

# GRAPHIC DESIGN, A.A.S.

**Location(s):** AL, LO

**NOVA Code:** 5110

## Purpose

The curriculum is designed for individuals who seek full-time employment in the graphic design field. Job opportunities include graphic designer, art director, illustrator, production artist, package designer and web content developer, among others in the graphic design marketplace.

## Recommended Preparation

Proficiency in high school English and a satisfactory aptitude for drawing.

## Equipment and Supplies

Graphic Design students are required to purchase certain basic equipment and materials necessary to achieve professionally oriented objectives. Most of the equipment is purchased in the beginning class, ART 140 Introduction to Graphic Skills, and can be used throughout the two-year program.

## Two Years

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester</b>		
ART 121	Foundations of Drawing	3
ART 131	Two-Dimensional Design	3
ART 140	Introduction to Graphic Skills	3
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
SDV 100 or SDV 101	College Success Skills or Orientation to:	1
Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_soc_beh_sci_elec">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_soc_beh_sci_elec</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>2nd Semester</b>		
ART 116	Design For The Web I	3
ART 135	Visual Communications	3
ART 141	Typography I	3
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
ART 132	Three-Dimensional Design	
ART 209	Creative Concepts and Writing	
ART 223	Life Drawing	
Select one of the following: <sup>2</sup>		3
ART 251	Communication Design I	
PHT 270	Digital Imaging I	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>3rd Semester</b>		
ART 142	Typography II	3
ART 217	Graphic Design I	3
ART 265	Graphic Techniques	3
ART 281	Illustration for Designers	3
Select one of the following: <sup>3</sup>		3-4
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning (or Higher)	
Physical or Life Science Elective w/Lab ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_phy_life_sci_elec">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_phy_life_sci_elec</a> )		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>4th Semester</b>		
ART 218	Graphic Design II	3
ART 250	History of Design	3

ART 268	Professional Practices In Communication Design	3
ART 287	Portfolio And Resume Preparation	3
CST 110	Introduction to Human Communication	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elec">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elec</a> ) <sup>4</sup>		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>64-65</b>

Electives should be chosen with the advice of an academic advisor to meet the requirements of the intended transfer institution.

- <sup>1</sup> Division approval for other ART courses. For students double majoring in both the Graphic Design and Graphic Design Interactive Specialization A.A.S. degrees there must be a total of 25% difference in ART credits between the degrees.
- <sup>2</sup> PHT 270 Digital Imaging I will teach digital imaging from a photography perspective, whereas ART 251 Communication Design I provides a design perspective.
- <sup>3</sup> Division approval required for substitution. The science elective may be selected from biology, chemistry, ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science - ENV 122 Applications in Environmental Science, physics, geology, or natural science courses with a lab component, listed under General Education Electives (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/>). Some four-year colleges require a two-semester sequence.
- <sup>4</sup> Select a class which is not an Art course.