

GRAPHIC DESIGN - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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A grade of C- or better is required in all courses.

Total Credits Required for Degree: 61

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 61 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
<i>Select one course from four of the following six content areas for a total of 12-14 credits.^{1,2}</i>		12-14
This degree requires courses from Areas I, IV, and VI; students must select one other course from one of the remaining areas to complete General Education requirements.		
Area I: Communications		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	
Area II: Mathematics		
Area III: Laboratory Science		
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	
Area V: Humanities		
Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts		
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
Program Requirements		
ARTS 1240	Design I	3
ARTS 1610	Drawing I	3
ENTR 1110	Entrepreneurship	3
FDMA 1120	Desktop Publishing	3
BUSA 1110	Intro to Business	3
FDMA 1210	Digital Video Production I	3
FDMA 1360	Web Design I	3
FDMA 1515	Introduction to Digital Image Editing - Photoshop	3
FDMA 1535	Introduction to Illustrator	3
FDMA 1536	Advanced Computer Illustration	3
FDMA 1545	Introduction to Photography & Digital Imaging	3
FDMA 2325	Advanced Photoshop	3
FDMA 2287	Digital Design Studio	3
FDMA 2994	Portfolio Design & Development	3
MKTG 2110	Principles of Marketing	3
Total Credits		61

¹ Each course selected must be from a different area and students cannot take multiple courses in the same area.

² See the General Education Section (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/general-information/general-education-new-mexico-common-core/>) of the catalog for a full list of courses.

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A Suggested Plan of Study - Graphic Design

Additional classes may be needed based on placement test results and course prerequisites. Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

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First Year		Credits
Fall		
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	3
ARTS 1240	Design I	3
BUSA 1110	Intro to Business	3
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
FDMA 1515	Introduction to Digital Image Editing - Photoshop	3
Credits		16
Spring		
ARTS 1610	Drawing I	3
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
FDMA 1210	Digital Video Production I	3
FDMA 2325	Advanced Photoshop	3
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
Credits		15
Second Year		
Fall		
FDMA 1120	Desktop Publishing	3
FDMA 1535	Introduction to Illustrator	3
FDMA 1545	Introduction to Photography & Digital Imaging	3
MKTG 2110	Principles of Marketing	3
Select one course from Area II, III, or V ¹		3-4
Credits		15
Spring		
ENTR 1110	Entrepreneurship	3
FDMA 1360	Web Design I	3
FDMA 1536	Advanced Computer Illustration	3
FDMA 2287	Digital Design Studio	3
FDMA 2994	Portfolio Design & Development	3
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