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GRAPHIC DESIGN

MAJOR MAP

4-YEAR COMPLETION GUIDE 2020-2021 SAMPLE PLAN

**MUST MAINTAIN AT LEAST AN OVERALL GPA 2.6 ON A 4.0 SCALE.
**A GRADE OF A "C" OR BETTER IS REQUIRED IN ALL SCHOOL OF DESIGN COURSES.

Y1	FA	SP
	AHSS 111 INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP & DIVERSITY	ART 112 DRAWING II
	ART 121 DESIGN 2D	DSGN 110 CREATIVE THINKING
	ART 122 DESIGN II COLOR	GDES 101 COMPUTER GRAPHICS
	ART 111 DRAWING I	ENGL 101 COMPOSITION I (SGR #1)
	SGR #6 NATURAL SCIENCE	SGR #6 NATURAL SCIENCE

Y2	FA	SP
	GDES 203 ANIMATION FOUNDATIONS I	GDES 207 INTERACTIVE DESIGN I
	GDES 209 DESIGN RESEARCH	GDES 310 BRAND STRATEGY & IDENTITY DESIGN
	GDES 216 TYPOGRAPHY	ARTH 212 HISTORY OF WORLD ART II
	ARTH 211 HISTORY OF WORLD ART I	ENGL 201 COMPOSITION II (SGR #1)
	SPCM 101 FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH	SGR #5 MATHEMATICS

Y3	FA	SP
	GDES 307 INTERACTIVE DESIGN II	GDES 304 MOTION GRAPHICS
	GDES 402 PORTFOLIO DESIGN	GDES 410 DATA VISUALIZATION DESIGN
	ARTH 312 HISTORY OF GRAPHIC DESIGN	ART/GDES GRAPHIC DESIGN ELECTIVE
	ART/GDES GRAPHIC DESIGN ELECTIVE	SoD CROSS DISCIPLINARY EXPERIENCE
	SGR #3 SOCIAL SCIENCES/DIVERSITY	SGR #3 SOCIAL SCIENCES/DIVERSITY

Y4	FA	SP
	GDES 415 PUBLICATION DESIGN	GDES 417 UX & UI DESIGN
	GDES 312 SUSTAINABLE PACKAGE DESIGN	ARTH 490 SEMINAR: HISTORY OF MODERN DESIGN
	SoD CROSS DISCIPLINARY EXPERIENCE	ART ART STUDIO ELECTIVE
	SGR #4 HUMANITIES/ART DIVERSITY	DSGN 452 SCHOOL OF DESIGN ELECTIVE ELECTIVES

SU	2nd YEAR	3rd YEAR
	GDES 482 TRAVEL STUDIES	GDES 401 PROFESSIONAL STUDIO PRACTICE OR
		GDES 494 INTERNSHIP

MINIMUM GPA

Graphic design students must maintain a major GPA of 2.6 and an overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for the duration of the program. A grade of a "C" or better is required in all ART, ARTE, ARTH, GDES, DSGN, LA, ARCH and ID courses.

**** Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years.*

**** Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College.*

ELECTIVE OPTIONS

GDES 303 Animation Foundations II (Spring only)
 ART 492 Topics: Letterpress (Spring only)
 ART 492 Topics: Illustration (Spring only)
 ART 492 Topics: Advanced Digital Photography (online F/S, p. ART 192 Topics: Digital Photography)
 ART 492 Topics: Digital Art (online SU only)

**** more options are available depending on each semester*

B.F.A. GRAPHIC DESIGN

The graphic design program at South Dakota State University provides a comprehensive visual communication experience, including mobile technology, interface design, user experience design, animation and motion graphics, sustainable packaging design, brand identity design, data visualization design and entrepreneurship. Graduates of the graphic design program will create professional portfolios, engage in real experiences working in industry, and have the opportunity to build strong connections with professionals nationally and internationally. SDSU graduates are prepared to work in almost any field imaginable.

AFFORDABLE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION



Affordable

AVERAGE STARTING SALARY



\$45,000

GRADUATE SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE



100%

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PROFESSORS



3 faculty

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO



25:1

JOB PLACEMENT RATE



98%

CURRICULUM

Students complete 86 credits in design studies with 33 credits of institutional requirements and additional electives to reach 120 credits needed for graduation. Graphic design majors qualify for a studio art minor as part of their normal degree progress. Students may also pursue minors/majors or additional coursework in advertising, entrepreneurial studies, computer science, animation and psychology.

