponding qualification, pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 1262 of 25 September 2023.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Institution</b>           | Istituto Secoli, Milan                           |
| <b>Course</b>                | Fashion Design and Technologies                  |
| <b>Qualification awarded</b> | Level 1 Academic Diploma                         |
| <b>Course code</b>           | DIPL02 - Design School                           |
| <b>Department</b>            | Industrial Design                                |
| <b>Standard duration</b>     | 3 years                                          |
| <b>Total credits</b>         | 180 CFA                                          |
| <b>Teaching venue</b>        | Viale Vittorio Veneto 18/A, 20124 Milan, Italy   |
| <b>Authorisation</b>         | Ministerial Decree no. 1262 of 25 September 2023 |

Solely for the purposes of admission to public competitive examinations and access to master's degree programmes established by universities, the Level 1 Academic Diploma is equivalent to degrees in class L-3, within the limits and in accordance with the legislation in force.

## 2. Course features and learning objectives

The course integrates design culture, technical skills and knowledge of the processes involved in manufacturing the fashion product. The programme is structured progressively: from cultural and representational fundamentals to design, from patternmaking to prototyping, through to the development of a collection and the final examination.

- acquire theoretical and practical knowledge in the fields of fashion design and fashion product technologies;
- develop skills in analysis, research, design and product representation;
- gain knowledge of materials, patternmaking techniques, garment making, industrialisation and prototyping;
- use digital tools for graphics, CAD and three-dimensional design;
- understand the main historical, sociological, economic, organisational and communication aspects of the fashion system;
- develop design autonomy, critical thinking and an aptitude for both individual and team work.

## 3. Organisation of teaching, language and attendance

The academic year is organised into two semesters. The course includes theoretical, theoretical-practical and laboratory activities, supported by a digital platform for materials, content and e-learning activities.

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| <b>Official language of the course</b> | Italian |
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| <b>Optional language service</b> | For the first year, an English translation service may be requested at the time of enrolment. This service does not change the official language of the course. |
| <b>Teaching workload</b>         | Approximately 800 teaching hours per year                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Weekly organisation</b>       | On average approximately 27.5 hours of lessons, spread over five days                                                                                           |
| <b>Minimum attendance</b>        | At least 80% of the hours scheduled for each course unit                                                                                                        |
| <b>Prevailing delivery mode</b>  | On campus, supported by an e-learning platform; remote access is permitted only in exceptional cases authorised by the Institute                                |

Foreign students requesting the English translation service must have a level of English of at least B2 (CEFR) and must reach level B2 in Italian before the start of the second year, as provided for by the Teaching Regulations.

## 4. Academic calendar 2026/2027

The key dates of teaching activities and examination sessions are set out below. The detailed calendar of examination dates is communicated by the Student Registry at least two weeks before they take place.

| Activity                                 | First semester       | Second semester      |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Start of lessons</b>                  | 5 October 2026       | 22 February 2027     |
| <b>End of lessons</b>                    | 5 February 2027      | 25 June 2027         |
| <b>Winter examination session</b>        | 8-20 February 2027   | –                    |
| <b>Summer examination session</b>        | 28 June-30 July 2027 | 28 June-30 July 2027 |
| <b>Autumn examination session</b>        | 6-25 September 2027  | 6-25 September 2027  |
| <b>Extraordinary examination session</b> | December 2027        | December 2027        |

### Suspensions and closures

- Sant'Ambrogio: 7 December 2026;
- Immaculate Conception: 8 December 2026;
- Christmas holidays: from 23 December 2026 to 6 January 2027 inclusive;
- Easter holidays: from 25 March to 30 March 2027 inclusive;
- Labour Day: 1 May 2027;
- Republic Day: 2 June 2027;
- Summer teaching closure: from 31 July to 4 September 2027 inclusive; activities resume on 6 September 2027.

## 5. Admission requirements and restricted access

Access to the course is restricted and is subject to possession of the required educational qualifications, verification of initial preparation and the availability of places determined annually by the Institute.

- an upper secondary school diploma granting access to higher education, or a foreign qualification recognised as suitable;
- successful completion of an introductory aptitude and guidance interview;
- knowledge of Italian at least at level B2; for applicants requesting the first-year translation service, knowledge of English at least at level B2 and a commitment to reach level B2 in Italian before the second year;
- submission of the required documentation by the deadlines communicated by the Enrolment Office.

