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Thanks to the initiative of the Ministry of Education, in Italy there are 63 foundations I.T.S. – Istituti Tecnici Superiori. I.T.S. are special schools for technology aiming at training highly qualified technicians in response to the requirements of the labour market.

School of technologies are part of the European educational system EQF 5 equivalent degree.

The main goal is to provide training courses to suit the need for young technicians in small, medium and large companies working in fields where technological innovation and internationalization are becoming crucial.

M.I.T.A. – Made in Italy Tuscany Academy – Foundation was established in Tuscany after the competition announcement by Tuscany Region which invited technical schools in partnership with companies, universities and public bodies to set up educational paths.

M.I.T.A. is specialised in new technologies for fashion and is one of the 63 technical colleges for higher education, whose purposes are both to provide companies with young and highly qualified technicians and to give them job opportunities in outstanding companies.

M.I.T.A. is the Italian top quality technical college for higher education in the field of the fashion industry and the only one which operates in Tuscany and well connected to the production chain of the city of Florence-Scandicci, which, together with the city of Pisa, is specialised in the production of leather goods but is also strongly influenced by the know-how of the textile and clothing production of the nearby city of Prato.

M.I.T.A. Foundation is situated in the Castello dell'Acciaiole in Florence-Scandicci and has got 29 partners including local, regional and national institutions, University of Prato, high schools, outstanding international fashion brands, companies and trade associations. The educational path of M.I.T.A. aims at training the professional figure of graduated technician for product development in the field of fashion, mainly in textile and leather industry.

The first course started in 2011 and graduated 20 students. Our courses are increasing rapidly and nowadays 90% of our graduated students are employed in domestic and international fashion companies.

Guccio Gucci, Spa
Monnalisa Spa,
Tessiform Spa
Patrizia Pepe,
Almax Srl,
Yves Saint Laurent Srl,
Cunningam Srl
Banco Fiorentino del Mugello, Impruneta, Signa
Credito Cooperativo
General Confederation of Italian Industry, Florence, North and South Tuscany
General Confederation of Craftsmanship Confartis
Local Tuscan administrations of Florence, Scandicci, Prato, Pisa
Private Training Agencies: CSL Tuscany, Russell Training Association, School for Industrial Technologies,
San Colombano Association, Sophia, PO.TE.CO
High Schools: IIS Russell Newton Scandicci, Florence School Association for Made in Italy
University Learning Center of Prato PIN

COURSES

Since 2011 ten courses have started in several branches in the fashion industrial and craftsmanship system and almost all the students were employed after their training internship.

Our standard courses, with a selective entry admission, are allowed to 18/29 year old students. They are two year courses of two thousand hours, divided into four periods: 1200 hours of internal training and 800 hours of internship. They are focused on:

- Project, development and management in the leather industry
- Project, development and management in the textile and the apparel industries
- Project, development and management in metal accessories for the fashion industry
- Project, development and management in the footwear industry
- Project, development and management in leather goods processing techniques
- Marketing and company internationalization in the luxury market

They are characterized by innovative teaching methods focused on customer satisfaction, matching of supply with demand, nurturing talents.

Our international courses, allowed to students from 18 years old, are focused on the development and manufacturing of luxury products. It is a six month compact course of 800 hours divided into 680 hours of internal training, visits to companies, museums and exhibitions and 120 hours of internship. It is meant for foreign students and its aim is to give the students basic skills and tools to approach the fashion system and its employment opportunities:

- Made in Italy Luxury Gap Semester.

Our personalized courses, allowed to students from 18 years old, are focused on company special needs and developed by our Technical Scientific Committee.

Internship is compulsory and covers 800 hours of the curriculum.

The internship is carried out in Tuscan and national companies, which manufacture the main luxury international brands. The goal of internship is to link companies training demands with the theoretical and laboratorial learning and enhances students' inclinations developing their skills.

COMPANIES' ROLE

Companies are deeply involved in the Foundation activities and contribute to the defining of professional profiles. Their managers teach technical subjects together with experts of business and manufacturing process organization. The main companies of Scandicci/Florence luxury district give students the opportunity of internships and create a network of contacts for future employment.

TUTORING AND EMPLOYMENT MENTORING

Tutors support students to develop strategies specific to their needs and strengths. Tutors help students to begin, develop, and refine their work. The goal is to create an optimal learning environment that facilitates independent learning and the development of a job oriented approach.