

Master of Design Information for Applicants

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Thank you for your interest in the **Master of Design** programme (Code: AK1328).

Intake: There are two intakes each year: February and July

Venue: City Campus

Application deadlines:

	Programme beginning Semester 1, 2019	Programme beginning Semester 2, 2019
Semester begins	25 February 2019	15 July 2019
Applications close	1 December 2018	1 June 2019
Scholarship applications close	1 December 2018	1 June 2019

Late applications will be accepted if places are available.

The Master of Design is a one and a half year (full-time) research degree aimed at developing high level design expertise. You will have the opportunity to work on interdisciplinary projects and develop your expertise in Digital Design, Fashion and Textile Design, Product Design, Communication Design, or Spatial Design. Developing your design knowledge and capabilities, you will implement creative practice-based research, contributing to a vibrant, collaborative design culture. You will work across a variety of cultural, social, and industrial contexts, being ethically responsible and mindful of cultural safety. Your research capabilities, and applied knowledge will achieve transformative design outcomes. Design research will empower your decision-making and inform your professional encounters.

Programme structure

The Master of Design is a one and a half year programme of research-based study if enrolled as a full time student. Each student works with a supervisory team. Students will complete their research projects and present their final outcomes for examination.

Students enrolled in this programme are required to complete 180 points, made up of course work and either a 120 point thesis or a 90 point research project.

CORE PAPER: ARDN800 **Research Methods** - 15 points

An introduction to research methodology and methods. Explores and evaluates models of research, and addresses ethical considerations, appropriate to art or design research. Provides contextual and theoretical frameworks to allow students to design and undertake independent art, design or cultural and creative research.

Select either 45 points or 75 points from the Master of Design Elective table

The number of electives you enrol in is determined by whether you select the 120 point thesis or the 90 point research project pathway.

A selection of elective papers from this table will be taught in each semester. Students will be advised on the most appropriate choice of papers in response to their research proposal outline.

Code	Title	Points	Pre/Corequisites
ARDN804	Collaborative Design	15	
ARDN807	Coding for Artists and Designers	15	
ARDN808	Contextual Review	15	This paper is highly recommended
DESN800	Design Practice 1	15	
DESN801	Design Practice 2	15	
DESN804	Design for Social Impact	15	
DESN805	Design Practice for Health	15	
DESN806	Design for Health and Wellbeing	15	
DESN808	Game Design Practices	15	
DESN809	Virtual Production Practices	15	
DESN810	Strategic Design	15	
DESN811	Design Innovation	15	
DESN812	Design Futures	15	
<i>A student may also choose up to 30 points of papers from another postgraduate programme with the approval of the programme leader</i>			

Research Pathways:

Select either

DESN999 Thesis – 120 points

Professionally conduct, resolve and disseminate a self-directed thesis that operates within critical, methodological and other contexts relevant to design. The thesis document, or artefact(s) and exegesis, contain(s) an intellectual enquiry of an appropriate topic. Outcomes demonstrate leadership and responsibility in ethical modes of research.

OR

DESN998 Design Project – 90 points

Undertake self-directed research within a project/team-based practice, located within appropriate critical, methodological, and other relevant contexts. Students participate in analytical-critical discussion about the broader project and research within cooperative and collaborative environments and present findings in an appropriate and professional manner.

Entry criteria

- An applicant must have completed the Bachelor of Design or equivalent to a merit standard (a B grade average or higher in papers at Level 7 or equivalent) and have met the English Language Admission Requirements.

- Admission is based on the evaluation of documentary evidence (including the academic record) of the applicant's ability to undertake postgraduate study in a specialist field of enquiry or professional practice.
- All applicants will be required to submit a **research proposal outline** alongside a **portfolio of work**.
- Students may also be required to attend a selection interview.

English Language Requirements

All applicants for admission to Art & Design postgraduate programmes are expected to have an appropriate level of proficiency in English. The **English Language requirement** is an IELTS (Academic) result of no less than **6.5 overall**, with no band less than 6.0, or recognised equivalent.

Applicants for whom English or Māori is not their first language should provide one of the following:

- An International English Language Testing System (IELTS) results card (Academic), gained within the last two years.
- Evidence of a comparable pass in an equivalent language test gained within the last two years or other recognised English proficiency equivalency.

Application process

Apply online: <https://register.aut.ac.nz/>

Upload all of the following documents to support your application:

1. ***Academic transcript/results and completion certificates** of your qualifications.
2. **A research proposal outline** - submit as a PDF. Include:
 - Research project title (10 words maximum)
 - Research topic overview (150 words maximum)
 - Thesis statement (350 words maximum)
 - Bibliography (at least 10 entries)

A **guide** to writing your research proposal outline can be downloaded [here](#).
A **template** for your research proposal outline can be downloaded [here](#).
3. **A portfolio which should represent a highly resolved body of work that supports the research proposal outline that you have submitted:**
 - Select 10 to 12 images of recent work that clearly show an iterative, exploration of a single design project. Submit as a PDF.
 - The portfolio should demonstrate the progression of a single design project linked conceptually and/or through practice-based methods to your research proposal.
 - You are encouraged to include captions and descriptive text to explain the relationship to your research proposal, highlighting key ideas and explaining the methods used in the development of your project.
 - Do not show a range of unconnected design projects, unless you can explain in written form, why they should be considered as one design project.
 - Please DO NOT upload movie or audio files with your application. Instead, we recommend you upload your movie or audio file to YouTube, and place a link to this in your research proposal outline.
 - If for any reason you have a problem uploading your portfolio (i.e. due to file size limitations) please email the PDF portfolio to admission.documents@aut.ac.nz
The file size MUST NOT EXCEED 30MB. Any files exceeding 30MB will be sent back to you by

Admissions and/or not uploaded to your application. Applications that do not include a portfolio will not be assessed.

4. ***Current CV** briefly outlining any previous experience relevant to your application for postgraduate study.

Note: Current AUT students are not required to upload documents marked *

Outcome of application

We will contact you after AUT Admissions receives your complete application. In most cases the School invites applicants for an interview (in person or by phone). The purpose of the interview is to discuss your interests in more depth, to clarify any matters related to your application, and to check that you are applying for the postgraduate programme most suitable for your purposes.

Fees

<https://www.aut.ac.nz/study/fees-and-scholarships/fees-to-study-at-aut>

Domestic fees

The 2019 tuition fee for the Master of Design programme is **\$8,540.00** (GST incl) for a full time enrolment of 120 points (one year). There is also a compulsory Student Services Fee and a Building Levy, totalling **\$717.00**(GST incl) per year. The programme takes 1½ years to complete. Further tuition and Student Services fees will apply to the final half year.

International fees

https://www.aut.ac.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/148234/International-fees.pdf

Scholarships

Information and application requirements can be found online at:

<https://www.aut.ac.nz/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-awards-at-aut>

Search [AUT's Scholarships database](#) using Level = postgraduate and Subject Area = Art and Design

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