

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES GRAPHIC DESIGN DEGREE PLAN 2026-2027

FIRST YEAR- FRESHMAN (29-HRS)

Fall Semester – 13 Total Hours*

UNIV	1001	Tiger Connect (C)
ENG	1113	Freshman Composition I (C)
MATH	xxx3	Mathematical and Statistical Reasoning (CT)

Select two courses from the following*:

ART	1133	Drawing I
ART	1213	Two-Dimensional Design
ART	1123	Computers for Creatives

**The priority is on ART 1113, 1213, and 1123, but if all sections are full, it is preferable to take other ART courses rather than more general education. ART 2243 Art History Survey I and ART 2273 Survey of Multicultural Art are good options. Both ART 2243 and ART 2273 fulfil Cultural and Aesthetic Awareness and IKC.

Spring Semester – 16 Total Hours*

ART	1313	Three-Dimensional Design**
ART	1123	Computers for Creatives**
ENG	1213	Freshman Composition II (IL)
PS	1113	U.S. Government (CT)
ANY	xxx3-4	Nature and Science I (C) (CT) (IL) (IKC) (GC)

**The priority is on ART 1313 and 1123, but if sections are full, or have already been taken it is preferable to take other ART courses rather than more general education. ART 2253 Art History Survey II, ART 2273 Survey of Multicultural Art, and ART 1143 Theory & Social Practice, or MCOM 1713 Intro to Photo are all good choices. ART 2273 fulfils Cultural and Aesthetic Awareness and IKC.

SECOND YEAR-SOPHOMORE (30-31-HRS)*

Fall Semester – 15 Total Hours

HIST	xxx3	Civic Consciousness (CT)
ART	2943	Principles of Graphic Design

If not already taken, take 2 of the following, preferably Drawing I and Two-Dimensional Design, as Computers for Creatives is offered every semester and can be taken in any semester:

ART	1133	Drawing I
ART	1213	Two-Dimensional Design
ART	1123	Computers for Creatives

If 2-3 of the above have been taken, take 1-2 of the below, for 15 total hours:

ART	2243	Art History Survey I* (Fulfills Gen. Ed. Cultural and Aesthetic Awareness) (IKC)
ART	3133	Drawing II*
ANY	xxx3	General Education Elective I (C) (CT) (IL) (IKC) (GC) (if not already taken)

*These should be the prioritized classes in this section.

Spring Semester – 15-16 Total Hours*

ART	1313	Three-Dimensional Design (if not already taken)
ART	3943	Graphic Design I
ART	2253	Art History Survey II
ANY	xxx3-4	Nature and Science II (C) (CT) (IL) (IKC) (GC)

If Three-Dimensional Design has not been taken, take 1 of the following. If it has already been taken, take 2 of the following**:

MCOM	1713	Intro to Photography (if not already taken)
ART	3403	Figure Drawing I
ART	4213	History of Art Contemporary (if not already taken)
MCOM	***3	Graphic Design Elective
ART	***3	Graphic Design Elective
ART	3303	Motion Graphics (Fulfills Gen. Ed. Elective II) (c)
ART	3713	Printmaking I

*Most science courses in General Education are 4 hours, not 3, though a few exist, having BIOL 1114 as a prerequisite for them. This may mean a 16 total hour semester, and a 31 hour year.

**Priority should be on taking Graphic Design core classes and another gen ed in this section. Prioritized Graphic Design core classes include ART 3403, MCOM 1713, ART 3303, or ART 3713, but if not available, other included courses from the list are acceptable.

THIRD YEAR - JUNIOR (31-HRS)

Fall Semester – 15 Total Hours

ART	2273	Survey of Multicultural Art (Fulfills Gen. Ed. Cultural and Aesthetic Awareness (IKC) (if not already taken)
ART	1143	Theory & Social Practice
ART	2423	Color Theory
ART	3303	Motion Graphics (Fulfills Gen. Ed. Elective) (C) (if not already taken)
ART	3163	Publication Design

If one of the above have already been taken, take, for a total of 15 hours:

ANY	xxx3	Exploration and Personal Enrichment (C) (CT) (IL) (IKC) (GC)
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If 1 or more of the above has already been taken, take 1-2, for a total of 15 hours:

ART	4213	History of Art Contemporary
ART	xxx3	Graphic Design Elective

Spring Semester – 15-16 Total Hours*

ART	4741	Professional Practice I
ART	3713	Printmaking I (if not already taken)
ART	2153	Typography I (if not already taken)
ART	3403	Figure Drawing I
ART	3953	Graphic Design II
ANY	xxx2-3	General Education Elective III (C) (CT) (IL) (IKC) (GC)*

If any courses above already taken, take 1-2 of the following**:

ART	3153	Typography II
ART	xxx3	Graphic Design Elective
MCOM	xxx3	Graphic Design Elective
ANY	xxx3	General Education Elective III (C) (CT) (IL) (IKC) (GC)

*If the student took an extra hour with a second 4-hour science, their General Education Elective III may only be 2-hours, if their General Education credits add up to 40 total including it.

**Typography II would be the prioritized course if the student had already had Typography I.

FOURTH YEAR - SENIOR (30-HRS)

Fall Semester – 16 Total Hours

ART	4841	Professional Practice II
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Take the following if not already taken:

ART	1143	Theory & Social Practice (if not already taken)
ART	2423	Color Theory (if not already taken)
ART	3163	Publication Design (if not already taken)
ART	3303	Motion Graphics (Fulfills Gen. Ed. Elective) (C) (if not already taken)
ANY	xxx3	General Education Electives I & III (C) (CT) (IL) (IKC) (GC) (if not already taken)

If 1-5 of the above already taken, take 1-5 courses of the following, for a total of 16 hours:

ART	xxx3	Graphic Design Elective
MCOM	xxx3	Graphic Design Elective
ANY	xxx3	Elective
ART	xxx3	Any required Graphic Design classes not already taken. *

*Required classes would be the priority.

Spring Semester – 14-Total Hours*

ART	4971	Senior Exhibit
ART	4213	History of Art Contemporary (if not already taken)
ART	xxx3	Any required Graphic Design classes not already taken or elective.
ART	3153	Typography II (If not already taken) or elective
ANY	xxx3	Any remaining general education class or elective
ANY	xxx1-3	Elective**

*The total hours will depend on how many hours the student has left to get to the total of 120.

**As most courses are offered in 3-hour intervals, often students end up with 2 extra credit hours. The option for Graphic Design Students to exactly meet the 120 mark is to take a 1-hour Internship, offered every semester.

Total Degree Plan Hours: 120

General Education Student Learning Outcome Index

Students must take at least one course that meets each of the five Student Learning Outcomes

Communication (C)

Critical Thinking (CT)
Information Literacy (IL)
Intercultural Knowledge and Competence (IKC)
Global Citizenship (GC)