

Textiles linked with other Disciplines



We come across textiles in our daily environment in manifold ways, often not realising that textile principles are important components of many products in our everyday culture far beyond the obvious uses such as clothing or soft furnishings.

The 20th century brought enormous changes for the European textile economy. The relocation of textile mass production to other continents compelled the remaining companies to specialise. Although reduced in number, there are still excellent textile companies in Europe that produce high class products with a focus on quality and environmental sustainability.

Apart from the usual production of clothing and soft furnishings, recent decades have seen changes in emphasis in the fields of production. More than half of the European textile companies now specialise in technical textiles. They produce, for example, fabrics for civil engineering, traffic, safety, medicine and sports, and develop materials with novel substances and technical innovation for entirely new products. Consequently, new career opportunities in textiles are opening up in the technical areas that require a lot of expertise and innovative spirit.