

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:** Bachelor of Science (BS)
- **Graphic Design:** Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
- **Product Design:** Bachelor of Science (BS)
- **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.

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 Final December 1, 2016	Priority: March 1, 2017 Final: May 15, 2017	Priority: October 1, 2017 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.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College	College of Design Program Requirement
ENGL 1110	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.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College	College of Design Program Requirement
ENGL 1110	Writing Elective- Freshman Writing
MATH 1170 or 1180	MATH 1142 or 1271- Short Calculus/Calculus
PHYS 1131 or PHYS 1211+Lab	PHYS 1101 or 1301- Introduction to College Physics

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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.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College	College of Design Program Requirement
ENGL 1110	Writing Elective- Freshman Writing

For the Design Track ONLY:

Minneapolis Community & Technical College	College of Design Program Requirement
MATH 1110 or 1170	MATH 1031 or 1142- College Algebra/Short Calculus
CHEM 1151	CHEM 1061+Lab- Chemical Principles I
ECON 2200	ECON 1101- Principles of Microeconomics

Graphic Design

If students complete the courses below and as many Liberal Education courses as possible before transferring, it may be possible to complete the Graphic Design BFA in 2-2.5 years at the U of M. Admission to this major is competitive.

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with a College of Design adviser before preparing for admission. After admission, students must pass portfolio review of work from year-one 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.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College	College of Design Program Requirement
ENGL 1110	Writing Elective- Freshman Writing
CMST 1005 or 1000	COMM 1101- Introduction of Public Speaking
One course in Business, Economics, Accounting, or Marketing i.e.	BUSN 1140/1142/2202/2224; ECON 2000/2200
PHOT 1100 or 1200	Fulfills Photography Requirement
ARTS 1121	GDES 1311- Drawing and Design in 2&3D Design
GRPH 1140	GDES 1312- Color and Design in 2&3D Design
GRPH 1120 + WEBI 1416	GDES 1315- Graphic Studio
GRPH 1585 + GRPH 1570 or GRPH 1130 + GRPH 1560	DES 2101- Design and Visual Presentation
GRPH 2110 + WEBI 1611	GDES 2342- Web Design
GRPH 2101	GDES 2345- Typography I
GRPH 2530	GDES 3352- Identity and Symbols
GRPH 2622	DES 3201- Career and Internship Preparation for Design
GRPH 1101	Graphic Design Major Elective
GRPH 2130	Graphic Design Major Elective
ARTS 1142	Graphic Design Major Elective

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Interior Design

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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.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College	College of Design Program Requirement
ENGL 1110	Writing Elective- Freshman Writing
PSYC 1110	PSY 1001- Introduction to Psychology
ARTS 1111/1112/1113	Fulfills Introductory Art History Requirement

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.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College	College of Design Program Requirement
ENGL 1110	Writing Elective- Freshman Writing
ECON 2200	ECON 1101- Introduction to Microeconomics
BUSN 2202	ACCT 2050- Introduction to Financial Reporting
MATH 1150	STAT 3011- Introduction to Statistical Analysis
BUSN 1200	Fulfills Computer Literacy Requirement
MATH 1110	MATH 1031- College Algebra and Probability

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.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College	College of Design Program Requirement
ENGL 1110	Writing Elective- Freshman Writing
MATH 1180	MATH 1271- Calculus
PHYS 1131 or 1211	PHYS 1101 or 1301- Introductory College Physics I
PHYS 1132 or 1221	PHYS 1102 or 1302- Introductory College Physics II
CSCI 1700 or 1733	CSCI 1103 or 1133- Introduction to Computer Programming

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