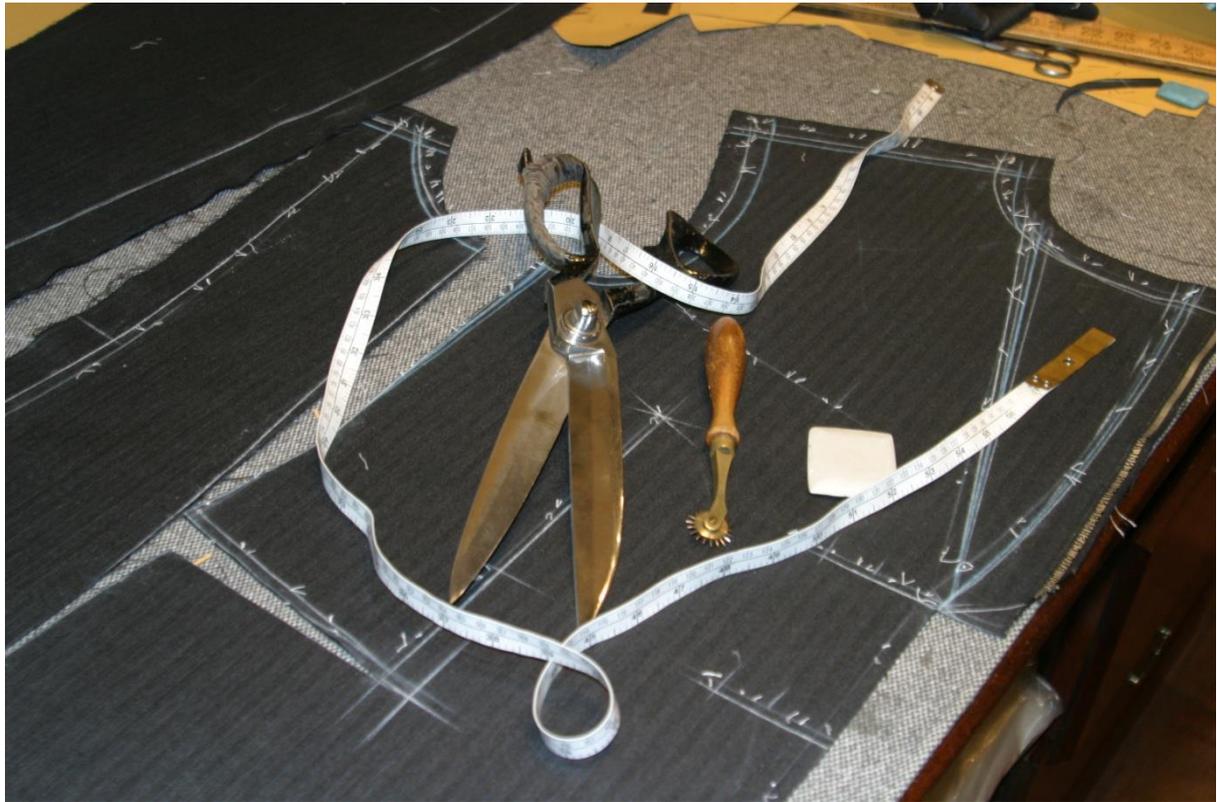




SAVILE ROW ACADEMY

The Pinnacle of Sartorial Excellence: Training the Elite Tailors of the Future



Savile Row Academy

Bespoke Tailor's Certificate Course

Course Guide

11 September to 4 July 2018

Introduction

The Savile Row Academy (SRA) is an elite training institution for bespoke tailors founded in 2007 by Professor Andrew M Ramroop OBE, CMTT, Master Tailor and Director of *Maurice Sedwell (Savile Row) Ltd.* who identified an acute need to provide the practical training required to cultivate the future generations of high-class hand-craft bespoke tailors for which Savile Row is famous.

SRA offers training in men's bespoke tailoring to persons wanting to acquire the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to work in established tailoring houses anywhere in the world or to start their own businesses or collections.

The traditional handcraft skills that underpin the excellence that epitomises Savile Row standards of craftsmanship must be retained, developed and passed on to others.

Professor Ramroop is committed to sharing his extensive knowledge and experience. He believes that when resources are shared, they are not diluted or divided but they are multiplied.

Savile Row

For over 200 years bespoke tailoring establishments in the Savile Row area have been at the centre of the British menswear industry with an international reputation, thus exerting a major influence on men's style, craftsmanship and dressing.

Savile Row, affectionately referred to as The Row, is one of the few remaining areas that still maintains its craft heritage and iconic status as a sector of excellence. The Row remains central to the London and UK economies and continues to attract high spenders from around the world.

SRA's training course prepares its graduates to enter one of the UK's key craft industries in which there is an acute shortage of highly skilled craftsmen and women. This is a high value market and at the end of the training programme our graduates are ready-to-work in the bespoke tailoring sector.

SRA graduates have been very successful in obtaining gainful employment at established tailoring houses around the world, including on Savile Row. SRA graduates are well respected by the industry and this training boosts employment prospects in the field significantly.

The Bespoke Tailor's Certificate Course

The course is a flexible modular programme and comprises a *Foundation module* and three advanced study modules: *Pattern Drafting, Cloth Cutting, Fitting and Remarking; Trousers and Waistcoat Making; and Coat/Jacket Making.*

SRA's training is focused on the traditional methods of soft-structured hand-craft tailoring and cutting and fitting in harmony with body shape for style, elegance and comfort.

