The Communication Design Program at the University of North Texas has two tracks: Graphic Design and User-Experience Design. This document describes the application process for students interested in the User-Experience Design track.

**APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW**

The UNT Communication Design Entry Portfolio Review is a two-stage review. The first stage is a digital review of each candidate’s portfolio. Selected candidates will then participate in the second stage, an in-person review. Interested students will need to submit required materials online at unt.slideroom.com by Monday, November 25th (5pm CST).

Selected students will be assigned a time to participate in an in-person review at the UNT Art building on Friday, December 6th.

**DIGITAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Six examples of work
- Completed User-Centered Design worksheets

**IN-PERSON APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Personal sketchbook of process work
- Drawing utensils and drawing pad (approximately 9 x 12”)

**KEY DATES**

- **Nov** 25
- **Dec** 4
- **Dec** 6
- **Dec** 11

- Digital Application Deadline (unt.slideroom.com)
- 1st Round Notification (via email)
- In-Person Review (UNT Art Building)
- Final Notification (via email)
DIGITAL PORTFOLIO REVIEW
Due Monday, November 25 (By 5 pm CST)

REQUIRED MATERIALS
SIX EXAMPLES OF WORK
USER-CENTERED WORKSHEETS

EXAMPLES OF WORK //
Each applicant must upload six examples of work that best represents their skill set and potential as a user-experience design student. The work can be produced in any medium of your choosing (traditional or digital). Physical projects should be photographed or scanned. Online projects such as websites or videos can be linked to. All projects must be submitted at unt.slideroom.com. The application costs $10.

Students are encouraged to present work that shows a broad range of interests and abilities. Your examples of work should exhibit your ability to solve problems, pay attention to craft, work with color, work with technology, and convey ideas through clear communication. Work may come from your core classes (Design I and Drawing I), high school coursework, or work done outside of the classroom.

Over 100 students may apply for our program, so consider how your work might stand out. Also, be aware that reviewers will not know the assignment for which the work was done, so evaluate if the work will be understood and valued within that context.

HUMAN-CENTERED WORKSHEETS //
A series of supplied worksheets guide applicants through the research and design process for a hypothetical client. Worksheets can be downloaded at:

art.unt.edu/design/communication-design/undergraduate/application-process

These worksheets must be completed and delivered to the UNT Design Department office in person or via mail. If you are applying from out of the area, your worksheets must arrive by the deadline and sent to:

UNT CVAD
Department of Design
attn: Comm Design Program Application
1155 Union Circle #305100
Denton, TX 76203

NOTIFICATION //
Applicants will be notified via email by December 5th. Those selected will be invited to participate in the in-person review on December 6th.
IN-PERSON REVIEW
Friday, December 6

REQUIRED MATERIALS
PERSONAL SKETCHBOOK OF PROCESS WORK
DRAWING UTENSILS AND DRAWING PAD (APPROXIMATELY 9X12")

GROUP 1
DROP OFF 8:00–8:30 AM
IGNITION ASSIGNMENT AND INTERVIEWS 8:30–11:00 AM

GROUP 2
DROP OFF 1:30–2:00 PM
IGNITION ASSIGNMENT AND INTERVIEWS 2:00–4:30 PM

SKETCHBOOK //
A personal sketchbook of your process work and daily reflections is required for the in-person review. The sketchbook should be at least 5.5 x 8.5” and may include process work for drawing and design courses, personal sketches, and process work for projects outside of courses.

The sketchbook should capture your process and convey your commitment to the discipline of design through deep exploration and refinement of ideas. The sketches need not be polished sketches but should effectively capture your thinking and exploration.

PREREQUISITES //
You are required to have completed, with a grade of ‘C’ or better, or be currently enrolled in the courses that comprise art core program – ART 1440: Design I, ART 1500: Drawing I, or their accepted equivalents from other institutions of higher education. The balance of the art core for Communication Design consists of ART 1200: Art Appreciation, ART 1450: Design II, and ART 1540: Drawing II. Any student accepted into the Communication Design program through the Entry Portfolio Review who has not yet completed the art core courses must complete them with a grade of ‘C’ or better before the beginning of the Fall 2020 semester.

IGNITION ASSIGNMENT //
The ignition assignment is given at the beginning of each review session. Participants will be given a design challenge to work on individually. Using the required writing utensils (one fine-point and one medium-point marker are recommended) and drawing pad (9" x 12" tracing or marker paper is recommended), each student will sketch solutions to the challenge.

After 30 minutes, participants will gather in small groups with design faculty to present and discuss the concepts and solutions they developed. This discussion will last approximately 90 minutes, and participants should come prepared to talk about their design approach and background.

NOTIFICATION //
Applicants will be notified via email by December 11th.
**FINAL NOTIFICATION**

Wednesday, December 11

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**NOTIFICATION DELIVERY //**

All notifications will come via email. The notification will be delivered to the email you use when you create your slideroom account, or if you are a current UNT student it may arrive via your official UNT email account.

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**ADVISING //**

Students who are not selected should schedule a meeting with advising to develop an alternative degree plan and a schedule for the next semester.

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**RE-ENTRY //**

Students may reapply for the program the following year, however they should develop a secondary degree plan to pursue in the mean time. It is also important to note that the Communication Design curriculum cannot be expedited so reapplying to the program will delay graduation by a year.

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**FOUNDATIONS FOR COMMUNICATION DESIGN //**

All students who are accepted into the Communication Design program are required to take ADES 1543: Foundations for User-Experience Design in the Spring 2020 semester. This class is a prerequisite for the Fall 2020 Communication UX Design coursework (ADES 1513: Contextual Research Methods and ADES 2513 Typographic Systems). If you will be unable to take ADES 1543 in the spring of 2020, then you are advised to wait until the next Entry Review. More information on ADES 1543 can be found through the UNT Registrar’s Office schedule of classes and the UNT Course Catalog.

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**COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS //**

All students accepted will be required to have a laptop and the appropriate software by the beginning week of the Spring 2020 semester. (See the Computer Laptop requirement, downloadable at the CVAD: Communication Design website.)