

## 2016-2017 Admission Requirements

### Master of Arts in Emergent Digital Practices

Following are the simple steps to apply for the Master of Arts in Emergent Digital Practices (EDP) at the University of Denver. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies.

#### Apply Online / Application Deadlines

- Applications for graduate study at the University of Denver must be submitted online. [Apply online](#).
- All online materials must be received, and all supplemental materials including transcripts must be on file in the Office of Graduate Studies, by the program's priority deadline: January 20. The program admits for the fall quarter only. After the priority deadline, applications will be considered on a rolling basis for fall admission.
- A \$65 non-refundable application fee is required for an application to be processed. Application fee waivers are available for McNair Scholars.

#### Course and Degree Prerequisites and Requirements

- Applicants must earn and submit proof of earning the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to beginning graduate coursework at DU. The minimum GPA for incoming EDP MA students is 2.75 with a strong preference for a GPA over 3.0 on an A = 4.0 scale. The minimum GPA for incoming EDP MA students who have previous graduate work is 3.0 on an A = 4.0 scale.

#### Transcripts

- Applicants are required to submit an official transcript from each post-secondary institution they have attended, or are presently attending, where two quarter hours (or one semester hour) or more were completed including study abroad and college coursework completed in high school.
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining all transcripts. Applicants who have earned a degree outside the U.S. must submit transcripts accompanied by certified English translations, if not normally issued in English. DU students and alumni do not need to provide DU transcripts.
- Official study abroad transcripts are required unless the course titles, grades and credit earned abroad appear on another transcript. Transcripts from outside of the U.S. are evaluated by the Office of International Student Admission. This process can take three to four weeks and must be complete by the program's stated deadline. Therefore, applicants with a degree from outside of the U.S. are encouraged to apply early. Applicants educated outside the U.S. are encouraged to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for assistance regarding transcript-related materials.
- The University of Denver will consider electronic transcripts official from a domestic



institution provided by the following approved agencies: Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS); Docufide/Parchment; National Student Clearinghouse; Naviance; Royall and Company; and, Scrip-Safe.

- Paper transcripts should be sent to the following address: University of Denver  
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### Language Proficiency

- Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are required of all graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship status, whose native language is not English or who have been educated in countries where English is not the native language. Applications will not be processed until the required TOEFL or IELTS score is received. The TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two years from the test date. The minimum TOEFL score accepted by the EDP program at DU is 105 (iBT) or 620 (paper-based). The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842. The minimum IELTS score accepted by the EDP program is 7.5. Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) must demonstrate fluency in spoken English by scoring a 26 on the TOEFL speaking section or 8.0 on the IELTS speaking section. Please see the Graduate Policy Manual for complete English language proficiency requirements.
- Applicants may be exempted from English proficiency test requirements if by the time of matriculation they have earned a post-secondary degree from a formally-recognized/accredited university where the language of instruction and examination is English. Such applicants may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement but not from other standardized graduate entrance examinations. There are no exemptions for graduate teaching assistants.
- Students whose native language is not English and who are required to submit TOEFL/IELTS scores will be assessed by the University of Denver English Language Center (ELC) prior to matriculation.
- In cases where minimum TOEFL/IELTS scores were not achieved or no English proficiency test was taken, the EDP program may offer English Conditional Admission (ECA) to academically qualified non-native English speakers. Such applicants must take training through DU's English Language Center to meet the English language requirement. English language training at centers outside of DU will not be counted toward meeting English language proficiency requirements. International applicants with a three-year baccalaureate degree or any other academic deficiencies cannot be granted English Conditional Admission.



### Test Scores

- Application to the MA program in Emergent Digital Practices requires the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test. Scores must be received directly from the appropriate testing agency. The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842.

### Personal Statement

- MA applicants are required to submit a 2–4 page personal statement explaining motivation for application, personal and professional goals, and any information or perspectives that will better inform the faculty of your capability to pursue graduate-level work in the EDP program. Students should specifically address their interest in the EDP program. The statement should be submitted via upload through the online application process.

### Resume / C.V.

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### Recommendation Letters

- Three letters of recommendation, preferably academic in nature, are required. Letters should be solicited and uploaded by recommenders through the online application system. Requests for letters should be sent to recommenders well in advance so the letters are on file by the application deadline.

### Program-Specific Admission Requirements

- For MA applicants, submission of portfolios, demo reels, or other samples of work is optional.

If you choose to submit these materials, they should be submitted via upload through the online application process. If necessary, send DVDs or CDs, with a self-addressed postage-paid envelope for their return, to:

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### Financial Support

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## International Applicants

- For complete international applicant information, please visit the Office of Graduate Studies International Student Application Information. International applicants are strongly encouraged to have their applications complete, with all materials on file in the admission office, at least eight weeks prior to the program's application deadline.

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## Course and Degree Prerequisites and Requirements

- Applicants must earn and submit proof of earning the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to beginning graduate coursework at DU. The minimum GPA for incoming EDP MFA students is 2.75 with a strong preference for a GPA over 3.1 on an A = 4.0 scale. The minimum GPA for incoming EDP MFA students who have previous graduate work is 3.0 on an A = 4.0 scale. The recommended undergraduate degree is a bachelor of fine arts degree (BFA) in design or studio arts practices with a strong foundation in both traditional and electronic practices. Students with a BA in art or design should have at least 24 credit hours of studio courses such as photography, electronic art, ceramics, painting, drawing, print making, sculpture, textiles, etc. as documented in their transcripts. Students with undergraduate degrees other than a BFA may be required to take prerequisite courses at the undergraduate level as a condition of admission. These courses would not count towards the MFA degree and may include:
  - Drawing
  - Art History
  - Studio Art Foundations

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### Test Scores

- The GRE is not required for MFA applicants.

### Personal Statement

- MFA applicants are required to submit a 1-2 page personal statement explaining motivation for application, personal and professional goals, and any information or perspectives that will better inform the faculty of your capability to pursue graduate-

level work in the EDP program. Students should specifically address their interest in the EDP program. The statement should be submitted via upload through the online application process.

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#### Program-Specific Admission Requirements

- MFA applicants should submit a portfolio: 20 images and/or a maximum total of 15 minutes of time-based media representing at least 10 works of art. MFA applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a URL for the portfolio in website format. The portfolio must be accompanied by a 1-2 page descriptive list of the works. If necessary, send DVDs or CDs, with a self-addressed postage-paid envelope for their return, to:

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