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Graphic Design

Why Graphic Design?

The Graphic Design program covers all phases of graphic communications. The program exposes students to a thorough scope of the industry, as well as preparing them to create and run their own freelance businesses.

Students who complete the program are well-versed in the modern graphics industry and have a variety of employment options. Students take hands-on classes and use industry software at a professional level. All students seeking an Associate Degree or Advanced Certificate will create a portfolio of work and complete a Capstone project.

Potential Jobs/Careers

- Graphic Designer
- Art or Creative Director
- Package Designer
- Web Designer
- Production Artist
- Product Developer
- Marketing Specialist
- Multimedia Artist / Animator
- Freelancer

Potential Salary:

There is a wide range of jobs in the graphic design industry. See below for the average annual salary range in NH for a graphic designer.

- Entry Level \$40,580
- Mid-Range \$57,907
- Experienced \$66,539

*New Hampshire Occupational Employment & Wages 2022, published by the NH Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau – Salaries are based on 40 hours of work, not including overtime.

Estimated Program Cost:

- Year 1: \$7,270
 - Year 2: \$7,600
- for a total of \$14,870

*Costs are based on in-state tuition and do not include fees, supplies, or books.

Did you know?

“I love the freedom faculty give us to develop and expand our creativity in assignments and projects.”

— Skylin Blair, Graphic Design Student

DEGREE Requirements

FIRST YEAR Fall Semester Credits

ENGL100L	English Composition	4
GRA125L	Foundations of Design	3
GRA120L	Design Software Essentials	3
INDL100L	College Essentials	1
ELECTIVE	Mathematics Elective	4
TOTAL		15

FIRST YEAR Spring Semester Credits

GRA134L	Typography & Layout Design	3
GRA136L	Digital Illustration	3
ELECTIVE	Arts Elective	3
ELECTIVE	Social Science Elective	3
ELECTIVE	English Elective	3
TOTAL		15

Total Credits for Year = 30

SECOND YEAR Fall Semester Credits

ARTS212L	Intro to Digital Photography	3
GRA231L	Branding & Identity	3
CIS230L	Front End Website Design	3
BUS261L	Social Media Marketing	3
ELECTIVE	Science Elective	3
TOTAL		15

SECOND YEAR Spring Semester Credits

ARTS280L	Creative Entrepreneurship	3
GRA138L	History of Design & Illustration	3
GRA228L	Motion Graphics	3
GRA271L	Screen Process Printing	3
GRA280L	Graphic Design Capstone	3
TOTAL		15

Total Credits for Year = 30

Total for A.S. Degree = 60

CERTIFICATE Requirements

Graphic Design Foundation Cert. Credits

ESNT120L	College Essentials	1
GRA125L	Foundations of Design	3
GRA120L	Design Software Essentials	3
GRA230L	Front End Website Design	3
GRA231L	Branding & Identity	3
GRA136L	Digital Illustration	3
GRA134L	Typography & Layout Design	3
TOTAL		19

Graphic Design Advanced Cert. Credits

ESNT120L	College Essentials	1
GRA138L	History of Design & Illustration	3
ARTS212L	Intro to Digital Photography	3
ARTS280L	Creative Entrepreneurship	3
GRA228L	Motion Graphics	3
OR		
GRA271L	Screen Process Printing	3
GRA280L	Graphic Design Capstone	3
ELECTIVE	Arts Elective	3
TOTAL		19