

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE

Technician Demonstrator BA (Hons) Fashion

GRADE

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FACULTY / DIRECTORATE

Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

REPORTS TO

Senior Technician (Fashion and Textiles)

JOB SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND CHALLENGES

Technician Demonstrators work within courses to support the students in understanding the use of pattern cutting and manufacturing equipment and techniques, and the specialist techniques to achieve specified results and procedures for use of the specialist equipment. They also have a key role in equipment and studio maintenance, the delivery of student inductions in respect of equipment for instance, monitoring the area's health and safety, supporting course teams in knowledge transfer and a variety of other tasks to ensure a high quality and safe student learning experience.

The post holder will have a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of advanced pattern cutting, which would include traditional block cutting methods, draping on the stand, and other direct contemporary cutting techniques, as well as comprehensive understanding of garment manufacture from the creation of initial 3D design samples through to finished garments.

They must understand production methods for different fabric qualities, and of design led garment construction techniques.

An understanding and experience with the 'Lectra' digital pattern cutting system would be an advantage, but not essential. There will be opportunity to up skill in various techniques to support this need.

This post requires an adaptable person with the ability to inform students' learning with clear and concise inductions and demonstrations that enable students to progress through their course with confidence and achieve to the best of their abilities. The post holder must be able to demonstrate to industry standard in order to ensure that students graduating from the course commence employment with extensive knowledge required by the creative industries.

The post requires a proactive person who is able to react efficiently in a busy and ever changing studio environment. They should be focused and positive in their work approach and be flexible in support of the students' learning and development, with a strong and clear ability to assist in design and the realisation of student needs.

The post holder must:

- Provide support to increasingly independent learners
- Manage student expectation
- Support the development of provision within the Course
- Be connected to the needs of the course teams
- Be collaborative across the University to ensure high level student support
- Be innovative in introducing new techniques and processes to the student body

PURPOSE

- To maintain and resource the course area, including good housekeeping in the studios, and provide input into overall course technical requirements.
- To undertake stock take audits and proactively source suppliers, ensuring that value for money is maintained within the AUB's procurement requirements.
- To provide comprehensive student support in inductions, with positive guidance and supervision, that complies with AUB procedures and the relevant legal frameworks.
- To clearly demonstrate extensive knowledge of advanced pattern cutting, production methods for different fabric qualities, with have a clear understanding of design led garment construction techniques.
- To be confident in delivering demonstrations in pattern cutting including traditional block cutting methods, draping on the stand, and other direct contemporary modelling techniques.
- To be proficient in producing risk assessments, COSHH assessments and method statements to ensure the course is legally compliant and that the students are safe in their practice.

KEY DELIVERABLES

Specialist:

- To induct and supervise students in the use of Pattern Cutting and Sample Machining, (both hand and machine techniques), production methods, and fabric types.
- To facilitate student making across all units delivered by the Fashion courses.
- To effectively maintain stocks of materials, and be able to contribute effectively to material requirements when needed.
- To maintain and repair machinery and equipment in line with AUB procedures and to ensure that all machinery being used in the area meets the requirements of PUWER, including servicing requirements to ensure preventative maintenance and reactive maintenance is managed with minimal impact on student activity.
- To uphold health and safety protocols throughout the facility and to remain up to date on changes in legislation that might have a legal or operational impact on the area with support of the Faculty Technical Manager.
- To maintain good levels of housekeeping ensuring that all chemicals are correctly stored, and that there is no build-up of waste of any type that might increase chances of fire in the area.

Planning & Organisation:

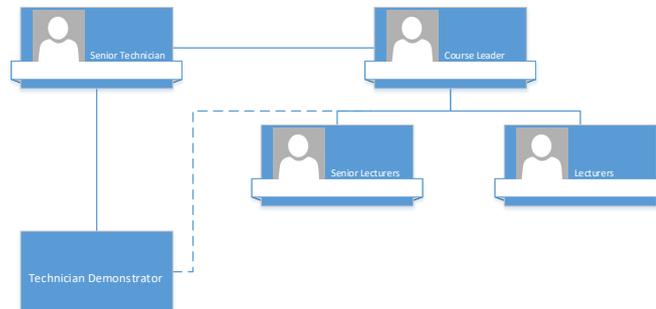
- To plan, organise and deliver to high standard all student inductions as required by the course.
- To have a flexible approach to work planning and delivery with an approachable attitude and professional and positive focus, including supporting the wider requirements of the faculty.
- To implement effective time management to achieve the expectations of the post as well as being able to manage additional duties and unexpected challenges that might arise from time to time.
- To plan and prioritise workload effectively and in collaboration with the course team to ensure the course runs smoothly for the benefit of the student learning needs.
- To have an up to date knowledge of all legislation relating to the processes covered by the course and the general requirements of the HSAWA 1974.
- To be independent and work efficiently in all tasks with an approachable attitude and professional input.
- To be effective in the completion of administrative tasks relating to ordering, training records, inductions, and Health and Safety.

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Customer / Teamwork:

- To manage student expectation and to work efficiently with the student body and course team to ensure the highest level of knowledge is being transferred.
- To provide exceptional customer service to students, staff and any visiting people with a positive focus and flexible approach to their needs.
- To liaise with the course team regarding the development of the area and on all new techniques and processes that could benefit the course.
- To have excellent interpersonal skills and be able to relate to a wide variety of people across the wider campus, as well as being able to maintain a positive demeanour at times of high pressure for the students and course teams, specifically around hand in times and London and Bournemouth shows.
- To be a proactive member of the course team contributing to its success and to the development of the area.
- To assist the Senior Technician and Faculty Technical Manager in the effective and efficient operation of the Faculty in whatever manner deemed appropriate and to undertake such other reasonable duties as may be required by the University.
- To maintain a high level of knowledge of all equipment in the area and to be able to inform, through the demonstration of this knowledge, the capital and non-capital bids process.

ORGANISATION CHART



CONTACTS

Internal

The post holder will report to the Faculty Technical Manager, liaise with appropriate teaching and technical staff. They will provide fundamental support to individuals and groups of students. The post holder may be asked to attend University meetings and committees as deemed appropriate

External

The post holder is expected to participate (where appropriate) in subject networks and interest groups and to liaise with companies and suppliers.