DESIGN

There are nearly 1,900 Design colleges in India. Out of these, over 1,000 are private, about 250 are public/government and 114 are public/private.

Parameters	Particulars/ Statistics
No. of Design colleges in India	1,900
Fees	- Annual fee < Rs 1 lakh: 35% - Annual fee Rs 1-2 lakh: 20%
Top specialisations	Fashion Design, Apparel Design, Graphic Design, Textile Design, Game Design
Admission Process	Entrance-based Merit-based for few courses
No. of top Design colleges in India	18 NIFTs 7 NIDs

Design is one of the most popular courses in India. Design is a career stream that can be pursued by candidates at undergraduate (UG), postgraduate (PG) or doctorate (PhD) level to become designers. It offers vast streams and several opportunities to the students from different backgrounds based on their skills and talent. The duration of Design programmes varies depending on the course pursued. The duration of UG-level degree Design programmes usually ranges from three to four years. On the other hand, the duration of PG-level degree programmes is usually two years.

Some of the top Design entrance exams in India that are accepted by most of the colleges include National Institute of Fashion Technology Entrance Exam (NIFT Entrance Exam), National Institute of Design Entrance Exam (NID Entrance Exam), Undergraduate Common Entrance Examination for Design (UCEED) and Common Entrance Examination for Design (CEED). Popular cities in which maximum number of Design colleges are located include Delhi/NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Pune.

Design Courses and Colleges in India: Eligibility Criteria

Many Design colleges in India offer design courses at different levels. The candidates must fulfil the following eligibility criteria for admission to Design colleges in India:
UG Level

- Candidates must have completed Class 12 from a recognised board
- Candidates from any stream, that is, Science, Commerce and Arts, can apply for the course

PG Level

- Candidates should have completed graduation from a recognised college/university
- Most colleges prefer graduates with a Bachelor's degree in Design stream only. However, candidates from other streams are also eligible to apply for the course based on the required skill-set and aptitude.

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PhD Level

- Candidates should have completed their Master's degree in Design or any equivalent degree with maximum 50 per cent aggregate from a recognised college