Course catalogue - academic year 2016/2017

I. Information on the institution

1. Name and address
VIAMODA Szkoła Wyższa w Warszawie (Viamoda University)
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web-site: www.viamoda.edu.pl
Erasmus Code: PL WARSZAW77

2. Academic calendar
Academic year 2016/2017

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<th>Semester</th>
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<tr>
<td>1st semestr or winter semester</td>
<td>October 03, 2016 – February 24, 2017</td>
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<td>2nd semestr or summer semester</td>
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3. Academic authorities
Rector - Piotr Stefaniuk, PhD
Vice-Rector - Marzanna Lesiakowska –Jabłońska, PhD
Erasmus+ Coordinator – Svitlana Azarova, MA

4. General description of the institution
Viamoda Szkoła Wyższa w Warszawie (Viamoda University) is an internationally-oriented and business-bonded private institution of higher education (Decyzja Ministra Nauki i Szkolnictwa Wyższego nr MNiSW-DNS-WUN-6010-14407-3/SP/11). Viamoda Szkoła Wyższa w Warszawie offers practical professional training in designing, creating and managing fashion as well as developing and implementing modern technological, communication and business strategies for the fashion industry.

5. List of programmes offered
BA Fashion Design (in Polish)

6. General admission requirements
- For Polish citizens: Świadectwo dojrzałości / odpis* wykonany przez Komisję Egzaminacyjną w przypadku „nowej matury” lub odpis wykonany przez szkołę w przypadku „starej matury”. For foreign citizens: the certificate which entitles the candidate to apply for admission to a higher education institution together with a translation, legalization in the country where it was issued or in the embassy and nostrification.
- A certified sufficient level of Polish language proficiency.
- Applicants are requested to submit their portfolio (in an electronic form) containing information about their works with the emphasis on art, culture, technology and business.

7. Main university regulations
http://www.viamoda.edu.pl
O procedurach z zaliczeniem studiów w §11 „Regulamin studiów”
II. Information on programmes

1. Fashion Design


1.2. Specific admission requirements - applicants are requested to submit their portfolio.

1.3. Profile of the programme and occupational profiles of graduates
Students learn design, combining sensitivity and creativity of a designer associated with the development of aesthetic understanding, the evolution of events in fashion, with the knowledge of technology, material science, design and technology workshop, the areas of practical market knowledge and the principles and processes of commercial designing and managing a collection. Educational program consists of balanced combination of the fundamental aspects of the design and the synergistic technological skills, which creates a unique curriculum. Attractive scope of subjects provides practical education with the particular emphasis on the full-scale knowledge of the designing process. Specialization dedicated to the future of both designers - creative people, the artistic talents who want to find their place in design studios, pre-production departments, as well as future product managers, who are interested in the design combined with the management of the product. The selection of subjects made by the authors of the curriculum allows to educate the most wanted on the fashion industry market specialists and to give them a good theoretical background and professional experience.

1.4. Access to further studies - second cycle programme

2. Courses available for Erasmus+ exchange students
V semester, winter semester 3rd year (30 ECTS)

- Fashion trends and changes in aesthetics 1 ECTS
- Autopresentation techniques 2 ECTS
- Technology Innovations in the industry 1 ECTS
- Organization and management in creative sectors 1 ECTS
- Basics of economics and enterpreneurship in the industry 1 ECTS
- Shaping form and designing of clothing workshop 5 ECTS
- Clothes construction and modelling workshop 5 ECTS
- Computer construction design and modeling 3 ECTS
- Design implementation workshop 3 ECTS
- Concept design and progress of a new product workshop 5 ECTS
- Textile enhancement and finishing 2 ECTS

3. VIAMODA grading scale and ECTS scale
The Viamoda University education programme is based on the ECTS system which enables students to complete part of their studies in other Polish or foreign institutions. ECTS grading scale is an auxiliary system adopted in the European Credit Transfer System, which makes easier the translation of marks obtained by the student at the university (i.e. according to the scale in force at the
university) at another university grading scale. It does not replace the grades awarded by VIAMODA according to its own system, however provides additional information about the student’s work.

