

Graphic Design, A.A.S.

The graphic design field is highly competitive for both salaried and freelance positions. There is a demand for artists with above-average talents and graphic art skills. Opportunities in the field range from entry-level layout and production to art director positions.

Demonstrated abilities are most often the key to obtaining a position in the graphic design field. JCCC has structured its graphic design program to help the student develop a comprehensive portfolio. The student's work will be critiqued by a team of professionals every semester. These professionals working in the field, along with the faculty, will help develop the student's skills in creative problem solving and in the use of materials, processes, tools and equipment. Outstanding studio and computer facilities are available for working on class projects. The two-year curriculum consisting of 71 credit hours leads to an associate of applied science degree.

Some GDES courses are typically offered in the fall semester only, and some courses are typically offered in the spring semester only. This information can be found under the relevant course descriptions.

Important: Please enroll in the CDTP sections identified in the credit class search as a Graphic Design Qualifier section. The content of these CDTP sections places emphasis on the Graphic Design career specific application of the Adobe Creative Suite to industry standards for print production and is reserved for students enrolling in the Qualifier semester courses.

It is recommended that you enroll in these five-week CDTP classes in sequence in the Qualifier semester.

(Major Code 2290; State CIP Code 50.0409)

- Graphic Design (<http://www.jccc.edu/graphicdesign>)

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Qualifier Semester

ART 124	Design 2D*	3
GDES 120	Introduction to Graphic Design	3
CDTP 145	Desktop Illustration I: Illustrator	1
CDTP 135	Desktop Photo Manipulation I: Photoshop	1
CDTP 140	Desktop Publishing I: InDesign	1
Total Hours		9

Fall Semester

ART 129	Design Color*	3
GDES 130	Drawing and Media Methods 1*	3
GDES 132	Typography*	3
GDES 140	Technical Processes*	3
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3
Total Hours		15

Spring Semester

ART 127	Design 3D*	3
GDES 131	Drawing and Media Methods 2*	3
GDES 134	Layout Design*	3
Humanities Electives ^		3
Social Science and/or Economics Elective ^^		3
Total Hours		15

^ Humanities Electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/humanities-aas>)

^^ Social Science and/or Economics Elective (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/social-sci-econ-aas>)

Fall Semester

GDES 230	Drawing and Media Methods 3*	3
GDES 231	Advanced Typography*	3

GDES 235	Production Methods*	3
Humanities Electives ^		3
Health and/or Physical Education Elective ^^		1
Total Hours		13

^ Humanities Electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/humanities-aas>)

^^ Health and/or Physical Education Elective (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/health-and-or-physical-ed-aas>)

Spring Semester

Technical/Studio Elective (see below)		1
GDES 236	Electronic Production*	3
GDES 244	Communication Systems*	3
GDES 245	Advanced Design Practice*	3
GDES 272	Professional Preparation*	3
Science and/or Math Elective ^		3
Total Hours		16

^ Science and/or Math Elective (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/sci-and-or-math-aas>)

Technical/Studio Electives

CDTP 160	Desktop Publishing II: InDesign*	1
CDTP 165	Desktop Illustration II: Illustrator*	1
CDTP 185	Desktop Illustration III: Illustrator*	1
CDTP 155	Desktop Photo Manipulation II: Photoshop*	1
CDTP 175	Desktop Photo Manipulation III: Photoshop*	1
CWEB 105	Introduction to Web Pages: Dreamweaver*	1
CWEB 115	Intermediate Web Pages: Dreamweaver*	1
CWEB 130	Introduction to Flash*	1
CIM 135	Digital Imaging and Video*	3
PHOT 121	Fundamentals of Photography	3
PHOT 122	Advanced Photography*	3
PHOT 123	Studio Photography*	3
ART 135	Painting I	3
ART 136	Painting II*	3
ART 172	Watercolor Painting	3
ART 231	Life Drawing I*	3
ART 232	Life Drawing II*	3
GDES 275	Graphic Design Internship*	1

Note: A graphic design major may apply to this internship course if the student is also enrolled in or has completed all fourth-semester studio courses.

Total Program Hours: 68