INTERNSHIPS

Internships are available for enterprising students. The internship is designed not only for students to do great work with the opportunity to learn and grow, but also to experience the corporations' culture of connection, executive engagement and memorable events. As many corporations and design studios offer internship programs in the summer months, having several internship experiences has become mandatory for full-time graphic design positions. An internship is required in the graphic design program, and the experience will provide professional training, a better understanding of the job, confidence, a new perspective of industries and communication skills.

CAREERS

The SDSU graphic design program prepares students with a strong portfolio and hands-on industry experiences. Our alumni work in a variety of creative industries.

OUR ALUMNI WORK AT:

IBM, Disney, NBC Sports, Fame, Target, Colle+McVoy, Little & Company, Mono, Epicosity, Daktronics, Lawrence & Schiller, Fresh Produce, Lemony, HenkinSchultz, Janus Et Cie, Sanford, VVI, Paulsen and many more.

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“ Design field trips are for designers and by designers. ”

“ We learn by doing them. ”



MORE EXPERIENCES, MORE PREPARED.

The graphic design program has strong faculty in research and design practice. Faculty members have a wide range of industry connections and share those industry connections with students. We take frequent design field trips to iconic locations to explore cutting-edge design industries.

These experiences reinforce the importance of principles learned in the classroom and demonstrate the design process in a professional work environment. Students will learn about multiple avenues for continuing their design practice beyond their experience in the classrooms.

BENEFITS

- Bridges theory and practice
- Focus future goals by experiencing diverse design organizations and their cultures in design industries
- Enhance professional experiences
- Expand internship and employment opportunities
- Expand professional industry connections
- Cultivate a broader worldview

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Target, Mono, Six Speed, Morsekode, Little Co., Duffy, Imagine Studios, Studio MPLS, Imagehaus, Space 150

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Hallmark, Whiskey Design, Willoughby Design, Designhaus, Design Ranch, Hammerpress, Blacktop, Pixel Lunch LLC

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Hole Puch Design, Mueller Design, Visualab Design, Mad Mind Studios, Noahmedia, Ludlow Kingsley, Soulcake Los Angeles, Firebrain Inc.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Tank Design, Think Studio, Ideas on Purpose, Pentagram, Hyperakt, Segmeister, Pulse Creative, Point Five Design, Big Drop Inc.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

50,000feet, Thirst, Pivot Design, Studio Blue, Gensler, Bark Design, Multiple Inc., Leo Burnett, Seedhouse, Hartford Design Studio

DENVER, COLORADO

Studio Mast, Cast Iron Design, Matter Ltd., Design Dog Studio, Design Tree Studios, Faceless, ArtHouse Design

SIoux FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Lemonly, Fresh Produce, Lawrence & Schiller, Epicosity, HenkinSchultz, Made by Thaw, MJM Marketing

WORLD IS OUR CLASSROOM.

South Dakota State University is the largest university in the state. SDSU offers a rich academic experience and a comprehensive graphic design program by focusing on student-centered learning activities.

Access and inclusion are vital to our institution; we strive to provide an environment where innovative ideas and creative minds can thrive. SDSU is also home to more than 1,000 international students, which allows for vibrant cultural exchange in the classroom.

Across the university, travel studies have provided SDSU alumni, friends and family with exceptional educational travel journeys to more than 50 countries each year.

Each trip in the graphic design program is unique and defined by exclusive experiences that only SDSU graphic design travel studies can provide. Travel studies are an integral part of the graphic design curriculum, which enhance learning and prepare student designers to be globally competitive.

BENEFITS

- Understand diversity and inclusion
- Collaborate with other designers on international design competitions
- Enhance professional experiences
- Enhance resume and graduate school applications
- Expand professional industry connections
- Cultivate a broader worldview
- Become a global citizen
- Have fun!

FUTURE OF LEARNING

The graphic design program promotes experiential learning. Graphic design is a professional industry that requires creative competencies and communication skills. Travel experience bridges the gap between theory and practice, accelerates learning, increases engagement levels, produces demonstrable mindset changes, and delivers exceptional return on investment.

DESTINATIONS

Seoul, South Korea
Tokyo, Japan
Beijing and Hong Kong, China
Toronto and Vancouver, Canada
Copenhagen, Denmark
Delhi, India
London, England

Helsinki, Finland
Rome, Italy
New York, New York
Chicago, Illinois
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