

Suggested Arrangement of Courses, Design (BFA)

Requirements	Hours
1st Semester	
DES 304 Design Studio I (Major)	3
Lower-division DES course (Major)	3
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RHE 306 Rhetoric and Writing (Core) ⁰¹⁰	3
UGS 302 First-Year Signature Course (Core) ⁰⁹⁰	3
or UGS 303 First-Year Signature Course	
2nd Semester	
DES 305 Design Studio II (Major)	3
DES 308 Introduction to Design Theory and Criticism (Major)	3
ARH 303 Survey of Renaissance through Modern Art (Major) ⁰⁵⁰	3
Mathematics (Core) ⁰²⁰	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core) ⁰⁸⁰	3
3rd Semester	
DES 131 Portfolio and Performance Review (Major)	1
DES 321 Images in Communication (Major)	3
DES 325 Typography I (Major)	3
DES 326 Objects and Spaces (Major)	3
GOV 310L American and Texas Government (Core) ⁰⁷⁰	3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (Core) ⁰³⁰	3
4th Semester	
DES 334 Introduction to Interaction Design (Major)	3
DES 336 History of Design (Major)	3
or DES 337 Topics in Design History	
DES or supportive course (Major)	3
GOV 312L Issues and Policies in American Government (Core) ⁰⁷⁰	3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (Core) ⁰³⁰	3
5th Semester	
Upper-division DES course (Major)	3
ARH or DES course in history/theory/criticism (Major)	3
DES or supportive course (Major)	3
E 316L British Literature (Core) ⁰¹⁰	3
or E 316M American Literature	
or E 316N World Literature	
or E 316P Masterworks of Literature	
Natural Science and Technology, Part II (Core) ⁰⁹³	3
6th Semester	
DES 360 Design Internship (Major)	3
Upper-division DES course (Major)	3
DES or supportive course (Major)	3
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U.S. History (Core) ⁰⁶⁰	3
7th Semester	
DES 374 Capstone Design Project (Major)	3
DES or supportive courses (Major)	3
U.S. History (Core) ⁰⁶⁰	3
Communication (Core)	3
Free elective (Elective)	2
8th Semester	
DES 375 Capstone Design Exhibition (Major)	3
Free electives (Elective)	12
Total Hours	120

Four-year degree suggestion (for planning purposes only).

Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor.

Course categories: Core, General Education[†], Major, Elective, Opportunity

Core Component Areas: ⁰¹⁰ Communication; ⁰²⁰ Mathematics; ⁰³⁰ Natural Science and Technology, Part I; ⁰⁴⁰ Humanities; ⁰⁵⁰ Visual and Performing Arts; ⁰⁶⁰ U.S. History; ⁰⁷⁰ American and Texas Government; ⁰⁸⁰ Social and Behavioral Sciences; ⁰⁹⁰ First-Year Signature Course; ⁰⁹³ Natural Science and Technology, Part II

Undergraduate Degree Program listing

[†] Effective April 2025, UT Austin no longer requires Skills and Experience flags.