

## THE COLLEGE OF DESIGN: UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- **Architecture:** Bachelor of Design in Architecture (BDA), Bachelor of Science (BS)
- **Landscape Design and Planning:** Bachelor of Environmental Design (BED)
- **Apparel Design, Interior Design, Retail Merchandising, and Product Design:** Bachelor of Science (BS)
- **Graphic Design:** Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
- **Minors:** Design, Architecture, Landscape Design and Planning, Fashion Studies, Housing and Community Development, Retail Merchandising, Product Design, Interior Environments

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND SAMPLE PLANS

Find major course requirements, course descriptions, and sample four-year plans on our website. Up-to-date degree requirements can be found at any time by visiting [z.umn.edu/cdesrequirements](http://z.umn.edu/cdesrequirements).

## FULFILLING U OF M LIBERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All University of Minnesota Twin Cities degrees require the completion of specific Liberal Education requirements, which can be completed at most community colleges and universities for transfer to the U of M. Minnesota state community colleges also offer the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC). If completed and certified on the transcript sent to the U of M for admission, MNTC will be used to meet the core, theme, and first-year writing portion of the University's Liberal Education requirements (you may still need to complete the writing intensive portion of the writing skills requirement). Please note that completing all Liberal Education requirements or the MNTC will not necessarily accelerate your time in a College of Design program, and is not required before applying to transfer to the College of Design.

## DEADLINES & SEMESTERS OF ADMISSION

The below table lists upcoming priority and final application deadlines for admission to all College of Design undergraduate programs: Apparel Design, Architecture\*\*, Landscape Design and Planning, Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Retail Merchandising.

**Please note that most College of Design majors require a set sequence of (usually studio) courses only offered at the U of M. Thus, you should apply to transfer to a College of Design major as soon as possible so you can begin enrolling in those sequenced major courses.** Consult with a College of Design transfer adviser for more information.

Additionally, while we are thrilled to now admit students to all majors for both fall and spring semesters, we highly encourage students interested in Apparel Design, Interior Design, or Architecture to apply for a fall semester. These majors include a specific sequencing of courses, which begin in the fall; therefore, if a student is admitted to an Apparel Design, Interior Design, or Architecture major in spring, their course sequencing would not begin until the following fall semester.

| Spring 2017 Deadline***                             | Fall 2017 Deadlines***                         | Spring 2018 Deadline***                             |
|---|--|---|
| Priority: October 1, 2016<br>Final December 1, 2016 | Priority: March 1, 2017<br>Final: May 15, 2017 | Priority: October 1, 2017<br>Final December 1, 2017 |

**\*\* The prerequisite courses (Arch 1281, Arch 2281, and Arch 2301) for admission to an architecture degree are ONLY offered on the U of M Twin Cities campus. Students must begin in the College of Design pre-architecture program to complete these courses before applying to a formal architecture degree.**

**\*\*\* Applications will be accepted on a space available basis after the priority deadline.**

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**GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COLLEGE OF DESIGN DEGREES:**

- Required minimum GPA of 2.00 and preferred minimum GPA of 2.80.
- ALL admission materials MUST be submitted (postmarked) by the relevant deadline or the application may not be reviewed for admission.
- All programs are competitive and space is limited. Admission is holistic and based on a number of factors, including overall academic record, fit for the curriculum, and grades in specific courses.
- Apparel Design, Interior Design, Graphic Design, and Architecture require all students to enter as “Pre-Major” students to complete required prerequisite courses only offered at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.
- Studio sequences for Pre-Architecture, Pre-Apparel Design and Pre-Interior Design only begin in the fall. Spring applications will be considered, but students are encouraged to apply for fall instead.

**MAJOR SPECIFIC TRANSFER INFORMATION:**

**Apparel Design**

THE STUDIO COURSES IN THIS MAJOR ARE SEQUENCED OVER FOUR YEARS, REGARDLESS OF COURSES COMPLETED BEFORE ADMISSION TO THE U OF M (if all generals are completed, students would register for a reduced load of credits consisting of specific major courses). After admission, students must pass portfolio review of work from specified studio courses and meet minimum U of M GPA of 2.50 to move from Pre-Apparel Design to major status.

**The following community college course meets requirements in the major, but does not have to be completed prior to admission. Additional courses available only at the U of M are also required for graduation.**

| Dakota County Technical College | College of Design Program Requirement |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ENGL 1150                       | Writing Elective- Freshman Writing    |

**Architecture**

THE COURSES IN THE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS ARE SEQUENCED OVER 2-4 YEARS, REGARDLESS OF COURSES COMPLETED BEFORE ADMISSION. (If all generals are completed, students register for a reduced load of credits consisting of specific major courses). With careful planning, students may be able to complete the BDA degree in two years (this would require admission to fall semester and the near completion of all Liberal Education requirements). Please note, however, a BS degree requires four years of sequenced studios.

