

UC SAN DIEGO DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS

SPECULATIVE DESIGN

Current Students Declared Prior to FA16

Major Code: VA30

The major structure includes required and elective courses at both the lower and upper division levels. It is designed to give Speculative Design majors within the Department of Visual Arts (1) a broad foundation in the historical and disciplinary issues within the Arts and Humanities, (2) rigorous history, theory, and methodology courses in Speculative Design, (3) unique studio-based courses in which studios develop original projects, both individually and in groups, and (4) the opportunity to customize their emphasis within the major to best suit their professional goals.

LOWER DIVISION	6-7 courses / 24-30 units
UPPER DIVISION	13 courses / 56-58 units
TOTAL COURSES REQUIRED	19-20 courses / 80-88 units

ALL COURSES TAKEN FOR MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MUST BE TAKEN FOR A **LETTER GRADE**, AND ONLY GRADES OF **C- OR BETTER** WILL BE ACCEPTED. REFER TO COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR ENFORCED PREREQUISITES.

Enrollment in production courses is limited to two per quarter. Production courses are numbered VIS 109, 141A-B, 145A-B, 147A, 174, 178.

◆Indicates Production Course

LOWER DIVISION

FOUNDATION LEVEL (4 courses/16 units)

VIS 1 or 2 or 3	Introduction to Art Making: 2-D Practices
VIS 22	Formations of Modern Art
VIS 30	Introduction to Speculative Design
VIS 41	Design Communication

BREADTH ELECTIVES (2 courses/8-14 units)

VIS 60	Introduction to Digital Photography
VIS 70N*	Introduction to Media
VIS 80	Introduction to Studio
COGS 1	Introduction to Cognitive Science
COGS 10	Cognitive Consequences of Technology
COGS 14A	Introduction to Research Methods
COGS 17	Neurobiology of Cognition
COMM 10	Introduction to Communication
CSE 11**	Introduction to Computer Science: Java
CSE 12	Basic Data Structures & Object Oriented Design
USP 1	History of US Urban Communities
USP 2	Urban World System
USP 3	The City and Social Theory

*Note: VIS 70N is required for the Media Design Emphasis.

**Note: CSE 11 is required for the Design/Computing Emphasis, and can be taken as the two course sequence CSE 8A and CSE 8B.

UPPER DIVISION

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (4 courses/16 units)

VIS 100	Introduction to Public Culture
VIS 111	Structure of Art
VIS 135	Collaborative Research, Methodologies and Management
VIS 142	Practices in Computing Arts

EMPHASIS (3 courses/12 units)

Choose one emphasis:

Design Systems Emphasis

Choose three:

VIS 149	Contemporary Computer Topics
VIS 161	Systems and Networks at Scale
VIS 162	Speculative Science & Design Invention
VIS 163	Design Research & Criticism

Media Design Emphasis

VIS 145A◆	Time & Process: Digital Media I
VIS 149	Contemporary Computer Topics
VIS 174◆	Media Sketchbook

Design/Computing Emphasis

VIS 141A◆	Intro to Computer Programming in the Arts
VIS 147A◆	Electronic Technologies for Art I
VIS 149	Contemporary Computer Topics

Public Culture/Urban Ecologies Emphasis

VIS 100A	Design of Public Culture
VIS 101	Introduction to Urban Ecologies
VIS 101A	Design of Urban Ecologies

HISTORY AND THEORY (3 courses/12-14 units)

VIS 159	History of Art, Design, and Technology
ICAM 110	Computing in the Arts: Current Practice

AND

Choose **one** of the courses from the Speculative Design History and Theory List (*See back*).

ADVANCED ELECTIVES (2 courses/8 units)

VIS 100A	Design of Public Culture
VIS 101	Introduction to Urban Ecologies
VIS 101A	Design of Urban Ecologies
VIS 109◆	Advanced Projects in Media
VIS 141A◆	Intro to Computer Programming in the Arts
VIS 141B◆	Advanced Computer Programming in the Arts
VIS 145A◆	Time & Process: Digital Media I
VIS 145B◆	Time & Process: Digital Media II
VIS 149	Contemporary Computing Topics
VIS 161	Systems and Networks at Scale
VIS 162	Speculative Science & Design Invention
VIS 163	Systems & Synthesis: Topics in Design Research & Criticism
VIS 174◆	Media Sketchbook
VIS 178◆	Sound: Theory & Production
TDGE 126	Storytelling and Design in Animation
TDDE 141	Theater Process (Sound Design)
TDDE 142	Advanced Sound Design

Note: Courses may not overlap with emphasis.

