

Bachelor of Arts in Design

2026-2028 Undergraduate Catalog

Suggested Arrangement of Courses

120 Credit Hours

credit hours	YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO		YEAR THREE		YEAR FOUR	
	fall	spring	fall	spring	fall	spring	fall	spring
1	INTRO SKILLS (DES 301, 310T, or 310T)	INTRO SKILLS (DES 301, 310T, or 310T)	INTRO SKILLS (DES 301, 310T, or 310T)	UPPER-DIV DES HISTORY or THEORY	UPPER-DIV DES HISTORY or THEORY	ELECTIVE*	DES 374	DES 374P
2								
3								
4	INTRO STUDIOS (DES 304, 305, or 306)	INTRO STUDIOS (DES 304, 305, or 306)	INTRO STUDIOS (DES 304, 305, or 306)	UPPER-DIV DES STUDIO	UPPER-DIV DES STUDIO	ELECTIVE*	ELECTIVE*	ELECTIVE*
5								
6								
7	DES 307 or 313	ARH 303 (VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS)	DES 310T (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)	ADDITIONAL SOCIAL/BEHAV SCI	ADDITIONAL VISUAL, PERFORMING & APPLIED ARTS	HUMANITIES (E 316L/M/N/P)	ELECTIVE*	ELECTIVE*
8								
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10	COMMUNICATION (RHE 306)	MATH	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	NAT SCIENCE/TECH I	NAT SCIENCE/TECH I	NAT SCIENCE/TECH II	ADDITIONAL HUMANITIES	ELECTIVE*
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12								
13	SIGNATURE (UGS 302 or 303)	SOCIAL/BEHAV SCI	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	U.S. HISTORY	U.S. HISTORY	GOVERNMENT	GOVERNMENT	WRITING
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15								
16	FA 101F							
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KEY

Fixed Courses

Should be taken no later than the semester prescribed above; consult with your advisor if adjustments are needed or desired.

University and College Core

May be taken in any order; the Signature Course (UGS 302 or 303) must be taken in the first year; Communication (RHE 306) should be taken prior to Core Humanities (E 316L/M/N/P) or Core Writing.

Other Requirements

May be taken in any order, though generally after most essential major courses and University Core requirements have been completed; see Notes.

NOTES

*The number of required electives can vary according to other chosen courses (e.g., satisfying multiple requirements with a single course, credit disparities in language or science sequences, etc.).
Be sure to track your progress with your Academic Advisor or Interactive Degree Audit (IDA): <https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/degree/audits/>