All training is designed to meet Savile Row's world renowned standards of excellence. To achieve the required level of expertise, SRA has developed its own industry benchmarks – branded *The Andrew Ramroop Tailoring Standards ("ARTS")* – which covers some twelve types of hand stitches and other demanding and intricate hand tailoring craft skills.

Foundation Module

This module will be delivered over three days a week for 8 weeks:

Monday 11th. September to Wednesday 1st. November 2017. All sewing materials required for this module is provided.

Pattern Drafting, Cloth Cutting, Fitting and Remarking

This module will be delivered over three days a week for 8 weeks:

Monday 6th. November 2017 to Wednesday 10th January 2018. All paper to draft patterns is provided.

There will be a Christmas break from 22nd December 2017 to 7th January 2018.

Trousers and Waistcoat Making

This module will be delivered over three days a week for 8 weeks:

Monday 15th January 2018 to Wednesday 7th March 2018.

Coat Making

This module will be delivered over three days per week for 16 weeks:

12 March to Wednesday 4th July 2018 5 January 2018.

There will be an Easter break from 29th March to 8th April 2018.

Fees: UK & EC Residents: £16, 900.

Non EC/UK Residents: £19,950.

SRA also offers Master Classes and Professional Workshops (for small groups only) which target specific training needs on bespoke tailoring. Please contact the Academy's Registrar at the email below if you wish to attend a Master Class/Workshop or require any additional information.

Course Content

Trainees will be expected to complete two three-piece suits by the end of the course.

Emphasis is on the technical and practical processes involved in the hand production of tailored garments, including:

Extensive range of hand stitches
Using sewing machines and equipment
Under-pressing and shrinking
Constructing canvases
Making various styles of pockets
Block pattern construction
Trouser Making - various styles
Figuration
Waistcoat making

Laying of patterns on cloth
Jacket making
Cutting & Fitting
Constructing baste fittings
Workshop practice
Bespoke Master Patterns
Making-up operations
Basic Textiles studies
Health, Safety & Security at Work

Course Delivery

SRA's training programme is delivered in customised training facilities on the premises of Maurice Sedwell Ltd. The instructors include Professor Ramroop OBE and other experienced bespoke tailors.

SRA will only admit a maximum of twelve trainees for each course to enable each trainee to receive a high degree of individual coaching from their instructor.

The course will be delivered on **Mondays** to **Wednesdays** from 10 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with a one hour lunch break from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Enrolled trainees will also be permitted to use the classrooms for unsupervised practice on evenings up to 6pm and Saturdays from 10 to 1.00pm

The timetable for each module will be emailed to each enrolled trainee. Trainees who cannot attend a session are expected to send a written email to the course instructor copied to the Registrar.

Contact Information

The address and contact details for information are:

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Savile Row Academy
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London W1S 3PP
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Qualifications

Trainees who complete all of the modules to the required standards will be awarded a Bespoke Tailor's Certificate from the Savile Row Academy. A completion certificate may be awarded to the outstanding student(s) of each module. Trainees must attend at least 90% of the classes to be entitled to receive a certificate. However, the Principal has the discretion to waive the strict application of this requirement in cases of genuine emergency or illness if the trainee has met the required standards for the module.

Entry Requirements

If you wish to be admitted to this course, please complete the application form available online and send by email or post to The Registrar, Mrs. Debbie Sirjusingh Ramroop at the Savile Row Academy, 19 Savile Row, London W1S 3PP. Note your hand written signature is required; email signature will not be accepted.

To support your application, it is essential that you have one reference letter from your employer or educational institution.

Following submission of the completed form, you will be scheduled for an interview. At the interview it is recommended that you also ask any questions about the course to help you decide whether this course is right for you.

Although it is not a prerequisite to have previous experience in tailoring, applicants must satisfy SRA that they will be fully committed to completing the entire course (all four modules) at the required standards of excellence and have the financial resources to pay for the entire course.

Please note that SRA is not yet licensed to issue student visas. This means that only non-EU students who have an alternative visa or other legal entitlement to stay in the England for the duration of the course can apply for this course.

There is an [online Coat Making course](#) featuring Professor Ramroop for international students who are unable to get a visa. If you want more information about this high quality distance learning course please email Professor Ramroop at mauricesedwell@btclick.com. He will be happy to respond to any queries about the course and advise you on how to enrol. Bespoke Master Patterns for the course can also be ordered directly from him.

How to Pay

Payment instructions are contained in the *Course Offer* form which you will receive on acceptance on the course. Trainees must also submit completed *Course Offer* forms on payment of the specified.

Due to the high demand for training, persons who have been interviewed and offered admission are required to pay the entire course fee within one month from the date of the offer. The enrolment process is only completed when this fee is received.

Please note that the course modules are not offered separately. Trainees who wish to enroll must commit to completing all modules. If a trainee leaves the course prematurely, he or she will forfeit fee paid. There is no refund for trainees leaving the course early.

Material & Equipment

Savile Row Academy will provide all working tools and sewing materials. A comprehensive list of all items is included in your Student Handbook.

Refunds & Cancellations

Although every effort will be made to ensure that the entire course is delivered as scheduled, SRA reserves the right to modify the course delivery dates and/or cancel the course (*for example if an instructor becomes unavailable due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances and a replacement is unavailable*). Trainees who voluntarily withdraw from the course after fees are paid are not entitled to a refund.

All information is correct at time of press but may be subject to changes.
The Savile Row Academy issues this information as a general guide to its policies and facilities and reserves the right to modify or alter, without prior notice, any of the contents herein or otherwise advertised.

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