Diploma Ladder to BFA GDD Major

YEAR 1 SEMESTER 1 (15 Credits)

YEAR 1 SEMESTER 2 (15 Credits)

	GD157	Digital Design Media I		CMNS125 or ENG105	Writing
	GD154	Typography I		GD159	Digital Design Media II
	GD101	Fundamentals of Design		GD202	Interactive Design I: Foundations in Web Design
rions)	GD102 <i>or</i> AH 203	History of Graphic Design <i>or</i> History of Posters		GD216	Illustration I
DIPLOMA (DEGREE FOUNDATIONS)	VA113 VA225	Drawing		GD260	Graphic + Digital Design I
	YEAR 2 SEMESTER 3 (15 Credits) *			YEAR 2 S	EMESTER 4 (15 Credits)
	GD204 or CIS145	Interactive Design II: Web Development for Designers or Web Publishing		GD316	Print and Digital Production
	GD281	Applied Photography and Video		GD317	Graphic + Digital Design II
DIP		Dynamic Media I:			

CORE SKILLS, CRITICALITY AND BREADTH

COMMUNICATION + BRAND IDENTITY

DYNAMIC MEDIA

INTERACTIVE DESIGN

CREATIVE LEADERSHIP + WORK EXPERIENCE

Interactive Design II: GD204 or Web Development for Designers CIS145 or Web Publishing Applied Photography GD281 and Video Dvnamic Media I: GD203 Motion Graphics GD222 or Design Inquiry I: Ethos or BUS120 Essentials of Marketing GD374 Brand Identity 1

GD316	Print and Digital Production
GD317	Graphic + Digital Design II
One of	GD254, GD303, GD304, GD375
GD358	Interactive Design for Portfolio*
GD361	Portfolio Development for Visual Communications*

Adjust planning for the degree by the end of semester 3 to ladder into the GDD major

DEGREE LADDER

*Students laddering into the BFA major are advised to take SOCA105 here and reserve GD358 for semester 8.

DIPLOMA GRADUATION

Work Experience: One of GD497, GD498, AIS380, or COOP110

(60 credits) (3 Credits)

YEAR 3 SEMESTER 5 (15 Credits)

GD304		User Experience Design				
	GD357	Digital Project Management				

YEAR 3 SEMESTER 6 (15 Credits)

GD357	Digital Project Management
GD469 GEOG464 GEOG466	Design Inquiry I: Practice or Community Planning
TCC	Choose any course from: PSYC, SOC, ANTH, POSC, HSER, ECON, AH, GEOG or SOWK

rience. It is recommended that students take this in summer between years 2 and 3, or years 3 and 4 to help guide planning degree electives in the program, however it can be taken during year 3 or 4 fall and winter

Lower level professional practices courses

must be completed to prepare for work expe-

Alternatively, students can apply for a 9-month co-op placement for 12 credits and apply any extra work experience to electives required in the program.

Please see an Academic Advisor for more information.

GD254 Typography II

GD375	Brand Identity II: Packaging	
GD450	Design Systems I: Experiential Graphic Design	
THEA111	Acting Skills for Work and Life	
TCC	Choose any course from: PSYC, SOC, ANTH, POSC, HSER, ECON, AH, GEOG or SOWK	

YEAR 4 SEMESTER 8 (12 Credits)

YEAR 4 SEMESTER 7 (15 Credits)			YEAR 4 SEMESTER 8 (12 Credits)	
GD403	Dynamic Media III: Titling and Video		GD358	Interactive Design for Portfolio
GD460	Design Systems II: Transmedia Solutions		GD462	Visual Communications Capstone Project (6 credits)
Humanities			Breadth	
Elective (2/3)				
Elective (3/3)				

DEGREE GRADUATION (120 credits)

DEGREE (FULL-TIME PLAN)

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Elective (1/3)

GDD Curriculum Overview

GDD courses listed according to fields of practice, theory, context and criticality, and breadth. Course numbers can be used to plan the order of coursework based on competencies within specific streams in the program. Consult with faculty and an advisor to plan degree electives to support areas of interest and build a unique degree experience.

Communication Design and Brand Identity

GD101	Fundamentals of Design
GD260	Graphic + Digital Design I
GD317	Graphic + Digital Design II
GD374	Brand Identity I: Design
GD375	Brand Identity II: Packaging
GD450	Design Systems I: Experiential Design
GD460	Design Systems II: Transmedia Design

Dynamic Media

Work Experience

GD216	Illustration
GD203	Dynamic Media I: Motion Graphics
GD303	Dynamic Media II: Storytelling
GD403	Dynamic Media III: Titling and Video

Interactive Design

GD202	Interactive Design I: Foundations in Web Design
GD204	Interactive Design II: Web Development for Designers
GD302	Interactive Design III: Applied Web
GD304	User Experience Design
GD358	Interactive Design for Portfolio

Creative Leadership

GD357	Digital Project Management for Creative Practitioners	GD497 GD498	Practicum in Graphic and Digital Design Directed Study in Graphic and
GD361	Portfolio Development	автоо	Digital Design
	for Graphic Design	COOP	
GD462	Visual Communication	110	Co-op Work Term
	Capstone Project (6 credits)	AIS 380	Practicum/Internship I
GD469	Design Inquiry II: Practice	300	Fracticum/internsing i

Core Skills

GD157	Digital Design Media I
GD159	Digital Design Media II
GD316	Print and Digital Production
GD154	Typography I
GD254	Typography II
GD281	Applied Photography and Video

Theory, Context and Criticality (TCC)

GD102 History of Graphic Design
GD222 Design Inquiry I: Ethos

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