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<td>bardzo dobry</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>outstanding performance with only minor errors</td>
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<td>dobry plus</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>above the average standard but with some errors</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>generally sound work with a number of notable errors</td>
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<td>dostateczny plus</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>fair but with significant shortcomings</td>
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<td>dostateczny</td>
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<td>performance meets the minimum criteria</td>
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<td>2,0</td>
<td>niedostateczny</td>
<td>FX,F</td>
<td>unsatisfactory- some more work required before the credit can be awarded</td>
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Rating of "unsatisfactory" 2.0 is negative and means that exam or credit, respectively, is not passed passing the exam. For academic subjects without grades at the end of the course there are two indications:

a) "classified" (zal.) - means the fulfillment of the requirements necessary for a student to pass the course,

b) “fail” (nzal.) - means failure by the student to complete the necessary course requirements.

Ratings are calculated by the university ECTS coordinator for outgoing students within the international programs exchange, as well as for students (foreigners) taking classes at Viamoda University in Warsaw or other students wishing to continue their studies at a foreign university. (See §40 - 41 „Regulamin studiów”)

4. ECTS institutional coordinator is Marzanna Lesiakowska-Jabłońska, e-mail: m.lesiakowska-jablonska@viamoda.edu.pl.

III. General information for students

1. Cost of living

Cost of living in Warsaw depends on a personal style. Local currency – Polish złoty (zł). Below is some information about prices (in zł):

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<td>Rice (1kg)</td>
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<td>Eggs (12)</td>
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<td>Chicken Breasts (1kg)</td>
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<td>Water (1.5 liter bottle)</td>
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<td>Coffee, cappuccino (regular)</td>
<td>6.50 - 9.00</td>
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2. Accommodation

Planning your studies at Viamoda Industrial University you are advised to look for appropriate accommodation for the period of your studying in Warsaw before arrival in Poland. At a student’s request the Viamoda Industrial University may offer help in finding accommodation either in a private flat or in a dormitory, depending on preference. To rent a room you have to pay an average 150-175 euros per month. The request for accommodation must be submitted with advance notice (several weeks before arrival) to Admissions Office at: admission@viamoda.edu.pl
3. **Meals**
On the premises of Viamoda University there is a canteen, which offers breakfast and lunch menus on reasonable prices open Mondays through Fridays, from 09:00 to 15:00.

4. **Facilities for special needs students**
Viamoda University is partly opened for the students with disabilities. Disabled students may also receive a scholarship provided by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. The scholarship is independent of the student’s material status, and only depends on the degree of disability confirmed by medical documentation. It is granted per academic year.

5. **Health and insurance**
Students from EU/EEA countries are entitled to use public health facilities in Poland on the same conditions as Polish citizens - general health insurance which entitles its bearer to free health services. The only requirement is that you get a confirmation of health insurance from your home country called European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Students from non - UE/EEA countries have to purchase a health insurance policy in their own countries before arriving to Poland. On the basis of state bilateral agreements, overseas students can be attended to free of charge only in case of emergency. However, the costs of medical care in hospital and appointments with general physicians will have to be covered by students. Therefore, they should buy health care and casualty insurance for the period of their stay in Poland in their home countries.

We highly recommend you to apply for general medical care insurance at:
NFZ department on 8 Chalbiński street - entitles you to free public medical care on the same basis as Polish citizens [www.nfz-warszawa.pl](http://www.nfz-warszawa.pl) The insurance document is issued to you on the spot after submitting all the documents and settling the required payment. Costs: ca PLN 50 monthly. It is also recommended to purchase an additional insurance package called KL+NNW - insurance of medical expenses and personal accident insurance offered by the University.

Private medical care. More costly but most convenient is to acquire private insurance offered by private companies such as LUXMED, Medicover, LIM or EnelMed, where a student is entitled to any medical treatment covered by the insurance.

6. **Financial support for students**
Every student of Viamoda University has the opportunity to apply for the School financial support, specifically:

Fashion industry scholarship for the students of Viamoda University. This scholarship may be granted from the second semester of the academic course (for Polish citizens and foreigners). A student may receive a special scholarship of the fashion industry in a form of one year financial grant at the amount of 3500 PLN for outstanding achievements. A substantive support of the sponsor for the honoured student is a very important aspect of this particular scholarship.

