

GRAPHIC DESIGN, B.DES.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Entrance to Major

Acceptance into the Graphic Design major is determined by a portfolio review by faculty after the completion of GD 1S, GD 100, GD 101, GD 102, and AA 121 or GD 115N with grades of C or better in all of these courses. Typically, this review will take place in the second semester. Applicants who are not accepted into the major may re-apply the following year but must realize that this course of action could delay their graduation by at least one year.

Entrance Procedures

Incoming First Year Students

Incoming first year students must apply to Penn State. Students apply to the pre-graphic design program (AADES). Admission to the pre-graphic design program is based upon a review of your academic credentials. No portfolio required. Once enrolled at Penn State acceptance into the Graphic Design major (BDes) is determined by a portfolio review after the completion of GD 1S (1), GD 100 GA (3), GD 101(3), GD 102(3), and AA 121 or GD 115N (3) with grades of C or better in all courses. Faculty conduct this review at the end of second semester.

Change of Major/Change of Campus Students

Change of major/Change of Campus students interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Design Degree in Graphic Design must first gain admission to the pre-graphic design program in the College of Arts and Architecture (AADES). To be considered students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 and will submit a portfolio (<https://arts.psu.edu/how-to-apply/#specific>) by February 15. Acceptance into the Graphic Design major (BDes) is determined by a portfolio review after the completion of GD 1S (1), GD 100 GA (3), GD 101(3), GD 102(3), and AA 121 or GD 115N (3) with grades of C or better in all courses. Faculty conduct this review at the end of second semester. Regardless of semester standing, this degree requires a minimum of four years to complete after acceptance.

Transfer Students

Transfer students must apply to Penn State. Transfer students interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Design Degree in Graphic Design must first gain admission to the pre-design program in the College of Arts and Architecture (AADes). To be considered students must apply by February 15 and submit a portfolio (<https://arts.psu.edu/how-to-apply/#specific>). Acceptance into the Graphic Design major (BDes) is determined by a portfolio review after the completion of GD 1S (1), GD 100 GA (3), GD 101(3), GD 102(3), and AA 121 or GD 115N (3) with grades of C or better in all courses. Faculty conduct this review at the end of second semester. Regardless of semester standing, this degree requires a minimum of four years to complete after acceptance.