



## **BFA AND MID TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY**

### **BFA TRANSFER ADMISSION**

DI welcomes transfer students and is committed to providing an individualized transfer evaluation to enable a smooth transition. Applicants must submit official high school transcripts as well as official transcripts from each institution they attended. Official transcripts must be sent by colleges directly to the Design Institute Office of Admissions for credit evaluation and transfer. Transfer students may be awarded transfer credit for those courses completed at an institution accredited by agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education that are similar in content and purpose to courses offered at DI.

DI will accept up to 45 semester credit units in the major and up to 36 semester credit units in general education taken at other accredited institutions, if they were completed with a grade of "C" or better, and if they relate to the DI BFA degree requirements. Courses in the interior design major are reviewed and evaluated by the Director of Academics with relevant departmental faculty. At the discretion of the Director of Academics, additional units in the major may be accepted for transfer.

Students who seek transfer credit for courses taken at other colleges may be asked to provide catalogs with course descriptions of classes from colleges from which transfer credit is sought, if such information is not available on the internet. In some cases it may be necessary for the transferring student to submit actual work for evaluation of courses in the interior design major. For some courses, competency exams are available to demonstrate proficiency and ability to succeed in subsequent courses within the curriculum.

The Registrar is responsible for evaluating all transcripts to determine general education transfer credit appropriate to the degree. The final decision on the awarding of all transfer credit is made by the Director of Academics.

Transfer units will be considered during the Admissions process; therefore, it is essential that all previous college transcripts be presented for evaluation. Only courses taken prior to enrollment at DI will be considered for transfer. Concurrent enrollment is not permitted, unless the concurrent enrollment is part of a formal articulation or other approved agreement.

### **Recency Requirement**

A five-year recency requirement will be applicable for all technical computer-related courses, and upper-division sequential ID Studio Courses unless approved by the Director of Academics. The Senior Sequential ID Studio Courses (ID V and Senior Project) must be taken at DI and cannot be transferred in.

### **Transfer Credit for Non-Traditional Education**

Transfer credit may be granted for non-traditional education that is equivalent in content and purpose to courses offered at DI. Acceptance of DANTES credit is guided by the recommendations of the American Council on Education (ACE). Credit may be awarded for the following:

- Advanced Placement Examination (AP) Minimum qualifying score – 3
- College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) Minimum qualifying score – 50
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) Minimum qualifying score – 50
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Minimum qualifying score - 4 (except Psychology – 5)

Official transcripts must be sent directly to the Design Institute Office of Admissions, for credit evaluation and transfer. For assistance ordering your AP, CLEP, DANTES, or IB transcript, please contact the Registrar.



### TRANSFER EQUIVALENCY LISTS AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Transfer equivalency lists and articulation agreements are developed with other schools to facilitate the transfer of appropriate general education and interior design courses required for the BFA degree at DI. Transfer equivalency lists provide an informal guideline for students, and articulation agreements are formalized agreements between the two schools. Both methods are designed to enable students to receive credit for relevant courses they have already taken. Students are subject to the requirements outlined by the transfer equivalency or articulation agreement and DI's catalog at the time the student is enrolled. Only credits that are applicable to the BFA in Interior Design will be transferred.

Currently DI has entered into a formal articulation agreement with MiraCosta College. The articulation agreement for the Interior Design Program can be found at:

[https://www.miracosta.edu/student-services/articulation/docs/DesignInstitute InteriorDesignProgram.pdf](https://www.miracosta.edu/student-services/articulation/docs/DesignInstitute%20InteriorDesignProgram.pdf)

and the articulation agreement for General Education courses can be found at:

<https://www.miracosta.edu/student-services/articulation/docs/DesignInstituteofSanDiego-GEagreement.pdf>

Design Institute of San Diego does not award credit for Prior Experiential Learning.

Design Institute of San Diego does not admit ability to benefit students.



### **MID TRANSFER ADMISSION**

DI welcomes transfer students and is committed to providing an individualized transfer evaluation to enable a smooth transition. Applicants seeking transfer of credit must submit official graduate degree transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended. Official transcripts must be sent by colleges/universities directly to the Design Institute Office of Admissions for credit evaluation and transfer.

DI will grant applicants to the two-year MID track up to 12 graduate semester credit units for previous work completed at another accredited college or university, if such course work meets DI MID educational requirements or if comparable courses are included in the DI MID program curriculum.

DI will grant applicants to the three-year MID track up to 27 graduate semester credit units for previous work completed at another accredited college or university, if such course work meets DI MID program educational requirements or if comparable courses are included in the DI MID program curriculum.

Credit must be indicated on the applicant's transcript, cannot be more than five (5) years old for all technical computer related courses or ten (10) years old for all other courses, and only courses with a grade "B" or above will be considered. Students may not transfer in credit for capstone, practicum or thesis courses. These requirements must be met through DI.

An evaluation of a previous master's degree will be prepared once official transcripts and an application are received and must be completed prior to the beginning of the program. Transfer students may have a variety of credits, however, the studio placement will be established by prior courses taken and a portfolio review.

The final decision on the awarding of all transfer credit is made by the Director of Academics.

### **TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS**

EARNED AT DESIGN INSTITUTE OF SAN DIEGO

"NOTICE CONCERNING TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT OUR INSTITUTION"

"The transferability of credits you earn at Design Institute of San Diego is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design degree and the Master of Interior Design degree you earn is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits or degree that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Design Institute of San Diego to determine if your credits or degree will transfer."