



Twin Cities Campus

Surface Design Postbaccalaureate Certificate

DESIGN GARP Administration

College of Design

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

- **Students will no longer be accepted into this program after Summer 2013. Program requirements below are for current students only.**
- **Contact the Design Graduate Program for alternatives.**

Contact Information:

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- Program Type: Post-baccalaureate credit certificate/licensure/endorsement
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Length of program in credits: 15
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Surface Design PBac Certificate

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The surface design certificate helps designers develop and build on skills needed in contemporary design education and design professions--the importance of studio practice, the ability to work in creative teams, conceptual thinking, and the creative integration of digital and non-digital skills. Design, craft, and aesthetic theory is integrated into the studio courses. Students embrace traditional methods and are encouraged to explore innovative approaches to surface design. The purpose of promoting non-digital methods is not merely to encourage excellence in craft and hand skills, but to emphasize a seamless link between technological advances and traditional skills and materials, and also to emphasize the role of evolving design production technologies in the creative process.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Special Application Requirements:

A portfolio consisting of 8-10 examples of creative work is required.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
 - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
 - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
 - Final score: 80

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements



Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 1 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

This is a coursework-only certificate; there is no final project or thesis. A minimum of 15 credits is required for completion of the certificate.