MASTER OF DESIGN

The ANU School of Art and Design (SOA&D) equips students with specialised skills for professional careers in the visual arts, media arts and design industries. The school’s philosophy embraces an interdisciplinary and flexible approach to art education, where new technologies augment traditional media.

Staff include renowned practising artists and researchers who lead hands-on courses. Students have access to a range of creative facilities and equipment including our Digital Fabrication Lab, Inkjet Research Facility and a dedicated art library and several multi-purpose gallery spaces.

Located in an iconic art deco building on the ANU campus in central Canberra, the school has drawn on its proximity to Australia’s national galleries and museums to build a strong reciprocal relationship with major cultural institutions for teaching and learning.

The artist-in-residence and international exchange program have established strong connections with a global network of leading artists and institutions. A range of outreach programs and events hosted by SOA&D enliven the cultural community of Canberra.

Career opportunities
The Master of Design offers practitioners an opportunity to develop new skills in growing areas of practice including data visualization, web design and user experience design. This program also supports students to develop distinctive hybrid practices, combining digital workflows with material techniques.

The degree will advance your career as a practicing digital artist, or working as a professional in the arts and new media industries. It also prepares you for further study.

Professional outcomes
This unique program provides contemporary design education by focusing on cutting-edge practice at the intersection of material and digital domains. A flexible structure allows students to bring together digital and material practices, in ways that broaden and deepen their skills, knowledge and design agility.

Engagement and innovation are program foundations. Students will collaborate with expert teaching staff, industry, and public audiences to gain real world experience and develop versatile design expertise.

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Master of Design (Advanced)
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Global ranking:

#16 for Arts and Humanities
QS World Rankings by Subject 2019

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About the Master of Design

Design has a vital role in shaping a fast-moving world: it’s about applied creativity, engagement and collaboration, as well as the art and craft of making. This degree prepares graduates who are skilled, inventive and versatile, ready to engage with the challenges and opportunities of our changing society.

The Master of Design is suitable for students with an existing practice in design, fine art or another creative field who want to update, extend and develop their practice. Students can specialise to deepen their existing knowledge or branch out to acquire new techniques and skills. Students will take on independent, studio-based projects that combine industry engagement with research and collaborative practice.

Research, inventive thinking and the ability to navigate and acquire new skills and knowledge are key to the modern design profession, and these values are central to the Master of Design. Students wishing to pursue a research project in greater depth have the opportunity to apply for the Master of Design (Advanced).

The program’s combination of leading-edge digital practice and hands-on making is unique in the Australian tertiary sector and equips graduates with the diversity and depth of expertise necessary to flourish in the contemporary design industry.

Flexible Double Masters

The Flexible Double Master Degree provides enormous flexibility through being able to combine any two degrees available in the program for which the entry requirements are met and, by cross counting of electives, completing two degrees in one year less than completing the degrees separately. For students who are eligible for credit for previous degrees or work experience, the double degree may require as little as two years.

Admission requirements

- A Bachelor degree or international equivalent with a minimum GPA of 5.0/7.0, and successful assessment of a portfolio of works and other supporting material for the Master of Design
- A Bachelor degree or international equivalent with a minimum GPA of 6.0/7.0 with the approval of an identified supervisor for the thesis, and successful assessment of a portfolio of works for the Master of Design (Advanced)
- All applicants must meet the University’s English Language Admission Requirements for Students
- Applicants with a Bachelor Degree or Graduate Certificate in a cognate discipline may be eligible for up to 24 units (one semester) of credit
- Applicants with a Graduate Diploma or Bachelor Degree with Honours in a cognate discipline may be eligible for up to 48 units (one year) of credit.

Before applying, applicants should consult the School of Art and Design website where portfolio requirements are listed and supporting material submission information is detailed. Please see: soad.cass.anu.edu.au/students/apply

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