7. **Student affair office**
Student affair office („Biurowo obsługi studentów”) welcomes on Mondays through Fridays, from 09:00 to 17:00, ul. Arabska 7A, Warsaw, Viamoda University (main building).

8. **Learning facilities**
Campus of Viamoda is located at 7A Arabska street in Warsaw. The proximity of the art galleries the fashion companies, designing studios and ateliers gives the students an opportunity to experience the ambience that accompanies the process of designing, developing and production of new fashion collections. A variety of lecture halls and classrooms as well as sewing, drawing and painting
workshops is a great source of additional inspiration for students. Our students also have access to a fully-equipped library.

The designing studio has been adopted for the needs of students’ educational activities such as fashioning three-dimensional designs, fashioning clothing designs and accessories, production technology. A tailoring workshop is a place where students learn the material selection, cutting and sewing. Here you will learn sewing materials, methods of dyeing fabric and yarn, professional handling of sewing machines, and learn to use a variety of sewing techniques, as well as performing simple hand sewing. The general-art workshop is dedicated to various classes, among others drawing and painting, photography, arrangement, journal picture, basics of design, techniques supporting the designing process, designing of clothing models, textile designing. At photography workshop, students learn the art of combining creative thinking with photographic techniques and the possibilities offered by professional equipment, which is available on the spot. We help students to master the art of photography and find they means of expression, which in the future will be an individual showcase for each of them. In the computer lab our students have the chance to participate in classes aimed at supporting the designing process (among those: textile technology, computer based techniques of constructing designs, printing on textiles). The laboratory equipment comprises professional computer hardware and software required to support the designing process, suitable printers, plotter and scanner device for uploading the designs.

9. International programs

Conversation about fashion in its language, in one of its capitals, with an open mind and cross-cultural horizon. By implementing the strategy of international cooperation adopted in the university, Viamoda is expanding its network of partners among reputable foreign universities, as well as companies and enterprises of the fashion industry. Studying in an international environment allows students to gain inspiration from the world’s best designs, develop their skills under the guidance of experts from around the world, meet the world-wide applicable standards and trends in the fashion industry. Participation in international projects carried out by Viamoda University is a unique opportunity for scholarships, internships, new experiences and business contacts.

VIAMODA UNIVERSITY has joined the Erasmus exchange program in 2012, which allows our students to obtain scholarships up to one year long studies or a few months long internships in European Union countries and EFTA, as well as Croatia and Turkey. Such foreign exchange programs provide students with the opportunity to gain new experience, to meet interesting people and to have a direct contact with the culture of visited countries. It gives them a great chance to improve language skills and inspires to make friends, keep in touch and cooperate with foreign colleagues.

VMI develops partnership cooperation with the businesses and professional training institutions, fashion brands, companies and corporations operating in the fashion domain, with the institutions supporting the development of the European and global fashion market.

Our foreign academic partners are, among others, Academy of Design (Slovenia), Central Saint Martins College of Arts (UK), Florence University of Arts (Italy), Hertfordshire University (UK), National College of Art and Design (Ireland), Obuda University (Hungary), University of Borås (Sweden), Vilnius College of Design (Lithuania), and schools affiliated to SAI Global Knowledge, i.e. Apicius – International School of Hospitality (Italy), Domus Academy (Italy), John Cabot University (Italy), Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti (Italy).

10. Practical information for incoming students

Visa

An EU student and citizens of the EEA countries can enter Poland with an ID document (a valid passport or another document certifying identity and citizenship). Citizens of Switzerland can enter Poland only on the basis of a valid passport. Students from non-EU countries must apply for a Student Visa in the Polish Embassy or consulate in their home country before arriving to Poland. The
process of issuing a visa can take a month, so at least one month before departure, a candidate (exchange student) needs the following documents:

- a completed visa application
- 2 images on a white background (3,5 x4, 5 cm),
- passport valid for at least three months longer than the expiry date of the visa,
- confirmation of payment of study (or letter of reference from the host university),
- health insurance valid for the entire period of intended stay in Poland
- a document certifying sufficient funds to pursue studying in Poland.

