

Transfer Planning Worksheet 2025-2026



**NORTH CENTRAL
COLLEGE 1861**

Student Name: _____ North Central ID# _____ College Representative: _____ Date: _____

Graphic Design, B.F.A.

Graphic Design is the art of visual communication. The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design provides a hands-on approach to design thinking and problem solving through a variety of courses and experiences. Students master a broad range of conceptual, formal and technological skills to create effective visual solutions to communication problems in an array of media including print, web and motion. Projects focus on relationships among the audience, context and content to create results that may interpret, inform, instruct, persuade or entertain. The B.F.A. is a professional program structured to provide in-depth, formal education that prepares students for entry into professional practice or advanced, professionally-oriented study upon graduation. In addition to academic work, B.F.A Graphic Design students complete an internship, community-engaged design studio practicum, and a final public exhibition of a research-based design project or portfolio. Graduates are employed in digital marketing, design services, publishing, advertising, public relations or related industries.

Major Requirements

Foundations Courses			
Course Name	Equivalent	Credit	Grade
ARTD 107 - 2D Design: Explorations in Image Making	ART 121 @ Harper		
ARTD 120 - Drawing I: Observational Drawing	ART 110 @ Harper		
ARTD 140 - Digital Art and Design	GRA 120 @ Harper		
ARTD 160 - 3D Design: Form and Space	ART 122 @ Harper		
Graphic Design Core Courses			
Course Name	Equivalent	Credit	Grade
ARTD 242 - Graphic Design I: Typography			
ARTD 244 - Graphic Design II: Methods and Materials			
ARTD 342 - Graphic Design III	GRA 220 @ Harper		
Additional Design Courses			
Course Name	Equivalent	Credit	Grade
ARTD 245 - Web Design	WEB 150 @ Harper		
ARTD 275 - Photography II: Digital	ART 250 @ Harper		
ARTD 280 - Animation I: Methods and Story			
ARTD 340 - Motion Graphics			
ARTD 345 - User Experience and User Interface Design			
An additional two credit hours in ARTD 200-level or above			
An additional four credit hours in ARTD 300-level or above (ARTD 395 can be taken multiple times to meet these electives)			
Art History and Theory Courses			
Course Name	Equivalent	Credit	Grade
ARTD 100 - Visual Literacy	ART 105 @ Harper		
ARTH 306 - History of Design			
Take one additional ARTH course. Recommended courses:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARTH 201 - Chicago Art, Architecture and Cultural Institutions ARTH 303 - Modern Art and Contemporary Art 			
Pre-Professional/Career Readiness Courses			
A minimum of six credits from the following:			
Course Name	Equivalent	Credit	Grade
ARTD 395 - Practicum: Design Agency			
ARTD 397 – Internship, ARTD 497 – Internship, Approved Study Abroad or May Term Trip			

ARTD 494 - Professional Practices			
Senior Art Exhibit/Capstone			
Course Name	Equivalent	Credit	Grade
ARTD 440 - Graphic Design Now			
ARTD 498 - Exhibition II: Production and Installation			
Additional Requirements for the B.F.A. Degree			
Students must demonstrate elementary competence in a foreign language. For more information, see the B.F.A. Degree Requirements within the Academic Regulations section of this catalog.			