

Graduate admissions criteria from UNT CVAD's Department of Design for the MA in Design with a Concentration in Design Research (US Citizen)

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Proof of degree receipt from an accredited institution

Successful applicants to the MA in Design with a concentration in Design Research program will have earned a Bachelor's degree (minimum 120 semester credit hours) from an institution of higher learning accredited by at least one of the following regional or national accreditors:

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
The New England Association of Schools and Colleges
The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
The Northwest Accreditation Commission
The Western Association of Schools and Colleges
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
The National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

Submission of official transcripts

An official transcript from the institution of higher learning that granted the applicant's Bachelor's degree must accompany each application for admission into this program.

GPA and GRE requirements

Each applicant's official transcript should articulate that he/she earned a minimum of a 3.2 GPA (cumulative) on a 4.0 scale during his/her undergraduate experience. Applicants with cumulative undergraduate GPAs lower than 3.2 will be referred to graduate-level Department of Design faculty for review/assessment on an individualized basis.

If an applicant with a cumulative, undergraduate GPA of lower than 3.2 is accepted into this program, he/she must earn individual course grades of "B" or higher in the first 12 credit hours of graduate study to remain enrolled.

The GRE is not required.

Submission of resumé or curriculum vitae

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Submission of statement of intent

Each applicant must articulate what he/she hopes to achieve and what kinds of knowledge he/she hopes to construct by completing the course requirements that constitute this degree program. This document should describe an agenda that is unique to the applicant, and that aligns his/her goals with the types of learning experiences facilitated during enrollment in this program. This document must be between 500 and 800 words in length, and should be submitted as a .pdf file.

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Each applicant must submit at least two and preferably three letters of recommendation written by former Professors, clients, professional colleagues, or supervisors. Each of these letters should address WHY the applicant would be a viable candidate for admission into this degree program. Each of these letters should be written on a professional letterhead, and should be submitted as .pdf files.

Application deadlines

An applicant who wishes to begin his/her coursework in the spring semester must submit a COMPLETED application by October 15 of the previous fall semester.

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Each applicant's official transcript should articulate that he/she earned a minimum of a 3.4 GPA on a 4.0 scale during his/her undergraduate experience *in his/her respective Design discipline*. Applicants with cumulative undergraduate GPAs *in their respective Design disciplines* lower than 3.4 will be referred to graduate-level Department of Design faculty for review/assessment on an individualized basis.

If an applicant with a cumulative, undergraduate GPA of lower than 3.4 *in his/her respective Design discipline* is accepted into this program, he/she must earn individual course grades of “B” or higher in the first 18 credit hours of graduate study to remain enrolled.

The GRE is not required, but is recommended. The faculty in the Department of Design consider an applicant’s scores on the GRE as another indicator of potential success in this program, and therefore suggest that it should not be taken lightly. It is recommended that applicants to this program score at least 150 on the verbal reasoning portion of the GRE and that they score at least a 4.0 on the analytical writing portion of this exam.

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Submission of a portfolio of design or design-related work

Each applicant must submit a portfolio that visually depicts at least 15 examples of his/her work. These “examples” may necessarily consist of several related depictions of portions/sections of entire systems of communications, data visualization, interfaces, brand materials, garments, man-made or natural environments, product lines, etc. They may also consist of the documentation of how particular types of services or experiences have been planned and facilitated, and may also provide evidence of an applicant’s experiences working as a member or a leader of a project-based team or group. Additionally, they may consist of some examples of “standalone work,” such as individual posters, consumer products, pieces of furniture, room designs, garments, etc.

Each applicant’s portfolio should be submitted using the “*Slideroom*” feature of the UNT electronic graduate applicant submission process, OR applicants may choose to include a web-based URL/domain name on their resumé or curriculum vitae that directs viewers to an online version of their portfolio.

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Submission of official transcripts

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Proof of English Language Proficiency

Each applicant who does not speak and write English as a first language must demonstrate English Language Proficiency in their Statement of Intent (see below), their resumé or curriculum vitae, as well as by scoring a minimum of 79 on The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), and by scoring a minimum of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

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