

Associate in Arts (A.A.) in Graphic Design

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The two-year Associate's Degree in Graphic Design program offers a variety of courses in the aesthetic, technical, and theoretical aspects of graphic design. Those who complete the two-year program are eligible to transfer to the UDC Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, provided they successfully pass the portfolio review and maintain a —B average in all major courses.

Courses are taught in labs with up-to-date technology and cover the major areas of the graphic design field, including illustration, logo design, web design, and animation. Students are prepared with solid skills in conceptual thinking, drawing, color theory, art and design history, as well as knowledge of the computer programs essential to success in the field. The program gives students the opportunity to merge imagination with technique to produce cutting-edge design work.

Graduates pursue professional opportunities in various design disciplines. A degree in graphic design is the first step to a career in art direction, web design, publication design, illustration, animation, or any number of disciplines in communication design. All core courses are held at the Van Ness campus, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW.

ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS

UDC recognizes the important connection between student success and academic preparedness. Depending on placement test scores and/or equivalent college course work, students may be required to complete co-requisite courses in English and math. ***Only credits earned for the college-level portion of the co-requisite course pairing count towards degree completion requirements.***

Co-Requisite Courses for English

Course #	Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
ENGL-015	English Fundamentals <i>and</i>	3		
ENGL-101C	English Composition I	3		

Co-Requisite Courses for Math

Course #	Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
MATH-015C	Introduction to Algebra <i>and</i>	3		
MATH-101C	General College Math I	3		

SEQUENCE OF STUDY

The required courses for the degree program are listed in suggested sequence on the reverse side of this document. Students are expected to complete prerequisite and co-requisite courses as indicated.

- A Prerequisite is a requirement which must be completed prior to enrollment in a particular class. This can be a placement test score or a course. For example, ENGL-111: English Composition I must be taken prior to ENGL-112: English Composition II.
- A Co-requisite is a course that must be taken in the same semester. For example, APCT 104C: Introduction to Applications of Computers Lecture must be taken along with APCT 105C: Introduction to Applications of Computers Lab.

GUIDE TO SUBJECTS

When registering for courses, use the key below to search for courses by subject.

ARTD	Graphic Design	ENGL	English	GRCT	Graphic Communications Technology
ARTS	Studio Art	FSEM	First Year Seminar	MATH	Mathematics

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FIRST SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites
FSEM-101C	First Year Seminar	1			
ENGL-111C	English Composition I	3			ENGL-015C or required placement test score
MATH-101C	General College Math I	3			MATH-015C or required placement test score
ARTD-105C	Foundations of Design	3			
ARTS-101C	Introduction to Drawing	3			
GRCT-109C	Digital Applications	3			
Total Credit Hours:		16			

SECOND SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites
ENGL-112C	English Composition II	3			ENGL-111C
MATH-102C	General College Math II	3			MATH-101C
ARTS-145C	Photography	3			
ARTD-124C	Computer Art I	3			GRCT-109C
GRCT-107C	Introduction to Desktop Publishing (Lec)	2			Co-requisite GRCT-108C
GRCT-108C	Introduction to Desktop Publishing (Lab)	1			Co-requisite GRCT-107C
ARTS-115C	Visual Thinking	3			
Total Credit Hours:		18			

THIRD SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites
ARTD-207C	Web Design	3			GRCT 109, ARTD-113C, ARTD-201C or permission from the instructor
ARTD-126C	Typography	3			ARTD-105C, GRCT-107/108C, and GRCT-109C
ARTD-113C	Graphic Design I	3			ARTD-105C, GRCT-107/108C, and GRCT-109C
ARTD-201C	Computer Illustration	3			ARTD-105C, ARTD-124C, and GRCT-109C
	Natural Science Elective w/Lab	4			MATH-015C
Total Credit Hours:		16			

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites
GRCT-113C	Digital Imaging (Lecture)	2			Co-requisite GRCT-114C
GRCT-114C	Digital Imaging (Lab)	1			Co-requisite GRCT-113C
ARTD-213C	Publication Design	3			GRCT 109C, GRCT 107C/108C, ARTD 113C, ARTD 126C
ARTD-208C	History of Graphic Design	3			
ARTD-275C	Portfolio and Marketing Workshop	3			Take after completion of all ARTD and ARTS courses up to third semester
	Social Science Elective	3			
Total Credit Hours:		15			

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Total Credit Hours for A.A. Degree in Graphic Design: 65