



# Design

## Master of Design (MDes)



The Master of Design (MDes) program is a full-time two-year, practice-based program that explores the research challenges faced by contemporary visual communication design. We provide students with the tools and confidence needed to meet the demands posed by today's constantly shifting context of technology, media, aesthetics, and information. We prepare graduates for careers as practicing designers, design researchers, and educators by engaging students in critical practice, theory, and methodology.

### Details of Degree

- 5 terms, thesis

### Program Highlights

Commencing in 2005, the Master of Design (MDes) program at York University is the first graduate program in design in Ontario. The program is distinguished by its emphasis on design practice and its interdisciplinary approach to making graphic design. The Master of Design (MDes) is the terminal professional degree in the design field. Persons who may in the future wish to seek a tenure-stream position in design education require a terminal degree.

### Deadlines

Domestic	International
N/A	N/A

### Connect with York University



**Program Support:** [graduatedesign@yorku.ca](mailto:graduatedesign@yorku.ca)  
**Admissions Support:** [fgsapply@yorku.ca](mailto:fgsapply@yorku.ca)



- [yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/future-students](http://yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/future-students)
- [futurestudents.yorku.ca/events/graduate](http://futurestudents.yorku.ca/events/graduate)

### Admission Requirements

- › Four-year undergraduate honours degree or equivalent in visual communication design or related field, with at least a B standing. Persons without a design-related degree but whose experience is in some way related to design as demonstrated in the portfolio, may be considered.

### Documents to Submit

- › Transcripts (all university studies)
- › References (3)
- › Statement of Interest
- › Resume/CV
- › Portfolio
- › Supplementary Information Form
- › ELP Test Score, if applicable
- › IELTS: 7.5 Academic
- › TOEFL: 100
- › Duolingo: 140

### York Graduate Funding

Current Academic Year

YEARLY FUNDING PACKAGE	
Domestic	International
TBD	TBD

*Funding amount is per year (3 terms), funding is prorated for the remaining 2 terms.*