

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GRAPHIC DESIGN 2024-2025

FRESHMAN YEAR FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
ARTZ 105 Visual Language - Drawing I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ARTZ 106 2-D Foundations I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY VII: GDSN 231 Graphic Design Applications	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY II: Mathematics Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor/Electives*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 15

FRESHMAN YEAR SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
ARTZ 224 Watercolor OR ARTZ 221 Painting I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY IV: History/Social Science Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY I: Communications WRIT 101, 122 or 350	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor/Electives*	6	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 15

SOPHOMORE YEAR FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
ARTZ 284 Photography I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
GDSN 220 Illustration I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY III: Natural Science with lab Any course in this area	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY V: Cultural Diversity Language (See Advisor)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 13

SOPHOMORE YEAR SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
GDSN 240 Electronic Design I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
GDSN 250 Graphic Design I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language (See Advisor)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY IV: History/Social Science Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor/Elective*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 14

JUNIOR YEAR FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
GDSN 340 Electronic Design II	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
GDSN 350 Graphic Design	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
II GDSN 320 Illustration II	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY III: Natural Science without Lab	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY VI: Humanities/Fine Arts Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choose one of the following: ARTH 303, 322, 330, 340, 342	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 18

JUNIOR YEAR SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
ARTZ 384 Photography II	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY VI: ARTH 330 Art History of Western Civ. I OR ARTH 340 Art History of Western Civ. II	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORY I: Communications COMX 111 Introduction to Public Speaking OR COMX 115 Introduction to Interpersonal Communications	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor/Electives*	6	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 15

SENIOR YEAR FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
Upper Division Selectives	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor/Elective*	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
GDSN 305 Digital Image Manipulation	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 17

SENIOR YEAR SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
GDSN 450 Portfolio Capstone	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
GDSN 320 Illustration II	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor/Elective*	9	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 16

*18 credits must be upper division



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Learn to design and advertise for print and digital media formats using a marketing-centered approach. Graphic Design has an ever-evolving job market and is a dynamic field of study! The Graphic Design Program at MSU-Northern will equip you with the skills, techniques and methodologies used by designers in the field today. Our program is a marriage of traditional media and digital technologies that provides students with strong foundational design knowledge and flexibility in current job markets. We provide one-on-one instruction from faculty that care about students and student outcomes.

15 TO FINISH

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You're going to need 15. That's the number of credits you need to take each semester to graduate on time. Sure, you can take less and still receive some scholarships and funding. But unless you take 15 credits a semester (or 30 a year), you're looking at an extra year or more in order to graduate. Know the courses you need to graduate, and meet with your advisor to map out a plan to earn your degree on time.