

Global Summer School 2024

15 - 26 July



Applications are open now!

Creating Textiles: Heritage, Innovation & Sustainable Futures - 10cps

Content

As a city built on textile innovation and creativity, Nottingham presents an ideal location to explore the history and creative potential of textiles. This course will explore the origins of industry and its global impact and enquire what we can learn from the past to help transform the future of textile production and consumption for a sustainable planet.

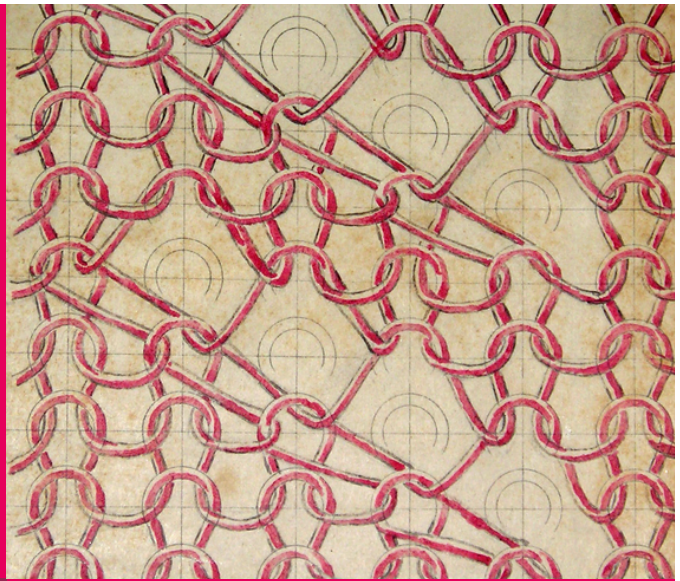
In this course you will explore the future of ethical and sustainable textile making by drawing on Nottingham's heritage as a centre of the textile industry. You will visit historical sites of textile making and participate in creative workshops and fieldtrips, including visits to the Nottingham Trent Lace Archive, the Framework Knitters' Museum, and Waverly Dye Garden.

You will also experiment with textile techniques such as upcycling, visible mending and sustainable production and create a short portfolio of work including examples of stitch, weaving and printing techniques which you will present to the class.

This course will include the following themes:

- An Introduction to sustainable design: History of textiles in Nottingham
- Material Culture
- Makers' narratives: Creativity and Exploitation
- Creative development: Skills and Technology
- Sustainable thinking in textiles production
- Changemaking through creative workshops
- Environmental impact and accountability
- Material Witness: Analysing fabrics
- Ingenuity and Imagination: Portfolio building
- Textiles futures.

You will be taught by a combination of classroom-based discussions, creative workshops, technical demonstrations, and field visits to sites of heritage and industry.



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This course is ideal for students with some prior knowledge of textile production methods, but this isn't essential.

This course will introduce you to new creative ideas and give you an opportunity to develop your own thinking and making practice. All materials will be provided and you will get to keep the samples and swatches that you create!