PORTLAND FASHION INSTITUTE

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CLASS SCHEDULE WINTER 2027



Classes for fun. Classes for careers.
We are all things fashion.

SEWING, PATTERNMAKING, DESIGN, BUSINESS

With so many onsite and online classes, we have experiences for everyone.

HIGHLIGHTS

SEWING CLASSES, p 2-4

Beginning Sewing • Apparel Construction • Industrial Machine Sewing • Activewear • Casual Jackets • Corsets & Bustiers • Costume Design & Construction • EcoCouture • Knits • Leatherworking/Bags • Lingerie • Outerwear • Overalls & Jumpsuits • Pants & Jeans • Petticoats • Sergery • Tailoring

PATTERNMAKING CLASSES, p 4-6

Advanced Pattern • Draping • Pattern 1 (Intro) • Pattern 2 (Manipulation) • Pattern 3 (Design) • Pattern 4 (Knits) • Optitex 2D Patternmaking • Browzwear 3D Patternmaking • Pattern Grading

DESIGN CLASSES, p. 6-7

Adobe for Fashion Design • Concept & Development • Flats & Technical Packages • Machine Knitting

BUSINESS CLASSES, p. 7-8

Entrepreneurship & Business Management • Apparel Business Plan (aka, Building A Good Business on a Shoestring Budget)

Dec 10, noon-1 pm - "Behind the Seams"
Meet Grad Designer Izak Schwartz - p8

SEWING CLASSES

Skills to last you a lifetime


Apparel Construction


Knits


Jackets


Activewear


Industrial Machine

BEGINNING SEWING *$377 FOR SERIES; $140 each level (includes patterns & handouts)*

Series dates Check the website for dates for individual levels. Six sessions from which to choose:

Mondays, January 4-March 22, 6-9 pm OR Tuesdays, January 5-March 23, 2-5 OR 6-9 pm OR Fridays, January 8-March 26, 10 am-1 pm OR Saturdays, January 9-March 27, 10 am-1 pm

Learn basic stitches, techniques and how to use your machine while making an apron (Level 1), robe (Level 2) and pjs (Level 3). Step up your skills with each level. Learn to use commercial patterns, layout and cut fabric.

APPAREL CONSTRUCTION *$546 FOR SERIES; $192 each level (includes patterns & handouts)*

Series dates Check the website for dates for individual levels.

Wednesdays, January 6-March 24, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Upgrade your skills. Start making clothes. Make an A-line skirt or man's Henley shirt with a zipper (Level 1), beach pants (Level 2) and day dress or camp shirt (Level 3). Make garments fit. Unlock the secrets of interfacing. Sew buttons, buttonholes.

INDUSTRIAL MACHINE SEWING *$315 (includes kit)*

Wednesdays, January 6-February 10, 10 am-1 pm

Learn how to control these fast machines then come back and use them for your projects.

KNITS *$277 or $528 with Activewear (includes patterns)*

Fridays, January 8-February 12, 2-5 pm OR Saturdays, January 9-February 13, 2-5 pm

Make a whole wardrobe as you learn to sew with confidence any knit from tops to dresses to cardigans and sweaters.

ACTIVEWEAR *$277 or $528 with Knits (includes patterns)*

Fridays, February 19-March 26, 2-5 pm OR Saturdays, February 20-March 27, 2-5 pm

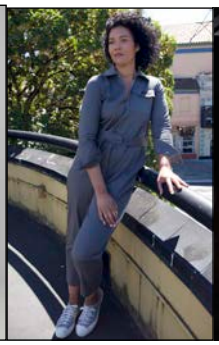
Sew and fit high-tech stretchy fabric to make a complete ensemble, ready for action. Start with hoodies. Move on to yoga pants or leggings. Finish with a sports bra or top.

CASUAL JACKETS *$277 OR $528 with Pants & Jeans (includes handouts, samples)*

Thursdays, February 18-March 25, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Choose from three styles to make a cool classic that's suitable for any season of Oregon weather. You'll learn how to work with denim, brocade and other thick fabrics, make bachelor buttons and buttonholes, add sport zippers. Make it as beautiful inside as outside.


Outerwear


Overalls


Costume Design & Construction


Lingerie


Pants

SEWING CLASSES, continued

COSTUME DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION *$556*

Wednesdays, January 6-March 24, 2-5 pm

Create costumes for fun, film, theater and cosplay – the way it's done by professionals. Design your costume. Transition your designs into functional attire. Adapt your sewing skills to the details for theater and cosplay. Learn the basic rules, where to find materials, basic skills in alteration, wigs and makeup, going digital and how to make money. Then show your creation on the runway!

LINGERIE *$277 each level; $528 for series*

Wednesdays, January 6-March 24, 2-5 pm

Level 1 (Silkies): Take control of difficult fabrics as you make a camisole, tap pants and slip. Apply elastic and lace. Cut and sew on bias. *Level 2* (Intimates). Work with knits and stretch fabrics while you make panties, a bra, bralette or a bodysuit. Attach stretch lace, plush elastic. Create garments that fit you.

