Bachelor of Fine Arts

Arts Entrepreneurship

Advertising

ADV 2000
Introduction to Advertising
3cr.
This course introduces advertising majors and other interested students to the serious fun of advertising. Students work in creative teams as they would in an agency setting to concept a variety of advertising executions for products and services of all types. Guest speakers from the agency side, media side, and client side discuss the creative process and what's worked for them. Prerequisites: Foundation: 2D, Foundation: Media 1

ADV 3010
Agency
3cr.
The goal of this course is to give students a realistic view of how a contemporary advertising agency functions. Students visit agencies and host guest speakers who work in all departments: creative, print and broadcast production, account service, planning and research, media, PR, and promotions. Particular attention is paid to career path and the importance of partnerships. Students shadow agency professionals and participate in meetings, brainstorm sessions, or client briefing. Students research and create reports of their experiences and collaborate on the creations of an “ideal” agency. Prerequisites: Foundation: 2D, successful Junior Review

ADV 3020
Integrated Advertising
3cr.
This course explores the seamless integration of several media in a single campaign. Media covered include television, print, PR, radio, and a variety of digital platforms. Students learn how communication vehicles such as packaging, product design, store design, advertising, promotions, PR, and corporate communications work together in a campaign, over time, to shape a brand. Guest speakers showcase histories of integrated advertising and brand management. Students work together in creative teams and client teams to develop, create, and execute an integrated campaign. Prerequisites: Foundation: 2D, Introduction to Advertising (Introduction to Advertising may be taken concurrently)

ADV 3040
The Future of Advertising
3cr.
The marketing and advertising industry is grounded in the supremacy of ideas and is constantly adjusting to emerging communication platforms. This class examines those adjustments and emergence in depth to understand how effective ideas continue to come to life across digital and social media. We'll explore and define how consumer, category, and platform insights matter. We'll consider and develop strategic foundations that support ideas across multiple media. We'll dive into the tools marketers and agencies use to power ideas today. Assignments throughout the semester will introduce students to exercises in developing content for existing and emerging digital platforms while exploring the relationship between humans, and existing and emerging technologies to create innovative
campaigns. Marketing and advertising guest speakers will join the faculty in reviewing assignments and offering feedback on assignments. Prerequisite: Introduction to Advertising or Copywriting

ADV 3060
Advertising for Retail Environments
3cr.
This course provides an overview of opportunities existing within the landscape of retail environments for artists, designers, advertisers, entrepreneurs, and merchandisers. Students may focus on a multitude of medias, including traditional, non-traditional, external (web, broadcast, print, direct, and out-of-home); internal (store and fixture design, the point of sale, and product development); as well as promotion and event marketing opportunities. Students seek inspiration and source materials through retail outlet exploration. Collaborative teams create captivating retail campaigns. Presentation and clear communication are essential components of the coursework. Prerequisites: Foundation: 2D, Introduction to Advertising (Intro to Ad may be taken concurrently)

Product Design

PD 2000
Introduction to Product Design
3cr.
This studio course introduces modes of thinking and practices employed by product designers. Through a series of hands-on projects and research assignments, students use product design methodology to identify and define problems, then develop solutions with real-world applications. Using a variety of materials and techniques, students explore ideation, iteration, model making, and form development. Faculty provides an overview of topics such as ergonomics, sustainable design, user interface/experience design, manufacturing processes, and design in social context. Prerequisite: Completion of 12 credits

PD 2300
Design Drawing
3cr.
Designed objects begin with ideas, which have long been visually initiated and communicated through quick, expressive sketches. Subtle changes to the emphasis or quality of line, shape, and/or value can be the difference between a successful takeoff or a failed launch. This course introduces techniques used by product designers that are useful to a broad range of creative professionals. Manual drawing and rendering techniques enable students to effectively and efficiently communicate design ideas, convey context and operation of a product, develop form, iterate, and present design intent. This approach prizes clear, compelling communication intended to represent realistic, manufacturable, three-dimensional objects that do not yet exist, but could! Prerequisite: Completion of 12 credits

PD 2600
Digital Visualization: 3D CAD, Rendering, and Communication
3cr.
This course introduces digital visualization techniques employed by product designers. Students will learn to use industry-standard parametric CAD software (Solidworks) and digital rendering (Keyshot, etc.) to create and render three-dimensional models. Exercises will teach students to use the tools to explore form and mechanisms, build physical models and prototypes using digital fabrication techniques, communicate detailed specifications, and create photo-realistic images of a design. No prior CAD experience is required. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1 or faculty permission

PD 3010
Models and Prototypes
3cr.
Products can be made of just about any material—from textiles to ceramics to circuit boards—so product designers have developed numerous techniques for making physical models and prototypes to develop, test, and communicate their ideas. Students will learn these techniques—and when to deploy which ones—as they design a series of simple,
everyday products. Using the models and prototypes they build, students evaluate their design solutions on the basis of function, performance, mechanical feasibility, appearance, usability, and context-appropriateness. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D, Introduction to Product Design, or faculty permission

**Design**

**Comic Art**

**COM 2000**  
Introduction to Comics  
3cr.
Introduction to Comics is a balanced exploration of simple character development and sequential storytelling. Technical demonstrations and weekly assignments cover penciling, various inking techniques, coloring, and lettering and are focused on composition, style, space, storytelling, perspective, gesture, and mood. Lectures and presentations on various comic genres and artists, readings, and discussions of the creative process complement technical instruction. Prerequisites: Foundation: 2D, Foundation: Drawing 1, Foundation: Drawing 2, Foundation: Media 1 (Foundation: Drawing 2 and Foundation: Media 1 may be taken concurrently)

**COM 3010**  
Comic Media and Concepts  
3cr.
This course is an exploration of comics as a storytelling art form. Emphasis is placed on storytelling concepts and advanced technical and media skills. Students explore how text and image uniquely interact in comic art. Topics covered include the use of text to create secondary meaning, parallel thought, and manipulation of time and pace in the comic narrative. Putting these ideas to practice, students use research, storyboarding, writing, critique, and revision to foster a strong foundation for a personal voice. Prerequisite: Introduction to Comics

**COM 3020**  
The Comic Scene  
3cr.
This course focuses on the two-dimensional depiction of an environment or landscape in comic format. Starting with the creation of a unique pictorial space, students explore the figure within these spaces to create a narrative visual flow. Landscape detailing and lighting are examined to create a sense of mood. Students explore one- to three-point perspectives, alternative perspective theories, and picture-composition relationships and their relationship to narrative drive. Research into the work of professional comics artists’ use of environmental storytelling, as well as individual and group critiques, are used as part of the learning process. Prerequisite: Introduction to Comics

**COM 3030**  
Comic Character Development  
3cr.
Comic Character Development students study various models of comic character creation, including realistic, heroic, exaggerated, and invented form, in addition to a variety of body expressions, facial expressions, and locomotion. Discussions and assignments in character creation for the narrative are explored. Lectures and discussions cover historical comics artists and contemporary artists. Weekly journals and comic exercises are assigned so that students may develop observational and invented figure drawing skills. Prerequisite: Introduction to Comics

**COM 3040**  
Experimental Comics  
3cr.
Experimental Comics trains students to expand their storytelling ranges. Students learn to utilize restriction and experimentation as ways to help tell a story. Discussions are held surrounding important contemporary comic art.
professionals and groups who are pushing the boundaries of comic narrative. As the semester progresses, students work from their own story ideas and develop them further through individual and group critiques. Lectures and presentations on experimental comics, short exercises, individual and group critiques, readings, and discussions are used to help students work toward self-direction and a strong use of process. Prerequisite: Comic Media and Concepts

