**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**


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.

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** 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.

- Eng 1108 in lieu of Writ 1XXX—Freshman Writing (waived with AA or MNTC)

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.

- Eng 1108 in lieu of Writ 1XXX—Freshman Writing (waived with AA or MNTC)
- Math 1120/1133 in lieu of Math 1142/1271—Short Calculus/Calculus
- Phys 1041 or 1081 in lieu of Phys 1101/1201/1301—Introduction to College Physics

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.

- Eng 1108 in lieu of Writ 1XXX—Freshman Writing (waived with AA or MNTC)

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Landscape Design and Planning continued:

For the Design Track ONLY:
- Math 1118/1120 in lieu of Math 1031/1142—College Algebra/Short Calculus
- Chem 1010 or 1061 in lieu of Chem 1015 AND Chem 1017 or Chem 1061 AND Chem 1065—Introductory Chemistry: Lecture AND Introductory Chemistry or Chemical Principles I and Laboratory
- Econ 1106 in lieu of ApEc 1101—Principles of Microeconomics

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.
- Eng 1108 in lieu of Writ 1XXX—Freshman Writing (waived with AA or MNTC)
- Comm 1110 in lieu of Comm 1101—Introduction to Public Speaking (waived with AA or MNTC)
- One course in Business, Economics, Accounting, or Marketing: Acct 2101/2102, Busn 1101/1104/1121/2100, Econ 1105/1106
- One art history course: Art 1106/1107/1109/2300
- One photography course: Art 1212/1213/1132

Interior 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-Interior 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.
- Eng 1108 in lieu of Writ 1XXX—Freshman Writing (waived with AA or MNTC)
- Psyc 1101 in lieu of Psy 1001—Introduction to Psychology
- One art history course: Art 1106/1107/1109/2300

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.
- Eng 1108 in lieu of Writ 1XXX—Freshman Writing (waived with AA or MNTC)
- Econ 1106 in lieu of Econ 1101—Introduction to Microeconomics
- Math 1103 in lieu of SCO 2550—Business Statistics
- CS 1100 in lieu of PSTL 1571—Computer Literacy and Problem Solving
- One Math Course: Math 1118

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