

QUEENS COLLEGE DESIGN

DESIGN BFA ORIENTATION

IMPORTANT LINKS

QC Design Blog:

<https://qcdesign.commonsc.gc.cuny.edu>

Design Support Desk:

support@qcdesign.freshdesk.com

Design Fact Sheet:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GFC-C2u2orLAog7kjobeWShS_C57gpBN/view

RESOURCES

- **The Art Department**
 - KLAPPER 172
 - M-F 9:00AM - 5:00PM
 - art@qc.cuny.edu
- **Klapper Digital Imaging Lab**
 - KLAPPER 108
 - M-TH 9:00AM -5:00PM
 - klapperimaging@qc.cuny.edu
- **Godwin-Ternbach Museum**
 - KLAPPER 405
 - M-TH 10:00AM -4:00PM
 - gtmuseum@qc.cuny.edu
- **Visual Resource Center**
 - KLAPPER 163
 - M-F 9:00AM - 5:00PM
 - art@qc.cuny.edu
- **Library Services**

- ROSENTHAL LIBRARY
- <https://library.qc.cuny.edu>
- Scott.Davis@qc.cuny.edu
- **QC Maker Space**
 - ROSENTHAL LIBRARY 101
 - <https://library.qc.cuny.edu/makerspace>
 - makerspace@qc.cuny.edu

F.A.Q. (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

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How do I declare my major?

1. The Design BFA has an entrance requirement of an overall 2.75 GPA. Please send your unofficial transcript and a filled out Major Declaration form (<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/qchub/declaration-of-major-form-2/>) to support@qcdesign.freshdesk.com.

Do I need a computer?

2. Yes. A personal laptop with Adobe Creative Cloud software is required for the major, as you will need it to work on your projects both at home and in courses.

What are tracks of study?

3. For students who wish to strengthen their skills within a particular area of the Design major, we recommend a track of study through the selection of 5-8 design electives from the following list.

- a. Animation: DESN 157, 187, 188, 192, 207, 210, 213, 214, 215, 217, 221, 247, 249, 257, 266, 277, 278, 279, 287, 290, 296, 347, 358, 359, 370, ARTS 393.
- b. Communication Design: DESN 173,188, 195, 205, 207, 210, 212, 213, 243, 248, 249, 250, 257, 263, 265, 269, 270, 277, 278, 279, 286, 289, 290, 296, 370, ARTS 393.
- c. Illustration: DESN 157, 172, 187, 188, 192, 195, 213, 215, 247, 248, 249, 251, 257, 259, 266, 279, 287, 290, 296, 347, 359, 370, ARTS 393, ARTS 151.
- d. Interaction Design: DESN 157, 172, 188, 195, 205, 207, 210, 212, 213, 214, 217, 221, 243, 249, 250, 257, 263, 265, 269, 270,277, 278, 279, 286, 290, 314, 370, ARTS 393

Tracks of study are optional, and most students use their design electives as a means to discover the range of activities related to the field of design.

What classes should I take?

- 4. Please refer to the Design Fact Sheet for a complete list. In summary, you need 2 Art History Core Courses, 11 Required Courses, and 8 Electives (at least 4 of the 8 must be taken from the upper Division courses DESN 247 or higher).

When should I register for classes?

- 5. As soon as possible! Design courses fill up quickly, so be sure to register as soon as your registration begins. Registration dates and times will be available on CUNYFirst.

When is the Portfolio Review?

- 6. All Design majors are required to submit a portfolio right after taking DESN 241 - Design I. It will be reviewed by the faculty advisors and must be passed in order to advance in the program. Submission requirements are listed on the QC Design Blog.

What are the Special Topics for DESN 370?

7. Topics will be announced each semester on the QC Design Blog before registration. DESN 370 can be taken up to 3 times for credit (if the topic is different).

Can I take one course as both a Required Course and an Elective?

8. No, it will only count for one requirement or the other. One course will go toward one requirement only.

I would like to speak with a Design Advisor

9. Reach out to support@qcdesign.freshdesk.com to make an appointment with an advisor.