COM 3050
Comic Book Publishing: Print and Digital
3cr.
This course prepares students for the expectations and rigors of the production and promotion of a comic book in print or in digital publishing. Working on self-directed projects, each student becomes his or her own publisher. The course is divided into three sections mirroring the production process: design and preparation, production, and launch. Technical and process demonstrations cover scanning, prepress procedures, printing, and marketing collateral. The intent of this course is to provide each student with the skills necessary to give a project the greatest impact once completed and published. Lectures and demonstrations, studio visits, field trips, readings, and research are used to direct students through this process. Prerequisite: Comic Media and Concepts

COM 3060
Comic Materials and Techniques
3cr.
This course explores the various professional mediums used by comics artists and illustrators to create a rich textural nature in their works. Students develop basic principles of compositional decision making and strategies and the application of lighting, textures, values, and tone. Demonstrations of various tools and techniques are provided—from traditional pen and brush to Japanese tonal effects to current trends in digital finishing. Students work on professional comic pencil pages, their own penciled comic pages created specifically for this course, and on pen and ink observational drawings. Visual lectures, critiques, and research support technical work. Prerequisite: Introduction to Comics

COM 3070
Comic Storytelling
3cr.
This class focuses on helping students develop their comic storytelling techniques by illuminating the relationship between text and image on the comic page, ideas of plot versus theme, the use of composition and symbolism in the comic panel, and how all of these correlations work together to serve the goal of the artist in communicating his or her personal narrative vision in the comic form. With a strong focus on issues in contemporary comic storytelling methods, plot structure and motif in popular fiction and literature, and the symbolic and aesthetic powers of fine art and design, Comic Storytelling allows students to shape their own scripts and stories into comics that demonstrate their skill and acumen in the comics language. The work in this course is heavily self-directed and students should be prepared to judiciously utilize their studio processes as they craft in-depth, multi-page comic projects to present for in-class and individual critique. Prerequisites: Introduction to Comics, Comic Media and Concepts (Comic Media and Concepts may be taken concurrently)

COM 3081
Rock Paper Scissors Comic Art Workshop
3cr.
Pierre Feuille Ciseaux PFC (Rock Paper Scissors) is a French collaborative art laboratory that has been held for three years at the Saline Royale at Arc et Senans. The Minneapolis College of Art and Design is proud to have brought Rock Paper Scissors to the United States in 2013 and again this summer. The two-week residency workshop is taught by Julien Misserey, the founder of Rock Paper Scissors. In this three-credit intensive comic artist workshop, students are guided through the creative and unique “OuBaPo” process of experimentation through constraint exercises. Students are encouraged to experiment with the language and form of comic art to expand, explore, and explode the medium. Students work individually and collaboratively to expand upon their understanding of the sequential art form. Using both traditional and nontraditional methods, students explore content of comics beyond the traditional page and book formats. Students are also instructed on the ways comic art is practiced internationally
through a series of discussions and interactive exercises. During the second half of the workshop, students work in collaboration with an international group of professional comic artists including Josh Bayer, Gabrielle Bell, Charles Burns, Michael Deforge, Ines Estrada, Edie Fake, Sammy Harkham, Aiden Koch, Laura Park, and Jillian Tamaki. Projects are displayed in a public exhibition at the end of the workshop. Prerequisite: Foundation-level drawing, or Introduction to Comic Art, or Introduction to Animation, or Introduction to Illustration

COM 4000
Professional Practice
3cr.
Professional Practice prepares comic art students for the transition from the classroom to the professional world. Students are exposed to the various opportunities available in the comic industry. Through lecture, demonstrations, in-class and studio visits, presentations, writings, and self-directed projects, each student prepares a “book” and supportive collateral that effectively reflects his or her particular vision. Additionally, lectures on self-promotion, daily business practices, and proposal and grant writing is covered with corresponding assignments. Prerequisite: Junior standing

COM 4010
Internship
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

COM 5010
Advanced Comic Art Seminar
3cr.
This course continues and concentrates on the issues and development of a unique comic voice. Students develop topics or themes into a full comic narrative working within the mainstream, art comic, educational comic, or documentary comic fields. Critical input from the faculty and fellow students helps guide the projects towards completion, allowing for a developed and mature narrative assignment. Lectures, visual presentations, readings, and in-depth study of comic professionals supplement the topics discussed within this course. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

COM 5100
Senior Project
6cr.
Senior Project is a semester-long project developed by an individual student in consultation with a faculty member. Starting with a research project, an in-depth comic art problem, or a concentration on the development of a particular strength, genre, or need, students create a story of fully realized and professionally developed pages. Students are required to develop an appropriate proposal, a timeline, and goals and refine these in consultation with an outside mentor and appropriate MCAD staff. Presentations to the class and the greater MCAD community, proposal writing, research, and group discussions are important components of this course. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

Graphic Design

GRD 2000
Graphic Design 1
3cr.
This course provides students with an overview of graphic design practice. Students concentrate on building visual and typographic communication skills as well as the vocabulary necessary for critical analysis. These introductory
level skills are explored through static, static-narrative, interactive, and time-based media. Topics covered include basic visual and typographic principles, composition, type and image integration, sequence, and craft. Students are also introduced to the design process, which includes research, ideation, iteration, refinement, and implementation. Image/image-series, logotypes, mark-making, digital presentations, and booklets are possible outcomes of this course. Prerequisites: Foundation: 2D, Media 1

GRD 2010
Typography 1
3cr.
This course emphasizes foundational typographic principles from letterform construction to hierarchies of extended text. Particular attention is directed toward typographic vocabulary, type as image, typographic organization, and the utilization of supporting grid structures. Through assignments, larger projects, and critiques, students are expected to demonstrate an understanding of typography as a visual tool used to enhance verbal meaning. Prerequisites: Foundation: 2D, Foundation: Drawing 1, Foundation: Media 1 (Foundation: Drawing 1 may be taken concurrently)

GRD 3020
Typography 2
3cr.
This class advances the skills and principles learned in Introduction to Typography. Students investigate conceptual possibilities utilizing research, knowledge of historical and contemporary perspectives, experimental strategies using hand tools and digital software, and personalized design methodologies. Students are challenged to develop original solutions and promote their own visual sensibilities. Projects are designed to advance the understanding of how typography can be used to articulate meaning as it relates to a variety of topics including typographic and language systems, identity, conceptual narratives, and sequential implementation. Outcomes consist of print and digital solutions. Prerequisites: Typography 1, Graphic Design 1

GRD 3030
Graphic Design 2
3cr.
This intermediate course examines procedural frameworks and processes for graphic communications. A range of topics covered includes the utility of series and systems approaches, content generation models and strategies, and an expanded notion of developing and applying hierarchical content across static, static-narrative, interactive, and time-based media. Some project components require student responsibility in authoring content through linguistic, typographic, and visual approaches. At least one project requires formal documentation illustrating the design process. Outcomes range from both applied and experimental studies to mark-making and identity systems. Prerequisites: Graphic Design 1

GRD 3050
Publication Design
3cr.
Publication design remains one of the most challenging and complex opportunities within the larger field of graphic design. In this course students conceptualize, create, and manage content for both print and digital publications. Structural systems, formats, and organizational methods are investigated as well as the creation of visual narrative through image, pacing, and sequence. Critiques and discussions of examples from the field encourage students to think globally and flexibly about systems and to explore modifications to the traditional structure of books, catalogs, and magazines. Prerequisites: Graphic Design 2, Typography 2

GRD 3060
Narrative Design
3cr.
This course explores the dynamic integration of graphic form, typography, and message enhanced through the orchestration of movement, time, sequence, and sound. These subjects are studied as integral components of the design process that result in compelling graphic narrations. Classroom demonstrations, critiques, and screenings
enable students to develop narratives that service a wide range of applications for contemporary communication vehicles. Prerequisite: Graphic Design 1 or Typography 1