OUTERWEAR *$277 (includes handouts, samples)*

Thursdays, January 7-February 11, 6-9 pm

Guess what? It rains in Portland! And yet we go to the coast, ride bikes, hike in the woods. Oh, and we have mountains, with snow. So we ski and snowboard. Create a garment that solves the 5 Ws of winter in the Northwest: Water-repellent, warm, washable, wicking and wearable with style. Become familiar with fabrics and findings. Sew details appropriate to such garments such as pit and pocket zips, storm flaps and zipper garages. Make your choice of a bomber jacket, overcoat, parka, or trench coat. Choose wool or technical fabrics including the latest bonded fabrics.

OVERALLS & JUMPSUITS (aka WORKWEAR) *$277 (includes patterns)*

Thursdays, February 18-March 25, 6-9 pm

Coveralls, jumpsuits, overalls. High bib, low bib. Sleeved or sleeveless. Silk or cotton. Male, female, whatever – they all have lots of pockets. It's your favorite go-to garment with six styles from which to choose. All fit approved for you.

PANTS & JEANS *$277 or $528 with Casual Jackets (includes patterns)*

Thursdays, January 7-February 11, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Make a pair of pants that will flatter your figure! Choose from one of five styles. Learn all about fitting pants to you. Stitch four different kinds of seams, two kinds of zippers and four kinds of pockets.

SEWING CLASSES, continued


Corsets


Petticoats


EcoCouture


Leatherworking/Bags


Sergery


Tailoring

CORSETS & BUSTIERS *$277 or $528 with Petticoats (includes pattern)*

Fridays, January 8-February 12, 10 am-1 pm

Create a beautiful multi-layered coutil and fashion fabric corset from a pro who just showed at the New York Bridal Fashion Show. Choose from an over bust or under bust corset. Learn how to make multiple panels, spiral steel boning, front busk closure, waist stay, back lacing closure and bias bound edges.

PETTICOATS (+ ADVANCED CORSETS) *$277 or $528 with Corsets & Bustiers (includes pattern)*

Fridays, February 19-March 26, 10 am-1 pm

Add advanced touches to your corset: Basque & flared waists. Go on to learn how to layer organza, tulle, net and batiste and eyelet properly to make a petticoat for your wedding dress, party dress, costume or to wear as a skirt with your corset!

LEATHERWORKING: MAKE A BAG *$277 (Includes pattern & handouts)*

Wednesdays, February 17-March 24, 10 am-1 pm

Conquer leather while you make a retro tote bag. Cut, bevel, groove and burnish edges. Skive and channel. Apply dyes and finishes. Try several types of seams, as well as binding and piping. Discover different kinds of leather, its qualities and potential. Make a bag and wear it home!.

ECO-COUTURE *$277 (includes handouts, samples)*

Saturdays, February 20-March 27, 2-5 pm

Learn the principals behind the American made brand Alabama Chanin. Create your own garment using their feminine patterns, stenciling methods and time honored hand sewing and appliqué techniques on organic cotton knits.

SERGERY *$199 (includes patterns, handouts, sample fabrics)*

Saturdays, February 27-March 20, 10 am-1 pm

Find out all your serger can do. Learn parts of a serger, how to thread and manage tensions and fix problems. Make a stitch notebook, tote bag, flatlock table runner and knit top. *Prereq: Sewing Experience*

TAILORING *$528 (includes pattern)*

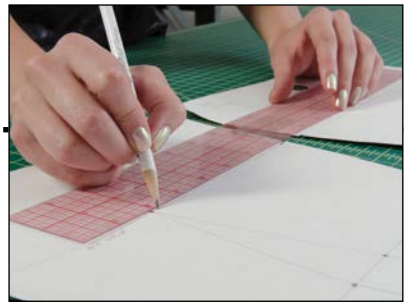
Fridays, January 8-March 26, 2-5 pm

Learn contemporary tailoring techniques to achieve stellar results while you tailor a jacket or coat to fit you or a client. Find out how to prepare the fabric, choose the right interfacing, shape collars and lapels, make notched collars, set in sleeves, and a bagged lining with a jump hem

PATTERNMAKING CLASSES

Hands on, taught by experts


Draping


Pattern Intro


Pattern Knits


Computer Patternmaking

DRAPING *$359 each level, $648 for series*

Mondays, January 4-March 22, 6-9 pm

Work with fabric in three dimensions on a dress form to turn your ideas into garments just like major designers. Arrange to create dresses, tops, skirts, coats and daring necklines. We provide professional dress forms during class so you can start designing your ideas!

PATTERN INTRO (Pattern 1) *$707 for series OR $370 each 6-session level (includes pattern paper)*

Series: Thursdays, January 7-March 25, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Here's the professional way to make patterns for personal use or to start life as a fashion designer.
Pattern Basics: Take measurements and use pattern rules to make tops for dresses, shirts, blouses.
Pattern Fit: Draft skirts, pants, sleeves. Unlock the mysteries of fit. Make your patterns work for you!

