Graphic Design | Associate in Applied Science
Field of Study Code: GRDSN.AAS

Catalog Description
The Graphic Design program emphasizes portfolio development through the study of principles and elements of design, typography, illustration, identity design, advertising design, web design and simulated studio work. Students gain experience in the use of traditional and digital design tools and software. Articulation agreements exist to continue education beyond the AAS degree. The Graphic Design degree requires a minimum of 66 credits in program requirements and general education in the courses listed below.

Program Requirements .............................................. 48
Grdsn 1100 Drawing for Design ...................................... 3
Grdsn 1101 Digital Graphic Applications .......................... 3
Grdsn 1102 Graphic Design 1 ........................................ 3
Grdsn 1104* Typography ................................................. 3
Grdsn 1105* Graphic Design 2 ........................................ 3
Grdsn 1106* Three-Dimensional Design .......................... 3
Grdsn 1107* Digital Illustration 1 .................................... 3
Grdsn 1108* Digital Illustration 2 .................................... 3
Grdsn 2200* User Experience Design .............................. 3
Grdsn 2201* Graphic Design III ...................................... 3
Grdsn 2202* Web/Interactive Design 1 ............................ 3
Grdsn 2203* Advertising Design ..................................... 3
Grdsn 2204* Digital Illustration III ................................. 3
Grdsn 2205* Graphic Design IV ...................................... 3
Grdsn 2206* Web/Interactive Design II ............................ 3
Grdsn 2208* Portfolio Seminar ........................................ 3

* - course has a prerequisite

General Education .................................................. 18 to 22
Each candidate for an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 18 credits in General Education. (In addition to the courses listed above.)

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are required:

Communication: 6 credits
Written: (3 credits) English 1101 or 1105
Oral: (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150

Physical and Life Sciences: 3 to 5 credits
At least one course with a laboratory component

Mathematics: 3 to 5 credits
Select a minimum of 3 credits (1000 level or above).
Select Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the degree program. Only one from the following three courses may

Suggested Course Sequence
(Full-Time Enrollment)

Please note: A student’s readiness to perform college-level coursework is based on the student’s placement test and/or ACT scores. Below 1000 level coursework may be required prior to the student taking courses in the suggested sequences.

First Semester (18 to 20 credits)
• Engli 1101 (3)
• Mathematics (3 to 5)
• Grdsn 1100 (3)
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• Grdsn 1102 (3)
• Grdsn 1104 (3)

Second Semester (15 credits)
• Speec 1100 (3)
• Grdsn 1105 (3)
• Grdsn 1106 (3)
• Grdsn 1107 (3)
• Grdsn 2200 (3)

Summer Semester (3 to 5 credits)
• Physical and Life Sciences (3 to 5)

Third Semester (15 credits)
• Humanities & Fine Arts (3)*
  *Choose one: Art 2211, 2212, 2213, or 2214
• Grdsn 1108 (3)
• Grdsn 2201 (3)
• Grdsn 2202 (3)
• Grdsn 2203 (3)

Fourth Semester (15 credits)
• Social & Behavioral Sciences (3)
• Grdsn 2204 (3)
• Grdsn 2205 (3)
• Grdsn 2206 (3)
• Grdsn 2208 (3)

For more information:
If you are considering this program as an area of study, please contact the Arts, Communications & Hospitality Division office at 630-942-2048.

Program web site:
http://www.cod.edu/academics/programs/graphic_design/

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count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or Mathematics 1431.

**Humanities and Fine Arts:** 3 credits  
NOTE: NASAD accreditation requires a 3 credit Art History course to fulfill the Humanities and Fine Arts general education requirement. Choose one of the following:  
- Art 2211* Art History I: To 1300 .............................................. 3  
- Art 2212* Art History II: 1300 to 1750 ................................. 3  
- Art 2213* Art History III: 1750 to Present ........................... 3  
- Art 2214* Introduction to Non-Western Art .......................... 3  

**Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 3 credits  
Complete at least 2 credits from the list of courses in the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills Category. *(Graphic Design 1102 in program requirements fulfills this requirement)*

| TOTAL CREDITS FOR AAS DEGREE | 66 to 70 |
Career Information GRDSN.AAS

Job Title(s): Graphic Designer

Graphic Artist, Designer, Creative Director, Artist, Design Director, Composing Room Supervisor, Creative Manager, Desktop Publisher, Graphic Designer/Production

For salary and wage information, please visit: www.onetonline.org

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, interviewing and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center
Phone: 630-942-2230
www.cod.edu/careerservices  Twitter: @codcareercenter

Related Occupations:
Desktop Publishers  Art Directors
Multimedia Artists & Animators  Film & Video Editors
Interior Designers  Advertising & Promotions Manager
Catalog Description

The Interactive Media degree provides students with interdisciplinary, theoretical, and application knowledge in the design, development, and production of interactive media, including web-based and other emerging media, to create interactive design solutions for a variety media such as web sites, digital interfaces, and applications. This degree consists of a minimum of 64 credits in program requirements, program electives and general education in the courses listed below.

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Grdsn 1104 Typography ..........................................3
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Grdsn 2200* User Experience Design .......................3
Grdsn 2201* Graphic Design III ................................3
Grdsn 2202* Web/Interactive Design 1 .................3
Grdsn 2206* Web/Interactive Design II ...................3
Cis 1120 The Internet ...........................................2
Cis 1310 HTML and CSS....................................3
Cis 1400* Programming Logic and Technique ..........4
Cis 2320* JavaScript and Advanced HTML ............3

Program Electives ......................................................6
Select six credits from the elective course list below (In addition to the courses listed above.)
Cis 1300* Web Design Software ..........................3
Cis 1510* Graphical User Interface Programming ....3
Cis 2330* Introduction to XML ..............................3
Cis 2510* Advanced Graphical User Interface Programming .........................3
Mptv 1011 Introduction to Motion Pictures and Television ........................................3
Mptv 1020 Editing for Motion Pictures and Television ....3
Mptv 1324 Motion Graphics and Special Effects I ....3
Mptv 2331 3-D Animation I ..................................3
Mptv 2333* Motion Graphics and Special Effects II ....3

* - course has a prerequisite

General Education ..................................................19 to 22
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For the Interactive Media degree, a minimum of 19 credits are needed in General Education.

Suggested Course Sequence
(Full-Time Enrollment)

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First Semester (18 credits)

- Grdsn 1100 (3)
- Grdsn 1101 (3)
- Grdsn 1102 (3)
- Cis 1120 (3)
- Cis 1310 (3)
- Engli 1101 (3)

Second Semester (16 to 17 credits)

- Grdsn 1104 (3)
- Grdsn 1105 (3)
- Grdsn 2200 (3)
- Speec 1100 (3)
- Physical & Life Sciences (4 to 5)

Third Semester (16 to 18 credits)

- Grdsn 2201 (3)
- Grdsn 2202 (3)
- Cis 1400 (4)
- Mathematics (3 to 5)
- Humanities & Fine Arts (3)*
  *Choose one: Art 2211, 2212, 2213, or 2214

Fourth Semester (15 credits)

- Grdsn 2206 (3)
- Cis 2320 (3)
- Social & Behavioral Sciences (3)
- Elective (3)
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For more information:
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Program web site:
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| TOTAL CREDITS FOR AAS DEGREE | 64 to 67 |
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Job Title(s): User Researcher, Interaction Designer, Visual Designer, and User Experience Designer

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Related Occupations:
Web Developer
Multimedia Artists and Animators
Graphic Designers