GRD 3070
Graphic Design 3
3cr.
Central to graphic design thinking, systems-based design projects have always challenged designers to investigate new and better ways of representing complex information. These design systems are a crucial ingredient in the interdisciplinary practices of branding, interactive design, information design, and mapping. Classroom activities and assignments examine resource development, research analysis, information management, and ideation as parts of a larger whole. Not restricted to any one media, this course encourages students to develop a variety of solutions, guided by critique, individual discussions, and assignments. Prerequisites: Graphic Design 2, Digital Production

GRD 3080
Digital Production
3cr.
This course provides students with a practical and comprehensive overview of the digital production process—from organizing, preparing, and managing digital files to achieving professional quality output. Faculty reference and demonstrate many topics, including raster- and vector-art preparation, font and color management, materials, formats, workflow, and vendor communications. Students examine standards, apply techniques, and employ terminology commonly used in contemporary practice. Prerequisites: Graphic Design 1, or Typography 1

GRD 4000
Professional Practice
3cr.
Professional Practice is a thorough introduction to the skills needed for a successful career in design. Visiting professionals, classroom discussions, and individual assignments assist students in the development of a print and online portfolio. Students are required to write all necessary supporting documents, including a resume, a biography, a project description/labeling system, and letters to prospective employers. Students are expected to make professional portfolio presentations and practice interviewing techniques. Social media best practices, job search skills, professional etiquette, and ethics are also covered. Prerequisite: Junior standing

GRD 4010
Internship: Graphic Design
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

GRD 5010
Advanced Graphic Design Seminar
3cr.
This class focuses on complex design challenges, professional-level assignments, and design projects with multiple components. Students are encouraged to be entrepreneurial as they conduct research and develop innovative solutions for appropriate economic constituencies, users, and audiences. Each student refines his or her voice, style, and agenda while creating a semester-long project. Professional presentations of design ideas and solutions for critique and discussion are central to this course. Project formats and media are open-ended. Prerequisite: Successful Junior Review
GRD 5100
Senior Project: Graphic Design
6cr.
Senior Project is a capstone class that allows graphic design seniors the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge they have obtained and cultivated at MCAD. In collaboration with the professor, students mount a thorough investigation of their career goals and assess how their current portfolio anticipates next steps. Projects may involve revising or extending existing work or creating new work with an eye to the future. The semester culminates with the Commencement Exhibition, during which students display their best work, and Emerging Talent Day, which allows students to showcase their portfolios to potential employers. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

Illustration

ILL 2000
Introduction to Illustration
3cr.
This course examines the effectiveness and power of illustration through everyday images found in book and magazine illustration, web, and surface design. From the sketch process to the development of finished images, students are exposed to a variety of working methods. Demonstrations of Photoshop, large-scale scanning, acrylic, gouache, pen and ink, watercolor, and collage enable students to experiment with new media. Assignments may include creating spot images for the web, decorative surface design, educational posters, classic storytelling, and personal and explorative work. Prerequisites: Foundation: 2D, Foundation: Drawing 1, Foundation: Media 1, Foundation: Drawing 2 (Foundation: Drawing 2 may be taken concurrently)

ILL 3010
Tools of the Trade
3cr.
This course offers hands-on experience for students exploring a wide variety of media through real-world illustration projects. Students learn trade tips and expand their portfolios as they pursue acrylic painting, gouache, pen and ink, watercolor, and pastel projects. Instructional demonstrations are provided on a variety of painting and drawing techniques on papers and other surfaces. Prerequisite: Introduction to Illustration

ILL 3020
Concepts and Metaphors
3cr.
The strength of many contemporary illustrations lies in a dynamic concept of metaphor. Through word lists, thumbnail sketches, and research, students expand their ideas to improve their illustration. Students examine art by both historical and contemporary practitioners and create individual images as well as series projects with editorial, advertising, and corporate audiences in mind. Color and media guidelines and techniques are covered via demonstrations. This course encourages further development of skills in both digital and traditional media as well as concepts, research, techniques, craft, and professional presentation. Prerequisite: Introduction to Illustration

ILL 3030
Digital Illustration
3cr.
Through projects, discussions, and lectures, students acquire a thorough understanding of all aspects of digital illustration. Demonstrations of Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and InDesign are provided. In addition, students learn about the latest tools and file preparation standards for production, including file formats, color palettes, and image resolution. Assignments have an emphasis on technical achievement and presentation. Prerequisite: Introduction to Illustration
ILL 3040
Illustrated Notebook
3cr.
The notebook is a critical tool for the illustrator to record, investigate, and play. In this course students explore the notebook as a visual journal used to gather material and also as a place to experiment and further explore ideas. Course projects include creating different formatted notebooks that include word lists, found materials, and observational sketching. Individual and group critiques, lectures, and technical demonstrations round out the course. The final project is a series of illustrations based on unexpected discoveries made in the notebook. Prerequisite: Introduction to Illustration

ILL 3050
Editorial Illustration
3cr.
From mainstream to independent magazines, editorial art has made a huge impact on the covers and pages of modern print and web publications. Through lectures and demonstrations students acquire a thorough understanding of the editorial market and its potential for inventive and imaginative images. This course includes illustrating articles related to topics such as culture, health, finance, short story, and nonfiction. Project formats include GIF animated web images, full and half page illustrations, covers, and experimental zines. Prerequisites: Introduction to Illustration, Concepts and Metaphors, Digital Illustration (Digital Illustration may be taken concurrently)

ILL 3060
Children’s Book
3cr.
In this course students examine the elements that make up a children's book and how to communicate to a specific audience through their art. Emphasis is placed on concepting, storyboards, dummy books, and sequencing. Demonstrations of media and discussions of process are covered. A series of projects are assigned examining the various stages of illustrating a book, from the sketch phase to final illustrations. Professional knowledge of the publishing industry is researched and discussed. Prerequisites: Introduction to Illustration, Concepts and Metaphors, Digital Illustration (Digital Illustration may be taken concurrently)

ILL 3070
Illustration and Products
3cr.
This course explores a variety of venues for product design, including apparel graphics, sporting goods, stationery, and home products. Students create graphics that define and accompany final products from sketch to production. Beginning with research by developing concept boards, students develop their ideas and focus on placed graphics within a product line. Students learn industry-standard processes, including audience research, concepting, presentation, and production, as they create a substantial and diverse product design portfolio. Students are provided with the opportunity to explore their own interests and apply their own aesthetic style to concepts, final pieces, and their own brand of merchandise. Prerequisites: Introduction to Illustration, Concepts and Metaphors, Digital Illustration (Digital Illustration may be taken concurrently)

ILL 3071
Applied Illustration and Product Workshop: 3M Global Design Studio
1cr.
In this course students learn advanced industry standards working with the 3M Global Design team. In addition to developing new product concepts, students are challenged to ready their work for industry-specific formats, present their work in a professional setting, and learn the 3M product development cycle alongside one of the most innovative companies in the Twin Cities area. Students learn more about the pipeline for product development through various discussions in class surrounding the theories of merchandising, research, functional development, and surface design. Prerequisite: Illustration and Products, successful Junior Review
ILL 3080
Illustration Topics
3cr.
Building on their initial exposure to illustration in Concepts and Metaphors, Illustration Topics students engage in a thorough examination of illustration principles with a variety of audiences, clients, and formats. Projects may include creating surface designs for an eco-friendly high school binder, an animated GIF web banner for a service or retail shop, informational maps, and a large banner print. Prerequisites: Intro to Illustration, Concepts and Metaphors

