



Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University



Ultimo campus

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Open days, exhibitions and interview sessions

In Australia

Billy Blue College of Design runs a number of practical Day in the Life of a Designer Workshops, open days and information sessions throughout the year. Visit www.billyblue.edu.au or call 1300 851 245 or +61 2 8588 4733.

Campus visits

To take a tour of campus and meet with academic staff and a course and career adviser, call 1300 851 245 or +61 2 8588 4733 (if outside Australia) or email international@think.edu.au – or drop in to the campus during business hours Monday to Friday.

Important dates

Billy Blue College of Design runs three academic trimesters per year. For all 2016-17 academic term dates, visit www.billyblue.edu.au or call 1300 851 245 or +61 2 8588 4733 (if outside Australia).

Trimester 1 starts	A intake: 20 Feb 2017	B intake: 3 April 2017
Trimester 2 starts	A intake: 5 June 2017	B intake: 17 July 2017
Trimester 3 starts	A intake: 18 Sept 2017	B intake: 30 Oct 2017

Academic calendar

For more information on teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods, visit www.billyblue.edu.au.

ABOUT

Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University originally began in North Sydney as Billy Blue Creative, a studio born out of another catalyst, *Billy Blue* magazine. From 1977 to 1990 this quirky magazine published colloquial Australian writing and other interesting content. In 1987, Billy Blue Creative decided to open a tiny design school to train people who would eventually work in the studio. A crowd of about four was expected. Sixty-six people enrolled and there was a long waiting list.

In essence, the school was created by industry for industry and has been building on that concept ever since. All of the teachers at Billy Blue are industry professionals – promoting professional teaching rather than teaching professionals – and the students benefit. It's a unique, fun, interactive and entrepreneurial relationship.

Industry permeates everything the College does. Billy Blue's positive partnership with the design industry is the key to the College's reputation and success. The College is constantly consulting and engaging with experts from across the creative industries to ensure that students are learning the most valuable, current and discipline-relevant skills.

To make sure that all students are connected to the industry, they have access to an internship program, as well as links to exciting creative industries opportunities. Your partnership and immersion with the Billy Blue community starts from day one.

The College offers Bachelor degrees in Communication Design, Digital Media Design, Commercial Interiors, Residential Interiors, Branded Environments, Branded Fashion Design as well as double degrees in Business and Design. Located in Ultimo (with campuses in Melbourne and Brisbane), students are close to public transport, shops and local attractions.

In 2016, Billy Blue College of Design joined Torrens University Australia, allowing our students to graduate with a university qualification and connecting them to over 80 institutions worldwide through the Laureate International Universities network.

Torrens University Australia, trading as Billy Blue College of Design, is registered as a self-accrediting Australian university by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and operates through the following legal entity: Torrens University Australia, ABN 99 154 937 005, CRICOS 03389E.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Read section 3 in Part 1 for general information about admission requirements, including English language proficiency.

Admission requirements are the minimum qualifications you need before you can be selected for admission to a course of study. As an international student completing one of the following qualifications in 2016, you will apply for admission through UAC and will generally be selected on the basis of your performance in these studies (ie your ATAR or equivalent):

- an Australian Year 12 qualification (either outside or in Australia)
- an International Baccalaureate
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3.

When assessing your application, Billy Blue College of Design may take any or all of your qualifications or attempts at study into account.

Limited ATAR

Billy Blue College of Design accepts the Limited ATAR for admission purposes – read section 8.6.

Additional selection criteria

In addition to applying through UAC, some applicants to Bachelor degree courses may be required to attend an interview where they are required to submit an original design portfolio which displays individual talent and imagination. An applicant's portfolio should display a high standard of technical presentation.

The folio should contain 6 to 10 pieces of work, with examples drawn from a range of practices, for example:

- drawings, illustrations or 2D artworks in various media (eg pencil, paint, pastel, gouache)
- digital works that combine typography (words) and images generated in the computer
- design work such as websites, animation, 3D environments (actual or virtual) or graphic design (logos, posters, flyers, stationery)
- personal work like photography, filmmaking, printmaking, craft, fashion or writing.

Interviews and portfolio submission

After you have submitted your UAC application, you will be contacted by Billy Blue College of Design to arrange an interview, if required. Interviews must be conducted and portfolios submitted prior to your application being considered.

If you are undertaking your Year 12 studies offshore and are applying to a course that has additional selection criteria that you will find difficult to meet, contact Billy Blue College of Design for advice.

Alternative entry

Applicants who are over 18 years of age

Applicants who are over 18 and not yet 21 and have an ATAR below the published cut-off will be required to provide documentation of any study undertaken (completed or not completed with the results in those units and/or courses) and a CV of work experience, as well as demonstrate the ability to undertake study at this level. Typical evidence of the latter includes written material generated as part of work functions (demonstrating your level of literacy) and the completion of relevant professional development activities (demonstrating your commitment to study).

COURSES AVAILABLE BY DIRECT APPLICATION

Billy Blue College of Design offers the following courses by direct application:

- Bachelor of Communication Design
- Bachelor of Digital Media in (3D Design & Animation), (Interaction Design) or (Film & Video Design)
- Bachelor of Interior Design (Commercial)
- Bachelor of Interior Design (Residential)
- Bachelor of Branded Fashion Design.

