The Fashion School at Kent State University invites you to participate in its Los Angeles Study Tour program!

Los Angeles is a global design epicenter with a vital and burgeoning fashion industry. This course will provide an invaluable opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the West Coast world of fashion. Students will tour fashion design studios, visit fashion production facilities and sustainable fashion companies, and meet with leading fashion designers, principles of creative agencies, internship coordinators and studio owners. They will also visit museums, galleries and cutting-edge architectural projects. Through these moments of connection with diverse modes of contemporary design practice, students will learn to think critically and opportunistically and to see design innovation as a creative cultural force.

THE PROGRAM
The first part of the course will involve preparing for the Los Angeles field trip. This section will include lectures by the instructor and preliminary research by students on the Los Angeles fashion industry. The next section, on location, in Los Angeles will include tours of fashion houses and meetings with fashion industry professionals. These visits will provide a comprehensive look at the fashion design and production process from initial concept to final product. Visiting a denim company that does all of its design and production on-site, for example, will help students understand the variety of professions and responsibilities involved in the highly collaborative fashion industry.

ELIGIBILITY
The Study Tour is open to all fashion students of any level who are in good academic standing. Participants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 upon commitment to the program.

PROGRAM COSTS AND FEES
- $100 Study-Away Deposit
- $893.46 program fee, which includes: Hotel in Los Angeles (Santa Monica), Shuttle/Professional Driver, Program Costs, Museum Admissions
- Additional costs not covered by the program fee will include tuition, airfare, food and taxi to/from airport to hotel
- Tuition is additional to the program fee. Tuition rates are determined by a student’s in-state or out-of-state tuition status. Please refer to the Kent State tuition and fees schedule at www.kent.edu/bursar.

COURSE OFFERINGS
The Summer 2019 Los Angeles Study Away is a 3-credit FDM elective for merchandising and design students. The duration of the course is three weeks, consisting of two weeks on the Kent Campus followed by one week in Los Angeles.

May 20 – May 31: coursework at Kent State University
June 3 – 7: on location in Los Angeles

APPLICATION INFORMATION
To apply for the Los Angeles Study Away, students must complete the online Pre-Approval Application form, available from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. After submitting the application, applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledgement indicating acceptance. Students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

USEFUL LINKS
Kent State University: www.kent.edu
The Fashion School: www.kent.edu/fashion
The Fashion School Study Away Experiences: www.kent.edu/fashion/study-away
Kent State University Bursar: www.kent.edu/bursar

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