GRAPHIC DESIGN PROGRAM

Advising Sheet

CREATE YOUR PORTFOLIO FOR SUCCESS!

Our Mission is to help you develop the skills necessary to build a portfolio that demonstrates your creative, problem-solving, and verbal presentation abilities for the professional fields of graphic design, Web and Interactive Design, and illustration. Your portfolio can be used to seek entrance to a baccalaureate-granting institution or art school, or for professional employment in a creative field.

Want to get a BFA in Graphic Design? The NASAD* accredited Graphic Design program at College of DuPage has several articulation agreements with local and regional colleges, so you can continue your education at your chosen 4-year school— entering with junior status.

Every successful business uses the services of advertising agencies, graphic designers, and illustrators to promote and inform in today's global economy. Graduates of the Graphic Design degree or certificate programs find work in advertising agencies, design studios, in-house corporate design/promotion departments, or as freelancers, handling a variety of creative projects and campaigns.

Job titles include graphic designer, web designer, art director, illustrator, layout artist, package designer, computer artist, and cartoonist, to name just a few.

Get started by making an appointment to meet with a full-time faculty advisor (listed below) to discuss a course of study that meets your academic needs.

GRAPHIC DESIGN FACULTY ADVISORS

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CERTIFICATES

Graphic Design Foundation Certificate

The Graphic Design Level 1 certificate provides a basis in the principles and elements of design, typography, drawing and illustration, and UX design using traditional and digital design tools and software.

GRDSN 1100	Drawing for Design	3
GRDSN 1101	Digital Graphic Applications	3
GRDSN 1102	Graphic Design 1	3
GRDSN 1104	Typography	3
GRDSN 1105	Graphic Design 2	3
GRDSN 1106	Three-Dimensional Design	3
GRDSN 1107	Digital Illustration 1	3
GRDSN 1108	Digital Illustration 2	3
GRDSN 2200	User Experience Design	3
Total certificate credit hours		**27**

Web Design Certificate

The Web Design Certficate provides a foundation in design, principles of interactivity, and the use of Web-authoring software and basic coding.

GRDSN 1102	Graphic Design 1	3
GRDSN 1104	Typography	3
GRDSN 1105	Graphic Design 2	3
GRDSN 1107	Digital Illustration 1	3
GRDSN 2201	Graphic Design 3	3
GRDSN 2200	User Experience Design	3
GRDSN 2202	Web/Interactive Design 1	3
GRDSN 2206	Web/Interactive Design 2	3
Total certificate credit hours		**24**

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GRAPHIC DESIGN AAS DEGREE

The following represents a Fall and Spring semester course sequence. Note that courses can be taken during the Summer semester to either speed up the completion of the program or lessen the semester course load.

Suggested Course Sequence (Full-Time Enrollment)

First Semester (15 credits)

GRDSN 1100	Drawing for Design	3
GRDSN 1101	Digital Graphic Applications	3
GRDSN 1102	Graphic Design 1	3
GRDSN 1104	Typography	3
GEN ED	English 1101	3

Second Semester (15 credits)

GRDSN 1105	Graphic Design 2	3
GRDSN 1106	Three-Dimensional Design.	3
GRDSN 1107	Digital Illustration 1	3
GRDSN 2200	User Experience Design	3
GEN ED	Speech 1100	3

Summer Term (4-7 credits)

GRDSN	Available course	3
GEN ED	Physical and Life Sciences course	4

Third Semester (18 credits)

GRDSN	1108 Digital Illustration 2	3
GRDSN	2201 Graphic Design 3	3
GRDSN	2202 Web/Interactive Design 1*	3
GRDSN	2203 Advertising Design*	3
GEN ED	Mathematics course	3
GEN ED	Humanities & Fine Arts course†	3

†*Choose one: Art 2211, 2212, 2213, or 2214*

Fourth Semester (15 credits)

GRDSN 2204	Digital Illustration 3	3
GRDSN 2205	Graphic Design 4**	3
GRDSN 2206	Web/Interactive Design 2**	3
GRDSN 2208	Portfolio Seminar**	3
GEN ED	Social & Behavioral Science course	3

AAS Total Credits Required	67

* Courses usually offered only in the Fall Semester
** Courses usually only offered in the Spring Semester

For more information on the AAS Degree visit:
https://www.cod.edu/academics/programs/graphic_design/

INTERACTIVE MEDIA AAS DEGREE

The Interactive Media degree provides students with interdisciplinary, theoretical, and application knowledge in the design, development, and production of interactive media, including web-based and other emerging media. Students will learn to create interactive design solutions for a variety media such as websites, digital interfaces and applications.

The Interactive Media degree program consists of a minimum of 64 credits in general education and program requirements. The following list contains the required courses.

Suggested Course Sequence (Full-Time Enrollment)

First Semester (15 credits)

GRDSN 1100	Drawing for Design	3
GRDSN 1101	Digital Graphics Applications	3
GRDSN 1102	Graphic Design 1	3
CIS 1310	HTML and CSS.	3
ENGLI	English 1101	3

Second Semester (17 credits)

GRDSN 1104	Typography	3
GRDSN 1105	Graphic Design 2	3
GRDSN 2200	User Experience Design	3
CIS 1120	The Internet	2
SPEEC	Speech 1100	3
MATH	Mathematics course	3

Third Semester (16 credits)

GRDSN 2202	Web/Interactive Design 1	3
CIS 1400	Programming Logic and Technique	4
GRDSN 2201	Graphic Design 3	3
*Elective	Choose from approved list.	3
GEN ED	Physical and Life Science course	4

Fourth Semester (15 credits)

GRDSN 2206	Web/Interactive Design 2	3
ART	Choose one: 2211, 2212, 2213, or 2214	3
CIS 2320	JavaScript and Advanced HTML	3
*Elective	Choose from approved list	3
GEN ED	Social and Behavioral Science course	3

AAS Total Credits Required	64

*Program Electives
Select six credit hours from the elective course list below:

CIS 1300	Web Design Software	3
CIS 1510	Graphical User Interface Programming	4
CIS 2330	Introduction to XML	3
CIS 2510	Advanced GUI Programming	4
MPTV 1011	Introduction to Motion Pictures and Television	3
MPTV 1020	Editing for Motion Pictures and Television	3
MPTV 1324	Motion Graphics and Special Effects I	3
MPTV 2331	3-D Animation I	3
MPTV 2333	Motion Graphics and Special Effects II	3