## 6. Application, admission and enrolment

The procedure consists of application, verification of requirements and interview, notification of admission and subsequent enrolment.

1. Completion of the “Online Enrolment” form available on the website.
2. Submission of the required documents and attendance at the introductory aptitude interview.
3. Verification of the entry qualification, initial preparation and availability of places.
4. Issue of the admission letter and the administrative instructions.
5. Enrolment through submission of the final documentation and payment of the enrolment fee and the regional tax by the indicated deadlines.

### Application documents

- application/enrolment form;
- curriculum vitae, with information on educational background and any relevant experience;
- motivation letter;
- copy of the identity document or passport;
- copy of the diploma or substitute certificate; for foreign qualifications, the documentation required for assessment of the qualification;
- passport photograph in digital format;
- Italian tax code (codice fiscale) or tax identification number of the country of origin or residence;
- language certification, where required.

## 7. Students with a foreign qualification and visa procedures

The suitability of a foreign qualification is assessed by the Institute in compliance with the legislation in force and with international agreements. The qualification must grant access to a higher education programme of a corresponding level in the system of origin.

- The Institute may require an official translation, legalisation or apostille, a declaration of value (dichiarazione di valore), CIMEA statements of comparability or any other documentation useful for the assessment of the qualification.
- Non-EU applicants residing abroad who require a visa must pre-enrol through the University portal in accordance with the procedures in force each year.
- Validation of the application on University does not guarantee the issue of a visa, which remains the responsibility of the diplomatic and consular authorities.
- After arriving in Italy, students must complete the formalities relating to the tax code (codice fiscale) and the residence permit within the legal deadlines.

University portal - international students: <https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>

Guide to your first steps in Italy: <https://www.universitaly.it/first-steps>

## 8. Enrolment in subsequent years and progression of studies

Duly enrolled students may renew their enrolment for subsequent years in compliance with the administrative deadlines, the prerequisite requirements and the provisions on progression of studies set out in the Teaching Regulations.

The application for enrolment in subsequent years must be submitted by 15 July. Students who do not complete the required attendance and examinations by the autumn session of the third year must enrol as off-course (fuori corso) students by 30 September, paying the applicable fees.

**Full-time and part-time study (working students).** Upon enrolment, students are considered to be studying full time. At the request of a student who documents their status as a worker, the Academic Council may authorise completion of the course over a period longer than the standard duration, and in any case no longer than twice the normal duration, defining the related organisational arrangements for teaching and the annual fees (art. 11 of the Teaching Regulations).

**Loss of student status.** Students who fail to renew their enrolment in the course for two academic years lose their student status. Students who have lost their status are entitled to obtain certificates relating to the academic career completed and may re-enrol, subject to admission tests where required. Loss of status does not apply to students who have only the final examination outstanding (art. 17 of the Teaching Regulations).

## 9. Credits, study plan, examinations and assessment

Each CFA corresponds to 25 hours of total student workload, including teaching activities, individual study, preparation for assessments and further training activities.

- The first-year study plan is presented by 30 October; any changes are communicated by 30 July of each academic year.
- Examinations may consist of oral or written tests, practical activities, portfolio assessment, research, a report or project documentation.
- Examination results are expressed out of thirty; a pass requires at least 18/30, and a mark of 30/30 may be awarded with distinction (lode).
- For activities assessed on a pass/fail basis, the outcome is recorded without a mark.
- Admission to examinations is subject to attendance of at least 80% for each course unit and to administrative compliance.

## 10. Transfers, recognition of prior studies, suspension and withdrawal

Applications relating to the academic career are submitted to the Academic Director and assessed by the competent bodies in accordance with the Teaching Regulations.

- **Incoming transfer.** The application must be received by 30 September and must be accompanied by the academic transcript, the examinations taken, the CFA acquired and, where required, the course syllabi.
- **Outgoing transfer.** The application must be submitted by 30 September; transfer does not entail any refund of amounts already paid.
- **Recognition of prior studies.** Full or partial recognition of CFA is granted on the basis of the consistency between the activities completed, the disciplinary sectors, the content, the hours and the learning objectives.
- **Suspension.** It may be requested for the following academic year, for a maximum of two years, in the cases and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Regulations.
- **Withdrawal.** It may be submitted at any time using the relevant form; withdrawal is irrevocable and produces the administrative effects indicated in the Regulations and in the annual financial terms and conditions.

