## University Core and Graduation Requirements

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* These courses fill both University Core and program requirements.

For University Core/program questions, contact the Advisement Center. For career questions, see the faculty advisor.

## Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

## Suggested Sequence of Courses

### FRESHMAN YEAR

**1st Semester**
- DESGD 145: 3.0
- DESGD 146: 3.0
- ARTHC 201*: 2.0
- REL C 200: 2.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

**2nd Semester**
- DESGD 145: 3.0
- DESGD 243: 3.0
- ART HC 202*: 3.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 7.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

**2nd Semester**
- DESGD 244: 3.0
- DESGD 245: 3.0
- DESGD 246: 3.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 5.5

**Total Hours:** 15.0

**3rd Semester**
- DESGD 280: 3.0
- DES 217: 1.5
- BUSM 170 or 241 or COMMS 230 or STDEV 317: 3.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 8.5

**Total Hours:** 16.0

### JUNIOR YEAR

**3rd Semester**
- DESGD 341: 3.0
- DESGD 390: 3.0
- Requirement 4 Course*: 3.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 3.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

**4th Semester**
- DESGD 342: 3.0
- DESGD 440: 3.0
- Requirement 4 Course*: 4.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 5.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

### SENIOR YEAR

**4th Semester**
- DESGD 480: 3.0
- DESGD 488: 2.0
- Requirement 4 Course*: 4.0
- General Education courses, university requirements, and/or general electives: 5.0

**Total Hours:** 15.0

Note: This degree program requires a minimum of 120 hours for graduation. Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer term. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
The Graphic Design BFA program is a limited enrollment program requiring department admissions approval. Interested students should declare their pre-major intent, complete DESGD 145 and submit an online portfolio of their work. Pre-major application deadlines are at the end of Fall semester, Winter semester, and Spring term.

Only students granted pre-BFA status are to complete the foundational courses and then may apply for the BFA professional program through a portfolio review in June.

**REQUIREMENT 1: Complete 1 course**

**PREREQUISITE COURSE:**

DES GD 145 - Design 1  

**Apply for pre-BFA status via portfolio review.**

**REQUIREMENT 2: Complete 3 courses**

**FOUNDATIONAL COURSES:**

DES GD 243 - Typography 1  
DES GD 245 - Design 2  
DES GD 280 - Media Design 1  

**Apply to the Graphic Design BFA program via portfolio review.**

**REQUIREMENT 3: Complete 9 courses**

**AFTER ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

DES 217 - Design Thinking  
DES GD 340 - Branding 1  
DES GD 341 - 3-Dimensional Design  
DES GD 343 - Typography 2  
DES GD 360 - Interaction Design 1  
DES GD 380 - Motion 1  
DES GD 440 - Branding 2  
DES GD 44R - Design Lab  
DES GD 442 - Portfolio  

**REQUIREMENT 4: Complete 13.0 hours from the following course(s)**

ANTHR 442 - Ethnographic Research Design and Methods  
ART 130 - Bookbinding  
DES 39R - Special Topics  
DES GD 480 - Interdisciplinary Motion 2  
DES GD 48R - Letterpress Studio  
DES GD 39R - Special Topics  
DES GD 440 - Interaction Design 2  
DES 130 - Illustration Fundamentals  

**REQUIREMENT 5: Complete 2 courses**

**COMPLETE THIS COURSE TWICE:**

DES 111R - Design Lecture Series  
You may take this course up to 2 times.

**REQUIREMENT 6: Complete 4 courses**

- ART/ARTH 201 - World Civilization to 1500  
- ART/ARTH 202 - World Civilization Since 1500  
- DES 390 - Design Theory and Visual Culture  
- DES GD 349 - History of Graphic Design  

**REQUIREMENT 7: Complete 2 courses**

- DES GD 490 - BFA Capstone Project: Research  
- DES GD 497 - BFA Capstone Project: Implementation  

**Career & Business Courses:**

**REQUIREMENT 8: Complete 1 course**

- DES GD 488 - Studio Practices for Designers  

**REQUIREMENT 9: Complete 1 hour from the following course(s)**

DES 496R - Academic Internship: Professional Internship  

**THE DISCIPLINE:**

The Graphic Design program at BYU simulates a professional studio experience with students working to solve complex visual problems. As members of small cohort groups, students complete a variety of individual and collaborative projects under close faculty direction. The program has a history of producing award-winning student work and enjoys an established international reputation. A successful internship program in major design centers provides a bridge to professional practice and excellent job placement.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Graphic Designers work in a wide array of design-related disciplines including branding, product design, publishing, interaction design, web design, mobile app development, experience design, service design, motion graphics, and data visualization. Designers often work in traditional design studios, interactive agencies, advertising agencies, and corporate design positions. They also work as design entrepreneurs, freelancers or in design management positions.