PATTERN MANIPULATION (Pattern 2) *$370 or $707 with Pattern 3 (includes pattern paper)*

Tuesdays, January 5-February 9, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Want to be a fashion designer? Here's where it happens. See how to manipulate your woven fabric slopers into various styles for bodices, sleeves, skirts and pants.

PATTERN DESIGN (Pattern 3) *$370 or $707 with Pattern 2 (includes pattern paper)*

Tuesdays, February 16-March 23, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Bring in a picture or a sketch and make a pattern for that garment – just like the pros do.

PATTERN KNITS (Pattern 4) $707 for series OR $370 each 6-week class (includes pattern paper)

Wednesdays, January 6-March 24, 6-9 pm

Make patterns for tops, dresses, sweaters, activewear, bras, swimsuits, yoga pants & underwear. For men too!

ADVANCED PATTERN & CONSTRUCTION $707

Saturdays, January 10-March 27, 2-5 pm

Bring your ideas and your patternmaking skills and take advantage of our guided lab. Design, develop and produce the garments of your choice. Tackle more difficult projects. Resolve fit issues. Master tricky construction issues. Produce your next clothing line. Show it on the runway.
Prerequisites: Pattern 3 &4; Draping

PATTERNMAKING CLASSES, continued

PATTERN GRADING & MARKING $370 (includes pattern paper)

Wednesdays, January 6-March 24, 10 am-1 pm

Use slopers to learn the basic principles of changing pattern sizes. Learn the inside secrets of increasing and decreasing sizes and government standards for grade rules.

OPTITEX 2D COMPUTER PATTERNMAKING *$699 (includes license use during class + weekly extra tutoring session)*

Saturdays, January 9-February 13, 10 am-1 pm

Go from flat pattern to CAD (computer-aided design) – the industry way. Learn the most popular, easy-to-use computer pattern program. Then come back to use our equipment to plot your patterns.

BROWZWEAR 3-D PATTERNMAKING *$559 (includes license use during class + weekly extra tutoring session)*

Saturdays, February 20-March 27, 10 am-1 pm

Learn VStitcher. Design garments from drawing through size ranges, graphics, fabrics, trims, colorways, styling and photorealistic 3D rendering without cutting & sewing. Create patterns digitally from first draft to tech pack.

DESIGN CLASSES

Live your best creative life



Machine Knitting



Adobe Illustrator



Flats & Techs



Concept & Development

ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR FOR FASHION [ONLINE] $591

Wednesdays, January 6-March 24, 6-9 pm

It's the standard for any apparel business. See and draw garments using a computer and your Adobe program. Know Adobe like a boss.

DESIGN CLASSES, continued

FLATS & TECHNICAL PACKAGES [ONLINE] *$591*

Mondays, January 5-March 23, 6-9 pm

A must for anyone wanting to enter the apparel profession. Each week, you'll translate an illustration to a flat with a spec package – just as you would do on the job or to get your garments sewn.

MACHINE KNITTING *$578*

Thursdays, January 7-March 25, 6-9 pm

No need to buy a machine, PFI provides machines and tools for this class. No experience required, just enthusiasm and desire to create your own knits in far less time than hand-knitting. Learn to cast- on, bind-off, do simple shaping, cables, ribbing, lace and 2 color patterns. Go on to make a simple sweater.

CONCEPT & DEVELOPMENT [ONLINE] *$591*

Thursdays, January 7-March 25, 6-9 pm

Design for a specific customer. Refine your progressions. Choose your fabrics, trims and colors. Critique your own work to define, edit and refine your collection. Leave with finished illustrations ready for a portfolio or to start patterning and sewing your collection.

BUSINESS CLASSES

Launch your fashion dreams



Building A Good Business on a Shoestring Budget





Entrepreneurship & Business Management

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT *$573*

Tuesdays, January 5-March 23, 6-9 pm

Trying to break into the apparel business but don't know where to start? Then you've come to the right place.

Here's where you will learn the basics of setting up an apparel business: How to protect a name, set up infrastructure, deal with the city, state and taxes, do business with other apparel businesses, find out about EIN, RN other acronyms, plus rules and regulations. Practice the basics of Excel for apparel, costing & pricing, accounting basics, sourcing, working with production, contracting, intellectual property, e-commerce, selling wholesale, fashion forecasting, social media and public relations. Learn from someone who lives the life.

BUILDING A GOOD BUSINESS ON A SHOESTRING BUDGET [ONLINE]

aka APPAREL BUSINESS PLAN $591

Wednesdays, January 6-March 24, 6-9 pm

This hands on class will walk you through writing your own business plan and aim you to you business grants and funding. Each week, you will complete a section of your plan. Leave class with a viable plan that could get you success and on the path to your dreams.

