

## **COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT**

NOTE: ANY CHANGES TO A CSD MUST GO THROUGH ALL OF THE RELEVANT APPROVAL PROCESSES, INCLUDING LTPC

**Academic School / Department: Communications, Arts and Social Sciences**

**Programmes: MA in Advertising and Public Relations, MA Public Relations and Journalism**

**FHEQ Level: 7**

**Course Title: Fashion and Luxury Brands and the Media**

**Course Code: APR 7125**

**Course Leader: Simon Goldsworthy**

**Student Engagement Hours: 200**

Lectures: 12

Seminars: 12

Tutorials: 12

Workshops & practical sessions: 24

Independent/Guided Learning: 140

**Semester: SPRING**

**Credits:** 20 UK CATS credits  
10 ECTS credits  
4 US credits

### **Course description**

This course examines both the ways in which advertising and public relations are used alongside other marketing techniques within the fashion and luxury brand sectors and the nature of fashion journalism and media coverage, both in the UK and internationally. It enables students to choose between creating their own media plan for a specific fashion or luxury brand and the creating a portfolio of journalism.

**Pre-requisites:** MA Advertising and Public Relations students and MA Public Relations and Journalism students only

### **Aims and objectives**

- To examine the nature and evolution of the fashion and luxury brands sectors in the UK and internationally, and the characteristics of media coverage of these sectors
- To provide a critical analysis the role advertising and PR play, alongside other forms of marketing, in the fashion and luxury brand sectors

- To enable students bring together their understanding of fashion and luxury brands and advertising and PR techniques to produce a plan for a media campaign for a specific fashion or luxury brand or to create a portfolio of journalism

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### **Programme Outcomes**

By the end of this course successful students will be able to B, C, D, F, G:

B. Show critical and innovative responses to theories, methodologies and practices in Advertising and/or PR and/or Journalism and their impact on how the knowledge base is interpreted.

C. Demonstrate a deep, systematic and innovative ability to adapt and apply the practice of Advertising and PR and/or Journalism to multiple contexts.

D. Design and undertake substantial investigations addressing significant areas of practice in Advertising and PR or Journalism, using selected and appropriate advanced approaches

F. Evidence the ability to exercise initiative in organising, pursuing and reflecting upon both supervised and self-directed individual and/or team projects, while accepting full accountability for outcomes

G. Show the ability to gather, organise and deploy complex and abstract ideas and diverse information in complex and specialised contexts, while reflecting upon and improving the skills required for effective written and oral communication

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Demonstrate a critical understanding of the nature and evolution of the fashion and luxury brands sectors in the UK and internationally, and the characteristics of media coverage of these sectors
- Show a critical awareness of the role advertising and PR play, alongside other forms of marketing, in the fashion and luxury brand sectors
- Display a practical professional understanding of the use of advertising and/or PR techniques in the fashion and luxury brands sector by producing a comprehensive plan for a media campaign for a specific fashion or luxury brand.

### **Indicative Content:**

- The history and evolution of the fashion and luxury brand sector, including current developments and issues
- Media coverage of fashion and luxury brands
- PR for fashion and luxury brands
- Advertising for fashion and luxury brands
- Journalism for fashion and luxury brands
- The use of other marketing disciplines in the fashion and luxury brand sectors
- Case studies of marketing campaigns and fashion journalism
- Crisis and issue management
- International comparisons

### **Assessment:**

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved at Learning and Teaching Policy Committee found at:

<http://www.richmond.ac.uk/content/academic-affairs/academic-standing.aspx>

LEVEL 7 R7000/UK MA 2-3 5,000 – 7,000 words

**Teaching Methodology:**

Teaching will include interactive lectures, supplemented with a range of audiovisual aids, designed to introduce students to the key concepts of professional practice. Guest speakers and activities with external organisations will contribute alternative perspectives and experience. Students will develop their critical understanding of these concepts and their practical application through a range of workshops and group and individual exercises undertaken in class and out of class. Their group and individual presentations and written work will be discussed in feedback sessions which explore responses to issues arising from professional practice. The teaching will be supplemented with individual tutorials designed to address students' personal needs.

**Bibliography**

- Bradford, J. *Fashion Journalism*, Routledge, 2014  
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Jackson, T, *The Fashion Handbook*. Routledge, 2006  
Lim, G. *Idol to Icon: The Creation of Celebrity Brands*. Cyan Books, 2005  
Milligan, A. *Brand It Like Beckham*. Cyan Books, 2004.  
Owen, D, *The Big Idea Book*. Capstone Publishing Ltd. 2004.  
Quart, A. *Branded: The Buying and Selling of Teenagers*. Basic Books, 2003

See syllabus for complete reading list

Please Note: The core and the reference texts will be reviewed at the time of designing the semester syllabus

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Change Log for this CSD:

Major or Minor Change?	Nature of Change	Date Approved & Approval Body (School or LTPC)	Change Actioned by Academic Registry
	Replaces Advertising and PR for Fashion and Luxury Brands. This retitled course incorporates the old course content but also relates more directly to journalism.		