

Graphic Design ♦ Associate of Applied Science Degree ♦ 63 Credits

Program Description

While earning a Graphic Design A A S degree students develop an excellent foundation in art, design, computer technology, and business skills. Using state-of-the-art software, students create graphic elements, design print or electronic communication pieces, and produce or publish their work. Courses are taught on both P C's and Macs. An Internship experience allows the student to gain first-hand experience with employers.

This A A S degree was formerly titled Visual Communications.

Career Options

Occupations for which students will be prepared for include: Graphic Artist, Typesetter, Layout Specialist, Illustrator, and staff level graphic designer.

Recommended Schedule

Semester One, Fall, 15 Credits.

COURSE PREFIX	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDITS
M G D	102	Introduction to Multi-Media	3
M G D	111	Adobe Photoshop I	3
A R T	131	Visual Concepts 2-D Design	3
C I S	118	Introduction to P C Applications	3
E N G	121	English Composition 1 OR	
E N G	131	Technical Writing 1	3

Semester Two, Spring, 15 Credits.

COURSE PREFIX	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDITS
A R T	121	Drawing 1 OR	
A R T	139	Digital Photography 1	3
M G D	143	Motion Graphic Design 1: Software OR	
M G D	112	Adobe Illustrator 1	3
M G D	105	Typography & Layout	3
M G D	114	Adobe InDesign	3
J O U	105	Introduction to Mass Media	3

Semester Three, Fall, 15 Credits.

COURSE PREFIX	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDITS
M A T	112	Financial Mathematics OR	
M A T	135	Introduction to Statistics OR a CCCS GT-MA1	3
M G D	133	Graphic Design I	3

COURSE PREFIX	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDITS
M G D	141	Web Design I	3
M G D	227	Marcomm Practices	3
M G D	268	Business for Creatives	3

Semester Four, Spring, 12 Credits.

COURSE PREFIX	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDITS
M G D	233	Graphic Design 2	3
M G D	241	Web Design 2	3
M G D	256	Graphic Design Production	3
C O M	115	Public Speaking OR	
C O M	125	Interpersonal Communication	3

Semester Five, Summer, 6 Credits.

COURSE PREFIX	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDITS
M G D	280	Internship	3
M G D	289	Capstone	3

Semester Milestones

Always complete courses with a grade of C or higher. Meet with your advisor at least once per semester to ensure you are on track. Register for classes early.

Fall 1st Year

1) Complete FAFSA for next academic year when registering for spring semester.

Spring 1st Year

1) Complete scholarship applications for next academic year. 2) Register for summer and fall semesters. 3) If you plan to enroll in any summer classes, submit the Summer Intent Form to the Financial Aid Office for funding. 4) Check on your portal to make sure your Financial Aid for next year is processed. If so, you will be able to accept your award offer.

Fall 2nd Year

1) Meet with your advisor to complete your Graduation Planning Sheet; 2) Register for spring semester.

Spring 2nd Year

1) Meet with your advisor to complete your Graduation Planning Sheet; 2) Register for the summer semester; 3) Submit the Summer Intent Form to the Financial Aid Office; 4) Participate in the Graduation Ceremony!!

Summer 2nd Year

Complete and receive your degree!!