









Entertainment Design is the art of creating compelling and engaging experiences for entertainment. Entertainment is rooted in story, and the skill of the Entertainment Designer is to effectively and collaboratively translate a narrative, concept, or theme into a real-world experience that resonates with the guest.

As a student of this program, you will learn the skills necessary to conceive, visualize, and realize innovative design solutions that bring immersive entertainment experiences to life. You will work across disciplines to design for theme parks and destinations, themed dining, exhibitions, and interactive experiences, to name a few.

The Entertainment Design industry is expanding worldwide. Discover how a degree in Entertainment Design from Ringling College of Art and Design can take you to new places—both around the globe and into worlds that have yet to be built.

EMPHASIS IN THEMED ENVIRONMENTS

Focusing on themed environments, the curriculum addresses industry standards and skills related to a narrative-driven built environment. Courses focus on building a knowledge of three-dimensional spatial relationships, material properties, fabrication techniques, wayfinding, and developing your digital visualization and communication techniques. Advanced technical skills are developed using a variety of digital design techniques in drawing, CAD drawing, 3D modeling, and 3D prototyping.

Artwork on cover. Cabana Bay: Scott Wren '97 Wrenhouse Design

CURRICULUM MAP

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YEAR 1 FALL	DSNA 110 Drawing I	DSNA 113 Drawing & 3D Design I	EDES 100 Design Thinking I
	LIBA 111 Contemporary Design Culture	WRIT 151 Writing Studio	
SPRING	DSNA 120 Drawing II (Figure)	DSNA 123 Drawing & 3D Design II	EDES 120 Elements & Principles of Design
	ARTH 128 History of Immersive Media	LMST 282 Literature & Media Studies	
VEADA			
YEAR 2 FALL	EDES 201 Entertainment Design I	EDES 220 Spatial Environments	EDES 222 Materials & Processes
	ARTH III Development of Art & Ideas	Open Elective	
SPRING	EDES 202 Entertainment Design II	EDES 221 Environmental Wayfinding	EDES 210 Immersive Media
	History of Architecture	Open Elective	
YEAR 3 FALL	EDES 301 Entertainment Design III	EDES 320 Visualization & Communication Tools I	BOAD 360 Project Management
	LIBA 230 Worldbuilding	Open Elective or INTE 301 Internship	
SPRING	EDES 302 Entertainment Design IV	EDES 321 Visualization & Communication Tools II	EDES 300 DesignThinking II
	CRWR 311 Writing for Shared Worlds	Liberal Arts	
YEAR 4 FALL	EDES 401 Entertainment Design Thesis I	EDES 420 Visualization & Communication Tools III	Liberal Arts
	General Education Elective	Upper-Level Art History Elective	
SPRING	EDES 402 Entertainment Design Thesis II		Liberal Arts
	General Education Elective	Open Elective	
1 st Year Major Major Liberal Arts Art & Design General Open Studio Courses Emphasis 24 hours 20% History Education Electives 12 hours 10% 33 hours 27.5% 21 hours 17.5% 12 hours 10% 6 hours 5% 12 hours 10%			

120 Credits



CAREER OPTIONS

ATTRACTIONS DESIGNER
BRANDED ENTERTAINMENT
DESIGNER
CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE DESIGNER
ENGAGEMENT CONTENT CREATOR
EXHIBIT FABRICATOR
EXHIBIT DESIGNER
EXHIBIT CONTENT DEVELOPER

EXPERIENCE DESIGN MANAGER

INTERACTIVE/DIGITAL PROJECT MANAGER MUSEUM EXHIBIT DESIGNER PRODUCTION SHOW SET DESIGNER SETS & SCENIC DESIGNER SIGNAGE DESIGNER THEMED ENTERTAINMENT CREATOR

IN-SHOW GRAPHICS DESIGNER

THEMED ENTERTAINMENT ASSOCIATION (TEA)

Ringling College is a member of the industry's major organization, the Themed Entertainment Association (TEA), which is a network of the world's leading creators, developers, designers, and producers of compelling places and experiences. Our students organized a student chapter so graduates of the program that are members can use this network to pursue opportunities in the industry such as internships and jobs, as well as have access to professional development resources like webinars, conferences, and behind-the-scenes events.

PROJECT EMPHASIS ON THEMED ENVIRONMENTS

Your design knowledge and technical skills are applied to projects in areas such as:

- THEMED ENVIRONMENTS INCLUDING THEME PARKS AND RESORTS
- CULTURAL DESTINATIONS
- THEMED RETAIL AND DINING

INDUSTRY EXAMPLES

THEMED ENVIRONMENTS
HARRY POTTER WORLD
ATLANTIS
MEN IN BLACK
REVENGE OF THE MUMMY
THE SIMPSONS RIDE
ET ADVENTURE
SKULL ISLAND: REIGN OF KONG
JURASSIC PARK
THE CAT IN THE HAT RIDE
SPACESHIP EARTH

CULTURAL DESTINATIONS

JOURNEY INTO IMAGINATION

MUSEUMS
MEOW WOLF
MUSEUM OF ICE CREAM
ZOOS
THEATERS
KIDZANIA
ST. MICHAEL'S MYSTERY, PRAGUE
NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER, FORT
DISCOVERY THEATER
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GRAND
CANYON VISITORS CENTER
TITANIC BELFAST
I AM A MAN PLAZA, MEMPHIS

THEMED RETAIL

TESLA
APPLE STORE
MICROSOFT STORE
NIKETOWN
MADRID XANADU
TERMINAL 21, BANGKOK
JOY CITY, SHANGHAI
CADILLAC HOUSE BRAND
EXPERIENCE, NEW YORK CITY
AMPLE HILLS CREAMERY, MULTIPLE
LOCATIONS IN U.S.
TOM FORD PRIVATE BLEND
EXPERIENCE, DUBAI

THEMED RESTAURANTS

HARD ROCK
TOMMY BAHAMA
TOOTHSOME CHOCOLATE
EMPORIUM & SAVORY FEAST
KITCHEN
MEDIEVAL TIMES DINNER &
TOURNAMENT
T-REX CAFE
PIRATES DINNER ADVENTURE
CAPONE'S DINNER & SHOW
THE CIRQUE MAGIQUE
MYTHOS RESTAURANT, ISLANDS OF
ADVENTURE
THREE BROOMSTICKS
MARGARITAVILLE

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