**ADMISSIONS:**

**Prospective BYU Students:** Prospective students wishing to be admitted into the graphic design program should apply to BYU through the regular admissions process at: https://www.byu.edu/admissions. Admissions deadlines are available at: https://admissions.byu.edu/application-deadlines. Admission to BYU does not guarantee admission into Department of Design degree programs. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to apply for department talent scholarships by the department deadline December 1st.

**Department Admissions:** Graphic Design is a limited enrollment program which requires students to apply for acceptance through a department admissions process. Admitted BYU students should declare their intent to major in graphic design, before enrolling in DESGD 145, the prerequisite course. Upon the successful completion of DESGD 145, students should submit an online portfolio of work for review. Reviews are held at the end of Fall and Winter semester and Spring term. Apply online at: https://designdept.slideroom.com. Successful applicants will be granted pre-BFA status in order to complete foundational courses before applying for admissions to the Graphic Design BFA major.

**Major Admissions:** Upon completion of all pre-major courses, students apply for admission to the BFA major through a portfolio review held in June each year. Contact the department office in E509 HFAC or https://admissions.byu.edu/for more information.

**Transfer Students:** Transfer students applying for admittance to the Department of Design are asked to submit an application and a portfolio on https://designdept.slideroom.com. Transfer applications for the Department of Design are reviewed year round by the graphic design program. At the discretion of the area faculty, students are accepted into the department and placed at the appropriate level of study. Transfer applications are contingent upon acceptance into BYU, which is a separate application process. Admission to the department does not
Refer to BYU deadlines at https://enrollment.byu.edu/admissions/deadlines.

**Note:** Students may apply to the Graphic Design pre-major and major programs twice.

### TALENT AWARDS AND DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

All students are encouraged to apply for department talent awards and other scholarships by the December 1st deadline. Online applications will open on November 1st. Apply at https://designdept.slideroom.com.

### INTERNSHIPS:

Students are highly encouraged to complete their internship after their Junior year in the program. Students should meet with faculty advisors for advisement about location and type of internship that will best prepare them for success in the industry.

### EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Incoming BYU design students are asked to purchase a computer for their own convenience and to maximize their academic experience. Pre-major courses can be completed with the use of university labs, however most students prefer having their own computer. Certain advanced graphic design workflows will require specialized software and hardware that is provided in department labs and classrooms.

The Department recommends the following configurations for graphic design students: Apple MacBook Pro (or equivalent Windows PC) with sufficient capacity to support Adobe Creative Cloud (including Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere, After Effects, Experience Design). Adobe student subscriptions should also include access to Adobe Fonts (formerly known as Typekit). Minimum recommended specifications include 16 gb RAM, and a 500 gb hard drive. The BYU Store carries a full line of discounted computers, accessories and software subscriptions. Students manage their own data storage and may use the free university storage system named BOX (http://box.byu.edu).

In addition to BOX, students are encouraged to have a second automatic cloud backup for all files through Backblaze, iDrive, Dropbox, Google Drive or a similar service.

### DESIGN EDUCATION LICENSURE:

Design majors can add teaching licensure to their degree through the Art Education Licensure Program. This program prepares students with a design background to teach art and design in K-12 classrooms. The program includes 36 credits of coursework, with a semester of student teaching as the capstone project. To join the program, students must enroll in and successfully pass ARTED 276 (Introduction to K-12 Art and Design Education: Studio Methods, Media, and Explorations of teaching). For more information go to https://art.byu.edu/how-to-apply/art-education/Contact the Art Education Coordinator to discuss interest in the licensure option: Tara Carpenter Estrada at taracarpenter@byu.edu.

### DEGREE PROGRAM ADVISEMENT:

Students should contact the college advisement center located in D-444 of the Harris Fine Arts Center, or call 801-422-3777 for information concerning undergraduate programs in the Department of Design. Program coordinators are also appointed to counsel students about program objectives, course content and sequence, career goals, and other matters pertaining to the Graphic Design major.

The advisor for this major is:

Professor Linda Reynolds
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Brigham Young University
Provo, UT 84602

For appointments with Professor Reynolds or other graphic design faculty, please email: byuresourceroom@gmail.com

### MAP DISCLAIMER

While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

### DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

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### ADVISEMENT CENTER INFORMATION

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