ILL 3081
Illustrated Typography
1cr.
This class examines a variety of applications of hand-lettering in illustration, giving students the opportunity to illustrate type. The class explores functional, expressive, and formal issues in lettering and type. Assignments cover different focuses in illustration from magazine articles to greeting cards, book covers to posters. Students develop finished illustrations through the sketch process and ongoing critique. Demonstrations of mediums including pen and ink, collage, gouache, acrylic paint, and Adobe Photoshop are provided. Prerequisite: Introduction to Illustration

ILL 4000
Professional Practice
3cr.
Professional Practice helps direct students as they transition into the professional world. Students create promotional material, estimate and proposal forms, invoices, websites, and portfolios. Projects may include comprehensive art for an advertising campaign, illustrations for a textbook, and a poster for a nonprofit client. The following topics are discussed through lectures and with guest speakers: deadlines, time management, freelancing, dynamic websites, professional opportunities, artists' representatives, bids, taxes, support systems, and resources. Prerequisite: Junior standing

ILL 4010
Internship
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

ILL 5010
Advanced Illustration Seminar
3cr.
Advanced Illustration Seminar prepares students to become more independent and to develop a process of critical thinking and in-depth research in their practice. Through readings, individual and group discussions, and writings, students acquire a better understanding of illustration and the responsibilities of illustrators. Assignments include the creation of a comprehensive series of images based on themes of contemporary culture and a self-directed project. Prerequisite: Successful Junior Review

ILL 5100
Senior Project
6cr.
In consultation with a faculty member, students in this course produce a series of illustrations to strengthen and enhance their portfolio. This capstone project can take the form of a research project, an in-depth illustration problem, or the advancement of a particular strength or style. Students are required to develop an appropriate proposal, a
timeline, and goals for their project. The resulting illustrations should address a specific audience and/or market.

**Prerequisites:** Successful Junior Review and senior standing

## Online Courses for Design Majors

**VC 4742**  
**Digital Coloring for Comic Books**  
3cr.

This course covers the entire process of coloring a comic book, from color design to print, using a computer. The goal of the course is to gain a working knowledge of a variety of techniques in order to complete a project from ideation to the final state. Topics covered include: scanning artwork, use of color as a storytelling tool, CMYK vs. RGB in the color workflow, and how to "paint" using the computer—including step-by-step instruction, a survey of computer tools, color separation and its use to make the finished product look the best possible even on poor quality paper, and more. Required hardware: Wacom tablet or flatbed scanner. Required software: Adobe Photoshop or Elements.

**VS 1164**  
**The Illustrated Portrait**  
1 cr.

As popularized in the pages of magazines like *Rolling Stone*, *Time*, and *Entertainment Weekly*, the illustrated portrait provides a fresh new look at the strengths and flaws of people who shape popular culture, our government, and everything in between. In this class, the history of portraiture is used as inspiration and as a technical style guide. Students create their own vision of important (and not-so-important) people. Students work with traditional (hand-drawn) and digital media (photo manipulation), focusing on vital concepts and techniques for producing the most convincing, compelling portraits. To succeed in this course (technically) students must already have a basic familiarity with digital imaging/scanning. Required Software: Adobe Photoshop or Elements

**VS 1166**  
**The Illustrated Poster: Music and Theater**  
1 cr.

For a century, poster art has been used effectively for commerce, propaganda, protest, image, and personal expression. This course focuses on two particularly vibrant and expressive applications of this medium: the concert poster and the theatre poster. For stylistic inspiration and a basic historical overview, students look back at the most revolutionary movements and artists of poster art, from the French Art Nouveau posters of the 1890s to the psychedelic-rock posters of the 1960s. Students are encouraged to draw upon these influences to create their own unique and personal vision of the concert and theatre poster. Students work in both conventional and digital media, focusing on the qualities of successful and effective poster art: symbolism, color, and the relationship between words and image. The techniques and printing processes that have given these posters their unique look and feel are also briefly reviewed.

## Fine Arts

### Drawing and Painting

**DRPT 2000**  
**Introduction to Painting**  
3cr.

In this course, students learn basic oil painting techniques through studio painting sessions rooted in direct observation. Applied color theory, use of critical language, direct painting techniques, and studio safety practices are covered. Studio practice includes the still life and model. Group and individual critiques, lectures, demonstrations, and museum visits round out the class. Prerequisite: Foundation: Drawing 1
DRPT 3010  
Drawing: Color and Mixed Media  
3cr.

Focusing on color in a drawing context as a descriptive and expressive tool, this course covers the interaction of color, optical color mixing, and color layering. Expressive and symbolic uses of color are covered, as well as the creation of light, form, and space through color. Observational drawing skills are further developed, as students are encouraged to take individual approaches to subject matter and imagery. Demonstrations include a wide range of wet and dry color drawing media, collage, and experimentation with a variety of drawing surfaces. Faculty presentations of historical and contemporary drawing approaches and artists provide complementary information. In this course students reference and apply the language and concepts of color in drawing context, create works using wet and dry media, and explore personal imagery and content. Prerequisite: Foundation: Drawing 1

DRPT 3020  
Drawing: Figure  
3cr.

This class combines life drawing with an in-depth study of figurative structure, including skeletal and muscular anatomy. Students develop figure drawing skills and an understanding of the movement of the figure in space. The class also explores drawing from imagination, narrative, and sequencing images. Students draw from nude and clothed models. Slide lectures, technical demonstrations, and anatomical lectures and texts support course material. Prerequisite: Foundation: Drawing 2

DRPT 3030  
Painting: Materials and Techniques  
3cr.

This course is designed to expand students’ oil painting skills so that they may better understand the intimate relationship between craft and expression. Topics include experimentation with scale, broadly interpreted observational work, and a personal approach to painting in both form and content. Technical demonstrations cover direct and indirect painting, glazes and scumbling, painting media and varnishes, and a variety of painting supports and techniques. Slide lectures, demonstrations, museum visits, short readings, discussions, and critiques support class material. Prerequisite: Introduction to Painting

DRPT 3040  
Issues in Abstraction  
3cr.

In this course, students examine the desire for abstraction in Western art and build upon drawing and painting techniques to explore the abstract visual forms. Students work through a wide range of approaches to surface, scale, and shape as well as work in series. Materials include oil and acrylic paint with admixtures, canvas, wood, and drawing directly on the wall. Sources can include observation, research, and creative imagination. Projects are derived from class assignments and student proposals. Visual lectures covering historical and contemporary art, research, responsive writing, and field trips round out the course. Prerequisite: Introduction to Painting

DRPT 3050  
Painting: Water-Based Media  
3cr.

In this course, students explore the versatility and compatibility of water-based media in order to extend, shape, and redefine issues of form and content in painting. Students investigate methods inherent in watercolor and acrylic painting media, such as color interaction, transparency/opacity, drawing, painting supports, and materials. Composition, formats, and content are regularly discussed. Regular visual lectures, information on materials, short readings, writing exercises, field trips, and critiques round out course content. Prerequisite: Introduction to Painting
DRPT 3070
Image and Text
3cr.
In this course, students explore the possibility of image and text to interrelate, interpret, discombobulate, and extend each other into new dimensions of meaning and visual impact. Working in drawing and painting, students use image and text to tell stories and poems, to create visual information, and as a visual form of language. Students may work with a variety of surfaces, formats, and series work. Projects include class assignments and student proposals. Visual lectures covering historical and contemporary art, research, responsive writing, and field trips round out the course. Prerequisite: Introduction to Painting

DRPT 3080
Operative Drawing
3cr.
This course utilizes chance, prompts, conceptual diagramming, collaboration, transcriptions, and other generative processes to develop and question abstract modes of expression. The class translates three-dimensional model-building into drawing and then back again. Projects include site-specific drawing and collaborative design teams for installations. Visual lectures, contemporary readings, discussions, artist films about process, and critiques support class material. Prerequisite: Junior standing or faculty permission.

