Bachelor of Design in City Innovation (BDCI) Program Guide

([2024/2025 Calendar Regulations](#))

Overview of the Program Guide

The Bachelor of Design in City Innovation (BDCI) requires a completion of 120 units and normally takes four years of full-time study. To complete the BDCI program, students need to successfully complete a combination of mandatory and elective requirements. These requirements can be found on the [Academic Calendar](#).

On the next page, you will find a recommended sequence of courses to take in four years of full-time study in the BDCI program. Each year of the program is separated into bulleted lists of courses recommended for the fall and winter semesters. Each specific course name is hyperlinked to its respective course description on the Academic Calendar. All courses noted on this guide are 3-unit courses, unless specified. The School offers both 3-unit and 6-unit courses, both of which occur in one semester. To learn more about the course hours and relevant units, please visit [the course descriptions reference page](#).

During the [regular course registration period](#), students should register for both fall and winter courses at the same time. Please take note that this program guide serves only as a recommendation and may not reflect new curriculum or scheduling changes. The BDCI program's first intake is in Fall 2023 with second to fourth year courses currently in the development phase. As such, the recommended sequence reflects the projected progression of the degree and may be subject to further review in the future.

Certain courses are only offered in specific semesters and may serve as prerequisites for higher-level courses in a later semester. Corequisite courses are ones that must be taken in the same semester. For example, a student cannot take [DSGN 201](#) in one semester and [DSGN 211](#) in another semester – the two courses must be taken in the same semester. For more information on how certain course requirements are connected, please visit the [BDCI Degree Planning webpage](#). To learn more about BDCI course information, such as course types and Design in City Innovation (DCI) options, please visit the [BDCI Course Information webpage](#).

Each student's circumstances may differ and as such, you may not be able to follow the entire recommended sequence below. Students can follow different course sequences, which can extend the amount of time it takes to complete the BDCI program. Please note that course scheduling and requirements may change after the creation of this guide, so if there are any discrepancies, please refer to the [Academic Calendar](#) for the most updated information. We recommend that you [connect with an advisor](#) from the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape (SAPL) if you have any degree progression questions.

Recommended Course Sequence

Courses marked with an asterisk (*) need to be taken in the same semester as they are corequisite courses.

†Courses marked with the obelisk (†) refer to transscalar studio courses. Choose a transscalar studio of different scale for each semester. Students must complete one of each scale (i.e., small, medium, and large) to graduate.

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester

- DSGN 201*
- DSGN 211*
- DSGN 221
- DSGN 231
- DSGN 241 or SUST 201

Winter Semester

- DSGN 203*
- DSGN 213*
- DSGN 223
- DSGN 253 or ENTI 201
- DSGN 263 or DATA 201

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

- DSGN 301/302/303*† (6 units)
- DSGN 311*
- DSGN 321
- DSGN 331

Winter Semester

- DSGN 304/305/306*† (6 units)
- DSGN 313*
- DSGN 323
- DSGN 363 or CPSC 217

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester

- DSGN 401/402/403† (6 units)
- DSGN 421
- DSGN 431
- DCI option

Winter Semester

- SUST 401
- DCI option
- DCI option
- DCI option
- open elective

FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester

- DSGN 501
- open elective
- DCI option
- DCI option
- DCI option

Winter Semester

- DSGN 503
- DCI option
- open elective
- open elective
- open elective