

Certificate

Design Communication Arts

Ignite your creativity and prepare for a career in graphic design. With the Design Communication Arts Certificate, you will learn how to think like a designer while developing the visual literacy needed to thrive in a professional setting. Feel confident and ready to start your career as a graphic designer through portfolio reviews, a capstone course, mentorship and internship opportunities.

<p>Total Units: 48-52 There are 48 total required units if taking the Design Software Boot Camp, or 52 total required units if taking Photoshop I, Illustrator I, and InDesign as individual courses. Students choose two electives.</p> <p>A quarterly course planning guide for full-time certificate candidates, including international students, may be found on page 4.</p>	<p>May be completed 100% online.</p> <p>Start any quarter!</p>
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Required: Design Toolkit

Students can either take individual courses—Photoshop I, Illustrator I, and InDesign (3 courses; 12 units total)—or, the Design Software Intensive Boot Camp (8 units)

COURSE NAME & NUMBER	UNITS	Typically Offered*			
		FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Photoshop I DESMA X 481.11	4.0	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Online
Illustrator I DESMA X 481.47	4.0	Online	Online	Classroom Online	Online
InDesign DESMA X 481.99Z	4.0	Online	Online	Online	Classroom
<i>- or -</i>					
Design Software Intensive Boot Camp DESMA X 481.60	8.0	Classroom	Online	Classroom	Online

Required: Core Design Concepts

Design Fundamentals, Design II, III, and IV must be taken consecutively. Color Methodologies and Typography should be taken in the 1st or 2nd quarter. Portfolio should be taken in your final quarter.

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		FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Design Fundamentals DESMA X 479.6A	4.0	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online
Color Methodologies DESMA X 482.10	4.0	Classroom Online	Online	Classroom Online	Classroom
Typography DESMA X 479.4A	4.0	Classroom Online	Online	Classroom Online	Classroom
Design II: Collateral Communication DESMA X 479.6E	4.0	Online	Classroom Online	Online	Classroom Online
Design III: Branding DESMA X 479.2D	4.0	Classroom Online	Classroom	Classroom Online	Classroom
Design History and Context DESMA X 479.3D	4.0	Classroom	Classroom Online	Classroom	Online
Design IV: Capstone DESMA X 479.6P	4.0	Classroom		Online	
Portfolio DESMA X 479.6Q	4.0		Online		Classroom

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Electives

Choose Two (2) Courses

Typically Offered*

COURSE NAME & NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Advertising Design DESMA X 479.6D	4.0	Online			Classroom
Design Project Management DESMA X 479.5D	4.0				Online
Design Thinking DESMA X 481.55	4.0		Online		Online
Entertainment Design DESMA X 479.6BB	4.0			Classroom	
Frontend Web Coding Boot Camp DESMA X 481.61	8.0	Online	Classroom	Online	Classroom
Graphic Design Career Launch Pad DESMA X 479.3AB	4.0		Classroom		
Graphic Design for the Digital Media DESMA X 481.4AA	4.0		Classroom		
Illustrator II DESMA X 479.47AA	4.0	Online		Online	
Internship DESMA X 479.7F	4.0	Internship	Internship	Internship	Internship
Media Experimentation DESMA X 479.79H	4.0			Classroom	
Mentorship DESMA X 482.14	4.0	Mentorship	Mentorship	Mentorship	Mentorship
Motion Graphics I DESMA X 481.99QT	4.0	Classroom		Classroom	
Motion Graphics II DESMA X 481.99QU	4.0		Classroom		Classroom
Motion Graphics III DESMA X 481.99QV	4.0		Classroom		
Package Design DESMA X 479.6C	4.0	Classroom			
Photoshop II DESMA X 481.43	4.0		Online		
Publication Design DESMA X 479.4D	4.0			Classroom	
Special Topics: Cross-Disciplinary Design DESMA X 479.5B	4.0			Classroom	
Special Topics: Design Entrepreneurship DESMA X 479.8B	4.0		Classroom		
Special Topics: Digital and Analog Craft DESMA X 479.7B	4.0	Classroom			
Surface Design for Consumer Products DESMA X 479.9D	4.0		Classroom		
Talking with Impact DESMA X 479.3A	4.0		Classroom		
Typography II DESMA X 479.4B	4.0		Online		Online

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Additional Electives

The following courses may also be taken for elective credit.

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		FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Unity I: 3D Game Design and Game Engines DESMA X 479.7K	4.0	Classroom		Classroom	
AR/MR/VR for Immersive Content: Experience, Game, and Media DESMA X 479.5K	4.0		Classroom		Classroom
User Experience I: Survey DESMA X 481.99AF	4.0	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online
User Experience II: Iteration DESMA X 479.8K	4.0	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online
User Experience III: Applied DESMA X 489.5F	4.0	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online
User Experience IV: Capstone DESMA X 499C	4.0	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online
User Experience Research DESMA X 489.5G	4.0		Online		Online
User Experience Software DESMA X 481.99FG	4.0	Online	Online	Online	Online
Environmental Portraiture ART X 428	4.0		Classroom		
Lighting I ART X 440.22	4.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
Photography I ART X 438.9	4.0	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online
Photography II ART X 439.90	4.0	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online	Classroom Online
Chinese Brush Painting ART X 430	4.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	

Please Note:

An application form and nonrefundable fee are required to establish candidacy in this program. The application & candidacy fee establishes your candidacy in the program for a period of time covering normal progress toward completion, and may allow you to access a variety of program benefits. [Apply Now](#).

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FOR FULL-TIME CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

Quarterly Course Planning Guide

Use this suggested sequence, along with the typically offered course details above, to plan your full-time course of study. To schedule time with an advisor, call (310) 206-1422 or email dca@uclaextension.edu

1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Photoshop I Illustrator I InDesign – or – Design Software Intensive Boot Camp	Color Methodologies Typography Design II: Collateral Communication	Design III: Branding Design History and Context Elective	Design IV: Capstone Portfolio Elective Final portfolio review <i>After all coursework has been completed</i>
Design Fundamentals			
<i>Recommended:</i> Design Your Career			

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