

Accelerated Pathway for Master of Design (MDes)

What is an accelerated pathway?

An accelerated pathway is a “flexible and individualized” plan of graduate study for students who are in their third year of the Bachelor of Industrial Design (BID) degree. For most pathways, graduate credits completed in the final year of your undergraduate studies will be counted in the completion of your MDes degree and provide advanced standing in the graduate programs as noted below. In other words, credits completed in your 4th year can count for both the BID and your graduate degree.

**Please note that participation in a graduate pathway does not guarantee your admission into the graduate program, but if you are admitted, your advanced standing will reduce your credit load in graduate studies and may shorten your time to completion. If you are interested, please consult both with your undergraduate advisor and the supervisor of the program you are interested in, ideally before you commence your four year of studies.*

How it works:

1. Towards the end of the third year of the BID, students apply for admission to the undergrad MDes Accelerated Pathway preparatory program.
2. Accepted students take up to two graduate courses in their fourth year. These courses count toward the BID as free electives for the fourth-year courses (they cannot be used to fulfill requirements that are core fourth-year courses).
3. In their fourth year, students apply to the MDes Accelerated Pathway.
4. If admitted to the MDes, the 5xxx courses (up to 1.0cr) taken as part of the BID are counted towards the MDes course requirements, reducing the number of courses required from 3.0cr to 2.0cr. It is expected that students will be able to complete their MDes program requirements at a faster pace.

Admission requirements: Accelerated Pathway preparatory program

1. Third-year standing in the BID program with substantial completion of the required courses at the 3000-level and below.
2. Verify that you meet the minimal overall CGPA of B+ (9.0)
3. Preferably, a faculty advisor. Each student in the preparatory program is encouraged to find a faculty advisor.

To apply, you must fill out the **MDes Accelerated Pathway Application Form** that can be found below.

Admission requirements: MDes Accelerated Pathway

1. The usual MDes requirements.
2. Completion of the preparatory program with at least a grade of B+ in each of the 5xxx courses taken during the BID.

Accelerated Pathway Application Form

Student Name:

Carleton ID:

Email Address:

CGPA:

Note: A minimum
overall CGPA of B+
(9.0)

Potential Supervisor:

Please provide a brief statement describing your motivation for graduate study:

Please provide the names of two SID professors for academic references:

1.

2.

I have third-year standing in the BID degree in School of Industrial Design and understand that admission to the Accelerated Pathway is based on a selection process.

Student signature

mm/dd/yyyy

Please return this form to the Industrial Design Graduate and Administrative Assistant by May 15th to be considered for the Accelerated Pathway in the following academic year.