

Design Graduate Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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I missed the January 15 th application deadline. Will my application be reviewed?	Complete applications are reviewed only once each year. If you miss the deadline, submit your application for the following January.												
Are GRE scores required of all applicants? Even me? What are the preferred GRE scores	Yes. No exceptions are made to this requirement. Preferred GRE Scores: <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Pre-August 2011</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Post- August 2011</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Verbal:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">500</td> <td style="text-align: center;">153</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quantitative:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">500</td> <td style="text-align: center;">144</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Analytical Writing:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4.0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Pre-August 2011</u>	<u>Post- August 2011</u>	Verbal:	500	153	Quantitative:	500	144	Analytical Writing:	4.0	4.0
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Can I submit GRE scores later than January 15 th ?	No. Applications are reviewed only once each year. Incomplete files are not reviewed. Take GREs by mid-December to ensure they will arrive by January 15 th .												
Does this program admit students on a conditional basis?	No. No exceptions are made to this policy.												
Does this program have scholarships or other forms of financial support?	Financial support in the form of graduate assistantships is available on a limited basis, and is based upon the expertise of the student and the needs of the department. Assistantship availability is not guaranteed.												
May I take a class for graduate credit prior to being admitted to the program?	Yes. Please contact us for more information to ensure the course is eligible to be included on your future degree program.												
I am interested in a master's or PhD in Interior Design, but do not have an undergraduate degree in interior design. May I apply to the Interior Design Track to pursue a master's degree?	1) Contact us for consultation about the Evidence-Based Design emphasis. 2) If your goal is to become an interior designer, the CIDA-accredited undergraduate program is where you acquire the knowledge and skills to support your goal http://design.umn.edu/prospective_students/programs/interior.html												

<p>I want to pursue a degree in the Design Graduate Program, but have no background in design.</p>	<p>If your field of interest is in the Housing Studies Track, or the Dress, History, and Culture or Retail Merchandising and Consumer Studies concentrations of the Apparel Studies Track, a background in design is not required.</p> <p>If your field of interest is in Graphic Design, Interior Design, or the Product Development concentration of the Apparel Studies Track, a portfolio of creative work is required as part of the application.</p>
<p>I already have a master's degree, and want to apply for a Ph.D. Will any credits from my master's degree transfer to the PhD?</p>	<p>Coursework transferred from another program must be approved by your adviser and committee. In many cases, several courses can be accepted for transfer. A minimum of 12 course credits must be taken at the University of Minnesota. Thesis credits are not transferrable.</p>
<p>Is it possible to apply for the PhD without completing a master's degree?</p>	<p>No. The Design Graduate Program requires a completed master's degree prior to beginning a PhD program.</p>
<p>Is it possible to meet faculty and students, and tour the facilities prior to applying?</p>	<p>Yes. We encourage you to do so. Please contact us to schedule a visit and plan an itinerary.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">We want to hear from you! Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information or to arrange a visit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">dhagrad@umn.edu 612-626-1219</p>	