DRPT 3085
Painting as Object
3cr.
In this course, students create paintings that exist both as image and as a deliberately produced 3D object, including low relief and sculptural form. Topics include experimental and mixed-media painting, sculptural and shaped supports, and process and presentation as they relate to content. Materials include stretched canvas; wood constructions; natural, found and commercial objects for assemblage; and handmade and other papers. Drawing, composition, surface, and scale are discussed continuously within the context of the painted object. Projects include class assignments and student-proposed bodies of work. Visual lectures covering historical and contemporary art, research, responsive writing, and field trips round out the course. Prerequisite: Introduction to Painting

DRPT 3095
Representational Studio
3cr.
This course provides a contemporary context for working in a representational manner, including connections between invented and described space, realism and imagination, and understanding implied narratives and symbolism. Students use photographic and observed source material as well as live models. Projects are both classroom- and proposal-based. Instruction includes visual lectures, museum visits, critiques, and readings. Prerequisites: Introduction to Painting

DRPT 4000
Professional Practice
3cr.
This course addresses the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the contemporary art world. Topics include writing for professional opportunities, exhibitions, the documenting and marketing of work, website development, residencies and graduate schools, copyright and tax issues, jobs in education, and studio/business startup concerns. Students engage in a variety of individual and group projects, including curating an off-campus exhibition. Course faculty, guest lecturers, and visiting-artist presentations connect abstract information with real-world experience. Prerequisite: Junior standing

DRPT 4010
Internship
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All
Internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

**DRPT 5010**

**Advanced Drawing/Painting Seminar**

3cr.

This course is for the advanced student who is interested in developing a self-motivated, sustained body of work and an understanding of the relationships between the formal, conceptual, and historical aspects of painting and drawing. By examining their own studio practice in relation to current topics in the field, students expand their perspectives while developing singular bodies of work. An additional goal of this course is to develop critical thinking skills through the painting and drawing process. Each student proposes a course of investigation, subject to approval. Studio practice is supported by individual and group critiques, guest critiques, writing exercises, and readings on artists, criticism, and theory. Prerequisites: Three 3000-level drawing or painting courses, successful Junior Review

**DRPT 5100**

**Senior Project**

6cr.

During their senior year, drawing and painting majors are required to develop and complete a substantial body of work in a specific field. This course provides a forum for the critical evaluation of this work and curatorial guidance in preparation for the Commencement Exhibition. Course content includes critical readings, position paper, individual and group discussion, and informational meetings. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

**Fine Arts Studio**

**FAS 3010**

**Art in Community**

3cr.

In this course students plan and implement projects in collaboration with community partners to express identity or sense of place, address concerns, and support local aspirations through the arts. Topics covered include surveying contemporary and historical arts-based community projects, classroom training in group work facilitation, theory and criticism in the field, cultural diversity and social justice issues, and grant writing. Taking this course is an exciting way to earn credit while building relationships with the greater Twin Cities community through the development of art and design works. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

**FAS/SC 3020**

**Installation**

3cr.

This class explores space and site as a means of aesthetic communication. Object-based installations, interventionist strategies, and designed or created environments are examined. Topics include systems approach, audience, interactive and experiential work, and documentation as art. All media are considered, including object, image, sound, and language. A variety of ideation techniques are introduced, including traditional maquettes and photo-collage site proposals. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D

**FAS 3030**

**The Body Eclectic**

3cr.

This is an interdisciplinary problem-solving class based on the theoretical body, rather than the figure, as a conceptual starting point. Topics center around postmodern themes that concern the body as a place for ideation. Students are encouraged to experiment with medium as it relates to their particular areas of interest. Critical readings, discussions, presentations, project proposals, and statements inform assignments. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing
FAS 3040
Working with the Collection
3cr.
Working with the Collection is an interdisciplinary studio course that concentrates on the holdings of an individual museum or library and the artist's response to it. In the first half of the class, students visit with curators, archivists, and exhibition designers to understand the process of collecting, and then proceed to work with and study the exhibition collections. The second half of the semester concentrates on studio work in response to the collection, culminating in an exhibition. Prerequisites: Completion of all foundation-level courses, one 3000-level fine arts course (3000-level fine arts course may be taken concurrently)

FAS/SC 3060
Public Art/Art in Public Places
3cr.
This studio course covers contemporary and historical issues pertaining to art in public places, public art, public process, and multidisciplinary collaboration. Students investigate both “site-specific” and “site as venue” public works through individual and collaborative projects and proposals. All media are considered appropriate for inclusion in the public realm. Design, planning, and presentation techniques include the RFQ, RFP, preparation of proposals, public presentations, design and presentation drawings, scale-model building, site planning, and logistics. Students can create public works to be installed in the MCAD sculpture garden. This course is made possible in part by Donna and Cargill MacMillan Jr. Prerequisite: One 3000-level course in sculpture, furniture, fine arts studio, or another major as deemed appropriate by faculty

FAS 3070
Quotation: The Art of Appropriation
3cr.
This interdisciplinary studio course focuses on the use of appropriated imagery as both a source of inspiration and as material incorporated into artworks. Within this context, students develop imagery and content in their own work while exploring introductory semiotics and multiple approaches in the production of work based in appropriation. Contemporary art is presented and discussed as a frame of reference for class projects, critiques, and reading assignments. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

FAS 3080
Storytelling: Narrative Studio
3cr.
Ideas of visual storytelling and narrative are explored in this interdisciplinary course. Emphasis is placed on the deconstruction of linear storytelling devices as a way to build deeper lateral associations. Topics include personal mythology, liminal meaning, and collective storytelling. The history of allegory, folklore, fable, and myth are covered. Projects extend through personal, political, and social spheres and are developed through studio assignments, historical and contemporary image surveys, writing exercises, critical readings, and field trips. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

FAS 3090
Critical Studies
3cr.
Critical Studies examines the relationship between art, culture, and student work. This examination is related to many forms, including the aesthetic, political, social, and philosophical components that exist within works of art. Students focus on making work in the context of cultural issues. The cross-disciplinary composition of this course increases the depth of discussions and critiques. May be repeated for elective credit with different faculty. Prerequisite: Completion of 45 credits
FAS 4000  
Professional Practice  
3cr.  
This course addresses the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the contemporary art world. Topics include writing for professional opportunities, exhibitions, the documenting and marketing of work, website development, residencies and graduate schools, copyright and tax issues, jobs in education, and studio/business startup concerns. Students engage in a variety of individual and group projects, including curating an off-campus exhibition. Course faculty, guest lecturers, and visiting-artist presentations connect abstract information with real-world experience. Prerequisite: Junior standing

FAS 4010  
Internship  
3cr.  
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

FAS 5010  
Advanced Fine Arts Studio Seminar  
3cr.  
In this course, students with a working understanding of the relationships among a variety of disciplines develop imagery and content through studio work and discussions on contemporary issues. Examining their own studio practice in relation to current topics in contemporary interdisciplinary studio practice, students expand their perspectives while developing a self-motivated, sustained body of work. Studio practice is supported by the development of critical thinking skills, individual and group critiques, guest critiques, writing exercises, and readings on artists, criticism, and theory. Prerequisites: Three 3000-level courses in any major, successful Junior Review

FAS 5100  
Senior Project  
6cr.  
During their senior year, each fine arts studio major is required to develop and complete a substantial body of work in a specific field. This course provides a forum for the critical evaluation of this work and curatorial guidance in preparation for the Commencement Exhibition. Course content includes critical readings, position paper, individual and group discussion, and informational meetings. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

