COLLEGE OF DESIGN
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Graphic Design Four-Year Plan

For Students Officially Admitted to the Program in Fall 2018 or Spring 2019 Only
(v. 7-20-18)

Year One

Five Foundation Courses:

- ❒ **Des 1101W: Introduction to Design Thinking** 4
  (Arts/Humanities; Writing Intensive)
- ❒ **Des 2101: Design and Visual Presentation** 2
- ❒ **GDes 1311: Foundations: Drawing & Design in Two and Three Dimensions** * 4
- ❒ **GDes 1312: Foundations: Color & Design in Two and Three Dimensions** * 4
- ❒ **GDes 1315: Foundations: The Graphic Studio** 4

- ❒ **Freshman Writing** 4
  You will be placed in one of the following:
  Writ 1201: Writing Studio*
  Writ 1301: University Writing
  Writ 1401: Writing and Academic Inquiry

  *If placed in Writ 1201, you must also complete Writ 1301 to fulfill the first-year writing requirement.

- ❒ Liberal Education Requirements 6-8

Semester Credits: 28-30 for year one

Required Studio Sequence: Step 1:
Complete the five foundation courses during the first two semesters in the program.
* Students may not enroll in GDes 1311 and GDes 1312 concurrently.

Important Note:
Each major-required course fulfills only one major requirement. I.e., you may not double-dip among major requirements.

Year Two

Fall Semester

- ❒ **GDes 2345: Typography** 4
- ❒ **Advanced Skills Course** 3-4
  Refer to your APAS report for course options.
- ❒ **Grand Challenge Course or Diversity and Social Justice** 3
  Refer to your APAS report for course options.
  Courses may overlap with Diversity and Social Justice.
- ❒ **Public Speaking** 3-4
  Refer to your APAS report for course options.
  Courses may overlap with Civil Life and Ethics.
- ❒ Liberal Education Requirement 3-4

PORTFOLIO REVIEW HELD EARLY IN THE TERM

Semester Credits 16-19

Spring Semester

- ❒ **Des 3201: Career and Internship Preparation for Design** 1
- ❒ **GDes 2342: Web Design** 3
- ❒ **GDes 2399W: Design and Its Discontents** 3
- ❒ **GDes 3351: Text and Image** 3
- ❒ **Advanced Skills Course** 3
  Refer to your APAS report for course options.

Semester Credits 14

Required Studio Sequence: Step 2:
Take GDes 2345.
Go through Portfolio Review.

Required Studio Sequence: Step 3:
After passing Portfolio Review and GDes 2345, take GDes 3351.

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Year Three

Fall Semester

❒ **GDes 3352: Identity and Symbols**	3
❒ **GDes 4131W: History of Graphic Design** (fall only)	4
❒ **Program Elective** Refer to your APAS report for course options.	3-4
❒ Liberal Education Requirement	3-4
GOOD STUDY ABROAD TERM	
Semester Credits	13-15

Spring Semester

❒ **GDes 3353: Packaging and Display**	3
❒ **GDes 4345: Advanced Typography**	4
❒ **Business Core** Refer to your APAS report for course options. Courses may overlap with Social Sciences.	3-4
❒ Liberal Education Requirements	6-8
GOOD STUDY ABROAD TERM	
Semester Credits	16-19

Required Studio Sequence: Step 4:
Take GDes 3352 and GDes 3353. They may be taken concurrently.

Year Four

Fall Semester

❒ **GDes 4196: Internship**	1-3
❒ **GDes 4361W: Thesis Studio & Writing**	3
❒ **Program Elective** Refer to your APAS report for course options.	3-4
❒ Liberal Education Requirements and/or electives, if needed	6-8
Semester Credits	13-18

Required Studio Sequence: Step 5:
Take GDes 4361W.

Spring Semester

❒ **GDes 4362: Senior Thesis and Exhibition**	3
❒ **GDes 4363: Graphic Design Portfolio**	3
❒ **Program Elective** Refer to your APAS report for course options.	3-4
❒ Liberal Education Requirements and/or electives, if needed	6-8
Semester Credits	15-18

Required Studio Sequence: Step 6:
Take GDes 4362.

Liberal Education Requirements *Not* Met by Major Requirements

Diversified Core

- ❒ Biological Science
- ❒ Historical Perspective
- ❒ Literature
- ❒ Mathematical Thinking
- ❒ Physical Science
- ❒ Social Sciences
  (may overlap with Business Core)

Designated Themes (Complete 4 of the 5.)

- ❒ Civic Life and Ethics
  (may overlap with Public Speaking Core)
- ❒ Diversity and Social Justice in the U.S.
  (may overlap with the *Global Challenge Course or Diversity and Social Justice* requirement)
- ❒ Global Perspectives
- ❒ Technology and Society
- ❒ The Environment

This is a sample plan subject to change prior to the start of Fall Term 2018.