

NC STATE

College of Design

Transfer Student Guide

Schedule for Full-Time Students Revised Fall 2023
Bachelor's of Graphic and Experience Design at NCSU

This is a guide for prospective students interested in transferring into the NC State College of Design - Graphic and Experience Design program from a NC Community College - Associates in Arts (AA) program. The Bachelor's of Graphic and Experience Design requires 8 semesters of studio AFTER transfer which typically takes 4 years of enrollment at NC State, regardless of the number of transfer credits or completion of an associate's degree. The College of Design strongly recommends that you contact the Undergraduate Student Service Coordinator (contact information listed below) after reviewing this document.

For any questions about your NC Community College courses or programs, please refer to your direct community college advisor at your current institution. This document was created as a guide to help transfer students interested in design.

Community College First Semester			
NC CC Course	Hrs	NC State Equivalent	Notes
ENG 111	3	ENG 101 & ENG 1**	ENG 111 + ENG 112 = ENG 101 (4) + ENG 1** (2)
MAT 143 or MAT 263	3 or 4	MA 1GEP or MA 121	AA = Math, NCSU = GEP Mathematical Sciences
ACA 122	1	TR ***	AA = Academic Transition, NCSU = Free Elective
BIO 110	4	BIO 105 & BIO 106	AA = Natural Sciences, NCSU = GEP Natural Sciences
ECO 251, POL 120, PSY 150, or SOC 210	3	EC 201, PS 201, PSY 200, or SOC 202	AA = Social/Behavioral Sciences, NCSU = GEP Social Science
TOTAL	14 credit hours		

Submit application and portfolio by Nov 1st for fall admission for the following year.

Community College Second Semester			
NC CC Course	Hours	NC State Equivalent	Notes
ENG 112	3	ENG 101 & ENG 1**	ENG 111 + ENG 112 = ENG 101 (4) + ENG 1** (2)
AA UGETC Natural Science	3	Varies	AA = General Education, NCSU = GEP Natural Sciences
MAT 152	4	ST 311 & ST 3**	AA = General Education, NCSU = GEP Mathematical Sciences
COM 120	3	COM 112	AA = Communications, NCSU = Free Elective
PED 110	2	HESF 101 & HESF 1**	AA = Pre-Major/Elective, NCSU = Both GEP Fitness Courses
TOTAL	12 credit hours		

Some courses taken in the 2nd year may not apply towards the Bachelor's of Graphic & Experience Design curriculum.

Community College Third Semester			
NC CC Course	Hrs	NC State Equivalent	Notes
ENG 231 or 232	3	ENG 265 or 266	AA = Humanities/Fine Arts, NCSU = GEP Humanities
HIS 111 or 112	3	HI 2GEP or HI 233	AA = Social/Behavioral Sciences, NCSU = Free Elective & GEP Global Knowledge Requirement
ECO 251, POL 120, PSY 150, or SOC 210	3	EC 201, PS 201, PSY 200, or SOC 202	AA = Social/Behavioral Sciences, NCSU = GEP Social Science
AA UGETC Humanities/ Fine Arts	3	Varies	AA = Humanities/Fine Arts, NCSU = GEP Humanities
COM 140, HIS 222, or SOC 230	3	COM 292, HI 372, or SOC 305	AA = General Education, NCSU = U.S. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
TOTAL	15 credit hours		

Community College Fourth Semester			
NC CC Course	Hours	NC State Equivalent	Notes
ART 114 or ART 116	3	HA 201 or HA 203	AA = General Education, NCSU = Design History Elective
Elective	3	Varies	AA = Pre-Major/Elective, NCSU = Non-Degree
Elective	3	Varies	AA = Pre-Major/Elective, NCSU = Non-Degree
Elective	3	Varies	AA = Pre-Major/Elective, NCSU = Non-Degree
Elective	3	Varies	AA = Pre-Major/Elective, NCSU = Non-Degree
TOTAL	15 credit hours		

North Carolina State University - Undergraduate Admissions

Follow the [NC State Undergraduate Admissions - Transfer Applicants](#) page to help keep you on track as a transfer student. The deadline to apply for College of Design studio majors is **November 1st**.

Recommendations for Competitive Applicants:

NC State Undergraduate Admissions employs a holistic approach in reviewing transfer students' applications and considers a range of accomplishments and qualifications. Recommended courses listed above, and GPA recommendations, are departmental recommendations and are not minimum requirements for transfer admissions.

- 2.7 or higher cumulative GPA
- English Composition
- College-level pre-calculus or higher math course

College of Design Admissions Requirements

- Fall entry only, requires an online portfolio and creative essay with the deadline of November 1st.
- Completion of a [10-piece portfolio and creative essay](#) (250 - 300 words).
 - Visual Communication Skills: Work should express specific ideas, attitudes, events, or stories.
 - Serial or Sequential Work: Series of themed works; various iterations of the same idea; same subject executed in different mediums.
 - Problem Solving Skills: Evidence of problem solving for larger or smaller issues.

Department of Graphic & Experience Design - Program Notes

- [Course Catalog](#) for the Graphic and Experience Design program.
- A grade of C- or higher is required.
- International Experience (6 credit hours) is required. This may be a Design Studio worth 6 credit hours (when available), or two 3-credit-hour advised electives. This is usually completed in the Sixth or Seventh Semester at the Prague Institute or other approved international program.
- No more than one (1) six credit studio may be taken in any given semester.

NCSU First Semester		NCSU Second Semester	
D 100: Design Inquiry I	3	GD 210 Image and Tech Thinking	6
D 104: First-Year Studio I	6	GD 203 History of Graphic Design	3
Total Hours	9	Total Hours	9

NCSU Third Semester		NCSU Fourth Semester	
GD 201: Design, Context, Experience	6	GD 202: Design Settings, People, and Use	6
GD 217: Typography and Technology	3	GD 317 Typography Lang, Writing, and Reading	3
GD 303: Graphic Design Theory and Practice	3		
Total Hours	12	Total Hours	9

NCSU Fifth Semester		NCSU Sixth Semester	
GD 301: Branding, Interaction, and Service Design	6	GD 400: Advanced Graphic Design Studio	6
GD 417: Information and Publishing Design Systems	3	Design Elective	3
Total Hours	9	Total Hours	9

NCSU Seventh Semester		NCSU Eighth Semester	
Advanced Studio Elective	6	Advanced Studio Elective	6
GD 401 Graphic Design Practicum	3	Design Elective	3
Total Hours	9	Total Hours	9

College of Design – Admissions and Student Services Contact

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Questions about the transferability of an NC Community College Course? Speak with your community college advisor and review the [NCSU Credit Opportunities Transfer Database](#).

Following the transfer guide does not guarantee admission to NC State University or guarantee an AA degree or BS degree will be conferred.