

Design BFA Application

Department of Design | Winter 2027

DEADLINE: 4:00pm, March 11, 2027

NOTIFICATIONS: March 19, 2027

To apply for admission to the BFA major, students must submit a portfolio before 4:00pm on Thursday, March 11, 2027, to the 2027 BFA Portfolios Canvas course. All pre-majors will be enrolled in this course as it becomes available. Students will receive notification of their review results on Friday, March 19th.

Portfolios will be reviewed by Design faculty and evaluated based on a demonstrated understanding of the elements of visual communication, technical proficiency, creativity, and problem-solving. The review process is selective. Students who complete all the pre-major coursework, but who are not admitted to the major will earn a minor in Design.

All applicants should plan and register for courses outside the Design major for Spring quarter. Those not admitted can contact the Academic Advising and Student Achievement Center for guidance on changing their plan of study: [Link to Academic Advising website.](#)

To apply for the BFA Design major, students must be a pre-Major, have completed the prerequisites, and receive a C- or better in each of the design classes taken so far, with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Portfolio Format

- The portfolio must be in a letter-size landscape format.
- Student's name must appear on the cover of the portfolio.
- Portfolios must be in PDF format, maximum size 50 MB.

Portfolio Requirements

Work for the portfolio is selected from 200 level classes in the program. Work can be any project or exercise completed or in progress from any of these courses. Assignments can be re-worked within the premises of the original brief. Please carefully follow the checklist below.

Work to Include

- THREE (3) assignments from DSGN 212 (one per page)
- THREE (3) assignments from DSGN 213 (one per page)
- THREE (3) assignments from DSGN 230 (one per page)
- TWO (2) projects of your choice from any classes or extracurricular
- Collection of process from ONE (1) project from 212, 213, or 230 (no more than 5 pages)