

Graphic Design

Courses required for the first year: None
Courses recommended for the first year: GRD-222: Typography; GRD-225: Intro to Graphic Design
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The Major in Graphic Design

- 16 required credits in GRD, including GRD-222, GRD-225, GRD-325, GRD-425 (or GRD-INTR)
 - 1 of the following courses: ARHI-161, ARHI-367, ARHI-377 or GRD-392.
 - 12 elective credits in ART or GRD
- Total Required Credits: **32**

Required Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
GRD-222	Typography	PA			4
GRD-225	Intro to Graphic Design	PA		F, SP	4
GRD-325	Graphic Design Studio		GRD-225 and GRD-222		4
GRD-425 or GRD-INTR	Senior Inquiry in Design Senior Inquiry: Graphic Design Internship				4 4-9

Required Supporting Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
GRD or ART	Electives				12
ART-377 or ARHI-161	Issues in Contemporary Art	PA			4
or	Global Art in Perspective	PA, G			4
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ARHI-367 or GRD-392	Modern II: Post-Impress to Contemporary Contemporary Graphic Arts in Context	PP, G	GRD-222 and GRD-225		4 4
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The Minor in Graphic Design

- 12 required credits in GRD, including GRD-222, GRD-225, and GRD-325
- 8 credits of electives in ART or GRD.

Total Required Credits - **20**

Required Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
GRD-222	Typography				4
GRD-225	Intro to Graphic Design	PA		F, SP	4
GRD-325	Graphic Design Studio		GRD-225 and GRD-222		4
GRD or ART	Electives				8

Major Overview

Graduating Graphic Design majors pursue a diverse set of career paths including work in Web Design, Advertising, Art Direction, Marketing, Illustration, Media, Software Development, Animation, and many others including graduate school for further study in the discipline. Students take advantage of internship opportunities in design firms across the country and around the world.

ADVANCED STUDENTS CAN CONTACT ART DEPT PROFESSORS TO REQUEST ADVANCED PLACEMENT BASED ON AP ART OR OTHER EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE.

*Fall, J term, Spring, Summer; see [Academic Calendar](#) for specific dates

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