

Graphic Design

Degree Type

Associate in Applied Science-Transfer Degree

The graphic design program prepares students for professional practice in the extended field of graphic design and visual communications. The program builds a first-year foundation of aesthetic and technical skills covering the principles of design, creative problem solving, design history, photography and typography.

The second year allows students to progress into advanced study of graphic and web design practices encompassing portfolio building that enable them to put theory to practice. Students can learn to effectively communicate ideas and information in a variety of traditional, digital, print, packaging, web and other media formats. They can develop essential skills through practical hands-on experience, real client project work and a focus on professional skills and building a portfolio of work.

The program prepares graduates for employment in various design-related industries and fields, including graphic design firms, publishing, advertising, media/printing/ editing, animation, or Web design/development, and in careers such as freelance designers, production designers or coordinators, content managers or publishers, marketing communications specialists, or entry-level Web or graphic designers.

Students can learn to inform, motivate, engage, and entertain an audience through visual communication. This program trains students for careers in marketing, communication, advertising and related design fields.

Required courses: Associate in Applied Science-Transfer

Offered at Wenatchee campus

Each graphic design class builds on the knowledge from the previous class in the sequence. Students will gain the most benefit by proceeding through the classes sequentially starting fall quarter.

Total Credits	90
Course Sequencing	

First Year - Fall Quarter

Course ID	Title	Credits
ART 130	Graphic Design Technology I	5.0
ART 134	Introduction to Graphic Design	5.0
ENGL& 101	Composition: General	5.0

First Year - Winter Quarter

Course ID	Title	Credits
ART 135	Graphic Design I	5.0
ART 137	Typography	5.0
	Humanities (CMST& 101 recommended)	5.0

First Year - Spring Quarter

Course ID	Title	Credits
ART 131	Graphic Design Technology II	5.0
ART 138	Digital Photography	5.0
ART 139	Publication Design & Layout	5.0

Second Year - Fall Quarter

Course ID	Title	Credits
ART 233	Packaging Design	5.0
ART 234	Graphic Design II	5.0
	Social Science (PSYC& 100 recommended)	5.0

Second Year - Winter Quarter

Course ID	Title	Credits
ART 235	Web Graphic Design	5.0
	Elective (BUS 241 recommended)	5.0
	Elective (ART 110 or ART 210 recommended)	5.0

Second Year - Spring Quarter

Course ID	Title	Credits
ART 236	Graphic Design- Branding	5.0
	MATH& 107 or PHIL 120	5.0
	Elective (BUS 245 recommended)	5.0

ENGL& 101, MATH&107, PHIL 120: Placement score required

Program outcomes

Upon completing AAS-T degree in Graphic Design, students should be able to:

- Display proficiency with Graphic Design digital software packages.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the design process as it is applied in the industry.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of design production, project work-flow, and construction of digital files meeting industry standards.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply design concepts to a variety of print, web, and digital media.
- Have created a portfolio, online and/or physical, to present their body of work to potential employers.
- Have opportunities to transfer to area universities and continue their education.
- Qualify for entry-level jobs in the design industry.

Students may find work in design studios, interactive studios, advertising agencies, corporate marketing departments and other businesses involved in the creation and production of design and communication projects.

Humanities (CMST& 101 recommended)

Elective Credits 5

Course ID	Title	Credits
CMST& 101	Introduction to Communication	5.0

Social Science (PSYC& 100 recommended)

Elective Credits 5

Course ID	Title	Credits
PSYC& 100	General Psychology	5.0

Elective (BUS 241 recommended)

Elective Credits 5

Recommended Electives:

Course ID	Title	Credits
ART& 100	Art Appreciation	5.0
ART 107	3D Design Introduction to Sculpture	5.0
ART 110	Drawing I	5.0
ART 111	Figure Drawing I	5.0
ART 116	Drawing: Figure II	5.0
ART 117	Drawing: Figure III	5.0
ART 132	3D Digital Design 1: Intro to 3D Computer Aided Modeling	5.0
ART 133	3D Digital Design 2: Advanced Modeling, Rendering and Presentation	5.0
ART 141	Illustration I	5.0
ART 142	Illustration II	5.0
ART 143	Natural Science Illustration	5.0
ART 201	Art History Survey: Ancient to Medieval	5.0
ART 202	Art History Survey: Renaissance	5.0
ART 203	Art History Survey: Modern	5.0
ART 210	Painting I	5.0
ART 211	Painting II	5.0
ART 220	Painting: Advanced	5.0
BUS& 101	Introduction to Business	5.0
BUS 241	Principles of Marketing	5.0
BUS 245	Small Business Management	5.0
CMST 130	Survey of Digital Communications	5.0

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