

DIPLOMA IN DESIGN EXTENDED - VISUAL COMMUNICATION (7152)

Approved Abbreviation: DipDes

Western Sydney University Program Code: 7152

AQF Level: 5

CRICOS Code: 096998K

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, 2018 or later.

This program is delivered by Western Sydney University, The College as an agent of Western Sydney University.

This program is designed to provide students with the first year subjects included in the Design (Visual Communication) degree. The inclusion of additional preparatory subjects is designed to assist students in the transition to study at University level. The Diploma is delivered via extended face to face hours in smaller learning environments.

Students who successfully complete this Diploma will articulate into the Design (Visual Communication) degree with up to one year (80 credit points) equivalent of advanced standing.

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>)

Study Mode

One and a half years full-time (four terms)

Program Advice

College Program Enquiries (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/AdminApp@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
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct ¹	Full Time	Internal	See above
Kingswood ²	Full Time	Internal	See above

* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

¹ This location is unavailable from Term 2 2025.

² This location is available from Term 2 2025 for teach-out students only.

Admission

This program is open to Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents who are aged 17 years or over and not currently enrolled in or completing Year 12 in the same year of intended admission.

International Students

IELTS 5.5 with minimum 5.0 in each sub band; or equivalent results from The College English Language Program or The College English Entrance Test; and completion of Year 11 or equivalent with specified results.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 140 credit points which include the subjects listed in the pathways below.

Students must pass all the Preparatory subjects (WSTC Prep), for which no advanced standing will be granted in the University degree program.

Students must pass 40 credit points from the Preparatory units (WSTC Prep) prior to enrolling in University level subjects.

Students are categorised into three Pathways. See individual links below for detailed program structure.

Local Recent School Leavers and Non-Credentialed Applicants

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Term 1 of Study		
LANG 0034	Essential Skills for Academic Success (WSTC Prep)	10
COMM 0003	Academic Skills for Design (WSTC Prep)	10
DESN 0003	Critical Thought in Design (WSTC Prep)	10
DESN 0001	Design Practice (WSTC Prep)	10
Term 2 of Study		
LANG 0003	Academic English (WSTC Prep)	10
GEDU 0007	Tertiary Study Skills in Design (WSTC Prep)	0
DESN 0002	The Design Process (WSTC Prep)	10
DESN 1004	Design Histories and Futures (WSTC)	10
Term 3 of Study		
DESN 1010	Graphic Design: Understanding the Principles (WSTC)	20
DESN 1012	Image Design (WSTC)	10
Term 4 of Study		
DESN 1019	Visual Storytelling (WSTC)	10
DESN 1022	Web and Time-based Design (WSTC)	10
DESN 1008	Graphic Design: Process and Practice (WSTC)	20
Total Credit Points		140

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LANG 0026	English for International Students 1 (WSTC Prep)	0

Term 2 of Study

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GEDU 0007	Tertiary Study Skills in Design (WSTC Prep)	0
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