

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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Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her 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.

Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

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

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).

Application deadlines:

- April 1 for fall,
- October 1 for spring,
- March 1 for summer
- 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 \(p.15\)](#).
- An essay that includes the following:
 - Why you wish to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree in Design at UCO.
 - 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 [Admissions to Graduate Studies \(p.13\)](#).*

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....33 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
DES	5011	Design Orientation
DES	5222	Writing & Research for Design
DES	5293	Design Studio I*
DES	5393	Design Studio II*
DES	5593	Design Studio III*
DES	5493	Design Research I
DES	5543	Design Research II
		3 hours of DES History
		12 hours of Thesis

Guided Electives.....21 Hours

Complete 21 Hours from the following list

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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*
DES	5483	Clock Tower Studio*
DES	5513	History of Interior Design I
DES	5523	History of Interior Design II
DES	5553	History of Interior Design III
DES	5633	Computer Drafting Studio*
DES	5733	Furniture Design Studio*
DES	5753	Environmental Design Studio*
DES	5773	Charles Evans Studio*
DES	5843	Teaching Design*
DES	5900	Practicum in Design*
DES	5910	Seminar / Special Topics*
DES	5930	Individual Study in Design*
DES	5950	Internship in Design*
DES	5960	Institute in Design*
DES	5970	Study Tour in Design*
ESFR	5013	Foundations of Educ. Research
ADED	5313	Techniques of Teaching Adults
ADED	5333	Motivational Concepts
ADED	5823	Nature & Characteristics of the Adult Learner

General Electives.....6 Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 60 HOURS

**May be repeated for credit, up to 9 hours.*