

Four-Year Plan GRAPHIC DESIGN B.F.A.

For Students Officially Admitted to the Program in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 Only
(v. 4-13-2023)



COLLEGE OF DESIGN
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

SEMESTERS 1 & 2

COURSES	CREDITS	NOTES
Des 1101W: Introduction to Design Thinking (Arts/Humanities; Writing Intensive)	4	<p>Required Studio Sequence - Step 1: Complete the five foundation courses during your first two semesters.</p> <p>* Students may not enroll in GDes 1311 and GDes 1312 concurrently.</p>
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	
Writ 1301: University Writing	4	
Liberal Education Requirements	6-8	
Total Credits	28-30	



SEMESTER 3

COURSES	CREDITS	NOTES
GDes 2345: Typography	4	<p>Required Studio Sequence - Step 2: Take GDes 2345. Go through Portfolio Review.</p> <p>Portfolio Review Held Early in the Semester</p> <p>* Refer to your APAS for course options.</p>
Grand Challenge Course / Race, Power, and Justice in the U.S. *	3	
Advanced Skills Course *	3-4	
Public Speaking *	3-4	
Liberal Education Requirement	3-4	
Total Credits	16-19	



SEMESTER 4

COURSES	CREDITS	NOTES
Des 3201: Career and Internship Preparation for Design	1	<p>Required Studio Sequence - Step 3: After passing Portfolio Review and GDes 2345, take GDes 3351.</p> <p>* Refer to your APAS for course options.</p>
GDes 2342: Web Design	3	
GDes 2399W: Design and Its Discontents	3	
GDes 3351: Text and Image	3	
Advanced Skills Course *	3-4	
Total Credits	13-14	



SEMESTER 5

COURSES	CREDITS	NOTES	
 GDes 3352: Identity and Symbols	3	 Required Studio Sequence - Step 4: Take GDes 3352 and GDes 3353 in Semesters 5 and 6. They may be taken concurrently. * Refer to your APAS for course options.	
GDes 4131W: History of Graphic Design (Writing Intensive)	4		
Program Elective *	3-4		
Liberal Education Requirement	3-4		
Total Credits		13-15	Good Term to Study Abroad



SEMESTER 6

COURSES	CREDITS	NOTES	
 GDes 3353: Packaging and Display	3	 Required Studio Sequence - Step 4: Refer to note in Semester 5. * Refer to your APAS for course options.	
GDes 4345: Advanced Typography	4		
Business Core *	3-4		
Liberal Education Requirements	6-8		
Total Credits		16-19	Good Term to Study Abroad

SEMESTER 7

COURSES	CREDITS	NOTES
GDes 4196: Internship *	1-3	 Required Studio Sequence - Step 5: Take GDes 4361W. * Refer to: z.umn.edu/required-internship # Refer to your APAS for course options.
 GDes 4361W: Thesis Studio & Writing (Writing Intensive)	3	
Program Elective #	3-4	
Liberal Education Requirements / Electives	6-8	
Total Credits		13-18

SEMESTER 8

COURSES	CREDITS	NOTES
 GDes 4362: Senior Thesis and Exhibition	3	 Required Studio Sequence - Step 6: Take GDes 4362. * Refer to your APAS for course options.
GDes 4363: Graphic Design Portfolio	3	
Program Elective *	3-4	
Liberal Education Requirements / Electives	6-8	
Total Credits		15-18

Liberal Education Requirements *Not* Met by Major Requirements

DIVERSIFIED CORE	DESIGNATED THEMES (Complete RPJ plus 3 of the remaining 4.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biological Sciences - Historical Perspectives - Literature - Mathematical Thinking - Physical Sciences - Social Sciences (may overlap with Business Core) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civic Life and Ethics (may overlap with Public Speaking Core) - Global Perspectives - Race, Power, and Justice in the U.S. (RPJ) (may overlap with Global Challenge Course / Race, Power, and Justice in the U.S.) - Technology and Society - The Environment