

Graphic & Multimedia Design AA (Associates GE Track)

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

Program Description: Provide students with a foundation of knowledge and technical abilities required for a position within the field of graphic and multimedia design. In addition to providing students with basic skills and competencies, course work is sequenced to facilitate transferability to an art or design program at a four-year university.

Program SLO: Demonstrate proficiency in the core skills and knowledge required for employment in a graphic and multimedia position.

Important Transfer Information: The sequence listed below is designed to meet career standards, but may not meet all your transfer admissions requirements. Connect with a counselor to develop an individual student education plan through the Counseling Department @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661) 362-3811.

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Graphic and Multimedia Design Department](#)

First Semester (3-16 units minimum) FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
GMD 101	Introduction to Visual Communication (FA, SP)	3	Major
GMD 104	Graphic Design for Web and Social Media (FA)	3	Major
GMD 120	History of Graphic Design (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major and Area C
ART 124A	Drawing I (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major
ENGLISH 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Area Di
Term Total:		16	

Check the [Honors](#) website for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses, see below.

Second Semester (17-33 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
GMD 107	Multimedia for Web and Social Media (SP)	3	Major
GMD 144	Graphic Design I (FA, SP)	3	Major
GMD 145	Type and Typography (FA, SP)	3	Major
Math Competency	Any 100-level Math course (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-5	Area 3 and Dii
*Social Science Course	Choose one course from the Associate GE Area B (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area B and Area 4 Diversity
Term Total:		15-17	

Consider taking a social science general education course with an () indication on the [Associate Degree Requirements Checklist](#). Courses with an (*) will also meet the GE Diversity Requirement. Refer to the [Associate Degree Checklist](#) for details.

Third Semester (34-48 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
GMD 142	Digital Illustration (FA, SP)	3	Major
GMD 173	Motion Design (FA, SP)	3	Major
GMD 177	Web Page Design I (FA, SP)	3	Major
American Institutions – Choose Option I or II	Complete first course in chosen option – (note: both classes must be under the same option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) – see table below	3	Area E American Institutions
PE/Wellness	Take two PE or Dance activity courses (excluding DANCE 100) or Health Science 100, 149, 150, or 243 (FA, WI, SP, SU)	2-3	Area F
Term Total:		14-15	

Fourth Semester (49-60 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
GMD 242	Graphic Design II (FA, SP)	3	Major
Natural Science	Choose one course from the Associate GE Area A (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area A
American Institutions	Complete second course in chosen option – (note: both classes must be under the same option) - see table below	3	Area E American Institutions
Associate Elective - Take a Diversity GE Course if not yet completed	Choose any 3-unit course that is 100-level or above (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective or Diversity Area 4 if not yet taken
Associate Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is 100-level or above (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective
Term Total:		15	

Total Units: 60+

American Institutions Requirement – Select one of the options below and complete a total of 6 units

Course Number	Title
Option I	One course from the following: Economics 170/170H, History 111/111H, History 112/112H, History 120/120H, or History 130 AND Political Science 150/150H (FA, WI, SP, SU)
Option II	History 111/111H AND History 112/112H (FA, WI, SP, SU)

Counseling Resources

Graphic and Multimedia Design Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/art/index.php>

Counseling Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/>

Graphic Design & Multimedia Student Club CMD: <https://www.instagram.com/cmd.plus/>

Intersect (Student Run Professional Design Studio): shannon.doronio@canyons.edu

COC Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors/index.php>

Associate General Education Guide: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/degrees/generaled.php>

Campus Alliances: <https://www.canyons.edu/administration/ie2/equity/alliances.php>

COC Illustration Student Club - Email for more information: cocillustration@gmail.com

Petition for Associate Degree: Check the [student calendar](#) for term-specific submission deadlines. Summer graduation associate degree petitions are due by April 1st for your name to appear in the spring commencement pamphlet. The petition form must be reviewed with a counselor and may be found here:

https://www.canyons.edu/resources/documents/student-services/admissions/Petition_for_Associate_Degree_and_Certificate_of_Achievement.pdf

Career Resources

California Career Zone: <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

O*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov

The professional association for design: <https://www.aiga.org/>