# Graphic Design Four-Year Plan

For Students Officially Admitted to the Program in Fall 2017 or Spring 2018 Only

(v. 4-20-17)

## 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


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


Semester Credits: 28-30 for year one

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## Year Two

### Fall Semester

- **GDes 2345: Typography** ................................................................. 4
- **Photography Core** ................................................................. 3-4
  For course options, refer to your APAS report.
- **Public Speaking Core** ................................................................. 3
  For course options, refer to your APAS report.
  Courses may overlap with Civic Life and Ethics.
- **Grand Challenge Course or Diversity and Social Justice** ................................................................. 3-4
  For course options, refer to your APAS report.
  Courses may overlap with Diversity and Social Justice.
- **Liberal Education Requirement** ................................................................. 3-4

**PORTFOLIO REVIEW HELD EARLY IN THE TERM**

Upon passing portfolio review, you will be assigned a faculty adviser in addition to your professional adviser.

Semester Credits: 16-19

### Spring Semester

- **GDes 2342: Web Design** ................................................................. 3
- **GDes 2399W: Design and Its Discontents** ........................................... 3
- **GDes 3312: Color and Form in Surface Design** ........................................... 4
- **GDes 3351: Text and Image** ................................................................. 3
- **Des 3201: Career and Internship Preparation for Design** ................................................................. 1

Semester Credits: 14

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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** ............................................................... 3-4
  For course options, refer to your APAS report.
- **Liberal Education Requirement** ........................................... 3-4

### Spring Semester
- **GDes 3353: Packaging and Display** ...................................... 3
- **GDes 4345: Advanced Typography** ....................................... 4
- **Business Core (one course)** ............................................... 3-4
  For course options, refer to your APAS report.
  Courses may overlap with Social Sciences.
- **Liberal Education Requirements** ......................................... 6-8

### GOOD STUDY ABROAD TERM
- Semester Credits: 13-15

## Year Four

### Fall Semester
- **GDes 4196: Internship** ..................................................... 1-3
- **GDes 4361W: Thesis Studio & Writing** ............................... 3
- **Program Elective** ............................................................... 3-4
  For course options, refer to your APAS report.
- **Liberal Education Requirements and/or electives, if needed** .... 6-8

### Spring Semester
- **GDes 4362: Senior Thesis and Exhibition** ......................... 3
- **GDes 4363: Graphic Design Portfolio** ............................... 3
- **Program Elective** ............................................................... 3-4
  For course options, refer to your APAS report
- **Liberal Education Requirements and/or electives, if needed** .... 6-8

### GOOD STUDY ABROAD TERM
- Semester Credits: 13-18

## Liberal Education Requirements *Not* Met by Program 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

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*This is a sample plan subject to change prior to the start of Fall Term 2017.*