Open Day

EXPLORE OUR CAMPUS
FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER

SCHOOL OF TEXTILES AND DESIGN

Be Future Made
The School of Textiles and Design has won at Graduate Fashion Week the last three years in a row.
Welcome

Choosing the right university can be a challenging process.

Once you have selected what you want to study and identified the institutions which offer that subject, there is still a lot of research required to help you select your ‘first choice’. The best way to determine whether a particular university is a good fit for you is to spend time visiting. Open Days provide the perfect opportunity for you to discover our facilities, both academic and extra-curricular, and chat with our staff and current students. This should enable you to make informed decisions and judge for yourself whether Heriot-Watt ‘feels’ right.

Introduction to our degrees

After you have registered at the marquee a good place to start your day is at the Introduction to our degrees presentation. It gives an overview of all programmes and should help you discover which one is right one for you.

We were established in 1883 to lead the textile industry in training and education. Our portfolio continues to evolve and reflect current and future developments in textiles, fashion and design. “Today we have a reputation as one of the world’s leading education and research institutions with specialist resources that are among the best in the world.”

Professor Fiona S Waldron, Head of School

Reputation and rankings

A RICH HERITAGE
One of the oldest textiles teaching schools in the world.

AN INSPIRING PLACE TO LEARN
Study in the heart of the luxury textiles industry.

STRONG LINKS TO BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
Connections that span the globe.

1st IN THE UK
For industry and society impact.

Research Excellence Framework

5 GLOBAL CAMPUSES
We have five campuses across the world: Edinburgh, Scottish Borders, Orkney, Dubai and Malaysia, as well as 53 Approved Learning Partners (ALPs) and educational collaborative partners in 150 countries.
# What’s on?

## Make the most of your day

**WELCOME DESK**
Heriot-Watt University staff and students are here to help! If you have any questions at all during your visit then please don’t hesitate to ask one of our team at the Welcome Desk in the marquee, situated in front of the High Mill Building.

**STUDENT AMBASSADORS**
On arrival you will be greeted by our Welcome team of HWU students. They will be on hand throughout the day to help you find your way around the campus and answer any questions you may have about the student experience at the School of Textiles and Design.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**
For all the latest news and views from HWU:
- @hw_tex_design
- @hwtextiles
- @hw.tex

Contribute to the conversation today by using #HWUopenday

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Exhibition Area
Explore our campus

**EXHIBITION AREA**
Possibly the first place you will want to visit - this is your opportunity to talk to our academics and students and have your questions answered about any aspect of study at the School of Textiles and Design. Please drop in at any point throughout your visit.

**TEXTILES AND FASHION FACILITIES TOURS**
These tours will show you the key design and workshop spaces that you will be using when studying on one of our fashion degrees or as a design for Textiles student. The School's facilities set it apart from any other UK Design institution so these tours are not to be missed.

**STUDENT DISPLAYS**
A selection of work by current undergraduate students will be on show in the Exhibition Area. Drop in at any point throughout the day to see the displays and spend time chatting to the students about their work.

**Q&A SESSIONS**
Look out for our Q&A sessions throughout the day. Current students will be sharing their experiences of industry projects and internships and staff will be giving their advice on how to build a portfolio.

**GO GLOBAL DESK**
Ask us any questions you have about our intercampus transfers, exchanges and Erasmus+ programmes. Find us in the Learning Lounge.

**CAREERS DESK**
Come and see us so we can let you know the type of jobs and careers you can have with a degree from the School of Textiles and Design. We will also be on hand to answer any questions you have.

**STUDENT WELLBEING DESK**
Hear all about the range of support, guidance and activities that are on offer to help our students to be their best and get the most from their university experience. Find us in the Learning Lounge.

**ACCOMMODATION AND CAMPUS TOUR**
This is your chance to visit our state-of-the-art Student Village and see more of our campus including the library, archive, catering facilities and TriFitness sports.

**INTRODUCTION TO OUR DEGREES PRESENTATION**
This presentation will explain the differences between the degree programmes on offer within the School of Textiles and Design and help you decide which best suits you. The presentation will last approximately 40 minutes and take place in room 206.

**FINANCE TALKS**
These talks will cover finance information for Scottish students and English, Welsh and Northern Irish students respectively. Talks last approximately 30 minutes and take place in room 206.
**LECTRA**  
*(Ground Floor High Mill Building)*

The Lectra system is a CAD system designed for the Apparel Industry, and is used worldwide. The system (with 30 workstations) enables Fashion Technology students to alter and develop patterns electronically and with the new 3D technology, you can view the results draped on a 3D model. Students can also produce working drawings and mood boards using the design software.

