

## MA in Human Experience Design Interactions (MA\_HXDI)

This new state-supported program was recommended by the Academic Senate on May 3, 2018 and concurred by the President on May 8, 2018.

### Program Description

The Master of Arts in Human Experience Design Interactions (MA\_HXDI) program will teach the theoretical basis and practical skills in preparation for advanced Human-Centered Design careers. It will serve qualified students and returning professionals of varying backgrounds through interdisciplinary, collaborative work.

### Admission to Graduate Study

In addition to applying to the University Office of Admissions and Records (UOAR), an applicant for graduate study in the MA\_HXDI must also apply to and be admitted by the Department of Design. It is the responsibility of the student to follow the current CSULB Catalog, which sets forth the policies of the University, the College of the Arts, and Department of Design graduate programs.

### Admission Process

1. Students interested in applying to the MA\_HXDI program at CSULB should submit the University application. The applicant must complete and submit the application in order to be considered for admission into MA\_HXDI graduate program. The applicant should also submit a MA\_HXDI application with a statement of purpose, a resume, a digital portfolio of work that represents their educational and/or career skills, experiences, interests and achievements (such as but not limited to publications, projects and/or research), and two letters of recommendation to the Department of Design.
2. One complete set of official transcripts of all college work attempted are required and must be sent to:  
California State University, Long Beach  
Office of Admissions and Records  
1250 Bellflower Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90840, USA
3. International students should first contact the Center for International Education to confirm admission criteria for international graduate students and for information on special deadlines.
4. International students are required to take the TOEFL test and achieve a minimum score of 550 for the paper-based test or 80 for the internet-based test, for admission consideration.
5. In order to be considered for admission, all prospective students must submit the following materials to the University:

- Transcripts
- TOEFL scores (if applicable)

Additionally, the following materials must be submitted to the Department of Design:

- The MA\_HXDI application
- Statement of Interest
- Resume
- Digital Portfolio and
- Two letters of recommendation submitted through the College of the Arts/Design Department Slideroom page: (<https://csulb.slideroom.com/#/Login>) must be filed by the application deadline.

All applications must follow University policy must and meet the general university admission requirements for graduate studies as well as other standards as prescribed by the program. It is advised that students submit their application materials early. No action can be taken on applications until all required documents are received.

## Criteria

Admission will be granted to students who show high promise of success in post-baccalaureate

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## Continuous Enrollment

Once a student is accepted and enrolled in the MA\_HXDI program, she/he is expected to attend classes in both semesters of each academic year and maintain progress to degree with her/his cohort. (Spring and Fall semesters are considered the regular semesters of an academic year, while summer attendance is optional). Registration and completion of all courses (and any co-required courses) is necessary to move forward each semester and satisfies the continuous enrollment requirement.

If a student is unable to satisfy the continuous enrollment requirement, she/he must complete the Educational Leave of Absence procedures as described in the current University catalog. The continuous enrollment status will only be preserved if the student's absence from a regular semester has been processed and approved through the Educational Leave of Absence procedures. Students failing to maintain the continuous enrollment status will be administratively removed from the MA\_HXDI program. Registration privileges will be revoked. Students planning to continue in the MA\_HXDI program who have been administratively removed due to the violation of the continuous enrollment condition will be required to re-apply to the MA\_HXDI program and to the University.

## Leave of Absence

Any MA\_HXDI student in good academic standing may request an educational leave. Students requesting an educational leave must complete an Educational Leave form, in advance, including an explanation of their reasons for seeking the leave and a statement of when they intend to resume their academic work. The completed form is to be submitted for approval to the Design Graduate Advisor and University Admission and Records Office in accordance with University Policy.

Graduate students who plan to enroll for credits at another institution of higher education during the leave period must obtain prior approvals for the transfer of course credits to the student's program from the department chair in question and the graduate advisor.

The period of an educational leave is counted in the calculation of elapsed time under the regulations governing the seven-year maximum period for completion of the MA\_HXDI degree requirements.

In the period of an educational leave, the student's rights under the "Election of Regulation" rule are preserved, maintaining the right for the student to elect regulations as if he or she had maintained continuous attendance. See the CSULB catalog, General Rules and Procedures section, for a complete explanation of the Election of Regulation – "Catalog Rights."

An educational leave presupposes no expenditure of University resources and faculty/staff time on behalf of the student during the period of the leave. In addition, no computer facilities, library privileges, and student services are available to a student on the educational leave.

## Retention

In order to successfully remain in the MA\_HXDI program, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA and progress to degree.

## Scholastic Standards/Warning/Disqualification

A student who fails to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in all work completed as a graduate student at this University or in all transferred work applied to the program will be placed on academic warning. Academic warning takes effect the semester following the one in which the student's GPA falls below 3.0.

A student on warning, who at the end of the second semester of warning (or summer, if classes are taken) fails to obtain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on all units attempted in the post-baccalaureate work at CSULB, will be disqualified and removed from the graduate program.

The student should note that the cumulative GPA is calculated by the University Admissions and Reco (i)-2a cumulativ if E (w)TJ0 Tt(u)ted (t)-2 (t)-2 (pp-2 (n)-10 (i)-2 (ev)-2 (e)4 (d))-2 (e-1 ( a)4 (fT)1 (he

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MA\_HXDI students will propose a project committee including a faculty Chair and two professional mentors. The Graduate Advisor must approve this committee. Students will then