Graphic Design

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in graphic design at Oregon State University, recognized as one of the top undergraduate graphic design programs in the Northwest, places graduates in top design studios and graduate programs around the country. The hybrid curriculum incorporates courses in new media, digital communications, art and design, as well as an innovative course on collaboration.

In today’s visual, digital world, graphic design is a growing and expanding profession filled with possibilities. Careers for students completing a B.F.A. in graphic design include print media, editorial design, marketing, advertising, branding, package design, web design, app design, interface design, interaction design, information design, motion graphics and more. Graphic design students leave OSU as ready, experienced, competitive professionals. They are visionaries, able to conquer creative challenges and meet client needs with panache and inventive, leading-edge expertise.

Your Graphic Design B.F.A. in the College of Liberal Arts

Specific requirements for acceptance into the Professional Graphic Design program

To apply and be considered for admission, all preprofessional students must meet the following requirements:

- Be declared as a Pre-Graphic Design major.
- Have completed and received a C– or better in ALL pre-requisite courses within the Pre-Graphic Design major by the end of spring term before applying.

Criteria for acceptance:

Students will be evaluated on the following:

- Completion and grade in GD 126.
- Completion and grades in GD Foundation courses: ART 101, ART 115, ART 121, and ART 131. Choose one: COMM 111Z COMM 114, or COMM 218Z) and College Level Math course: MTH 105Z or higher.
- Overall GPA.

- A minimum of 180 credits are required for graduation; 60 must be upper division (300 and 400-level courses).
- A maximum of 135 credits earned at a community college may be applied toward a bachelor’s degree at OSU.
- Only courses with letter prefixes and numbers above 100 can be accepted.
- Some courses can count towards your major and the Baccalaureate Core. Check with your advisor.
- Options available. See “Important Notes”.
- See the OSU Catalog for a list of courses required for your major and option: catalog.oregonstate.edu

Courses for this Major (offered at Southwestern Oregon Community College)

Priority courses to complete before transferring are distinguished by \(^p\)

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**SKILLS COURSES**
- Math
- Writing I
- Writing II
- Speech (Writing III)
- Fitness

**PERSPECTIVE COURSES**
- Biological Science
- Physical Science
- Additional Biological or Physical Science
- Cultural Diversity
- Literature and the Arts
- Social Processes and Institutions
- Western Culture

**DPD COURSE**
- Difference, Power, & Discrimination

**SYNTHESIS COURSES**
- Contemporary Global Issues
- Science, Technology, & Society

**Liberal Arts Core**
- Additional 15 credit minimum core of classes for all Liberal Arts majors.
- For full listing of courses that fulfill Liberal Arts Core, please refer to your advisor.

**Important Notes & Resources**

**Important Notes for the College and Major:**
- Grade requirements can vary; refer to your OSU advisor.
- See a sample degree plan by searching “Graphic Design” at admissions.oregonstate.edu/find-your-major.
- Other similar majors to explore: Art, Digital Communication Arts, English
- ART 101, ART 115, ART 121, and some Baccalaureate Core are priority courses to complete before transferring to OSU.
- Talk with an OSU advisor your FIRST TERM about your specific timeline for the best time to transfer.
- It is important to speak with your OSU advisor early on, and often, to ensure correct course selection and sequencing.

**Resources and OSU Information:**
- Students do not have to complete a transfer degree in order to transfer to OSU.
  - If you’ve completed the Oregon AAOT, all requirements of the Baccalaureate Core are complete except for Synthesis Courses and Writing Intensive Courses.
- Preparing to apply to OSU? See admissions info: oregonstate.edu/admissions/transfer.html
- Want to take classes at both OSU and an Oregon community college simultaneously? Check out the Degree Partnership Program: partnerships.oregonstate.edu/students
- Visit OSU for a campus tour and meet with an advisor; schedule your visit at visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus

**General Education Courses** (called the Baccalaureate Core)
- Complete one course in each Perspectives category with no more than two in the same department.
- For full listing of courses that fulfill Baccalaureate Core, please refer to [https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/baccalaureate-core-course-equivalencies-southwestern-oregon-community-college](https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/baccalaureate-core-course-equivalencies-southwestern-oregon-community-college)

**FINE ARTS CORE**
- At least 3 credits

**NON-WESTERN CORE**
- At least 3 credits

**HUMANITIES CORE**
- At least 3 credits

**SOCIAL CORE**
- At least 3 credits

**Grade requirements can vary; refer to your OSU advisor.**

**Refer to advisor**
**BFA Degree Requirements**

**BFA Requirement:** BFA degrees have no additional requirements

For more details and a full list of courses, visit [https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/courses/](https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/courses/)

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**Advising Contacts**

It is important to speak with your OSU academic advisor early on, and often, to ensure correct course selection and sequencing.

Academic advisors at your community college and OSU are available to answer your questions and assist you in creating a transfer plan. **See your community college advisor first and use this Transfer Guide to help you plan.** Also, consider visiting OSU to take a campus tour and meet with an advisor. See [visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus](https://visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus) to schedule your personalized visit.

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