**SCREEN PRINTING**  
*(Ground Floor High Mill Building)*

Our Screen Printing workshop houses three print tables including a 30 metre table which is one of the longest in an educational establishment in Europe. Undergraduate and Postgraduate students can use the dye mixing lab work with a range of dyes and pigments including reactive, acid, metallic and disperse. There is a varied selection of mesh screens for students to use. Specialist printing techniques offered include devoré, discharge, foils, seersucker and colour change.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO**  
*(2nd floor High Mill)*

We have a dedicated photographic studio in the High Mill for the Fashion Communication students, with professional lighting and backdrops for photoshoots.

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**WEAVE SHED**  
*(3rd floor High Mill)*

The hand weaving workshop on the top floor of the High Mill is a very impressive workshop housing a total of 50 free standing dobby looms. Some of the fabrics produced on our production looms will also be on display.
DIGITAL PRINT
(Ground Floor High Mill Building)
We have two 160cms wide Mimaki textile printers that can print student designs onto a vast range of natural fabrics using reactive dyes. This facility is open to all students in all years.

MACHINE KNITTING
(1st floor High Mill)
This amazing facility offers access to an impressive 32 industrial V-Bed knitting machines and 27 Domestic knitting machines. There is also a huge yarn store housing a remarkable range of yarns and colours for Undergraduate and Postgraduate students to use. Check out the range of fabrics and garments created on the Shima Seiki CAD system and electronic knitting machines.

FASHION WORKSHOP
(Main Building)
We have two fashion workshops, one large teaching workshop with an embroidery studio plus a workshop for senior students to use independently. The workshops boast an amazing selection of Industrial sewing equipment and purpose built pattern cutting tables. Students have access to a huge range of block patterns, to use as a basis for their designs and there are mannequins for students to use for draping, to create their desired silhouette.

LASER CUTTING
(Main Building)
The Laser Cutting machine, FB Series carbon dioxide laser cutter, has a maximum cutting area of 120 by 90cm. This can be used to cut all standard fabrics and many specialist fabrics, card, paper, thin leathers and balsa wood. It can also be used to etch on: card, paper, wood, glass, thick denim and other thick fabrics.
Frequently asked questions

Q: IS THERE SOMEWHERE TO EAT ON CAMPUS?
Complimentary tea and coffee will be available in our Student Learning Lounge in the High Mill Building. If you fancy a bite to eat then you will also be able to purchase a wide range of hot and cold food and beverages in the catering facilities in the Main Building.

Q: IS THERE A BANK ON CAMPUS?
There is a cash machine on campus, located outside the catering facilities in the Main Building.

Q: IS THE CAMPUS DISABILITY FRIENDLY?
Disability is not a barrier to studying at HWU and enjoying every aspect of student life. Our campus is well equipped for those of you who have a disability or special need. Please contact us as early as possible so that we have time to put any required support in place for you. You can chat to our Student Advisor in the Exhibition Area.

Q: WHAT IF I REQUIRE FIRST AID?
Please contact a member of staff at the Welcome Desk for assistance.

Q: IS THERE SOMEONE I CAN SHOW MY PORTFOLIO TO?
If you have work you would like to show to the academic staff who teach our undergraduate degree programmes then they would be happy to talk this over with you in the Exhibition Area. They can also give you some guidance on what the School of Textiles & Design is looking for in a portfolio when you apply through UCAS.

Q: WILL THERE BE ANY FILMING AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHY TAKING PLACE DURING THE OPEN DAY?
Yes. A full copy of the University’s image capture policy is available at the Welcome Desk. www.hw.ac.uk/documents/dataprotection-obtaining-consent.pdf

Q: WHAT IS TRIFITNESS?
TriFitness offers a huge range of gym and cardio equipment, as well as fitness and dance classes, and is run by the Borders Sport & Leisure Trust in partnership with Heriot-Watt University and Borders College. You will be able to visit these facilities today as part of the Accommodation and Campus tour.

Q: HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION AFTER THE OPEN DAY?
We hope you enjoy your visit and wish you the best of luck with your enquiries, decisions and studies. If you would like any additional information after the Open Day then feel free to contact us:

Student Recruitment Service,
Heriot-Watt University
E: studywithus@hw.ac.uk
T: 0131 451 3451 / 8308
Selection Days at the School of Textiles and Design

All short-listed UCAS applicants for portfolio degree programmes will be invited to interview at a Selection Day at the School of Textiles and Design.

Our Selection Days run in January and February 2020.
Thank you for joining us

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