Furniture Design

FURN 3000  
Furniture Design: Materials and Techniques  
3cr.  
A prerequisite to all other furniture courses, this course examines both wood and metal as primary elements in traditional and sculptural furniture construction. Students learn to design and construct furniture through basic to advanced instruction in a wide range of techniques, from plasma cutting and welding to metal and wood lathes, other power tools, and floor machinery. Advanced hand tools are explored. Each project includes a drawing component to allow conceptual exploration and refinement of presentation skills. Demonstrations, lectures, and field trips to local lumber and steel yards are important components of the course. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D
FURN 3010  
Furniture: Studio Methods  
3cr.
This course investigates furniture construction by examining and deconstructing the design process through drawing, computer rendering, and model making. Critiques take place at all stages of the design process. The class also examines current designers and their processes through reading assignments, in-class discussions, and lectures by visiting design professionals. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D

FURN 3020  
Lighting/Accessories  
3cr.
This course introduces students to functional illumination and illuminated objects and addresses accessories that are commonly associated with the experience of furniture. The class includes studio experiments with light (including lamps and atypical light sources), wiring, and electrical safety. Lighting concepts include task lighting and environmental and architectural uses of light. Accessories may include divider screens, trays, non-fabric window treatments, furniture hardware, office helpers, shelving, and other items that complete the furniture experience. Students are encouraged to incorporate a broad spectrum of materials such as plastics, metals, woods, castables, glass, and stone. Lectures and demonstrations support class activities. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D

FURN 3040  
Furniture as Art  
3cr.
Furniture has been defined as functional art. This class investigates the boundaries of functionality, furniture, and art using traditional methods of furniture design and construction to sustain or dispute this definition. Lectures covering crossover furniture artists and sculptors initiate a conversation about the role of function in art. Prerequisite: Furniture Design: Materials and Techniques, Theory and Methodology of Furniture Design, or Fabricated Sculpture

FURN 3050  
Experimental Furniture  
3cr.
Experimental Furniture challenges traditional theories of furniture design, including structure, materials, and function. Hypotheses are proved and disproved and exploration is strongly encouraged. Materials covered include fiberglass as it applies to furniture, experimental paint techniques, and additional materials not normally associated with furniture. Students are encouraged to discover new furniture materials through online research. Slide presentations of alternative furniture and furniture constructed from unusual materials complete the course. Prerequisites: Foundation: 3D, one 3000-level furniture course

FURN 3055  
Soft Furniture  
3cr.
This class examines the skin of furniture in many of the same ways that we as humans look at our clothing. The fabric of furniture may take on varied forms and numerous characteristics. Technical instruction covers industrial sewing machines, sewing from temporary patterns, box cushions, and other upholstery techniques. Traditional and nontraditional methods of upholstery are explored. Prerequisites: Foundation: 3D, one 3000 level-furniture course

FURN 3056  
Furniture: Textile and Surface  
3cr.
This class conceptualizes textiles and furniture surfaces as skin or wrapped objects and delves into the ergonomic relationship of furniture with the human body. Students explore industrial sewing machines, sewing from temporary patterns, applying adhesives, and weaving, as well as traditional and nontraditional methods. Topics include a range of materials, as well as mining conservation and environmental concerns. Each project incorporates lectures, demonstrations, and critiques. Off-campus professional networking opportunities are also immersed within the semester. Prerequisite: Furniture Design: Materials and Techniques
FURN 3070
Design Environment
3cr.
This studio course examines the many human factors that create a system relationship through exploration of the human scale as it relates to furniture, interior, and exterior space. In a studio setting, designs in furniture are created with an understanding of anthropometrics, social responsibilities, and environmentally responsible design. Projects focus on critical ideation and are evaluated by faculty and peers through group discussions and critiques. Prerequisites: Furniture Design: Materials and Techniques, Theory and Methodology of Furniture Design

FURN 3080
Production Design
3cr.
This course focuses on the design of limited- and mass-production furniture. Students examine flat-pack, sustainable materials, and local and global outsourcing. The differences and similarities of each type of production model are explored through studio assignments utilizing computer modeling and full-scale prototyping. Group critiques and discussions focus on the relationship of craftsmanship and technology in each student's work. Prerequisites: Theory and Methodology of Furniture Design, Digital Fabrication

FURN/SC 3090
Digital Fabrication
3cr.
This course explores the expanding creative possibilities of digital fabrication with computer-generated, found (appropriated), and scanned digital objects. Students learn advanced three-dimensional modeling techniques in formZ Pro to create ideation, form development, presentation, and fabrication models in addition to techniques for capturing existing objects with MCAD's 3D Laser Scanners. Objects are digitally fabricated from various materials and incorporated into finished works using MCAD's 3D printing, laser cutting, and CNC router systems while outsourcing is explored as an effective practice in digital making. Instruction includes post-digital techniques in fabrication along with modeling-based presentation techniques and the review of other professional level software packages. Prerequisites: Foundation: 3D and Foundation: Media 1, or faculty permission

FURN 3093
Advanced Material Exploration
3cr.
This course is an exploration of furniture/objects created using a variety of materials, including fiberglass, carbon fiber, solid surface(s), and injection molding. Projects range from handmade studio works to production-ready designs. Techniques and tools include mold-making, epoxy resins, gel coat, vacuum bag, hand and machine shaping, and CNC routing. Students examine conservation and environmental concerns throughout the production and function of each creation. Each project consists of lectures and demonstrations with group and individual critiques throughout each assignment. Prerequisites: Furniture Design: Material and Techniques, Digital Fabrication

FURN 4000
Professional Practice
3cr.
This course addresses the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the contemporary art world. Topics include writing for professional opportunities, exhibitions, the documenting and marketing of work, website development, residencies and graduate schools, copyright and tax issues, jobs in education, and studio/business startup concerns. Students engage in a variety of individual and group projects, including curating an off-campus exhibition. Course faculty, guest lecturers, and visiting-artist presentations connect abstract information with real-world experience. Prerequisite: Junior standing
FURN 4010
Internship
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

FURN 5010
Advanced Furniture Design Seminar
3cr.
This course is for the advanced student who is interested in developing a self-motivated, sustained body of work through an understanding of the relationships between the formal, conceptual, and contextual aspects of sculptural form. Examining their own studio practice in relation to current topics in the field, students expand their perspectives while developing their work. Studio practice is supported by development of critical thinking skills, individual and group critiques, guest critiques, writing exercises, and readings covering artists, criticism, and theory. Prerequisites: Four 3000-level furniture courses, successful Junior Review

FURN 5100
Senior Project
6cr.
During their senior year, every furniture design major is required to develop and complete a substantial body of work in a specific field. This course provides a forum for the critical evaluation of this work and curatorial guidance in preparation for the Commencement Exhibition. Course content includes critical readings, position paper, individual and group discussion, and informational meetings. Required for all seniors. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

Print Paper Book

PPB 2000
Print Paper Book Techniques
3cr.
This course introduces students to the interrelated fields of printmaking, papermaking, and bookbinding. Class topics include: basic printmaking techniques, such as screenprinting and relief; Western papermaking, along with commercial printing papers and nontraditional materials; and basic bookbinding techniques, including accordion, stab binding, and single-signature pamphlet binding. While subsequent courses explore each field separately and in-depth, this introductory course provides an opportunity to study all three areas as an integrated whole. Prerequisite: Foundation: Drawing 1

