

GRAPHIC DESIGN

(BFA) Bachelor of Fine Arts

120 credit, four-year program of study

This curricular guide represents the requirements for students entering UMass Dartmouth for the academic year 2026–2027 and is intended as an example of progression towards the degree. Visit the [College of Visual & Performing Arts website](#) for more information.

Name:

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STUDY

Use the checkboxes to track completed courses.

Year One Fall Courses	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> FOU 101: Visual Arts Seminar	3
<input type="checkbox"/> FOU 110: Foundation Drawing	3
<input type="checkbox"/> FOU 120: 2D Form and Surface	3
<input type="checkbox"/> FOU 130: 3D Form and Space	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENL 101: Critical Writing & Reading I	3

Year One Spring Courses	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> FOU 140: Digital Essentials	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 251: Intro to Graphic Design	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ARH 102: Intro to the History of Art	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENL 102: Critical Writing & Reading II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Social World (*U Studies)	3

Year Two Fall Courses	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 252: Careers in Graphic Design	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 253: Typography	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Studio Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENL 200: Topics in Literature	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ARH 200: Theory & Criticism of Art & Design	3

Year Two Spring Courses	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 254: Web Typography	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Studio Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MTH ____ Mathematics	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Social World (*U Studies)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Elective	3

Year Three Fall Courses	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 353: Adv. Typographic Systems	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 307: History and Context of GD	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 351: Information Design	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Studio Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Science (*U Studies) 2A: Natural World	3

Year Three Spring Courses	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 354: Experimental Processes	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 352: Human-Centered Des Thinking	3
<input type="checkbox"/> 300/400 Level Studio Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ARH ____ 200/300 Level Art History	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Science (*U Studies) 2B: Engaged Community	3
Junior Progress Review	

Year Four Fall Courses	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 451: GD Community Engagement	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 405: Professional Design Practice	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ARH ____ 300/400 Level Art History	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Elective	3

Year Four Spring Courses	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> Studio Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> DES 452: Capstone in Graphic Design	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Social World (*U Studies)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Elective	3
Capstone Exhibition	

*Visit the [University Studies website](#) for a full list of courses.

Free Elective Credits are satisfied by any course.

At least 30 credits of advanced and specialized courses (numbered 300 or higher) must be completed.