BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
GRAPHIC DESIGN
2023-2024

FRESHMAN YEAR	FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
ARTZ 105 Visual Language - Drawing I		3	☐
ARTZ 106 2-D Foundations I		3	☐
CATEGORY VII: GDSN 231 Graphic Design Applications		3	☐
CATEGORY II: Mathematics Any course in this area		3	☐
Minor/Electives*		3	☐

TOTAL CREDITS 15

FRESHMAN YEAR	SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
ARTZ 224 Watercolor OR ARTZ 221 Painting I		3	☐
CATEGORY IV: History/Social Science Any course in this area		3	☐
CATEGORY I: Communications WRIT 101, 122 or 350		3	☐
Minor/Electives*		6	☐

TOTAL CREDITS 15

SOPHOMORE YEAR	FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
ARTZ 284 Photography I		3	☐
GDSN 220 Illustration I		3	☐
CATEGORY III: Natural Science with lab Any course in this area		4	☐
CATEGORY V: Cultural Diversity Language (See Advisor)		3	☐

TOTAL CREDITS 13

SOPHOMORE YEAR	SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
GDSN 240 Electronic Design I		3	☐
GDSN 250 Graphic Design I		3	☐
Language (See Advisor)		3	☐
CATEGORY IV: History/Social Science Any course in this area		3	☐
Minor/Elective*		3	☐

TOTAL CREDITS 14

JUNIOR YEAR	FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
GDSN 340 Electronic Design II		3	☐
GDSN 350 Graphic Design II		3	☐
GDSN 320 Illustration II		3	☐
CATEGORY III: Natural Science without Lab Any course in this area		3	☐
CATEGORY VI: Humanities/Fine Arts Any course in this area		3	☐
Choose one of the following: ARTH 303, 322, 330, 340, 342		3	☐

TOTAL CREDITS 18

JUNIOR YEAR	SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
ARTZ 384 Photography II		3	☐
CATEGORY VI: ARTH 330 Art History of Western Civ. I OR ARTH 340 Art History of Western Civ. II		3	☐
CATEGORY I: Communications COMX 111 Introduction to Public Speaking OR COMX 115 Introduction to Interpersonal Communications		3	☐
Minor/Elective*		6	☐

TOTAL CREDITS 15

SENIOR YEAR	FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
Upper Division Selectives		5	☐
Minor/Elective*		9	☐

TOTAL CREDITS 14

SENIOR YEAR	SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
GDSN 450 Graphic Design III		4	☐
GDSN 320 Illustration II		3	☐
Minor/Elective*		9	☐

TOTAL CREDITS 16

*18 credits must be upper division

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THE VALUE OF YOUR
GRAPHIC DESIGN DEGREE

Learn to design and advertise for print and digital media formats using a marketing-centered approach. Graphic Design has an ever-evolving job market and is a dynamic field of study! The Graphic Design Program at MSU-Northern will equip you with the skills, techniques and methodologies used by designers in the field today. Our program is a marriage of traditional media and digital technologies that provides students with strong foundational design knowledge and flexibility in current job markets. We provide one-on-one instruction from faculty that care about students and student outcomes.

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WANT TO GRADUATE ON TIME? SAVE MONEY? GET BETTER GRADES?

15 You're going to need 15. That's the number of credits you need to take each semester to graduate on time. Sure, you can take less and still receive some scholarships and funding. But unless you take 15 credits a semester (or 30 a year), you're looking at an extra year or more in order to graduate. Know the courses you need to graduate, and meet with your advisor to map out a plan to earn your degree on time.