## 11. Final examination and award of the qualification

The award of the Level 1 Academic Diploma is subject to the acquisition of 180 CFA and to passing the final examination. To be admitted to the final examination, students must have acquired at least 172 CFA, excluding the 8 CFA assigned to the examination itself.

- a creative book with research, references, concept development, sketches and final drawings;
- a technical book with the specification sheets required to produce the garments;

- independent production of two or three complete outfits selected from the collection;
- a written report on the theoretical, methodological, critical and production aspects of the project;
- a discussion before a Board appointed in accordance with the Teaching Regulations.

The final mark is expressed out of one hundred and ten. The final mark is determined by the weighted average of the examination marks converted into one hundred and tenths, to which the Board adds a score for the final examination of between 0 and 6 points. The minimum pass mark is 66/110; distinction (lode) may be awarded unanimously in the cases provided for by the Regulations. Ordinary final examination sessions are scheduled in June, September, December and March.

## 12. Fees, regional tax and refunds

For applicants resident in Italy, the annual fee is determined on the basis of the university ISEE indicator. Applicants not resident in Italy, or who do not submit a valid university ISEE certificate, are placed in the sixth band.

| Band | University ISEE | Enrolment fee | 1st semester | 2nd semester | Annual total |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1    | up to €15,000   | €2,000        | €2,750       | €2,750       | €7,500       |
| 2    | €15,001-30,000  | €2,000        | €3,300       | €3,300       | €8,600       |
| 3    | €30,001-45,000  | €2,000        | €3,850       | €3,850       | €9,700       |
| 4    | €45,001-70,000  | €2,000        | €4,450       | €4,450       | €10,900      |
| 5    | €70,001-100,000 | €2,000        | €5,150       | €5,150       | €12,300      |
| 6    | over €100,000   | €2,000        | €5,900       | €5,900       | €13,800      |

- First-semester fee deadline: 15 September 2026.
- Second-semester fee deadline: 30 January 2027.
- Optional English translation service for the first year: €2,000, payable together with the tuition fee.
- Regional tax for the right to education: €130 for ISEE up to €26,516.70; €160 for ISEE from €26,516.71 to €53,033.40; €190 above that threshold or where no ISEE is provided, subject to updates to regional legislation.

### Withdrawal before the start of lessons

- 100% refund of the tuition fee for withdrawal at least 60 days before the start;
- 50% refund for withdrawal at least 30 days before the start;
- 25% refund for withdrawal at least 7 days before the start;
- in the event of visa refusal, a refund under the conditions and within the time limits indicated by the Institute, upon submission of the consular documentation.

## 13. Right to education, materials and services

The Institute participates in the regional right-to-education system and makes available scholarships, concessions and forms of support in accordance with the calls for applications and procedures published annually.

- regional scholarships and services linked to the right to education;
- merit-based scholarships and fee reductions under the Institute's calls for applications;
- the possibility of requesting instalment payment plans and financing, where available;
- entry guidance, tutoring and placement service;

- library, online catalogue and spaces/laboratories in accordance with the applicable usage regulations;
- support measures for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders (DSA) in accordance with the applicable legislation and institutional procedures.

**Placement service.** At the end of the course, once the final examination has been passed, graduates may access the Istituto Secoli placement service, which provides guidance and facilitates the entry of new graduates into the world of work and supports alumni in seeking new career opportunities. The Institute acts as a point of contact for companies in the sector and makes a dedicated platform available on its website ([placement@secoli.com](mailto:placement@secoli.com)).

**Students with DSA, disabilities and SEN.** Students with specific learning disorders (DSA), disabilities or special educational needs (SEN) may request compensatory and dispensatory measures and an individual support plan, in accordance with the Guidelines for students with DSA adopted by the Institute and the legislation in force (Law 170/2010 and Law 104/1992). To activate these services, please contact the inclusion officer at the following email address: [supporto.didattico@secoli.com](mailto:supporto.didattico@secoli.com)

## Materials included in the fee

- teaching manuals for the practical and laboratory course units (ISST/04);
- paper, tissue paper, cardboard and technical tools for patternmaking;
- fabrics, canvas and accessories required for the prototypes envisaged in the study plan;
- kit for the use of the sewing machines available at the Institute;
- software licence for CAD patternmaking (Lectra Modaris, Crea, Clo 3D).

In order to use the teaching software, each student must have their own laptop computer with adequate technical specifications. The required technical specifications are updated annually by the Institute, in line with the requirements of the new versions of the software used in teaching activities, and are communicated to enrolled students together with the notices regarding the start of courses.

