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School of Design TAFE

Frequently Asked Questions

Diploma of Product Design VTAC code: 72361, 72364 RMIT code: C5233

What are the entrance requirements?	See VTAC Guide for details
What is the Clearly In ATAR (ENTER) for the program?	The ATAR is not applicable for this program as there are other selection criteria.
How many contact hours per week are there?	Full time students are expected to attend 21 hours of classes over 4 days and undertake approximately 15 hours of extra study and research weekly. There are often concentrated period of out of class work when assessments are due.
How many weeks of study are there	This program operates under the TAFE calendar; students have 16 weeks study with 2 weeks assessment per semester. Term 1 starts on 13 th February 2012
Are evening classes available?	No
Can I do this part time?	A part time or reduced load option is not available in this program.
How many students are in a class?	Workshop classes are limited to 15 for safety reasons; theory classes can have more students attending as groups are combined.
How much will it cost?	Please refer to the Student Administration Support Line (03) 9925 8980 for new costs associated with the Federal Skills Reform and VET Fee Help availability. Information is also available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees
Can I defer my place?	It is RMIT policy that all students are able to defer their studies for a maximum of 12 months. Six month deferment may be possible if places are available at mid-year.
Will I require extra materials and how much do they cost?	You will be required to build representations of your work as well as present them in an appropriate manner. Materials are provided but anything outside the normal range of materials will need to be sourced by the student. A materials fee of approx \$260 covers most materials for one year.



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Do I need my own computer or any other special equipment or software?	<p>It is desirable for students to have access to a Windows based computer outside of class. Computers can be accessed at RMIT in designated access labs. The latest student software licences are available at student rates or are provided free during study so it is recommended not to pre-purchase any specialist software prior to enrolling.</p> <p>In workshop classes it is essential to have your own safety equipment such as Australian Standards approved safety glasses and sturdy footwear.</p>
What are the pathways for this program?	<p>Graduates of the Diploma of Product Design program who have been successful in gaining a place in the Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design) gain an exemption of 1 year leaving an additional 3 years to complete the degree program.</p>
What is the difference between Industrial Design and Product Design?	<p>Product Design is a 2 year Diploma which aims to provide a set of skills and knowledge that would enable a graduate to gain an entry level position in the design industry. A Degree in Industrial Design takes 3 – 4 years minimum of full time study and encourages a higher level of academic rigour and research. In simple terms, you could consider the difference between the two programs as being taught HOW in TAFE to do something and WHY you should do something in HE. Each has their own merits.</p>
What should I put in my folio?	<p>Your folio should contain 10 – 15 pieces of work that best demonstrate your skills at drawing, problem solving, communication, 3D and spatial thinking (such as model making). If you have computer work or skills you can include examples of those too.</p>
Do I need to be good at Maths?	<p>There is some basic mathematics involved such as calculating areas, angles, scales, etc.</p>
Does this course train me to become a car designer?	<p>There may be opportunities to use automotive solutions to problems but this is not a specific focus of the course.</p>
Where do graduates normally go after they finish?	<p>This depends upon the individual. Some students continue their studies in Industrial Design at various Universities. Others move into productive work upon completion of the program in manufacturing, as designers or CAD operators.</p>

*Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained here is accurate.
For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the RMIT website.*

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Further questions?

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