

Department of Art + Design, Art History, Art Education

Accelerated Program in Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate for undergraduate students

Jump-start your graduate education in UX and UI design

TU's accelerated bachelor's to graduate certificate in Design for User Experience (UX) will prepare you for high-demand positions in the field of User Experience and User Interface design.

All Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate courses are available 100% online.

Overview

Students admitted to the accelerated program may substitute up to six units in their undergraduate degree requirement in their major with six units of graduate courses in the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate through an individualized plan.

Admission to the accelerated program does not guarantee an admission to the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate program. Students who are enrolled in the accelerated program and are admitted to the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate program may use the six units towards completing the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate.

A full description of the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate can be found on the [TU website](#).

Interested undergraduate students should contact the program director of the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate, Bridget Z. Sullivan bsullivan@towson.edu for further information.

Requirements

Undergraduate students must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. A minimum of 60 completed undergraduate credits (junior status). Transfer students must have completed at least 12 of the credits at TU.
3. Undergraduate requirements that can be fulfilled with graduate coursework - six credits are required for entry into the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate program.

Students who meet requirements may apply for the accelerated program by contacting Bridget Z. Sullivan bsullivan@towson.edu, Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate program director.

If you meet these criteria, there are a couple of steps you'll need to take.

STEP 1: Schedule a meeting with your undergraduate advisor/department chair. They will help you review your remaining requirements and determine whether the graduate program you're considering aligns with your learning goals.

STEP 2: Meet with the director of your chosen graduate program. They'll review your request to begin an accelerated program, evaluate your goals and help you determine which graduate courses would be best for you to enroll in as an undergraduate.

Your undergraduate advisor/department chair and the graduate program director must approve your request to complete the screening process.

Screening forms must be submitted by the first day of classes for the term in which the student wants to enroll.

Admission to a graduate program

During your senior year, you'll submit an application to your chosen graduate program by the posted deadline.

- Your application fee will be waived
- Your admission to the graduate program is not guaranteed
- Once you are admitted to the graduate program, all graduate courses completed with a B or better will be applied to your graduate transcript

Learn more specifics about [Accelerated Program Requirements](#).

Plan of Study

The individualized plan gives you the opportunity to pair your undergraduate program with the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate program.

Approval is required from your undergraduate advisor, the department chair, and the graduate program director.

- Continuance in the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate is contingent upon maintaining a minimum overall GPA of 3.00; students who do not maintain the minimum GPA will be ineligible to continue graduate work.
- Students must receive a grade of B or better in the double-counted undergraduate/graduate-level courses.
- Students who do not successfully complete the bachelor's portion of this program, or whose GPAs do not meet the requirements for this program, may not proceed to the graduate-level unless such deficiencies are resolved.

- Students who complete the bachelor's but decide not to continue with the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate will terminate their program with the fulfillment of all requirements for the Bachelor's degree.
- The student will be allowed to use the graduate courses to complete the bachelor's degree.
- Students may withdraw from the accelerated bachelor's – Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate at any time by informing the department chair and the graduate program director in writing.
- A student who does not follow the approved plan of graduate work may become ineligible to participate in this accelerated degree program.
- If a student becomes ineligible to participate in the accelerated program, the Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate program director shall inform the student in writing.
- A student who is ineligible to continue participation or who withdraws from the accelerated degree program cannot double-count any courses for both the bachelor's and Design for User Experience (UX) Graduate Certificate.