
Rochester Athenaeum
and
Mechanics Institute

School of Home Economics



One Year Course in Costuming

1927-1928

ONE YEAR COURSE IN COSTUMING

THIS course is planned to meet the needs of young women who aim to enter the costume trade.

The Institute dressmaking shop is used to give practical training in costume design, and in draping, fitting and finishing of gowns.

The design work is closely correlated with the work in the shop and, whenever possible, it is applied to garments that are constructed there. A large part of the work of the design class, however, is planned for immediate application to articles made in that class.

Students who are specially interested in children's clothing, lingerie or dress accessories are given the opportunity to specialize during the second semester.

This course in Costuming has three objectives:

1. To train young women to operate small shops of their own, either for the designing and making of dresses or children's clothes, lingerie and gifts.

2. To give a practical training that will enable young women to give intelligent service to customers selecting dress fabrics or ready-to-wear costumes in large costuming or retail establishments.

3. To guide students who may demonstrate strong interests and abilities into advanced training in preparation for retailing or costume illustration.

The entrance requirements are not standardized but applicants must be at least eighteen years of age and must have sufficient maturity and stability of character to profit from this specialized training. It is necessary that young women upon entrance to this course have completed a general education and show some proficiency in simple hand and machine sewing in order to attain in one year the abilities necessary for success in their future occupations.

Entering students are given a practical accomplishment test by the teacher in charge of the shop and are placed by her according to the grade attained. Students will be allowed to progress as rapidly as they are able.

A personal interview with the Supervisor of the course is required before enrollment.

Course of Study

	Class Hours per wk.
First Semester	
Dressmaking	27
Costume Design	6
Textiles	1
Basic Course in Social Science	3
Standards of Food, Clothing and Shelter	2
Physical Education	2
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	Class Hours per wk.
Second Semester	
Shop Dressmaking	27
Shop Management and Accounts	1
Costume Design	6
Textiles	1
Basic Course in Social Science	3
Hygiene	2
Physical Education	2
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Mechanics Institute reserves the right to change the curriculum without notice.

HEALTH REGULATIONS—All women students are required to enroll in the physical education department and to carry on the various activities as planned in the curriculum.

Students requiring special health programs must have such programs arranged with the advice and approval of the School Physician.

If there are any special facts in possession of a student's family physician of value to the Institute physician, the case history should be forwarded direct to Dr. Eugene Powell, School Physician for Mechanics Institute.

WORKING FACILITIES—Practically all work is carried on in the Costuming Shop on customers' garments, and along commercial lines. The students do a limited amount of work on garments for themselves at the discretion of the instructor. All through the course emphasis will be laid on the creative, or original and artistic side of the work.

School Expenses

Tuition per year	\$200.00
Payable in two installments of \$100 each on Registration Day of each semester.	
Medical Fee	4.00
Required of all students not residing with par- ents or guardians.	
Students' Association Fee	8.00

Advanced Application Deposit

A deposit of \$10 is required of all students at the time of the acceptance of application for admission and will be credited upon the tuition. In case student fails to register, this deposit is forfeited.

Living Expenses

The rate for room and board in the Residence Hall is \$370 to \$450 for the school year. This cost will cover breakfasts, dinners, and the laundering of bed linen and towels. Students may purchase their luncheons at cost in the school cafeteria, where the daily luncheons average twenty-five cents in cost.

The Residence Hall for women is conveniently located between the Eastman and Bevier Buildings, where all classes for women are held, and is connected on the third floor with the School of Home Economics, in which the dining room for women is provided.

All women students are required to have their places of residence approved in writing upon a form to be supplied before registration can be considered complete. All persons who do not live in the Dormitory or with their parents or legal guardians must have this approval in writing from the President of the Institute before registering. Any student violating this rule may be dismissed and her tuition forfeited.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1927-1928

Registration, payment of tuition and first day of instruction for first semester . . .	Monday, Sept. 12
Registration, payment of tuition and first day of instruction for second semester . .	Monday, Jan. 30
Commencement Day	Thursday, June 14



EXPERIENCE IN DESIGNING AND DRESSMAKING IS GAINED
IN THE INSTITUTE'S COSTUMING SHOP

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS

JOHN A. RANDALL..... *President*
FREDERICK H. EVANS.... *Director of Course Development*

SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS

MAY D. BENEDICT..... *Director*
ELIZABETH P. TAYLOR, *Acting Supervisor Costuming Course*
ELIZABETH G. VAN HORNE
Supervisor Institution Administration Courses
BESSIE L. PLEASANTS.... *Supervisor Homemaking Courses*
MRS. JESSIE E. LOCKWOOD
House Director Residence Hall for Women

OTHER COURSES OFFERED

HOME ECONOMICS COURSES

Homemaking
Institution Administration
Part-time Courses in Homemaking
Cooperative Food Administration
Open for Registration in September, 1928.

APPLIED ART COURSES

Architecture
Craft
Design
Interior Decoration
Illustration and Advertising Art
Teacher Training in Art Education
Teacher Training in Craft Education

INDUSTRIAL COURSES

Cooperative Mechanical
Cooperative Electrical
Cooperative Industrial Chemical

RETAIL DISTRIBUTION COURSE

EVENING SCHOOL COURSES

Brief courses are offered in all departments.