



COLLEGE FINANCING INFORMATION VETERANS/DEPENDENTS 2025-2026

Student:

Annual Tuition:

Section 1018 of Public Law 116-315, **Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020**, requires educational institutions to make certain disclosures to students using federal military and/or VA education benefits. To ensure compliance with the law, we have developed the Shopping Sheet Information for Student Veterans/Veteran's Dependents.

Explore More Veterans Benefits

Design Institute of San Diego is committed to welcoming and recognizing the accomplishments of veterans. We know your military experience and unique perspectives are valuable assets in the classroom for you and other students.

Estimated cost of courses including tuition, fees, books, supplies, other additional costs.

The total cost of tuition for the Bachelor's Degree is \$128,700

The total cost of tuition for the Master's Degree 81 units is \$129,600

The total cost of tuition for the Master's Degree 45 units is \$72,000

A current list of tuition, fees and additional charges is on the DI website.

<https://www.disd.edu/admissions/tuition-and-fees/>

Additionally, all students are emailed a booklist and are notified of any supply charges at the beginning of each semester.

Estimated cost of living expenses.

Design Institute uses the California Student Aid Commission Student Expense Budget to estimate the cost of living. The 2025/2026 estimated cost of off campus living is \$30,897.00.

Amount of cost covered by VA benefits.

Veterans or their families who have received the transfer benefit attending DISD will have 100% of their tuition covered. The current maximum tuition paid by the VA is \$29,920.95 per year. Design Institute participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, which covers any amount of tuition not covered by the \$29,920.95 allowance.

Veterans who are eligible for Post- 9/11 benefits will receive a maximum book allowance of \$1,000.00 per year. This disburses at \$ 41.67 per unit. Design Institute will credit all necessary supplies, field trips and course packs to their student account. Once the veteran receives their book allowance, they must pay their account balance within 30 days.



Financial Aid

All veterans are encouraged to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You could be eligible for a Pell Grant, which are federal funds that do not have to be repaid. These funds could assist with additional school cost or living expenses. When the financial aid office receives your FAFSA, they will meet with you in person at a financial aid appointment or send an estimate award letter showing eligibility for all federal or state grants and loans.

To apply for the FAFSA online at www.studentaid.gov Design Institute College School Code is **016233**.

Estimated amount of student loan debt upon completion of the Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree.

Veterans who have 100% eligibility can graduate from Design Institute with no student loan debt. Students who have less than 100% VA eligibility, or have used some of their entitlement at another college will receive a written estimation of what amount their benefits will cover prior to beginning the program.

The maximum limit on Federal Student loans is \$57,500.00. All federal student loans due begin repayment six months from your last date of attendance. All federal loans accrues interest.

The maximum limit on Federal Student loans for the Master's degree is up to the cost of attendance. Graduate student are eligible for the Federal Unsubsidized Loan and a Graduate Plus.

Student Outcomes

Graduation Rates information

You can review the most current data at <https://www.disd.edu/academics/student-outcomes/retention-and-graduation/>

Career Outcomes information

You can review the most current data at <https://www.disd.edu/academics/student-outcomes/career-outcomes/>

College Navigator – National Center for Education Statistics

For more information about Design Institute, we encourage you to visit [College Navigator - Design Institute of San Diego \(ed.gov\)](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/data/collegenavigator/)



Transfer credits including Military credits

DI welcomes transfer students and is committed to providing an individualized transfer evaluation to enable a smooth transition. Applicants must submit official transcripts from each institution they attended. 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.

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.

BFA Length of Program

The Interior Design program leading to the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design degree is a 132 semester-credit-unit curriculum, providing students with the skills and knowledge necessary to enter the interior design profession. The program consists of 96 units in the interior design major and 36 units in general education. The BFA program may be completed in four years by a traditional full-time student successfully completing 15-18 units per semester for eight semesters, fall and spring. A student enrolled in the evening track and successfully completing 6-9 units per semester for 15 semesters may complete the program in five years. Evening track students attend classes three semesters per year, fall, spring and summer. Fast track students may complete the program in two and one half to three years by successfully completing 15-18 units per semester for 8 consecutive semesters, fall, spring and summer.

