

GRAPHIC ARTS, DESIGN, & MEDIA; ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Program Description

The A.S degree in Graphic Arts, Design, and Media offers students the first two years of coursework in various design avenues. The program provides the foundation courses that allow students to transfer into baccalaureate programs in design, which will prepare them for design fields in print, multimedia, and the web. Students gain a comprehensive understanding of the discipline and the ability to create a portfolio of work necessary for a career in the industry.

Transfer Information

Students who complete the Graphic Arts, Design, & Media degree can transfer into majors such as Graphic Design, Digital & Multimedia or Visual Communication Design. Many colleges offer opportunities for transfer both in and out of state. Admission is competitive and may require specific coursework to be completed, portfolio submission, and interview during the application process. Transfer credit for Art, Graphic Design, and Electronic Media course may be evaluated after a review of the student's projects in the course. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer. www.njtransfer.org (<http://www.njtransfer.org/>)

Career Information

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor's degree. The curriculum provides students the knowledge and skills needed to pursue various career pathways, while providing a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC, to explore degree programs and corresponding careers <https://ocean.emsicc.com/>

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Program Requirements

First Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 151	English I	3
ARTS 183	Basic Drawing	3
PHOT 181	Basic Digital Photography	3
GRPH 101	History of Media and Design	3
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar	2
Credit Hours		14
Second Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 152	English II	3
Mathematics Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#math)		3
ARTS 182 or ARTS 205	Art From Renaissance to Modern World or Modern Art	3
ARTS 184	Two-Dimensional Design	3

GRPH 151	Digital Imagery	3
Credit Hours		15
Third Semester		
GRPH 251	InDesign and Typography	3
Social Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#social)		3
Technology Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#tech) ¹		3
Any Course from the Gen. Ed. Course List (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#communication)		3
Elective (p. 1) ²		3
Credit Hours		15
Fourth Semester		
GRPH 281	Graphics Portfolio	3
Humanities or Social Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#humanities)		3
Lab Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#lab)		4
Any Course from the Gen. Ed. Course List (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#communication)		3
Elective (p. 1) ²		3
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		60

- 1 Students may attempt to "test out" of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course(s) in math or science from the List of Approved General Education Courses.
- 2 Some suggested electives are listed below. Selection of electives should be based on the requirements of the four-year institution.

Suggested Graphic Arts, Design, and Media Electives

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ARTS 186	Three-Dimensional Design	3
ARTS 286	Painting I	3
COEM 220	Video Location Production	3
COEM 224	Video Editing and Post Production	3
COEM 230	Audio Recording for Electronic Media	3
PHOT 187	Experimental Digital Photography	3
PHOT 188	Intermediate Digital Photography	3
PHOT 207	Photojournalism	3