

GRAPHIC DESIGN, BFA

for the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts Major in Graphic Design

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overview of college admissions & requirements: Fine & Applied Arts (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/faa>)

college website: <https://faa.illinois.edu/>

The curriculum in graphic design requires 122 credit hours and prepares the student for entrance into the professional practice of design visual communications. Studio work addresses graphic design fundamentals (typography and image making), design history and contemporary practices, research methods, user experience, and social responsibility. Students engage with complex problems and are asked to identify opportunities where design can intervene. In addition, students have the opportunity to develop their personal interests by taking advantage of a highly interdisciplinary selection of elective courses offered by the School of Art + Design, including photography, video, traditional printmaking, sustainability, advanced interaction design, and the design of *Ninth Letter* (<http://www.ninthletter.com>), a nationally-distributed and award-winning literary arts journal.

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First Year Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
FAA 101	Arts at Illinois	1
ARTF 101	Contemporary Issues in Art	2
ARTE 101	Art, Design, and Society	2
ARTH 110	Introduction to the History of Art and Visual Culture	3
Select one Drawing course:		3
ARTF 102	Observational Drawing	
ARTF 104	Expressive Drawing	
ARTF 106	Visualization Drawing	
Select one course in 2D Category:		3
ARTD 151	Introduction to Graphic Design	
ARTD 160	The Image World	
ARTS 205	Introduction to Printmaking (required for Studio Art: Printmaking)	
ARTS 251	Beginning Painting (required for Studio Art: Painting)	
Select one course in 3D Category:		3
ARTD 101	Introduction to Industrial Design	
ARTS 210	Ceramics Sculpture I	
ARTS 230	Jewelry/Metals I	
ARTS 280	Beginning Sculpture (required for Studio Art: Sculpture)	
Select one course in 4D Category:		3
ARTS 241	Image Practice	
ARTS 243	Time Arts I	
ARTS 244	Interaction I	
Total Hours		20

Graphic Design Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ARTD 218	Interaction Design Foundation	3
ARTD 222	Typographic Practice	3
ARTD 251	Graphic Design Toolbox	2
ARTD 270	Design Methods	2
ARTD 318	Interaction Design	2
ARTD 333	Type & Image	3
ARTD 351	Graphic Design Inquiry	2
ARTD 371	Graphic Design Practicum	2
ARTD 418	Advanced Interaction Design	3
ARTD 444	Typographic Systems	3
ARTD 451	Ethics of a Designer in a Global Economy	4
ARTD 471	Graphic Design Capstone	3
Total Hours		32

Art History

Code	Title	Hours
ARTH 211	Design History Survey	3
Advanced art history (200-level or above)		6
Total Hours		9

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
	Art and Design electives (art and design courses not in graphic design requirements)	12
	Open electives as needed to total 122 hour degree	