**AS Degree: Graphic Design Specialization**

The Graphic Design Specialization prepares students to become graphic designers. It designs, travel designers, advertising designers, web and layout designers, concept developers, and production designers.”

**How to Read This Chart:**
- Courses required for Technical Certificate in Graphic Design Production
- Courses required for Technical Certificate in Graphic Design Support

**Courses with a heavy border are a requirement in both AS Degree Specializations in Graphic & Interactive Design.**

**FOR STUDENTS in the 18/19 and 19/20 CATALOG YEARS**

Students who declared their degree in earlier catalogs need to use the appropriate flow chart for their degree requirements. This flow chart is minimally modified from the previous catalog year.

Semester 1 (14 CREDITS)

- **ART1300C - Drawing I** (1 credit)
  - Students will learn basic job related skills that are industry standard including: typography, design, layout, color, production, resolution, draft personal resume, schedule advising, what is graphic design, portfolio expectations, industry expectations, industry work environments, FAQ's for Graphic courses and degrees.

- **GRA1751 - Information Architecture** (2 credit/3 contact)
  - Students will learn about various output for jobs? Keep going!

- **GRA1142C - Typography and Production** (2 credit/3 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA1142C and either DIG2109C or GRA1142C and minimum GPA of 2.0. Students may be required to take additional courses if they are recommended by a panel of professionals as a portion of their grade.

Semester 2 (12 CREDITS)

- **GRA1413C - Typographic History** (2 credit/3 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA1142C and either GRA1413C or GRA1413C and minimum GPA of 2.0. Students may be required to take additional courses if they are recommended by a panel of professionals as a portion of their grade.

- **GRA1180C - Illustrating** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2121C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

Semester 3 (11 CREDITS)

- **GRA2143C - Web Page Design** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2143C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

- **GRA2121C - Digital Photography** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2121C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

- **GRA2151C - Illustrating** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2151C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

- **GRA2152C - Advanced Typography** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2152C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

Semester 4 (12 CREDITS)

- **GRA2182C - Advanced Graphic Design II** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2182C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

- **GRA2141C - Web Page Design** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2141C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

- **GRA2181C - Advanced Graphic Design I** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2181C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

Semester 5 (13 CREDITS)

- **GRA2156C - Vector Illustration** (2 credit/3 contact)
  - Students become familiar with essential recent version of vector illustration software with both the student and professional environments.

- **GRA2225C - Advanced Typography** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2225C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

- **GRA2182C - Advanced Graphic Design II** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2182C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

Semester 6 (2 CREDITS)

- **GRA2156C - Vector Illustration** (2 credit/3 contact)
  - Students become familiar with essential recent version of vector illustration software with both the student and professional environments.

- **GRA2182C - Advanced Graphic Design II** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2182C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

- **GRA2141C - Web Page Design** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2141C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

- **GRA2181C - Advanced Graphic Design I** (1 credit/2 contact)
  - Minimum grade of C in GRA2181C or depart. approval (1 credit/2 contact) This course is required for Graphic & Interactive Design Specializations in Graphic Design.

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**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO PERUSE STUDENT WORK SAMPLES:**

- [Website](http://www.valenciagraphicsdesign.com)
- [Flickr](http://www.flickr.com/photos/vccgpgraphics/set/)

**UPDATES**

- [Twitter](http://twitter.com/)
Graphic & Interactive Design: Specialization in INTERACTIVE Design

AS Degree: Interactive Design Specialization

The Interactive Design Specialization prepares students to become interactive art and design professionals, UI designers, front-end web code, social media auteurs, interactive media campaign designers, and mobile game designers focusing primarily on designing interfacing and interactively to web-based and on-screen media. It provides instruction in courses directly related to developing visual communication, design thinking, user experience design, interaction design, user interface design, and user job skills for very powerful, high-level careers in advertising, design studios, and interactive design departments for any industry or sector. This specialization is here for people who are in logical, problem solving, technical, creative, and enjoy coding languages and digital techniques.

Suggested Course Schedules:

Courses with a Heavy border are a requirement of both AS Degree Specializations in Graphic & Interactive Design.

Courses with a Light border are only a requirement for students pursing the AS Degree in Interactive Design.

APPENDIX A: Course Inputs and Technology Requirements

Students are required to own and have access to the following equipment and software.

1. A computer: laptop or desktop with at least 8 GB of RAM and a processor speed of 2.0 GHz or higher.
3. Adobe Creative Suite (or a compatible program such as GIMP).
4. A graphics tablet and stylus (optional but recommended).
5. A digital camera and photo editing software (optional but recommended).

INSTRUCTIONS & MANDATORY DATES:

• Students must attend the orientation and complete the mandatory course registration.
• Students must register for the mandatory class, Introduction to Interactive Design, before registering for any other courses.

General Education Courses:

1. English Composition (ENG 1101)
2. Customized Course (GEN 1101)
3. Customized Course (GEN 1102)
4. Introduction to Psychology (PSY 1101)
5. Introduction to Philosophy (PHI 1101)
6. Introduction to Art (ART 1101)
7. Introduction to Music (MUS 1101)
8. Introduction to Physical Science (SCI 1101)
9. Introduction to Life Science (BIO 1101)
10. Introduction to Social Science (SOC 1101)

Suggested Course Outlines:

Graphic Design:
1. Introduction to Graphic Design
2. Advanced Graphic Design
3. Graphic Design I
4. Graphic Design II
5. Graphic Design III
6. Graphic Design IV

Interactive Design:
1. Introduction to Interactive Design
2. Advanced Interactive Design
3. Interactive Design I
4. Interactive Design II
5. Interactive Design III
6. Interactive Design IV

Specialized Courses:

1. Advanced Creative Problem Solving
2. Advanced Creative Writing
3. Advanced Creative Media Production
4. Advanced Creative Video Production
5. Advanced Creative Audio Production
6. Advanced Creative Radio Production

FINISH TAKING COURSES HERE!