Overview

The Graduate Diploma in Design is a professionally relevant 1 year full time or 2 years part time degree for those who wish to extend their professional qualifications with a shorter period of study and those wishing to broaden or change directions in their design and media practice.

Students in the Graduate Diploma in Design undertake five courses in Design core introducing design as processes, practices and history, along with an understanding of design communication and research. Students also take three course chosen from Design areas of practice or other studio electives.
Faculty of Art & Design

Campus
Paddington

Study Level
Postgraduate

Typical duration
1 Years

Delivery Mode
Face-to-face

Intake Period
Term 1, Term 3

Academic Calendar
3+ Calendar

Minimum Units of Credit
48

Award type
Graduate Diploma

Award(s)
Graduate Diploma in Design - GradDipDes

CRICOS Code
082199A
Learning Outcomes

1. Understand research principles and methods applicable to contemporary design practices
   - Scholars

2. Apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate judgement, adaptability and responsibility as a practitioner
   - Global Citizens - Leaders - Professionals

3. Analyse, reflect on and synthesise information, problems, concepts and theories and apply established theories to design practice
   - Scholars - Leaders

4. Demonstrate understanding of concepts and principles of design as an integrated practice
   - Scholars

5. Demonstrate the qualities of an ethical practitioner
   - Professionals - Global Citizens

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 48 UOC as a standalone program.

Core Courses

Students must take 30 UOC of the following courses.

- **ADAD9113 | 6 UOC**
  Communication Skills for Creative Disciplines

- **ADAD9114 | 6 UOC**
  Research Foundations in Art and Design

- **SAHT9143 | 6 UOC**
  Design History and Theory 1

- **SDES9204 | 6 UOC**
  Design Studio: Insight, Processes and Communication

- **SDES9210 | 6 UOC**
  Critical Approaches to Design Practice

Design Areas of Practice Electives

Students must take at least 12 UOC, up to a maximum of 18 UOC of Studio Areas of Practice in the following areas:

- Spatial Experiences
- Interaction Design and User (UX) Experience
- Visualisation and Visual Effects
- Future Making: Materials and Objects
- Graphic Communication

Students may also take studio courses from:

- Planar Practices
- Temporal and Spatial Practices
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Art & Design Prescribed Electives

Students can take up to a maximum of 6 UOC of the following courses.

- any level 9 Art and Design course
- any level 9 Art History course
- any level 9 Art course
- any level 9 Design Studies course

Enrolment Disclaimer
Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

Admission to the Graduate Diploma in Design requires a Bachelors degree in any field, conferred within the last 10 years, or a Graduate Certificate in Design.

Applicants who apply with a bachelors degree completed more than 10 years ago can be admitted to the Graduate Certificate in Design where they have 5 or more years professional experience in a design or media-related field since graduation. They can articulate up to the Graduate Diploma if they hold a credit average in their courses taken under the Graduate Certificate.

Applicants without a Bachelors degree may be admitted to the Graduate Certificate on a case-by-case basis by the Program Director, on the basis of a Portfolio of work and professional experience. The student may articulate up to the Graduate Diploma if they hold a credit average in their courses taken under the Graduate Certificate.

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
Program Requirements

Progression Requirements

Candidates whose entry to the Masters is approved may carry 48 units of credit from the Graduate Diploma to the Masters, whether the lower award has been conferred or not, provided the student has achieved a Pass in all courses and at least a credit average overall.

Candidates whose entry to the Graduate Diploma is approved may carry 24 units of credit from the Graduate Certificate to the Graduate Diploma, whether the lower award has been conferred or not, provided the student has achieved a Pass in all courses and at least a credit average overall.

Students who wish to exit the Graduate Diploma program early may nominate to transfer to and graduate from the Graduate Certificate provided the requirements for the Graduate Certificate have been met.

For more information on university policy on progression requirements please visit Academic Progression.
Pathways

Articulation Arrangements

Other program(s) within articulated suite:

**Graduate Certificate in Design - GradCertDes 7306 Design**

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design  
Campus: Paddington  
Units of Credit: 24  
Typical Duration: 0.7 Years

Read More

**Master of Design - MDes 9313 Design**

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design  
Campus: Paddington  
Units of Credit: 96  
Typical Duration: 2 Years

Read More
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

Domestic Students
Commonwealth Supported Students
International Students
Pre-2019 Handbook Editions

Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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