The fashion merchandising and product development (FMPD) program at Bowling Green State University is a comprehensive program that focuses on preparing future professionals for exciting, challenging and fast-paced careers in the fashion industry.

**College of Education and Human Development – Fashion Merchandising and Product Development**

**Points of Pride**

- Ranks in top 25 percent of fashion merchandising schools in the U.S.
- Students are prepared for a wide variety of career options such as merchandising, product development, retail management, marketing and fashion forecasting
- Co-op, internship and study abroad opportunities in places such as Chicago, New York City, Paris, Milan and London
- Marketing minor option
- Fashion Institute of Technology one-year visiting student program in New York City
- National Retail Federation student chapter
- Newly upgraded labs and classrooms

**Faculty Spotlight**

Associate Professor and FMPD Program Coordinator Dr. Diane Frey serves as the faculty liaison for the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) visiting student program, providing invaluable guidance to BGSU students during the application process – leading to 99 percent of BGSU students being accepted into the highly selective program.

She also has initiated international partnerships with Kenyan entrepreneurs and schools for women and developed a BGSU service-learning course that allows FMPD students to gain exposure to African culture and design and international networks that may not have otherwise been available.

**Our Students Find Jobs**

Top-level employers recognize the strength of this program and seek out BGSU students for jobs and internships. Students have gone on to work for companies including Express, Nordstrom, Macy’s, Bloomingdale’s, Victoria’s Secret, Coach, Loft and Columbia Sportswear Co., to name a few.

“This program gave me a solid foundation for my work today. Suplementing an AMPD degree with courses in entrepreneurship and marketing is a great way to stay ahead of the ever-changing retail environment.”

Barrett Evans ’06, Leadership Institute Director, Macy’s

**For more information**

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# Major Map

## Fashion Merchandising and Product Development

**Bachelor of Science**

**Marketing Minor**

### Class Options

#### Freshman
- Complete FMPD 1510, FMPD 2010, GSW 1120, Quantitative Literacy Elective, ECON 2000, BG Perspective and CO-OP 50 (summer).

#### Sophomore
- Complete FMPD 2020, FMPD 2510, FMPD 2720, FMPD 2810, FMPD 3510, FMPD 3680 and FMPD 3890.
- Complete all BG Perspective requirements.

#### Junior
- Complete FMPD 3130, FMPD 3800, FMPD 4020, FMPD 3890 (Repeat). Enroll in marketing minor courses, MKT 3000, MKT 3020 and MKT 3050/ACCT 2000/2210. Complete all university requirements.

#### Senior
- Complete FMPD 4030, FMPD 4140, FMPD 4400 and FMPD 4510 and FMPD electives.
- Complete marketing electives for minor and complete graduation requirements.

### Good Advice

- Meet with your advisor in Undergraduate Student Services Office (102 Education Building) and attend at least one FMPD Faculty Mentorship meeting in the Spring. Attend class regularly. Achieve a strong GPA.

- Meet with your assigned FMPD faculty advisor to plan for timely graduation, ensuring best sequencing of courses. Use Learning Commons services located in Jerome Library. Attend classes. Achieve a strong GPA.

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- Attend classes. Achieve a strong GPA. Complete a graduation audit with an advisor in the Undergraduate Student Services Office (102 Education Building). Apply for graduation in the beginning of the semester you are graduating.

### Relevant Experience

#### Complete CO-OP 50 (Summer) part-time position in apparel retail; community volunteer work; obtain relevant work experiences for FMPD majors. Participate in the FMPD Student Assoc. and/or American Marketing Assoc.

- Complete FMPD 3890 Internship I (Fall, Spring and/or Summer). Gain skills in selling, visual merchandising, customer service. Learn about brands and product knowledge.

- Complete FMPD 4890 Internship II (Summer). Interview for corporate-level internship opportunities in early winter for a summer internship.

- Continue working in relevant employment positions. Network with professionals in the textile and apparel industry.

### Useful Connections

- Attend the annual FMPD Career Day. Meet with industry professionals and peers to gain an inside perspective of the field. Join the BGSU National Retail Federation Student Association. Use Learning Commons located in Jerome Library.

- Attend FMPD Career Day and connect with professionals to attain internships or a full-time position. Talk to industry professionals and peers to determine career interests. Be actively involved in BGSU National Retail Federation Student Association.

- Seek a leadership role in the BGSU National Retail Federation Student Association. Attend the National Retail Federation’s global “Big Conferences” in NYC to network with industry professionals, interview for internships and gain insider knowledge. Continue to seek out employment opportunities, service-learning and community involvement activities. Attend the annual AMPD Career Day to connect with professionals to attain a full-time job.

### Global Views

- Investigate study abroad programs offered through the College of Education and Human Development and the Education Abroad and International Partnerships Program.

- Review Education Abroad options at bgsu.edu/educationabroad.

- Participate in a summer study abroad opportunity in France, Italy, England, etc. Obtain internships in apparel company’s home office in sourcing and merchandising.

- Participate in a study abroad opportunity or work with a faculty member on an international project. Obtain internships in apparel company’s home office in sourcing and merchandising.

### Career Prep

- Start thinking about internship experiences. Visit the BGSU Career Center and attend two seminars. Upload your resume onto WorkNet. Enroll in the Falcon Internship Guarantee program through the BGSU Career Center.

- Attend Career Center seminars on interviewing skills. Seek volunteer, service-learning, or employment opportunities to enhance your career skills, knowledge and opportunities.

- Attend Career Center seminars. Complete mock interviews. Meet with faculty mentor to discuss your internships and touch base with an advisor in the BGSU Career Center.

- Update your resume and upload it on to WorkNet. Visit the BGSU Career Center for assistance in searching for job opportunities. Prepare an exit plan from college to beginning your career.