PPB 3010
Relief Printmaking and Monotype
3cr.
In this course students explore a variety of textures, mark-making, and image techniques in the direct and versatile mediums of relief printmaking and monotype. Media include linoleum and wood block, collographs, pressure printing and embossing, painting with printmaking ink, stenciling, and trace monotypes. Technical information on cutting techniques, printing by hand and press, reduction, multi-block and combination prints, overprinting, and color layering are all covered. Demonstrations, lectures, and field trips support class material. Prerequisites: Foundation: Drawing 1, Foundation: 2D
PPB 3015
Screenprinting
3cr.
Screenprinting is a direct printmaking technique that builds images from layers of color. Students in this class explore photographic, computer-generated, hand-drawn, and painted stencil techniques. Through field trips, slide lectures, print samples, and critiques, the class provides an overview of the wide range of historical and contemporary approaches to screenprinting. Students complete a portfolio of editioned and non-editioned prints using nontoxic, water-based inks. Prerequisites: Foundation: Drawing 1, Foundation: 2D

PPB 3017
Screenprinting: Patterns
3cr.
This course introduces students to designing and printing repeat patterns for paper and fabric through the creation of modular systems, motifs, networks, and non-repeating repeats. Students learn the basics of screenprinting and fabric printing as they design one- and multi-color patterns while engaging both hand-drawn and digital techniques. Patterns for three-dimensional form and site-specific environments are discussed. Prerequisites: Foundation: Drawing 1, Foundation: 2D

PPB 3020
Intaglio
3cr.
Through experimentation with process and practice, including the editioning of copper plates, students use different grounds, aquatints, acids, and dry-point techniques to gain an understanding of the intaglio process. Line and tonal work, transfers, chine colle, viscosity, and color printing are all possibilities. Both historical and contemporary applications are explored. Prerequisites: Foundation: Drawing 1, Foundation: 2D

PPB 3025
Lithography
3cr.
The process of lithography allows the artist to draw directly on grained lithographic limestone and aluminum plates to create printable matrices. Students experience both the graphic capacity and painterly possibilities of this medium through a wide range of dry and wet lithographic drawing materials. Students develop a portfolio of print-based work emphasizing personal imagery using plate and stone lithography while incorporating drawing, transfer, and digital processes. Historical and contemporary contexts are explored through lectures and field trips to museums and/or print studios. Prerequisites: Foundation: Drawing 1, Foundation: 2D

PPB 3030
Photo Processes in Printmaking
3cr.
This course enables students to gain working knowledge of a variety of printmaking techniques that involve photographic and digitally generated images. Students explore photo-plate processes such as Z'Acryl etching, photolithography, and photopolymer gravure plates. Techniques include working with halftones, four-color separation, combining photographic and hand-drawn imagery, and more advanced color printing work for students who have already studied lithography or intaglio. Students are encouraged to experiment within a wide range of possibilities and forms while exploring the conceptual and aesthetic exchange between printmaking and photography. Prerequisite: All foundation studio requirements

PPB 3035
Post-Digital Printmaking
3cr.
This course introduces students to contemporary printmaking trends and concepts in relation to digital technology. Emphasis is placed on experimentation and discovery through various techniques, including exposure to CNC and laser cutter technology for making printable matrices, the inkjet printer as a painting tool, the scanner as a camera, and the production of hybrid prints that combine digital printing, papers, and fabrics with traditional print. Through
screenprinting, relief, artists’ books, and digital output, this class considers the shift and overlap of old and new
techniques as a vital investigation of contemporary visual culture. Contemporary artists working in digital and print-
based media are discussed. Prerequisites: All foundation studio requirements, one printmaking or book arts course

PPB 3040
Site-Specific Print
3cr.
Through this class, students expand their understanding and practice of printmaking through installation, site-
specificity, large-scale works, and/or cross-disciplinary investigations. Students are introduced to oversize printing
techniques, utilizing repeat imagery, and unconventional printing matrices and surfaces. The context for studio
investigations ranges from gallery to public domain, encouraging a variety of perspectives on site engagement while
expanding the definition of print. This course is ideal for students interested in experimental printmaking, making work
that integrates print, paper, and book arts, or realizing a major project related to these media. Prerequisites: All
foundation studio requirements, one printmaking or book arts course

PPB 3050
Artists’ Books
3cr.
Traditional and sculptural books provide exciting options for artistic expression. This course is an interdisciplinary
exploration of art in the book form, ranging from one-of-a-kind books to printed multiples and sculptural works.
Individual projects focus on the relationship of form and content and employ a wide range of media and materials for
text and/or images. Contemporary and historical artists’ books are explored through critique, samples, slide lectures,
and field trips. Prerequisite: All foundation studio requirements

PPB 3055
Books: Materials and Techniques
3cr.
In this course, students explore the materials and techniques of book construction through a variety of forms, from
simple pamphlets to hardcover multiple-section books. Adhesive and non-adhesive bindings and covers, folded and
sewn structures, and Japanese and Western styles are examined. Additional projects include presentation cases,
envelopes, and box-making. Integration of contents with outer wrapping is discussed as it relates to self-promotion
and to client presentations. Demonstrations, material exploration, and class discussions complement student
projects. Prerequisite: All foundation studio requirements

PPB 3060
Books: Series, Sequence, Structure
3cr.
This class explores the internal structure and content of the book form. The relationships between image and text and
the development of voice, rhythm, and timing are examined as components of narrative structure. Although simple
bookbinding is incorporated, the class concentrates on developing subject matter and ways of telling. Assignments
include small editions and collaborative and student-proposed projects. Work may be produced using the student’s
choice of medium, including photo, illustration, digital, printmaking, and drawing. Lectures, films, and readings
complement course material. Prerequisite: All foundation studio requirements

PPB 3065
Books and Broadsides
3cr.
This class examines the traditional forms and contemporary possibilities of the printed book. From one-page poetry
and political broadsides to multi-page books, students explore a range of printing and distribution methods. Text and
image, page layout, and overall book design are discussed. Print technologies covered include letterpress with
handset type and photopolymer plate, relief and collagraph techniques, and the wood-type poster press. Projects
may be one-of-a-kind, editioned, or collaborative. Basic bookbinding appropriate to the projects is covered.
Prerequisites: All foundation studio requirements, one print paper book course
PPB 3070  
**Papermaking**  
3cr.
In this course students learn how to make artwork with handmade paper from recycled materials, botanical fibers, and imported fiber. The class covers sheet formation for drawing, painting, and printmaking purposes, as well as three-dimensional applications in sculpture or lighting projects. Work in related areas such as bookbinding, surface applications, and paper uses in other disciplines is encouraged. Students are expected to experiment with the technical information presented and develop new work. Prerequisite: Foundation: 2D

PPB 3075  
**Dimensional Paper**  
3cr.
In this course students are introduced to Western and Eastern fiber techniques of making three-dimensional paper works. Students are encouraged to investigate experimental methods of production in order to develop their own working methods and projects. Students experiment with scale and materials to produce works ranging from the sculptural form to textured drawings and collage. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D

PPB 4000  
**Professional Practice**  
3cr.
This course addresses the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the contemporary art world. Topics include writing for professional opportunities, exhibitions, the documenting and marketing of work, website development, residencies and graduate schools, copyright and tax issues, jobs in education, and studio/business startup concerns. Students engage in a variety of individual and group projects, including curating an off-campus exhibition. Course faculty, guest lecturers, and visiting-artist presentations connect abstract information with real-world experience. Prerequisite: Junior standing

PPB 4010  
**Internship**  
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

PPB 5010  
**Advanced Print Paper Book Seminar**  
3cr.
In this course, students develop imagery and content through studio work and discussions of contemporary print, paper, and book media. By examining their own studio practice in relation to current topics in the field, students expand their perspectives while developing new work. This course is for the advanced student who is interested in developing a self-motivated, sustained body of work and an understanding of the relationships between the formal, conceptual, and historical aspects of print, paper, and book. Studio practice is supported by development of critical thinking skills, individual and group critiques, guest critiques, writing exercises, and readings covering artists, criticism, and theory. Prerequisites: Three 3000-level print paper book courses, successful Junior Review

