

Design Pre-major / Minor Application Requirements

Western Washington University – Department of Design

HOW TO APPLY

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Design. This application is for a **Fall 2024** start date. The application packet will be reviewed by Design faculty and evaluated on the basis of a demonstrated understanding of the elements of visual communication, technical proficiency, creativity, and problem-solving.

Apply online: cfpa.wwu.edu/design-application

_ **Online Application Form**

_ **Unofficial Transcript(s)**

_ **Portfolio**

The portfolio should consist of 7 specific assignments provided by the department—see link below—plus 3 projects of your choice. These additional 3 projects can be of any media such as drawings, paintings, photography, graphics, printmaking, etc. They can also consist of documentation of your design process for any of the 7 assignments (sketches, thumbnails, iterations, etc), demonstrating your conceptual and visual potential in the design field.

Candidate Statement (included in portfolio)

A short, typed statement (150 words max) detailing your interest in the program as well as your long-term goals within the design field.

Portfolio Format:

- A pdf, 8.5 x 11 inches, portrait orientation.
- Use the defined number of pages for each provided assignment and one page for each personal project. Titles or captions are optional.
- The first page should be your name and the Candidate Statement described above.
- Make sure photos and scans of any work are good quality; images should be a minimum of 1080 px (width or height) and 150 px/inch resolution.

Please go to our Admissions page (design.wwu.edu/admissions.html) for instructions and examples for each of the provided 7 portfolio assignments.

IMPORTANT: The format for all attached files must be .pdf and not exceed a combined total of 16 mb. Check for proper functioning of files and links, and proofread for spelling/grammatical errors.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application **must be submitted online by noon on March 27th, 2024.**

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Design Department office at 360-650-7778 or design@wwu.edu.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

April 17th, 2024