

Program:	Design	Dept:	Design
Major:	Design	College:	Fine Arts and Design
Degree:	Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.)	Major Code:	1600

Design, M.F.A.

The MFA in Design is a terminal degree that provides opportunities for students who are interested in design education, research, and proficiency.

Designers are innovative problem solvers who process information and user needs to improve communication and environments. The Department of Design at UCO offers coursework in Graphic Design and Interior Design.

In the State of Oklahoma, Interior Design professionals need to register if they wish to be designated as Interior Designers. The Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers requires a degree from a program accredited by CIDA (formerly FIDER) for registration. At UCO the BFA in Interior Design is an accredited program.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

- Admission to the Design program is for **Fall semester only**. Application **Deadline is April 1**. Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show a minimum 2.50 GPA overall or 2.50 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).
- An essay that includes the following:
 - Why you wish to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree in Design at UCO.
 - What you hope to learn and create at UCO—what might your focus/thesis be?
 - Your professional career plan and objectives.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation. At least one letter must be written by a design professional. Letters from UCO faculty are not acceptable.
- A design portfolio that includes 10 – 15 examples of your design work with project titles, dates, descriptions and other relevant information.
- A current resume.
- Evidence of completion of all prerequisites (if any), as determined by the graduate advisor.

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.

- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than 6 hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Complete an acceptable thesis and successfully defend it in public. Send two paper copies and one electronic copy of the thesis to the library through Proquest, and submit the thesis' title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....57 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
DES	5xx6	Design Studio I
DES	5xx6	Design Studio II
DES	5xx6	Design Studio III
DES	5xx6	Design Studio IV
DES	5043	Design Theory
DES	5163	Business of Design and Illustration
DES	5383	Thesis Development
DES	5433	Design and Illustration Practice
DES	5493	Design Research Methods
DES	5673	Criticism Seminar
DES	5723	Portfolio Development
DES	5843	Teaching Design
DES	5483	Clocktower Studio OR
DES	5773	Charles Evans Studio OR
DES	5823	Thesis in Design*
3 hours of DES History		

Guided Electives.....3 Hours

Complete 3 Hours from the following list

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
DES	5113	History of Graphic Design I
DES	5123	History of Graphic Design II
DES	5133	History of Graphic Design III
DES	5313	Typography Studio
DES	5423	Computer Graphics Studio
DES	5443	Illustration Studio

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DES	5513	History of Interior Design I
DES	5523	History of Interior Design II
DES	5553	History of Interior Design III
DES	5633	Visualization Studio
DES	5733	Furniture Design Studio
DES	5753	Sustainable Design Studio
DES	5920	Workshop in Design
DES	5950	Internship in Design

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 60 HOURS

**May be repeated for credit, up to 6 hours.*