The following remain the student's responsibility: personal stationery; the textbooks indicated for the individual disciplines; the personal laptop computer; the fabrics and accessories intended for the final collection and the thesis, unless otherwise indicated annually by the Institute.

## 14. Official documentation and contacts

Official and up-to-date information is published in the institutional section of the website. In the event of any discrepancy between promotional materials and academic documentation, this Manifesto, the Teaching Regulations, the approved course structure and the acts of the competent bodies shall prevail.

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| Address                                                  | Viale Vittorio Veneto 18/A, 20124 Milan, Italy                   |
| Telephone                                                | +39 02 6597501 / +39 02 342958                                   |
| General information and certificates                     | <a href="mailto:info@secoli.com">info@secoli.com</a>             |
| Admissions, enrolment, student support and accommodation | <a href="mailto:admissions@secoli.com">admissions@secoli.com</a> |
| Placement                                                | <a href="mailto:placement@secoli.com">placement@secoli.com</a>   |

## Appendix A – Study plan

The plan below sets out the course units and CFA of course DIPL02. The detailed table showing the type of activity, lecture hours, individual work and assessment methods is contained in the approved course structure and Teaching Regulations.

## First year

| STUDY PLAN TEACHINGS / TRAINING ACTIVITY | SAD     | PROPAEDEUTIC / COMPLEMENTARY | CFA       |
|------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Dress design, form and rendering         | ISDR/04 | P                            | 9         |
| Materials science and technology         | ISST/02 | P                            | 6         |
| History of costume and fashion           | ISSC/03 | P                            | 6         |
| History and culture of design            | ISSC/01 | P                            | 6         |
| Digital image processing                 | ISDC/07 | C                            | 6         |
| Basic design                             | ISME/02 | P                            | 3         |
| Clothing patternmaking I                 | ISST/04 | P                            | 6         |
| Integrated product design I              | ISDE/04 | P                            | 6         |
| Sewing and dressmaking laboratory I      | ISST/04 | P                            | 6         |
| Student's choice                         | –       |                              | 2         |
| Basic computer science                   | ISDC/07 | C                            | 2         |
| Professional English language I          | ISSE/02 | C                            | 2         |
| <b>Annual total</b>                      |         |                              | <b>60</b> |

## Second year

| STUDY PLAN TEACHINGS / TRAINING ACTIVITY  | SAD     | PROPAEDEUTIC / COMPLEMENTARY | CFA       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Contemporary fashion history and critique | ISSC/03 | P                            | 6         |
| Sociology of fashion                      | ISSU/05 | P                            | 6         |
| Fashion design                            | ISDE/05 | P                            | 12        |
| Integrated product design II              | ISDE/04 | P                            | 6         |
| Automatic CAD drawing                     | ISDR/03 | C                            | 6         |
| Clothing patternmaking II                 | ISST/04 | P                            | 6         |
| Fashion economics and marketing           | ISSE/03 | P                            | 6         |
| Sewing and dressmaking laboratory II      | ISST/04 | P                            | 6         |
| Student's choice                          | –       |                              | 4         |
| Professional English language II          | ISSE/02 | C                            | 2         |
| <b>Annual total</b>                       |         |                              | <b>60</b> |

## Third year

| STUDY PLAN TEACHINGS / TRAINING ACTIVITY | SAD     | PROPAEDEUTIC / COMPLEMENTARY | CFA       |
|------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Collection development                   | ISDE/05 | P                            | 12        |
| Fashion product technologies             | ISST/04 | P                            | 12        |
| Rendering                                | ISDR/03 | P                            | 3         |
| Creation of experimental prototypes      | ISST/04 | P                            | 6         |
| Fashion project communication            | ISDC/08 | P                            | 3         |
| Fashion company organisation             | ISSE/03 | P                            | 6         |
| Sewing and dressmaking laboratory III    | ISST/04 | P                            | 6         |
| Student's choice                         | –       |                              | 4         |
| Thesis (final examination)               | –       |                              | 8         |
| <b>Annual total</b>                      |         |                              | <b>60</b> |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Application for enrolment in subsequent years                      | by 15 July 2027                                      |
| Incoming/outgoing transfers                                        | by 30 September 2027                                 |
| Off-course (fuori corso) enrolment, where applicable               | by 30 September 2027                                 |
| Final examination sessions for students enrolled in a.y. 2026/2027 | June 2029, September 2029, December 2029, March 2030 |