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Today makers, designers, and scholars are reimagining textiles—from locally crafted materials to 3D printed matter to embellished fabrics—and pioneering textile-based industries and theory. Launching in fall 2017, Parsons' Master of Fine Arts in Textiles offers you a curriculum that engages your passion and the university's extensive resources, preparing you for the growing array of opportunities related to textiles in fashion, product, interior, and scenic design; research; fine arts; architecture; and hybrid fields.

In the two-year, 60-credit full-time program, you develop a critical understanding of textiles' sociocultural and environmental dimensions and consider their potential to unite craft and computational technology. In studios taken each term, you acquire skills in traditional fiber techniques—yarn making, weaving, knitting—and are introduced to new creative methods and materials, such as smart fibers, digital pattern making, 3D printing, wearable technology, and biofabricated textiles. You refine your aesthetic sensibilities and sustainable practice on-site in NYC textile ateliers, deepening your collaborative and studio abilities. Instruction in small business best practices rounds out your learning.

This program is part of both the School of Fashion (SOF) and the School of Constructed Environments (SCE) at Parsons. The resulting interdisciplinary approaches connect a spectrum of design disciplines and concerns ranging from human factors to environmental sustainability to social justice. Accordingly, the program welcomes applicants from a variety of fields, including textile research, studio design, and liberal arts. The MFA Textiles community is diverse and committed to expanding

the field's boundaries and creating hybrid practices that integrate Silicon Valley's high-tech innovations with the Hudson Valley's craft techniques.

New York Textile Month, a city-wide event initiated by MFA Textiles founder Lidewij Edelkoort, dean of Hybrid Design Studies at Parsons, reflects the program's community-based approach to promoting textile industries. The event's local partners become your mentors, inviting you into studios and businesses to build your skills and networks. The program also draws on Parsons' institutional partners, such as Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum. Lectures by global designers and producers add dimension to your learning.

Textiles are integral to an array of industries—from ubiquitous computing, automotive design, aerospace, and health care to fashion, set, and interior design—and represent a major growth field. In the program, you are guided to take an active role in textile industries, preparing to re-shore businesses, lend studio skills to firms ranging from fashion to biotech, launch a business as an independent designer or high-tech researcher, or pursue advanced studies.



TOP: Students explore textile working methods including traditional weaving in courses and learning experiences on-site at NYC studios.

ABOVE: 3D printed textiles offer designers a new way to shape fabrics and produce in limited runs for a range of industries.

LEFT: The program prepares students to work with textiles in industries ranging from aerospace to interior design to fashion.

Career paths include—Textile Design; Research; Entrepreneurship; Sustainability Consulting; Criticism; Journalism and Media; Teaching

For more about faculty, courses, and requirements, visit newschool.edu/parsons-textiles.

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