

Graphic Design, AAS

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 68 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/academics/arts-design/graphic-design>)

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

^ See all AAS general education electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-applied-science>)

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

^ See all AAS general education electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-applied-science>)

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

^ See all AAS general education electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-applied-science>)

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
WEB 154 Web Pages: Dreamweaver I*	1
WEB 158 Adobe Flash I*	1
WEB 164 Web Pages: Dreamweaver II*	1
WEB 233 Visual Storytelling	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