

Graphic Design Major

Major Requirements

Degree Type: BFA
Minimum Credits Required: 120

University Degree Requirements

For complete details on these and other university degree requirements, refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section in the University Catalog.

1. Minimum of 120 semester credits (some programs may exceed this minimum).
2. Complete the University General Education requirements.
3. Minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
4. Minimum of 30 credits in resident at NDSU.
5. Minimum of 36 upper level credits (courses numbered 300 or higher).
6. Students with transfer credit must meet the NDSU 30 credits in residence (#4). Of these 30 credits in residence, a minimum of 15 credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 credits must be in the student's declared major curricula.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses along with the administrative policies governing the requirement and the categories is available here (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
Category R: Quantitative Reasoning		3
Category S: Science and Technology		10
Category A: Humanities and Fine Arts		6
Category B: Social and Behavioral Sciences		6
Category W: Wellness		2
Category D: Cultural Diversity		
Category G: Global Perspectives		
Category L: Digital Literacy		
Total Credits		39

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Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Studies in Studio		
ART 122	Studio Technology Foundations	3
ART 124	Foundations of Design	3
ART 131	Foundations Drawing	3
ART 335	Figure Drawing	3
Choose three (3) classes from the list below:		9
ART 120	Painting I	
ART 150	Ceramics I	
ART 160	Sculpture I	
ART 170	Printmaking I	
ART 180	Photography I	
ARMD 101	Beginning Apparel Construction	
Design Development Core		
ART 185	Graphic Design I	3
ART 385	Advanced Topics in Graphic Design	3
Choose three (3) courses from the list below:		9
ART 381	Typography & Layout	

ART 382	Branding & Packaging	
ART 383	Illustration Concepts & Narrative	
ART 384	Motion Graphics & Animation	
Design Experience Electives		
Choose three (3) classes from the list below		9
ART 320	Topics in Painting	
ART 350	Topics in Ceramics	
ART 380	Topics in Photography	
ART 385	Advanced Topics in Graphic Design	
ARMD 366	Textiles	
ARMD 371	Fashion Trend Analysis and Forecasting	
ARMD 373	Visual Merchandising and Promotion	
ARMD 472	Product Development	
COMM 376	Advertising Creative Strategies	
COMM 476	Advertising Campaign Practicum	
Art History and Theory		
ART 210	Art History I	3
ART 211	Art History II	3
ART 389	Art Theory and Criticism	3
ART 451	History of American Art	3
ART 452	Contemporary Art	3
ART 453	Topics in Art History	3
Professional Practices		
Choose four credits from the list of courses below:		4
ART 391		
ART 491		
UNIV 397		
Baccalaureate Capstone		
Students must successfully complete a baccalaureate application with enough demonstrated depth in Graphic Design Studies to begin their Baccalaureate Capstone. Once approved students take 6 credits of Baccalaureate Project and 6 credits of Baccalaureate Studio courses over two consecutive semesters.		
ART 489	Baccalaureate Project	3
ART 485	Baccalaureate Studio: Graphic Design	3
ART 489	Baccalaureate Project	3
ART 485	Baccalaureate Studio: Graphic Design	3
Total Credits		79