

# MDes in Industrial Design

## Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. Transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements for the School of Design:

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions; however, individuals who apply must demonstrate an advanced level of competence in industrial design through their portfolio submission.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** None.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - **TOEFL iBT** 92, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21, **OR**,
  - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, **OR**,
  - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- The application process includes the submission of the following items through the Office of Graduate Admissions [online application portal](#).
  - a. **Graduate Application**
  - b. **Graduate Application Fee** \$70
  - c. **Unofficial Transcript**
  - d. **TOEFL/IELTS/PTE** (for international students only)
  - e. **Personal Statement** Required. This statement of purpose should outline the applicant's current or previous work as relevant to plans and objectives for advanced study; describe professional goals and how these goals were developed; and state why the applicant would like to study in a research-oriented design program.
  - f. **Portfolio** Applicants must submit a portfolio of no more than 20 images of current work demonstrating proficiency in the area of industrial design. Students who lack competence in computer-aided design will be required to take remedial work. Prerequisites and/or technical experience specific to this field of study may be required prior to entrance.
  - g. **CV/Resume** Required.
  - h. **Letters of Recommendation** Three required.
- **Deadline** [Application deadlines](#) for this program are listed on the Graduate College website.

## Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 64.
- **Coursework**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
<b>First Year Courses</b>		
DES 500	Combined Studio (4 hours)	

DES 501	Research Seminar I (4 hours)
DES 502	Research Seminar II (4 hours)
DES 531	Industrial Design Master's Research Project I (4 hours)
DES 532	Industrial Design Master's Research Project II (4 hours)
DES 550	Industrial Design Master's Research Project Studio (4 hours)

### Second Year Courses

DES 500	Combined Studio (4 hours)
DES 520	Design Seminar (8 hours)
DES 550	Industrial Design Master's Research Project Studio (8 hours)
DES 551	Master's Research Project Documentation + Exhibition (4 hours)
DES 597	Master's Project (0 hours)

### Electives

At least 16 hours of graduate-level electives are required, at least 8 of which must be from within the college.

- **Comprehensive Examination:** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Coursework-Only Options:** Master's Research Project required. No other options are available.
  - **Project:** All MDes candidates must present for review a public exhibition or showing of their project. The project must be supported by a major paper and digital documentation of the project, both of which must be presented to the school for archival purposes.
- **Other Requirements:** Continuation in the MDes program beyond the second semester requires an evaluation and recommendation of the Graduate Advisory Committee in the student's area.