



**Bachelor of Fine Arts
Major: Graphic Design
2019-2020 Sample 4-Year Plan**

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____

Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.50 Minor/Career Interest(s) _____

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years. For official program requirements, please refer to the [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

First Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ART 111	Drawing I (SGR #4)		3	F/S	
ART 121	Design I 2D		3	F/S	
ART 122	Design II Color		3	F/S	
DSGN 140	Successful Design Student Practices		2	F	
AHSS 111	Introduction to Global Citizenship and Diversity		3	F/S	
Total Credit Hours			14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ART 112	Drawing II	p. ART 111	3	F/S	
DSGN 110	Creative Thinking		3	S	
DSGN 152	Design Fundamentals II		3	F/S	
GDES 101	Computer Graphics		3	F/S	
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3	F/S	
Total Credit Hours			15		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GDES 203	Animation Foundations I	p. ART 111	3	F/S	
GDES 209	Design Research	p. GDES 101	3	F/S	
GDES 216	Typography	p. GDES 101	3	F	
ARTH 211	History of World Art I		3	F/S	
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech (SGR #2)		3	F/S	
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GDES 207	Interactive Design I	p. GDES 216	3	S	
GDES 310	Brand Strategy & Identity Design	p. GDES 216	3	S	
ARTH 212	History of World Art II		3	F/S	
ENGL 201	Composition II (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3	F/S	
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3	F/S	
Total Credit Hours			15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GDES 482		Travel Studies (or 3 rd year Summer)	3		
Total Credit Hours			3		



Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GDES 307	Interactive Design II	p. GDES 207	3	F	
GDES 312	Sustainable Package Design	p. GDES 310	3	F	
GDES 402	Portfolio Design	p. GDES 310	3	F	
ARTH 312	History of Graphic Design		3	F	
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GDES 304	Motion Graphics	p. GDES 203	3	S	
GDES 410	Data Visualization Design	p. GDES 310	3	S	
ART/GDES Elective		Animation, photography, or video media	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GDES 401 or GDES 494	Professional Studio Practice or Internship	p. GDES 402	3		
Total Credit Hours			3		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GDES 415	Publication Design	p. GDES 310	3	F	
ART/GDES Elective		Illustration, Letterpress, Animation II, Advanced Digital Photography, Digital Art, Figure Drawing	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	Choose non-ART or ARTH course	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		4		
Total Credit Hours			13		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GDES 417	UX and UI Design	Capstone	3	S	
ARTH 490	Seminar: History of Modern Design		3	S	
ART Elective	Art Studio Elective		3	F/S	
School of Design Elective		See School of Design advisor for list. (outside the major, inside the School of Design)	3	F/S	
Total Credit Hours			12		

Comments/Notes

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the [Honors program requirements](#).

Graphic Design students must maintain at least a major GPA of 2.6; overall GPA or 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for the duration of the program. A grade of a “C” or better is required in all ART, ARTE, ARTH, GDES, DSGN, LA, ARCH, and ID courses.

As part of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, students in this program must complete

- a minimum of 33 upper division credits (300-400 level courses),
- a capstone course in their major, and
- a designated diversity, equity, and inclusion course – AHSS 111 (or AIS 211 for teaching specialization students only)

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

p. = Course Prerequisite
Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer