MFA IN DESIGN

The MFA in Design at The University of Texas at Austin combines rigorous coursework in design with focused study in a complementary discipline.

60 CREDIT HOURS
2 FIELDS OF STUDY
1 FOR JOBS & QUALITY OF LIFE

The MFA in Design at The University of Texas at Austin is a full-time, on-campus, 21-month graduate program for highly-motivated, intellectually curious designers keen to combine advanced study in design with coursework in a complementary field.

MFA in Design students hone their making skills in rigorous studio courses taught by award-winning practitioners, study design history and theory with renowned scholars, and choose two or more courses related to their thesis work from another department at the university.

MFA students may also opt to develop a secondary area of concentration by enrolling in one of the university’s dozens of interdisciplinary Graduate Portfolio Programs.

The University is in the heart of Austin, Texas. Internship, employment, and freelance opportunities abound for designers in the city’s booming creative and tech industries: U.S. News & World Report ranks Austin the #1 city in the nation for both employment opportunities and quality of life.

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Faculty

The Department of Design graduate faculty are expert makers and scholars with international reputations in the fields of graphic design, industrial/product design, interaction design, design research, engineering, architecture, design history, and design for social change. Small graduate cohorts ensure that faculty can provide individualized guidance to each student entering the program.

Facilities

MFA in Design students are assigned a desk in a shared studio space in the Art Building, where they have convenient access to computer labs, large-format printers, a letterpress studio, a Risograph machine, a digital fabrication lab, and a wood shop. They also enjoy access to The Foundry, a makerspace housed in the Fine Arts Library directly across the street from Art.

Costs

Scholarships, federal work-study positions, teaching assistantships, out-of-state tuition waivers, and federal loans help defray the costs of attendance for qualifying MFA students. Applicants are encouraged to submit the FAFSA as early as possible in the admissions cycle to establish their eligibility for need-based financial aid.