**Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising**

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| About partner | About partner | For over 40 years, the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) has been educating students for professional careers in fashion, entertainment, and digital media.  FIDM’s talented faculty, dedicated staff and renowned industry partners work together to create an academically rigorous, career-focused curriculum. The four campuses (Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Orange County) are strategically located in California’s entertainment, fashion and business hubs, for the benefit of FIDM’s student population.  FIDM has exceptional connections with industry and offers one-on-one targeted career planning and placement services for students. |
|  | About Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Orange County | FIDM’s four campuses are located in the nation’s leading apparel design and distribution centers: Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Orange County.  These cities are some of California's most exciting, vibrant, and ethnically diverse. Each location offers beautiful beaches, cultural hot spots, and top-notch shops and restaurants. |
|  | Did you know? | The Huffington Post ranked FIDM as the number 2 college in the US for a career in fashion. |
| Academic information | Main areas of study | * Fashion Design * Fashion Merchandising   **Note:**   * The listed areas of study are not necessarily exhaustive and other fields of study might also be available at the partner institution. Moreover, names for fields of study may be different overseas. * A discipline being listed does not in indicate the suitability of the program, nor does it indicate that the discipline is taught in English. * Approval to study particular subjects at any institution is always at the discretion of the departmental/discipline and faculty advisors at RMIT University and subject to available places at the host institution. |
|  | Language requirements | Programs are taught in English. |
|  | Full time load [Equivalent to 96 RMIT Credit Points] | 12 – 15 US credits is considered the full-time load per semester. |
|  | Link to courses | <http://fidm.edu/en/Admissions/Catalog>  Please note: Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising only. |
| Living | Accommodation | FIDM assists exchange students to find housing close to campus. Students can apply for housing online through the [FIDM Portal online application](https://myfidm.fidm.edu/wps/portal" \t "_blank).  As a first-time applicant, you cannot request a specific property (i.e. Medici, Metropolitan, Park La Brea), but you can request which area you would like to live in (i.e. downtown, mid-city).  For more information go to: <http://fidm.edu/en/Admissions/Housing> |
|  | Health insurance | Exchange students on a J-1 visa are required to have health insurance. Links to health insurance options are available on the FIDM Portal.  You can also find more information in the online student handbook: <http://fidm.edu/en/admissions/parents/student+handbook> |
|  | Living cost | A number of external services provide comprehensive overviews of global living costs, for example:   * [www.expatistan.com](http://www.expatistan.com) * [www.numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com)   **Note**  RMIT University is not affiliated with any of these page |
| Funding Opportunities | OS-HELP information | [OS-HELP Information page](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help)  <http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help> |
|  | Link to scholarships page? | [All travel scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel)  <<http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel>> |
| Useful information | Link to partner exchange page | <http://fidm.edu/en/Admissions/International+Students> |
|  | Visa | Exchange students need a J-1 visa to study in the US.  Please note that immigration requirements are subject to change. Please visit <http://www.state.gov/> for the most updated information. |