Contact Billy Blue College of Design for more information about courses available by direct application.

STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Before you are granted a student visa, the Australian Government must be satisfied that you have appropriate accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place for the period that you will be under 18 years of age while in Australia.

Billy Blue College of Design does not accept responsibility for welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age. For more information on what arrangements and guardianship need to be in place, visit www.border.gov.au/Busi/Educ/Educ/Welfare-requirements-for-student-visa-applicants-under-18.

AREAS OF STUDY

Billy Blue College of Design offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in:

- Communication Design
- Digital Media (3D & Animation, Integrative Design and Film and Video Design)
- Branded Fashion
- Interior Design (Residential or Commercial)
- Branded Environments.

For course descriptions, visit the international course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

TUITION FEES

For information about tuition fees, refer to the 'Table of courses' starting on page 37 or visit the international course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

The first semester tuition fee must be paid in order for Billy Blue College of Design to accept and issue students with a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). Fees are then invoiced each session. Annual course fees only cover the cost of your tuition. They do not include other expenses associated with university study such as accommodation, books, equipment and living expenses. Your Offer of Admission letter will list the indicative fees you should pay, including compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover fees and any other general charges levied by the College. The tuition fee must be paid in advance for each semester or teaching period. Annual tuition and other fees are subject to change on 1 January each year after commencement of study.

Fees policy

Visit www.torrens.edu.au/about/policies for more information about Billy Blue College of Design's fees policies.

LIVING EXPENSES

Read section 7.3 for general information about living expenses. For further information, visit www.torrens.edu.au/studying/international-students.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read section 7.5 for general information about sponsored students.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER

Read section 2.6 for general information about Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

Billy Blue College of Design's preferred provider is Allianz Global Assistance. For further information, visit www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au.

Commencing students seeking to use any other OSHC provider must purchase OSHC directly from their chosen provider as Billy Blue College of Design only accepts payment for Allianz OSHC.

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Read section 2.5 for general information about working while studying.

PREPARING FOR STUDENT LIFE

Before commencing study at Billy Blue College of Design, learn more about life in Australia and at Billy Blue by visiting www.torrens.edu.au/studying/international-students.

ACCEPTANCE, ENROLMENT, ORIENTATION AND DEFERMENT

Read section 6 for general information about acceptance, enrolment, orientation and deferment.

Acceptance

Successful applicants will receive email notification of correspondence which can be downloaded using Check & Change on UAC's website. The offer letter will state the course that you have been accepted into, its commencement and expected completion date, fees payable, information regarding on-campus accommodation (if applicable), and an acceptance page for you to complete and return.

To accept your offer you must make payment as specified in your offer letter and return your Acceptance page. For more information, visit www.billyblue.edu.au/enrolment.

Enrolment

Students usually enrol in person or through a registered education agent prior to Orientation Week. A written instruction advising the date, time and location of enrolment will be included in your offer letter.

Orientation

Orientation is normally held for all new students the week prior to classes starting for all programs. At orientation, students will get a chance to meet the academic and student support staff of Billy Blue College of Design, as well as receive information about College policies, procedures and facilities. It is a valuable introduction to the College and is designed to ensure that Billy Blue College of Design students have a successful study experience.

Deferment

It may be possible to defer your enrolment at the College for up to 12 months. For more information, contact the College.

STUDENT SUPPORT

At Billy Blue College of Design we have many services to help you achieve your personal, academic and career goals, including:

- international student advisers
- counselling services
- academic skills advisers.

ACCOMMODATION

Student services staff can assist students with information on affordable accommodation options in the Ultimo area and surrounds. For more information, call 1300 851 245 or +61 2 8588 4733 (if outside Australia) or visit www.billyblue.edu.au.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

Careers advice

Billy Blue College of Design students are provided with the opportunity to seek work experience in the industry through the College's industry connections. Every student also graduates with a professional portfolio of their work as well as a personal business card and letterhead. The Billy Blue College of Design graduation exhibition is always well subscribed to by top design and advertising professionals.

Counselling

Billy Blue College of Design provides confidential counselling support for current students. These services can be accessed from our Ultimo campus. For more information, call 1300 851 245 or +61 2 8588 4733 (if outside Australia).

Learning assistance

At Billy Blue College of Design students have access to Torrens University Language Centre and Learning and Academic Skills Unit (LASU). LASU provides students with a diverse range of support and academic skills services, including time management, teamwork, report writing, presentation skills, referencing, computer literacy, proofreading and editing skills.

Library and computing services

The Ultimo campus of the Billy Blue College of Design includes a research centre and library that is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 9pm.

The College library catalogue is part of the UNILINC shared system. Students also have access to online journal databases through the library. The campus has wireless access throughout for students to use and the computer labs are equipped with modern computers.

Transport

Billy Blue College of Design is conveniently located in Ultimo. The campus is a five-minute walk to Broadway and is also accessible by bus or train.