Depending on the country you are a citizen, you may need to have other documents. If you want to make sure if this applies to your country, contact VIAMODA or Polish Consulate in your country. For stays of up to 3 months no legalization of stay will be necessary. At least 45 days before the visa expires, students must apply for the temporary residence permit at the the Voivodeship Office. For more information please visit the website www.msz.gov.pl Accepted candidates will be issued an acceptance letter, together with an invitation letter for the visa procedure. If you need any assistance please contact the VIAMODA University’s Admissions Office: admission@viamoda.edu.pl.

Warsaw

Warsaw, a city of over 1.7 million people, is Poland’s capital and is located in the heart of Europe. It is a bustling metropolis with a vibrant night-life, rich cultural offerings, as well as an unforgettable history. As Poland’s economic and political centre, Warsaw also offers many employment opportunities for ambitious students who wish to work for the hundreds of national and international companies including fashion & design brands, organizations and institutions that are located in the city.

Warsaw links design, business, entertainment, culture and leisure and inspires fashion professionals as well as people with an active, vivid and unique subculture, turning the street style and the street culture into everyday essentials. For more information about Warsaw, visit: www.e-warsaw.pl , www.warsawtour.pl , www.warsaw-life.com .

Warsaw city transport. Warsaw has an extensive network of public transportation. All means of municipal transport, including city and suburban lines as well as the underground operate on the same ticket. Students are advised to purchase a 50% fare 90-day ticket - Warsaw City Card - price c.a. 25-46 euro.

11. Language courses

Studying languages is a very important element of education in VIAMODA University. Language classes are conducted in small groups by highly qualified and experienced teachers who use modern coursebooks and audiovisual tools. Every student can count on individual approach, additional consultations and assistance. Main foreign languages which are compulsory at Viamoda University are: English and Italian. Teaching those languages has been planned in such a way on the curriculum that it will enable every graduate after completing a language course to communicate freely and confidently both in the work environment and everyday life.

Exchange students are advised to take part in the intensive course of the Polish language on before the Vth semester (240 academic hours, August-September).

12. Internships

Professional trainings and practices are crucial in the educational process at Viamoda University. The main idea guiding our curriculum is providing students, from the beginning of their course, with the practical knowledge which allows to obtain specific skills and prepares to prompt access to the professional world of the widely understood fashion industry with the emphasis on establishing and operating their own company.

Establishment of the University was inspired by the entrepreneurs of the dynamically developing Polish fashion industry. As a result VIAMODA offers a unique practical business background and
encourages students to take on daring challenges with various fashion companies in Europe and worldwide.
The internships provided during the course of studies supplement the practical part of the academic program in VIAMODA. The main goal of such training is to prepare graduates for their future work, to obtain professional experience in the best companies in the fashion industry and to consolidate the knowledge allowing to move freely in the fashion world.

13. Sport facilities
Full-time students majoring in design at VIAMODA University in Warsaw are required to participate in physical education classes during their 1st year. The program provides 30 hours of PE to be completed by the end of the semester. Completion of the course will be held on the basis of attendance. Students may choose the form of participation from several hourly blocks hours proposed, combining various forms of physical activities. You can choose between: fitness classes, pilates.

14. Extramural activities and student life
Extramural activities provided during the course of studies supplement the practical part of the education in Viamoda. The main goal is to introduce students to the professional world, to obtain experience in the fashion and to consolidate the knowledge that will allow students to move freely in the fashion world.

Students partake in various fashion shows, events and exhibitions as participants or volunteers, viewers or guests. Current students as well as perspective students or fans of Viamoda may become reporters of fashion, design or music. Specialy organized contests help our students’ dreams to come true, give a chance for the talented works to be produced and announce new designers names.

Viamoda has "VIAMODA Friend" program aimed to help current and future students of the university to polish languages, be engaged in various international activities, to gain new friends. VIAMODA Friends welcome international students arriving to study in Warsaw at VIAMODA.

Using its facebook fan-page (https://www.facebook.com/viamodaindustrial) VIAMODA involves young people aged 19-25 in the discussion of contemporary fashion, technology, and the prospects for studying design and working in fashion. Our FB fanpage and Instagram account are platforms to contact with students and potential candidates worldwide.

15. Student associations
Viamoda is a perfect place to develop creativity and to have students years bright and memorable. The concept of VIAMODA is a school where interaction of students provides them with professional life-long bonding opportunities. VIAMODA students are ready and open to cooperation: student@viamoda.edu.pl