

## Student Acknowledgment of FIDM Academic Requirements

We are a professional, accredited, specialized college. The curriculum is fast-paced and projects/examinations intensive. Our industry-based instructors uphold the standards of quality and timeliness demanded in the workplace.

### **What will this mean to you as a student?**

- Quarters run from ten to eleven weeks with assignments/projects/examinations often due by week two.
- Each quarter, students take a full load (15 units) of coursework. Each class meets for three or six hours one day per week.
- Students typically have between six and ten assignments/projects/examinations per class (24 to 50 graded assignments per quarter) due on assigned dates, per class syllabus.
- Grades are based on results, not effort. Students are evaluated upon the successful completion of assignments/projects/tests, not upon the number of hours they have invested in the work.
- Students should expect to devote at least two hours on homework for every hour spent in class.
- All students must take at least one math class (or successfully pass out of *Math Skills* in placement testing). Several majors require from three to seven math or math related classes.

*Note: Students are required to read course descriptions of all classes carefully so as fully to understand their major program before embarking on it.*

- All students must give speeches, critiques, and oral presentations in most classes. Effective oral communication is part of our college mission.
- All students must expect that some assessments in classes or curriculum may incorporate group work and/ or group graded projects. Developing these professional skills while in college is critical as all industries value the ability to be a member of a team.
- While students are encouraged to use the IDEA Center for help with FIDM course work, the college cannot guarantee one-on-one individual tutoring.
- **Design majors** take studio courses and labs that are physically demanding in which the manipulation of design tools and fine motor skills are required. Such skills that students may be asked to perform include, but are not limited to: using mechanical tools such as razor blades, exact-o knives, hot glue guns, scissors, and soldering tools.

*Note: Depending upon the major, there may be additional requirements/expectations included in individual syllabi provided to students during the first class session of each course.*

### **Changes to Degree Location / Completion:**

- The college is able to provide all the courses required for completion of your program at the campus location(s) you have selected on the Agreement. Should you choose to take required courses at one of the other locations and those courses are available at that campus, you may do so. Some programs and courses are available only at specific campus locations and the college's commitment is to provide the required courses at the campus location(s) selected on the Agreement.
- While we are able to provide the initial period of enrollment for some programs at the San Francisco and San Diego campuses, some require completion on the Los Angeles campus. In Orange County, all programs require completion on the Los Angeles campus. In certain circumstances, Orange County students may be required to complete their initial enrollment period in LA.
- In an effort to accommodate students' requests, the college will occasionally offer a program or a program start at a quarter not traditionally made available. This might cause the length of the program to extend beyond its published term. If you are interested in such a program, FIDM will disclose this fact and the applicable refund policy to you prior to enrollment.
- After a student has enrolled at FIDM a class will not be changed to a day when the student is not scheduled to attend the institution or to a time which is outside the range of time that the student is scheduled to attend the institution without consent from at least 90% of the students enrolled in the class.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand, and am able to complete with satisfaction all of FIDM's academic requirements with or without reasonable accommodations.

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**Student Name (Please Print)**

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**Student ID #**

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**Student's Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent's Signature**

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**Admissions Advisor**

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