

GRAPHIC DESIGN: AA DEGREE

This degree provides entry-level graphic design skills and lower division major preparation courses for students preparing for transfer to a BA or BFA program in graphic design. Students pursuing this degree must work with a counselor and faculty advisor to develop an education or career plan that meets their educational or career goals.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Critically analyze and evaluate the aesthetic, cultural, and political development of art, architecture, and design in historic and contemporary cultures.
2. Create and present finished images and graphics for professional applications based on principles of effective design and communication.
3. Translate concepts and visual experiences into images, designs, or tactile forms.
4. Evaluate and critique graphic design work and receive criticism from others independently and collaboratively.
5. Express artistic and design concepts and intents in written and oral formats.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (12 units)		
ARTS-101	2D Foundations	3
ARTS-110	Fundamentals of Drawing	3
ARTH-110	History of Graphic Design	3
DART-101	Graphic Design Foundations	3
Restricted Electives: List A - Art History (3 Units)		
Complete 1 of the following courses:		3
ARTH-105	History of Western Art: Prehistoric Through Medieval	
ARTH-106	History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary	
ARTH-118	Survey of Modern Art	
ARTH-130	History of Asian Art	
ARTH-145	Art of the Ancient Americas	
ARTH-180	History of Photography	
Restricted Electives: List B - Foundations (6 units)		
Complete 2 of the following courses:		6
ARTS-102	3D Foundations	
DART-130	Introduction to Digital Imaging	
DART-140	Drawing & Typography	
Required Electives: List C - Digital (6 units)		
Complete 1 of the following courses depending on Area of Specialization:		3
DART-120	Introduction to Digital Art	
DART-125	Animation	
DART-160	Introduction to Multimedia	
DART-170	Digital Video Editing	
PHOT-150	Beginning Digital Photography	
Required Electives: List D - Studio Arts and Other		
(Complete 1 of the following courses depending on Area of Specialization)		3
ARTS-105	Color Theory	

ARTS-111	Figure Drawing
ARTS-112	Creative Drawing
ARTS-150	Sculpture
BUSI-144	Introduction to Entrepreneurship
Total Units	27

To receive an Associate Degree, students must complete 60 degree applicable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0. Students must also complete the NVC General Education (<https://catalog.napavalley.edu/getting-your-degree/general-education/#nvcgeneraleducationtext>) pattern to earn an Associate degree. Consultation with a Counselor is highly encouraged to ensure all requirements are met.