



The Tailoring Academy

Bespoke Tailoring Practical Skills Training



“Quality is not an added value; it is an essential basic requirement.”

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Level 5 Diploma in Bespoke Tailoring



Alternative to the Traditional Apprenticeship

Developed by the Savile Row Association, the stand-alone qualification embodies the highest standards in UK tailoring training, without the need to find employment in one of the established tailoring houses in the British capital.

The UK Fashion and Textiles Association (UKFT):

“The Ofqual-regulated qualification ensures that specialist skills can be accessed through Higher Education (HE) delivery.”



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Key Facts

- Ofqual - regulated (601/8252/0)
- Stakeholder support: UKFT and Savile Row Bespoke Association
- Full-time, Monday to Thursday 10am to 5pm | Fridays voluntary practice
- 34 weeks September 2022 to July 2023
- Course fee £9,750 | Payment schedule available



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Two Qualifications

Bespoke Cutter AND Tailor



A Holistic Approach

Apprentices must choose between pathways and become either trouser/coat makers or cutters.

At the Tailoring Academy, we deliver the ENTIRE bespoke skill set to all students, for male and female figure types.

Graduates leave the course with TWO acknowledged qualifications, as fully rounded crafts- and businesspeople.



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The Academy

Good to know



Key Facts

- The only UK training provider to deliver the Level 5 Diploma in Bespoke Tailoring
- Based in Macclesfield, the heart of the UK silk industry, in the foothills of the Peak District
- Fast train links to Manchester (25 min) and London (1h 40min)
- Winner of the 2018 Textile Society Personal Development Award



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The Founder

Brita Hirsch

Master Tailor

Textile Engineer (Dipl-Ing, Germany)



- 2003: Founded [BRIKS](#) (Malta)
- 2007 - 2013: AUTOLIV Global Development Group / Adv Eng - [Jacquard Woven Airbag Fabric](#) (UK)
- 2013: Founded bespoke tailoring house [HIRSCH TAILORING](#)
- 2017: Launched [The Great Northern Cloth](#) - British Merino wool cloth
- 2017: Founded [The Tailoring Academy](#)
- 2018: Joint Winner of the 2018 Textile Society [Personal Development Award](#)



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Entry Requirements

What we expect



An intensive, rewarding Programme

The Level 5 Diploma delivers the entire skills set of what would normally be a three-year apprenticeship. By adopting a structured approach to the training in a real business environment, the course offers the best of two worlds.

Candidates are expected to have

- Previous experience in garment making
- Determination to make the best of their time at the academy

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The Curriculum

What you can expect



Focus on Practical Skills

- Individual pattern construction for bespoke coat, waistcoat and trouser (male and female)
- Complete cutting and tailoring techniques for bespoke trouser, waistcoat and jacket (male and female)
- Heritage hand finishing techniques
- Customer and supplier relation, bespoke cost calculation
- Material selection: heritage wool cloth and tailoring trimmings

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Progression

Case Study



A Career at the Opera

John joined our first cohort as a fashion design graduate from NCAD in Dublin. He was looking for solid traditional tailoring and pattern construction skills - areas BA fashion design courses do not typically offer.

He knew that adding this specialist expertise to his existing skill set would enable him to follow a more ambitious career path than the fashion degree alone would have afforded him.

John made full use of this opportunity, and following his graduation, he accepted the offer of a tailoring position within the men's costume department at the prestigious [Glyndebourne Festival Opera](#).

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Admission Process

How to join



The Process

- Submit your [application](#), letting us know about your background and motivation to join
- If your application is successful, we invite you to a personal interview
- If we offer you a place, you secure it by signing our course agreement
- The enrolment fee is due upon agreement
- Pay three remaining instalments throughout the academic year