What is a UniLink diploma?

UniLink diplomas are accredited as an award-level higher education diploma and provide a direct academic pathway to second-year university. They are equivalent to first-year university and will prepare you for second-year entry to your chosen bachelor degree.

The course content is based on first year of a bachelor degree, but classes are smaller, have more contact hours and afford more one-on-one time with your teachers. This additional support helps you prepare for and adjust to university study.

Assessment may include a range of formal and informal tasks, including individual and group projects, assignments, presentations and examinations.

Diploma of Design (UniLink)

Students who successfully complete all units of study in the Diploma of Design (UniLink) are guaranteed second-year entry to:

- Bachelor of Design (Communication Design)*
- Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design)
- Bachelor of Design (Interior Architecture)
- Bachelor of Design (Digital Media Design)

*Diploma of Design (UniLink) graduates who wish to combine their Bachelor of Design (Communication Design) with a Bachelor of Business will be eligible for exemptions of up to four units.

Study program

You will extend your creative and practical design skills. You’ll also develop the ability to:

- creatively explore the various principles and elements of graphic design
- understand and use language and terminology specific to the design field
- understand the historical and cultural background of art and design.

Students must successfully complete eight compulsory units:

- Communication for Design
- Design Studio
- Digital Design
- Interactive Design for Web Technologies
- Methods of Investigation
- 20th-Century Design
- 3D Communication
- 3D Design

Domestic students

Guaranteed ATAR

- 50

(If you achieve an ATAR of 50 or above, and you’ve listed this course as your highest successful preference through VTAC, or select it first during the Change of Preference period, your place in the course is guaranteed)

Prerequisites

- VCE Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in any other English.
- Any art, design or media subject

Campus

- Hawthorn

Intakes

- February, June, October

Duration

- 8 months, full-time, part-time (day)

Applications

- VTAC (February intake)
- Direct application
- swinburne.edu.au/apply

Fees

- Commonwealth Supported Place (Fee band 1)

More information

- 1300 275 794
- swinburne.edu.au/unilinkpathway

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