About the Graduate Program

The Department of Textile and Apparel Management (TAM) at the University of Missouri is a national leader focusing on the soft-goods industry and has an internationally recognized, award-winning faculty who are committed to offering world-class graduate education. TAM has a body scanner, the high-tech Kellwood Apparel Technology Lab, the Kitty Dickerson Technology Lab with the latest industry software, and the Knipschild Design Research Lab that includes a Mutoh Digital Textile Printer, and a TC2 body scanner.

Ranking among the top programs in the country, TAM offers students a strong faculty base, superior research expertise, comprehensive library access, high-tech facilities, the Missouri Historic Costume and Textile Collection, interdisciplinary and intercollegiate research opportunities, and a wonderful community in which to live.

Important Links:

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http://gradschool.missouri.edu/

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The University of Missouri was established in 1839 as Missouri’s flagship university. Today it is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU) and ranked “Doctoral/Research Extensive (Research I)”, “Research University/Very High” and “Community Engaged” by the Carnegie Foundation. Nearly 6,500 graduate students work closely with faculty mentors to perform research and learn the art of teaching.

Four areas of research are especially strong and growing at Mizzou: Sustainable Energy; Media of the Future; Food for the Future; and One Health, One Medicine. Collectively these dynamic initiatives are called the Mizzou Advantage. The Department of Textile and Apparel Management (TAM) participates in Mizzou Advantage initiatives across several of these four interdepartmental initiatives.

Over 30 percent of MU students come from another state or another country, and a strong international community thrives in Columbia, MO. At the same time, Mizzou sends a significant number of students to study overseas each year.

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Updated Curriculum

TAM offers a unique set of courses recently developed to prepare students for our dynamic industry. Students can select from core content courses, and from rigorous research tracks in either qualitative or quantitative methods. For more information, see http://tam.missouri.edu/academics_grad.html.

The following seminar courses are specifically designed for TAM Graduate Students with emphasis on sustainability, globalization, and technology:

- Global Supply Chain Management in the Softgoods Industry
- Design Theory
- Theory Development and Evaluation
- Professional Seminar

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Pride Points

Dr. Jean Parsons was named a Pearson/Prentice Hall Lecturer at ITAA in 2012 and a scholar of the Costumer Society of America in 2007. She is co-author of 20th Century Dress in the United States. She has also received numerous awards from ITAA and other organizations for her designs.

Dr. Pam Norum received the 2008 and 2013 Best Clothing & Textile Article Award from the *Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Service Award by the College of Human Environmental Sciences at MU.

Dr. Jung Ha-Brookshire received a Fulbright Core Scholar award and spent the fall 2015 semester at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She is a textbook author of Global Sourcing in the Textile and Apparel Industry (2nd edition with Bloomsbury) published over 40 research manuscripts. She received 2017 Kemper Fellowship for Excellent Teaching, 2014 MU Gold Chalk Award for Teaching Excellence, 2011 ITAA Rising Star Award and more. She has completed multiple grant projects (~$500,000).

Dr. Kristen Morris received her PhD degree from Cornell University in 2015. She received the University of Missouri Faculty Achievement Award in Diversity in 2017. Her creative scholarship has won multiple awards including 1st place at the National Make It With Wool Competition. She has twice been awarded the Innovative Design Award at ITAA in 2013 and 2012.

Dr. Li Zhao earned her PhD degree from University of Missouri in 2015. She received the Collaborative Research and Creative Activity Grant from Indiana University in 2016. She is also the recipient of Maxine Hobbs Patrick and Homer Patrick Graduate Fellowship in 2014 from the University of Missouri. Her professional experience includes management positions in the sales and marketing departments of Wilkinson Group and Christian Dior in China.

TAM graduate students received several major scholarships (valued up to $10,000) from the College of Human Environmental Sciences, and complete a variety of graduate certificate programs on campus, including the Center for the Digital Globe research grant up to $5,000.

Recent TAM graduate students have been placed in (selected):
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University; University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Auburn University; University of Georgia; West Virginia University; University of Rhode Island; Indiana University—Bloomington; University of Delaware; Ohio University; Northern Illinois University; Florida State University; Bowling Green State University; Baylor University; Kent State University; University of North Texas; Oklahoma State University; Buffalo State College; Southeast Missouri State University; Stephens College; Issues & Answers Market Research