Graphic Design Four-Year Plan
For Students Officially Admitted to the Program in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 Only
(v. 3-3-21)

Year One

Five Foundation Courses:
- Des 1101W: Introduction to Design Thinking (Arts/Humanities; Writing Intensive) 4
- 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
  *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 Race, Power, and Justice in the U.S. 3
  Refer to your APAS report for course options.
  Grand Challenge Courses may overlap with Race, Power, and Justice in the U.S.
- 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.
Year Three

**Fall Semester**
- **GDes 3352: Identity and Symbols**  
- **GDes 431W: History of Graphic Design** (fall only)  
- **Program Elective**  
  Refer to your APAS report for course options.  
- **Liberal Education Requirement**  

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**Spring Semester**
- **GDes 3353: Packaging and Display**  
- **GDes 4345: Advanced Typography**  
- **Business Core**  
  Refer to your APAS report for course options  
  Courses may overlap with Social Sciences.  
- **Liberal Education Requirements**  

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**Good Term to Study Abroad/Away**
- Semester Credits: 13-15

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

Year Four

**Fall Semester**
- **GDes 4196: Internship**  
- **GDes 4361W: Thesis Studio & Writing**  
- **Program Elective**  
  Refer to your APAS report for course options.  
- **Liberal Education Requirements and/or electives, if needed**  

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**Spring Semester**
- **GDes 4362: Senior Thesis and Exhibition**  
- **GDes 4363: Graphic Design Portfolio**  
- **Program Elective**  
  Refer to your APAS report for course options.  
- **Liberal Education Requirements and/or electives, if needed**  

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

**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 RPJ plus 3 of the remaining 4)
- Civic Life and Ethics  
  (may overlap with Public Speaking Core)  
- Race, Power, and Justice in the U.S. (RPJ)  
  (may overlap with the Global Challenge Course/ Race, Power, and Justice in the U.S. requirement)  
- Global Perspectives  
- Technology and Society  
- The Environment

This is a sample plan subject to change prior to the start of Fall Term 2021.