

# DIPLOMA IN DESIGN/ BACHELOR OF GRAPHIC DESIGN (PATHWAY TO TEACHING SECONDARY) (6013)

**Approved Abbreviation:** DGraphDes/BGraphDes  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 6013  
**AQF Level:** 7

**CRICOS Code:** 096973G

**This program is suspended from Term 1, 2025, no new students will be admitted from this session.**

This program applies to students who commenced in Term 1, 2021 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2017 to 2020, please refer to 6013.1 - Diploma in Design/Bachelor of Graphic Design (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6013.1>)

The Bachelor of Graphic Design (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) is a three-year degree specially designed to lead into the Master of Teaching (Secondary), an accredited postgraduate teaching qualification. Together, the two degrees provide direct access to a teaching career and improved prospects for career advancement.

With an emphasis on studio-based practice, you will study areas such as image design, typography, layout design, branding, design history, research methods, and web-based design. From year two, you will develop a focus on digital design, photography, and graphics technology, enabling you to develop two teaching disciplines, Design & Technology and Graphics & Multimedia Technology. In year three, you will also study an Education Studies – Secondary Teaching minor, where you will gain an understanding of contemporary education issues, teaching and learning. Students who complete this degree are eligible for 40 credit points advanced standing (the first semester of the M Teaching (Secondary) or M Teaching (Secondary) STEM). As well as being equipped with the necessary elements of an initial teacher qualification, you will be prepared for professional graphic design practice and associated alternate employment opportunities in design.

The first year of this program is delivered by Western Sydney University The College, as an agent of Western Sydney University, via extended face-to-face hours in smaller learning environments. A Diploma in Design exit point is also available at the end of the first year of the program.

For further information concerning the requirements for secondary teaching, students are advised to consult the Subject Content Requirements for Primary and Secondary Teaching NSW (Abridged) from the NSW Institute of Teachers or the School of Education.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/ae7db0fc-4a6d-4904-b635-f70147e0dc3c/subject-content-knowledge-requirements-recent.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>  
([https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/ae7db0fc-4a6d-4904-b635-f70147e0dc3c/subject-content-knowledge-requirements-recent.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=)

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For more information on Western Sydney University, The College, please refer to their web site.

Western Sydney University, The College (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/the-college.html>)

## Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 100 credit points with a 7044 Diploma in Design (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-design/>)

## Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time.

## Program Advice

For program advice during Year 1, please contact The College: College Program Enquiries (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/AdminApp@westernsydney.edu.au>)

For program advice during your second and subsequent years of study, please contact the School of Humanities & Communication Arts (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/contains/enquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au>).

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road <sup>2</sup>	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct <sup>1</sup>	Full Time	Internal	See above
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct	Part Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus <sup>1</sup>	Full Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above

<sup>1</sup> Prior to Term 2 2025, students will study at WSU - The College Nirimba campus in their first year of study.

From Term 2 2025, teach out students will study at Penrith campus.

<sup>2</sup> From second year onwards, students will study at Parramatta Campus (Victoria Road).

## Admission

For more information on applying please see link to The College admission pages below.

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how\\_to\\_apply](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how_to_apply) ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how\\_to\\_apply/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how_to_apply/))

Domestic students are required to have:

- Completed an English subject in the NSW Higher School Certificate, Or
- Competency in English at IELTS 6.0 equivalent (unless a native speaker) Or
- Passed The College English test with 70% or higher Or
- Passed The College Foundation Studies Academic English subject at C grade level or higher.

Met other entry requirements such as:

- An ATAR identified prior to the offer of a place, Or
- Completed The College Foundation Studies program with a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher.

International students must satisfy one of the following language requirements:

- IELTS 6.0 with a minimum 5.5 in each sub band Or
- Completed the College EAP 4 program with a 50% pass Or
- Passed The College English test with 70% or higher Or
- Passed The College Foundation Studies Academic English subject at C grade level or higher for which advanced standing can be applied for.

Academic Entry Requirements vary according to country of origin. However, in general:

- Completion of Year 12 or its equivalent is the minimum entry requirement Or
- Completed The College Foundation Studies program with a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 260 credit points which include the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

The early exit College Diploma consists of 100 credit points which includes three College Preparatory subjects.

### Western Sydney University The College Subjects

Please note that all campuses may not have intakes each year.

#### Full-time intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>First Term of Study</b>		
LANG 0003	Academic English (WSTC Prep)	10
DESN 0002	The Design Process (WSTC Prep)	10
GEDU 0007	Tertiary Study Skills in Design (WSTC Prep)	0
DESN 1004	Design Histories and Futures (WSTC)	10
<b>Second Term of Study</b>		
DESN 1010	Graphic Design: Understanding the Principles (WSTC)	20

DESN 1012	Image Design (WSTC)	10
<b>Third Term of Study</b>		
DESN 1019	Visual Storytelling (WSTC)	10
DESN 1022	Web and Time-based Design (WSTC)	10
DESN 1008	Graphic Design: Process and Practice (WSTC)	20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>100</b>

**Students may exit at this point and graduate with the Diploma in Design following a passing grade in all of the above subjects. Students who progress onto Year Two may also be awarded the Diploma if they gain a passing grade in all of the above subjects.**

- Students must pass all College Preparatory subjects before progressing to the Year Two subjects.
- Students must pass at least 70 credit points of University level subjects in Year One before progressing to the Year Two subjects.

### Western Sydney University Subjects

For program advice during your second and subsequent years of study, please use the contact listed for the Bachelor of Graphic Design (Pathway to Teaching Secondary).

Bachelor of Graphic Design (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1843.1>)

#### Parramatta (Victoria Road) Campus

### First Teaching Area - Design and Technology

Students must complete the following Design specialist subject pairings as their first teaching area.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Design Specialist Pairing 1: Photomedia</b>		
VISU 3002	Photomedia: Fashion and Identity	10
DESN 2013	Photomedia: Photographic Practice	10
<b>Design Specialist Pairing 2: Digital Design</b>		
DESN 3002	Data Visualisation	10
DESN 2011	Motion Design	10

### Second Teaching Area - Graphics and Multimedia

Students must also complete one of the following minors

Screen Media Design, Minor (0204) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/screen-media-design-minor/>)

Visualisation, Minor (0083) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/visualisation-minor/>)

#### Education Studies - Secondary Teaching

Students must also complete the following Education Studies - Secondary Teaching minor.

Education Studies - Secondary Teaching, Minor (0267) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/education-studies-secondary-teaching-minor/>)

## Recommended Sequence

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
DESN 2014	Researching the Visual	10
DESN 2013	Photomedia: Photographic Practice	10
Select two Graphics and Multimedia minor subjects		20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
DESN 2001	Australian Design	10
VISU 3002	Photomedia: Fashion and Identity	10
Select two Graphics and Multimedia minor subjects		20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
DESN 3001	Contextual Design Studies	10
DESN 2011	Motion Design	10
Select two Education Studies – Secondary Teaching minor subjects		20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
DESN 3006	Graphic Design: Developing a Personal Portfolio	10
DESN 3002	Data Visualisation	10
Select two Education Studies – Secondary Teaching minor subjects		20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>