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NC State Offering New Master's Degree Program in Art & Design

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A new master's degree program in art and design being offered through North Carolina State University's College of Design could redefine the concept and creation of everyday items ranging from clothing to video games and accessories to advertisements.

The program is the only one of its kind in the University of North Carolina System and offers concentrations in fibers and in animation. It blends traditional techniques of art and design with digital technologies, with the goal of preparing artists and designers to work in emerging, high-tech art and design-related industries.

The fibers and surface design concentration combines the use of new technology with traditional hand textile production processes for art textiles and for the design of fiber products such as clothing, home or personal accessories, crafts, sculptures, or other works of art. Students enrolled in the animation and digital imaging concentration will use state-of-the-art software and equipment to enhance graphics, digital images, and 3-D animations used in applications such as advertisements, films, Web sites and video games.

Students who enroll in the program must complete 48-72 hours of coursework, depending on the background of the applicant. Curriculum highlights include courses and studio work in art and design theory and practice. The program also requires students to complete a final project that is showcased in a public exhibition. The application deadline for enrollment for the spring 2006 semester is Nov. 1. The application deadline for enrollment in the fall 2006 semester is Feb. 1, 2006.

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