

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Request for Change(s)

Originating unit requesting change Department of Design

Type of Change requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course number(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Course prerequisite(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program title |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course title | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop course(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program description |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course description | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop program(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program requirements |

Semester and year change(s) take effect: Fall 2020

Appropriate computer abbreviation if course title is more than 30 spaces: BFA in Interior Design

Briefly summarize the change requested:

Change the program title from “Bachelor of Science” to “Bachelor of Fine Arts”.

Catalog copy

Present catalog copy (paste-up from catalog is acceptable).

Department of Design

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A minimum of 78 semester hours is required for the BFA in graphic design; a minimum of 42 semester hours is required for the BS in design studies, a minimum of 68 semester hours is required for the BS in interior design; a minimum of 20 semester hours is required for the design of the built environment minor; a minimum of 18 semester hours is required for the architectural design minor. The degree plans are outlined below.

- BFA degree GRDE
- BS degree DEST
- BS degree in INDE
- Minor in DEBE
- Minor in ARLD

Minimum Grade Requirement

The Department of Design requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at all times.

Departmental Requirements

A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in design is a prerequisite to junior and senior-level departmental courses. After entrance into upper-division courses, a minimum 2.5 GPA must be maintained to advance. An annual qualifying portfolio examination is required for all students wishing to continue in the Graphic Design Program, whether or not they are graphic design/design studies majors or minors; contingencies may include the student being required to repeat courses or removal from the Graphic Design/Design Studies Program.

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Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Underline changes)

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- [Minor in Design of the Built Environment \(20 hours\)](#)
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Request for Changes

1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?
The difference between a BS or BA and a BFA is typically defined by the number of credit hours required in the major. The distinction usually noted in the private sector is that the BFA represents a higher level of academic rigor and professional preparation. The revised degree in Interior Design will require 78 credit hours of major coursework, which is well within the range of BFA programs at TCU and elsewhere. For example, the BFA in Graphic Design is 84 credit hours, Studio Art requires 75, and Theatre 81. Interior Design is an extremely rigorous program with a placement rate of 95%+ for graduates. The BFA represents the program more accurately.
2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.
NA
3. **Faculty Resources:** How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.
NA
4. **Educational Resources:** Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)?
If yes, list additional resources needed.

☐ YES
☒ NO
5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).
NA
6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.
NA



Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit