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For Students Enrolled in:
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Program Description: Graphic design is the aesthetic arrangement of type and image in order to inform, educate, persuade or sell. Graphic designers plan and produce visual solutions to client problems within the constraints of time, budget, and technology. These solutions usually include printed or digital materials such as books, magazines, newspapers, brochures, letterheads, logo systems, posters, presentations and web pages. The associate degree program in graphic design prepares students for positions in this field, such as entry-level designer, freelance designer, and print production artist.

The Associate in Fine Arts Degree will prepare students to transfer into a four-year Bachelor of Fine of Fine Arts program. Students will be provided with all foundation-level studio courses with a primary concentration in graphic design.

Any remediation in reading, English or mathematics must be completed before beginning third semester courses. First-year requirements must be satisfied before beginning second-year course work.

Program Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this curriculum, students should be able to:
- Use the basic tools and techniques of the graphic designer.
- Communicate in an effective and professional manner both verbally and in writing.
- Compute mathematically on a level that will allow for the solution of common design problems.
- Demonstrate the ability to meet deadlines and incorporate critique recommendations in the work.
- Use computer technology in the execution of design projects.
- Produce a portfolio demonstrating the ability to solve design problems.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the elements and principles of design and art historical references.
- Communicate issues of critical thinking skills via the creation of artworks and participation in the formal critique process.

The degree Associate in Fine Arts is awarded upon successful completion of the graphic design course sequence with a grade of "C" (2.0 GPA) or better in all graphic design courses. A graphic design course with a grade lower than "C" must be repeated.

Semester by Semester Plan:

Semester 1:
ENG 100
Laboratory Science Elective
Mathematics Requirement
Social Science Elective
Open Elective

Semester 2:
ENG 112
Laboratory Science Elective
Mathematics Requirement
Social Science Elective
Open Elective
Semester 3:
Mathematics/Laboratory Science Electives
Humanities Elective
Social Science Elective
Open Elective

Semester 4:
Mathematics/Laboratory Science Electives
Humanities Elective
Open Elective

Total Credits: 62-79

Notes:
Area Requirements - Associate of Science Core Courses
Composition (6 credits): ENG 100 and ENG 112
Mathematics Electives: (6 to 10 credits): MAT 151 or above
Laboratory Science Electives: (8 credits): BIO 110 or above (Except BIO 150, 151, 220) CHE 110 or above, ESS 110 or above, PHY 110 or above
Social Science Electives: (6 credits): (see current college catalogue for appropriate college transfer social science courses)
Humanities Elective (6 credits): (see current college catalogue for appropriate college transfer humanities courses)
Social Science or Humanities Elective: (3 credits): (see current catalogue for appropriate college transfer social science or humanities courses)
Open Electives (15-22 credits): (May be used to take additional major courses. See current college catalogue for appropriate college transfer open courses)
Mathematics/Laboratory Science Electives (12 to 18 credits): BIO 110 or above, CHE 110 or above, ESS 110 or above, MAT 151 or above, PHY 110 or above