

GRAPHIC DESIGN (0574)
Fine Arts Department
RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Graphic Design Certificate Program is structured to provide basic skills for immediate employment in the Graphic Design field. The Graphic Design Certificate requires a completion of 18 hours of study (six courses of 3 hours each). The students will be introduced to basic, introductory level skills in these areas: drawing, two-dimensional design, digital design, photography, graphic design production, and web page design. This certificate is offered online.

DRAWING PORTFOLIO

Students wishing to be admitted to the online Graphic Design Certificate program must first submit to the Art Department a satisfactory portfolio of drawings that demonstrates fundamental drawing skills. Students who do not wish to submit a drawing portfolio must take and pass ART 1010 (Drawing), which is offered only on campus.

The portfolio must include the following items. Please submit the images in .jpg format (180 ppi & 8 inches in the longer dimension).

- Self-portrait in a basic line style in graphite or charcoal
- Self-portrait in a finished style showing a full range of tones in either graphite or charcoal
- Landscape in one of the following drawing dry media: colored pencil, chalks, pastels (not acrylic or watercolor)
- Cityscape in one of the following drawing dry media: colored pencil, chalks, pastels (not acrylic or watercolor)
- One drawing of the applicant's choice

Equipment Required for Graphic Design Certificate Online

- A computer with Adobe Creative Suite CS5 or higher – local students may use Darton State College's Mac lab
- Basic art supplies (paints, brushes, pencils, drawing pads)
- Digital camera
- A means to digitize Design I course projects – scanner or high quality photographic imaging

Fall Semester		Sem. Hrs.
ART 1020 Design I	3	
ART 2150 Computer Art	3	
ART 2180 Digital Photography	<u>3</u>	
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Spring Semester		
ART 2160 Visual Design	3	
ART 2170 Web Page Design	3	
ART 2200 Professional Practices, Portfolio		
	Preparation and Review	<u>3</u>
		9
One Year Total		18