MID Length of Program

Typical completion time of the two-year MID track for students with design-related undergraduate degrees (45-unit curriculum) enrolled fulltime in at least 9 units each semester, including summer semester, is 5 semesters or 17 months. Typical completion time of the three-year MID track for students with undergraduate degrees in non-related fields (45-unit curriculum + 36 units in qualifying graduate studies) enrolled full-time in 9-12 units each semester, including summer semester, is 8 semesters or 28 months



BFA Graduation Requirements

Graduation is not automatic upon completion of the requirements. It is the responsibility of a student who is nearing graduation to file an Application to Graduate form when they have successfully completed the following credit units: traditional full-time students 126 credit units, evening track students 123 credit units, and fast track students 117 credit units. Applications are available from the Director of Student Services. An Application to Graduate form must be on file three months prior to a commencement ceremony in order to participate in the ceremony.

The following four groups of degree requirements must be met to earn the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design degree from Design Institute of San Diego.

- Achievement of the Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)
- General Education Requirements – completion of 36 credit units of study in general education as prescribed
- Major Requirements – completion of 96 units of student in the interior design major
- GPA Requirements – In order to earn a BFA degree, a student must successfully complete all coursework in the curriculum with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0.

MID Graduation Requirements

Graduation is not automatic upon completion of the requirements. MID candidates must complete all graduation requirements and file an Application to Graduate prior to participating in commencement ceremonies.

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for graduation from the Master of Interior Design program:

- **Advancement to Candidacy:** Graduate students must apply for Advancement to Candidacy after successfully completing the first 27 units of the program and will need to be in continuous enrollment in a thesis project course until all requirements for the degree are completed.
- **Program Requirements:** A student must meet the course and total credit-hour requirements specified in the catalog at the time that the student first enrolled in the program. Note: a minimum of 27 units must be completed in residence (at DI). –
- **Grade Point Average:** DI requires a cumulative grade-point average of 3.00, or “B”, or better in all graduate work. No grade below “C” is acceptable for graduate credit or shall be applied toward the degree.
- **Time to Degree Completion:** DI awards full credit for graduate hours earned within a maximum time frame (MTF) for completion of the interior design program. An extension of time beyond the limit may be granted if warranted by individual circumstances.
- **Thesis Project Exhibition and Defense:** There will be an oral examination of each candidate by the graduate faculty. This examination will occur at the time of the candidate’s master’s exhibition, and will involve an in-depth discussion of the candidate’s thesis project.



Program requirements or examinations that are required to obtain a license, certification or approval for which the course of education prepares the individual.

There is no license or certification required for either the BFA or MID upon graduation.

In California, there is a voluntary self-certification process for designers in California who have met the education, experience and examination requirements of the California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC) which allows those who qualify to refer to themselves as Certified Interior Designers (CID).

The Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ), the premiere certifying organization for interior design professionals since 1974, administers the NCIDQ exam. According to CIDQ, “NCIDQ Certification meets legal and regulatory standards for the interior design profession as established by more than half of the states across the U.S. and the provinces in Canada.”

There are other opportunities to demonstrate expertise in interior design specializations through certification and credentials. As you hone your career and specialty, the appropriate credential can set you apart in the marketplace and demonstrate proof of your expertise as an interior design professional. There are certifications for expertise in aging-in-place, healthcare, and WELL and LEED, just to name a few.

Enrollment Certification

The financial aid office certifies your benefits after each semester’s registration. If you have concerns, first check with the financial aid office for the submission date of your certification. You can contact the VA office at 1-888-442-4551 to confirm that they have your certification on file. At that time, they should be able to give you an estimated date of disbursement.

Learn about and compare your GI Bill benefits at approved schools, employers, and VET TEC providers at <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool> .

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