

# UW Bachelor of Design Major Requirements (2024–2025)

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## YEAR 1

**166** 5cr  
Design Foundations  
200 students

**DESIGN MAJOR APPLICATION**  
(due May 31, 2024)



TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students apply and are accepted into a specific major (ID, IxD, or VCD) by program faculty. Each major takes 20–22 students.

Once accepted, if a student wishes to change majors within the Design program they must reapply the following year.

### University of Washington

#### BDes credit requirements

79–83 Studio (major dependent) +  
92–94 General Education +  
10 Art History  
= 180 credits

Design students complete 10 credits of Art History as part of their General Education requirements in VLPA or I&S.

Required for all Design majors

Open to program majors only

Open to all majors

**IxD majors** complete 10 credits of studio electives. These can be taken in Design (in designated electives or in ID and VCD with permission of faculty). They can also be taken in related fields such as DXARTS, INFO, CSE, HCDE, ME or another program that supports their studies in IxD.

## YEAR 2

F	W	S
<b>207</b> 5cr Design Drawing	<b>206</b> 5cr Design Methods	<b>208</b> 5cr Design History
<b>209</b> 5cr Intro to Typography	<b>211</b> 5cr Intro to ID	<b>319</b> 5cr Advanced Drawing
<b>265</b> 5cr Topics in Design	<b>215</b> 5cr Visual Storytelling	<b>214</b> 5cr Marks + Symbols
		<b>213</b> 5cr Prototyping for ID

**215** required for IxD and VCD majors

**214** VCD majors only

**213** ID majors only

### Industrial Design

F	W	S
<b>316</b> 5cr Intermediate ID Studio I	<b>317</b> 5cr Intermediate ID Studio II	<b>318</b> 5cr Intermediate ID Studio III
<b>322</b> 5cr Presentation for ID (Rhino)	<b>324</b> 3cr Materials + Manufacturing	<b>326</b> 5cr Digital Fabrication
	<b>320</b> 5cr ID Special Projects*	

\*Open to ID juniors and seniors

### Interaction Design

<b>383</b> 5cr Foundations in IxD	<b>371</b> 5cr Interface Design I	<b>372</b> 5cr Interface Design II
<b>325</b> 5cr Physical Computing	<b>384</b> 5cr Data Visualization	

10 credits of electives (see BDes Credit Requirements)

### Visual Communication Design

<b>376</b> 5cr Advanced Typography	<b>368</b> 5cr Corporate Identity	<b>369</b> 5cr Visual Systems
<b>370</b> 5cr Introduction to Motion Design	<b>371</b> 5cr Interface Design I	<b>372</b> 5cr Interface Design II

### Electives

A	W	ALL QUARTERS	
<b>365</b> 5cr Developing Solutions in Design	<b>301</b> 2c/n Current Issues in Design	<b>495</b> 1–5cr Design Internship†	<b>496</b> 2cr Directed Research Groups
			<b>499</b> 1–5cr Independent Study

†See requirements online

\*Application only  
Enrollment all quarters required

## YEAR 4

F	W	S
<b>445</b> 5cr Advanced ID I	<b>446</b> 5cr Advanced ID II	<b>485</b> 5cr Design Capstone
		<b>486</b> 1–3cr Design Exhibition
<b>481</b> 5cr Design Field Studies	<b>483</b> 5cr Advanced Interaction Design	<b>485</b> 5cr Design Capstone
		<b>486</b> 1–3cr Design Exhibition
<b>467</b> 5cr Exhibition Design	<b>466</b> 5cr Publication Design	<b>485</b> 5cr Design Capstone
<b>478</b> 5cr Information Design		<b>486</b> 1–3cr Design Exhibition