

Graphic Design AAS

Academic Year 2023-2024
Career & Technical Division

Graphic Design – The art and practice of planning, developing and projecting messages, ideas and experiences with visual and textual content.

Program Description:

Students who receive an AAS in Graphic Design will possess the knowledge and skills needed to create and communicate ideas visually. The curriculum is designed to provide students up-to-date, industry-standard design education and computer training making them highly employable in today's workforce. A wide variety of occupations and industries benefit from the unique skills graphic designers have, including but not limited to, specialized design services, advertising, marketing, printing and publishing and corporate communications.

Students can learn:

- Computer skills
- Adobe Creative Cloud software and other creative apps
- The Creative Design Process for developing unique graphics
- Layouts for print and digital
- Interactive Design
- Videos and Animations for marketing
- Logos and Branding
- Photography
- Illustration
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- Typography
- Infographics/Data Visualization
- 2D/3D Design
- Communication and Collaboration skills
- Career Preparation
- And more!

Career Outlook:

For the most current information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics "Occupational Outlook Handbook" found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

Salary Forecast:

For the most current salary information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics "Occupational Outlook Handbook" and search for "Graphic Designers" and "Multimedia Artists and Animators," found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

Admission Requirements:

The college adheres to an open admission policy which means applicants with a high school diploma or a GED are eligible for admission. Applicants with neither a high school diploma nor a GED may be admitted on a conditional basis. To progress in this major, students must earn a C or better in their beginning core classes.

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Graphic Design Major Code – CG40¹

Name:	ID Number 942-
Educational Counselor:	
Faculty Advisor:	

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
ART 101	Introduction to Visual Arts		3				
DSGN 120	Graphic Design I ^{2,4}	F	3				
ENL 101	Written Communication ³		3				
IT 101	Fundamentals of Computers		3				
IT 110	Computer Skills for Designers ⁴	F	3				
DSGN 298	Design Internship & Portfolio		1				
			16				
COM 112	Oral Communication		3				
DSGN 150	Graphic Design II ^{4,5}	S	3				
IT 213	Advanced Graphics for Web & Print ^{4,14}		3				
DSGN 298	Design Internship & Portfolio		1				
	Approved Elective ^{7,8}		3				
MAT 120	Applied Professional Math ⁹		3				
			16				
DSGN 210	Digital Illustration ^{4,10}	F	3				
DSGN 220	Typography ^{4,10}	F	3				
DSGN 230	New Media ^{4,11}	F	3				
IT 107	Fundamentals of the Internet (1 st 8 weeks)		3				
IT 212	Publishing on the Internet ⁶ (2 nd 8 weeks)		3				
DSGN 298	Design Internship & Portfolio		1				
			16				
DSGN 250	Graphic Design III ^{4,15}	S	3				
DSGN 260	Interactive Design ^{4,11}	S	3				
DSGN 270	Brand Identity Design ^{4,12}	S	3				
IT 252 or DSGN 160	Advanced Web Publishing ¹³ or Digital Photography		3				
DSGN 298	Design Internship & Portfolio		1				
PSYC 200	General Psychology		3				
			16				
	HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 64						

¹ The student may be allowed to repeat a course one time before being dismissed from the program. If a student receives a “D” or “F” in more than one course in the same semester, the student may be dismissed from the program.

² DSGN 120 has a co-requisite of IT 110.

³ ENL 101 has a prerequisite of placement in 100 level English or a corequisite of ENL 095. Students must earn a “C” or better in ENL 101 to graduate.

⁴ Student is required to make a “C” or better in ALL core classes (IT 110, IT 213, DSGN 120, DSGN 150, DSGN 210, DSGN 220, DSGN 230, DSGN 250, DSGN 260, and DSGN 270).

⁵ DSGN 150 has a prerequisite of DSGN 120.

⁶ IT 212 has a prerequisite of IT 107.

⁷ Choose from one of the following: COM 230, DSGN 160, ENL 102, HIST 115, MKT 130, or SCI 201.

⁸ If a student is planning to transfer to Marshall University’s College of Arts and Media, SCI 201 and ENL 102 should be taken.

⁹ MAT 120 has a prerequisite of placement in 100-level Math or a minimum ACT Math score of 19 or SAT Math score of 510.

¹⁰ DSGN 210 and DSGN 220 have a prerequisite of DSGN 150 and IT 110.

¹¹ DSGN 230 and DSGN 260 have a prerequisite of DSGN 150 or DSGN 102 and IT 110.

¹² DSGN 270 has a prerequisite of DSGN 220 and IT 213.

¹³ IT 252 have a prerequisite of IT 212.

¹⁴ IT 213 has a prerequisite of IT 110.

¹⁵ DSGN 250 has prerequisites of DSGN 120,150, 210, 220, 230, IT 110, IT 213, ENL 101 or ENL 102 and COM 112. It has corequisites of DSGN 260 and DSGN 270.

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