DESIGN MASTER STUDIO (1 Course/8 units)

VIS 190	Design Master Studio
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SPECULATIVE DESIGN HISTORY & THEORY LIST

VIS 120A	Greek Arts	COGS 102A	Distributed Cognition
VIS 120B	Roman Arts	COGS 102B	Cognitive Ethnography
VIS 120C	Late Antique Art	COGS 102C	Cognitive Design Studio
VIS 121AN	Art and Experience in the Middle Ages	COGS 109	Modeling and Data Analysis
VIS 121B	Church & Mosque: Medieval Art & Architecture between Christianity and Islam	COGS 118A	Natural Computation I
VIS 122AN	Renaissance Art	COGS 118B	Natural Computation II
VIS 122CN	Leonardo da Vinci in Context	COGS 120	Interaction Design
VIS 122D	Michelangelo	COGS 187A	Usability & Information Architecture
VIS 122F	Leonardo's La Gioconda	COGS 187B	Practicum in Pro Web Design
VIS 122GS	The City in Italy	COMM 111D	Critical Design Intermediate
VIS 123AN	Between Spirit & Flesh: Northern Art of the Early Renaissance	COMM 124	Critical Design Advanced
VIS 124BN	Art and the Enlightenment	COMM 146	Advanced Studies in Cultural Production
VIS 124CN	Nineteenth-Century Art	ETHN 101	Ethnic Images in Film
VIS 125A	Twentieth-Century Art	ETHN 102	Science and Technology in Society: Race/Gender/Class
VIS 125BN	Contemporary Art	ETHN 103	Environmental Racism
VIS 125DN	Marcel Duchamp	ETHN 104	Race, Space, and Segregation
VIS 125F	Latin American Film	ETHN 105	Ethnic Diversity and the City
VIS 126AN	Pre-Columbian Art of Ancient Mexico & Central America	ETHN 106	Life, Death, and the Human
VIS 126BN	The Art and Civilization of the Ancient Maya	ETHN 108	Race, Culture, and Social Change
VIS 126C	Problems in Mesoamerican Art History	ETHN 109	Race and Social Movements
VIS 126D	Problems in Ancient Maya Iconography and Inscriptions	LIGN 155	Evolution of Language
VIS 126HN	Pacific Coast American Indian Art	LIGN 165	Computational Linguistics
VIS 126I	Southwest American Indian Art	LIGN 176	Language of Politics and Advertising
VIS 126J	African and Afro-American Art	LTCS 110	Popular Culture
VIS 126K	Oceanic Art	LTCS 120	Historical Perspectives on Culture
VIS 126P	Latin American Art: 1890-1950	LTCS 130	Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Class, and Culture
VIS 126Q	Latin American Art: 1950-Present	LTCS 131	Topics in Queer Cultures
VIS 127B	Arts of China	LTCS 132	Topics in Social Identities and the Media
VIS 127C	Arts of Modern China	LTCS 133	Globalization and Culture
VIS 127D	Early Chinese Painting	LTCS 170	Visual Culture
VIS 127E	Later Chinese Painting	POLI 102E	Urban Politics
VIS 127F	Japanese Buddhist Art	POLI 120F	Mass Media and Politics
VIS 127GS	Issues in Modern and Contemporary Chinese Art	TDGE 130	Let There Be Light!
VIS 127N	Twentieth-Century Art in China and Japan		
VIS 127P	Arts of Japan		
VIS127Q	Japanese Painting and Prints		
VIS 128A	Topics in Premodern Art History		
VIS 128C	Topics in Modern Art History		
VIS 128D	Topics in Art History of the Americas		
VIS 128E	Topics in Art History of Asia		
VIS 151	History of the Experimental Film		
VIS 152	Film in Social Context		
VIS 152D	Identity Through Transnational Cinemas		
VIS 153	The Genre Series		
VIS 154	Hard Look at the Movies		
VIS 155	The Director Series		
VIS 156	Latino American Cinema		
VIS 158	Histories of Photography		
VIS 194S	Fantasy in Film		