NOTE: The prerequisite courses (Arch 1281, Arch 2281, and Arch 2301) for admission to a full architecture degree are ONLY offered on the U of M Twin Cities campus. Students who are admitted will begin in the pre-architecture program in the College of Design to complete these courses before applying to the architecture degree of their choice.

**The following community college courses meet requirements in the degree, but do not have to be completed prior to admission. Additional courses available only at the U of M are also required for graduation.**

| Dakota County Technical College | College of Design Program Requirement |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ENGL 1150                       | Writing Elective- Freshman Writing    |

- *DCTC Math and Physics courses do not currently fulfill our Architecture Math and Physics requirements*

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## Landscape Design and Planning

The following community college courses meet requirements in the major, but do not have to be completed prior to admission. Additional courses available only at the U of M are also required for graduation.

| Dakota County Technical College | College of Design Program Requirement                                |
|---------------------------------|--|
| ENGL 1150                       | Writing Elective- Freshman Writing                                   |
| LAHT 1000                       | HORT 1001- The Designated Environment ( <i>faculty must review</i> ) |
| LAHT 1600                       | LA 1401- The Designated Environment ( <i>faculty must review</i> )   |

*Landscape Design and Planning continued:*

### For the Design Track ONLY:

| Dakota County Technical College | College of Design Program Requirement |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| MATS 1300                       | MATH 1051- Precalculus                |
| ECON 1100                       | Fulfills Microeconomics Requirement   |
| LAHT 1320                       | Must be petitioned after admission    |

## Graphic Design

THE STUDIO COURSES IN THIS MAJOR ARE SEQUENCED OVER FOUR YEARS, REGARDLESS OF COURSES COMPLETED BEFORE ADMISSION TO THE U OF M (if all generals are completed, students would register for a reduced load of credits consisting of specific major courses). After admission, students must pass portfolio review of work from specified studio courses and meet minimum U of M GPA of 2.50 to move from Pre-Graphic Design to major status.

The following community college courses meet requirements in the major, but do not have to be completed prior to admission. Additional courses available only at the U of M are also required for graduation.

| Dakota County Technical College | College of Design Program Requirement |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ENGL 1150                       | Writing Elective- Freshman Writing    |
| SPEE 1015                       | Fulfills Public Speaking Requirement  |
| ECON 100 or 1200                | Fulfills Business Requirement         |
| VCOM 1021                       | Fulfills Photography Requirement      |

## Interior Design

DCTC Interior Design students can choose to complete a block of DCTC Interior Design courses that are equivalent to the first year courses in the Interior Design degree. DCTC Interior Design students who are admitted and have completed the first year Interior Design courses will participate in the degree portfolio review process, where faculty evaluate the quality of those first-year courses in order to determine readiness for full-major status. After achieving full-major status, students must complete the three-year sequence of studio courses in the major as well as all other remaining degree requirements in order to graduate from the U of M with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design.

The following DCTC Interior Design courses must **ALL** be completed or in progress at the time of admission in order for them to transfer to the U of M after admission. As a block, these courses are equivalent to the first (or pre-interior design) year in the U of M Interior Design Bachelor of Science degree.

| Dakota County Technical College              | College of Design Program Requirement                 |
|--|---|
| DCTC IDes 1101, 1111, 1121, 1136, 1207, 1218 | Des 1101W, IDes 1601, IDes 1602, GDes 1311, GDes 1312 |

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*(Interior Design Continued)*

The following community college courses also meet requirements in the Interior Design degree and can be completed before or after admission. Additional courses available only at the U of M are also required for graduation.

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| ENGL 1150         | Writing Elective- Freshman Writing                               |
| PSYC 1100         | Fulfills Psychology Requirement                                  |
| ARTS 1101 or 1550 | Fulfills Art History Requirement                                 |
| IDES 1231         | IDES 3161- History of Interiors and Furnishings: Ancient to 1750 |

## Retail Merchandising

The following community college courses meet requirements in the major, but do not have to be completed prior to admission. Additional courses available only at the U of M are also required for graduation.

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| <b>Dakota County Technical College</b> | <b>College of Design Program Requirement</b> |
| ENGL 1150                              | Writing Elective- Freshman Writing           |
| ECON 1100                              | Fulfills Microeconomics Requirement          |
| MATH 1300                              | MATH 1051- Precalculus                       |

## Product Design

The following community college courses meet requirements in the major, but do not have to be completed prior to admission. Additional courses available only at the U of M are also required for graduation.

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| <b>Dakota County Technical College</b> | <b>College of Design Program Requirement</b> |
| ENGL 1150                              | Writing Elective- Freshman Writing           |

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