

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
☐ FOU 101: Visual Arts Seminar	3
☐ FOU 110: Foundation Drawing	3
☐ FOU 120: 2D Form and Surface	3
☐ FOU 130: 3D Form and Space	3
☐ ENL 101: Critical Writing & Reading I	3

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

Year Two Fall Courses	Credits
☐ DES 252: Careers in Graphic Design	3
☐ DES 253: Typography	3
☐ Studio Elective	3
☐ ENL 200: Topics in Literature	3
☐ ARH 200: Theory & Criticism of Art & Design	3

Year Two Spring Courses	Credits
☐ DES 254: Web Typography	3
☐ Studio Elective	3
☐ MTH ____ Mathematics	3
☐ Social World (*U Studies)	3
☐ Free Elective	3

Year Three Fall Courses	Credits
☐ DES 353: Adv. Typographic Systems	3
☐ DES 307: History and Context of GD	3
☐ DES 351: Information Design	3
☐ Studio Elective	3
☐ Science (*U Studies) 2A: Natural World	3

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

Year Four Fall Courses	Credits
☐ DES 451: GD Community Engagement	3
☐ DES 405: Professional Design Practice	3
☐ ARH ____ 300/400 Level Art History	3
☐ Free Elective	3
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Year Four Spring Courses	Credits
☐ Studio Elective	3
☐ DES 452: Capstone in Graphic Design	3
☐ Social World (*U Studies)	3
☐ Free Elective	3
☐ 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.