PPB 5100  
**Senior Project**  
6cr.
During their senior year, every print paper book major is required to develop and complete a substantial body of work in a specific field. This course provides a forum for the critical evaluation of this work and curatorial guidance in
preparation for the Commencement Exhibition. Course content includes critical readings, position paper, individual and group discussion, and informational meetings. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

**Sculpture**

**SC 3010**  
*Casting and Mixed Media*  
3cr.  
This class focuses on the concepts, materials, and techniques of the cast and mixed-media object. Processes include various mold-making and casting techniques that lead to created objects and the incorporation of found forms. Bronze and aluminum foundry casting from wax and traditional patterns as well as cast plastics and flexible molds are covered. Overviews of assembling dissimilar materials, patinas, and additional finishing techniques help students refine their projects. New processes and materials are introduced on a regular basis through class demonstrations and workshops. Although this course emphasizes technique, it is also concerned with aesthetics. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D

**SC 3015**  
*Fabricated Sculpture*  
3cr.  
This class focuses on the concepts, materials, and techniques of the constructed object. Emphasis is placed on fabrication and finishing in metal, wood, and plastics. Metal techniques include advanced skills in cutting, forming, and welding, working with nonferrous metals, and machining on the lathe and mill. Wood techniques include joinery, forming, and turning. Plastics techniques include cold and hot fabrication and vacuum forming. Related topics include shop drawings, fabrication hardware, the appropriate combination of materials, and direct connection to the aesthetic of the object. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D

**SC/FAS 3020**  
*Installation*  
3cr.  
This class explores space and site as a means of aesthetic communication. Object-based installations, interventionist strategies, and designed or created environments are explored. Topics include systems approach, audience, interactive and experiential work, and documentation as art. All media are considered appropriate, such as object, image, sound, and language. A variety of ideation techniques are introduced, including traditional maquettes and photo-collage site proposals. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D

**SC 3040**  
*Sculpture Studio: Form and Content*  
3cr.  
This course is an examination of current practices in sculpture and their historic connections. Students investigate contemporary concepts and advanced processes through individual research and production in response to peer group reviews and tutorials. The major objective is to develop an understanding of the core concerns of sculpture while producing a body of related work from concept to final presentation. Extended discussions of work encourage critical and analytical thinking. Demonstrations of materials, tools, and technologies are given as needed. Current periodicals, lectures, and field trips support course information. Prerequisite: Fabricated Sculpture, Casting and Mixed Media, Installation, or Furniture Design: Materials and Techniques

**SC 3050**  
*Sculpture Studio: Site and Non-Site*  
3cr.  
In this course, students investigate both site-specific and more ephemeral non-sited works through collaborative and individually proposed projects. Experimental objects, spaces, and processes may include assemblage, documentation, public actions, guerrilla works, or performance. Topics such as the discrete object, situational context, place, community, and personal/public history are discussed in response to peer group review and faculty tutorial
engagement. Students examine and challenge ideas of the natural, urban, and technological. Prerequisite: One sculpture (SC) or fine arts studio (FAS) course

**SC/FAS 3060**  
**Public Art/Art in Public Places**  
3cr.
This studio course covers contemporary and historical issues pertaining to art in public places, public art, public process, and multidisciplinary collaboration. Students investigate both “site-specific” and “site as venue” public works through individual and collaborative projects and proposals. All media are considered appropriate for inclusion in the public realm. Design, planning, and presentation techniques include the RFQ, RFP, preparation of proposals, public presentations, design and presentation drawings, scale-model building, site planning, and logistics. Students can create public works to be installed in the MCAD sculpture garden. This course is made possible in part by Donna and Cargill MacMillan Jr. Prerequisite: One 3000-level course in sculpture, furniture, fine arts studio, or another major as deemed appropriate by faculty

**SC 3065**  
**Kinetics: Time and Motion**  
3cr.
This class focuses on time-based objects and spaces. Techniques include organic and mechanized motion systems, electric art, simple control systems, and introductory electronics. Students may engage with time via the object, interactive performance, or reactive environmental work. Works are created both collaboratively and individually while participating in a Theatre of Time exhibition. Presentations cover the history and design of the mechanical device and the automata as well as historic and contemporary kinetic artists. Prerequisite: Any 3000-level sculpture or furniture course or faculty permission.

**SC 3082**  
**Sculpture Studio: Arduino**  
3cr.
This course presents the Arduino system as a tool for the actuation and augmentation of the object and installation. An open-source electronic prototyping platform, Arduino enables users to create interactive electronically controlled objects and spaces. Students learn this easily accessible and ubiquitous hardware and related code as a community while exploring open-source systems and creating time-based works that can actuate, control, and react to their environment. Prerequisite: Foundation: 3D

**SC/FURN 3090**  
**Digital Fabrication**  
3cr.
This course explores the expanding creative possibilities of digital fabrication with computer-generated, found (appropriated), and scanned digital objects. Students learn advanced three-dimensional modeling techniques in formZ Pro to create ideation, form development, presentation, and fabrication models in addition to techniques for capturing existing objects with MCAD’s 3D Laser Scanners. Objects are digitally fabricated from various materials and incorporated into finished works using MCAD’s 3D printing, laser cutting, and CNC router systems while outsourcing is explored as an effective practice in digital making. Instruction includes post-digital techniques in fabrication along with modeling-based presentation techniques and the review of other professional level software packages. Prerequisites: Foundation: 3D and Foundation: Media 1, or faculty permission

**SC 4000**  
**Professional Practice**  
3cr.
This course addresses the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the contemporary art world. Topics include writing for professional opportunities, exhibitions, the documenting and marketing of work, website development, residencies and graduate schools, copyright and tax issues, jobs in education, and studio/business startup concerns. Students engage in a variety of individual and group projects, including curating an off-campus exhibition. Course
faculty, guest lecturers, and visiting-artist presentations connect abstract information with real-world experience. Prerequisite: Junior standing

SC 4010
Internship
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

SC 5010
Advanced Sculpture Seminar
3cr.
This course is for the advanced student who is interested in developing a self-motivated, sustained body of work through an understanding of the relationships between the formal, conceptual, and contextual aspects of sculptural form. Examining their own studio practice in relation to current topics in the field, students expand their perspectives while developing their work. Studio practice is supported by development of critical thinking skills, individual and group critiques, guest critiques, writing exercises, and readings covering artists, criticism, and theory. Prerequisite: Four 3000-level sculpture courses, successful Junior Review

SC 5100
Senior Project
6cr.
During their senior year, every sculpture major is required to develop and complete a substantial body of work in a specific field. This course provides a forum for the critical evaluation of this work and curatorial guidance in preparation for the Commencement Exhibition. Course content includes critical readings, position paper, individual and group discussion, and informational meetings. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

Teaching Artist Minor

ID 3517
Teaching Artist: Practicum
3cr.
After the completion of Teaching Artist: Theory And Methods, students are involved in classroom observation, interaction, and visual arts-infused teaching experiences. Collaborating with mentors and supervised by a faculty member, students participate in two visual arts residencies and shadow a teaching artist. In addition to on-site observation and teaching, students also reflect on their teaching experience, create lessons and assessments, and develop presentation packets required for residency applications. Following the completion of this course, students are prepared for work as teaching artists in K–12 schools and community settings. Prerequisite: Teaching Artist: Theory and Methods

Online Courses for Fine Arts Majors

2D 3297
Experience Anatomy
3cr.
In this course students investigate the most essential aspects of human anatomy pertinent to the artist. The course progresses from examining anatomical artworks in art history to researching current anatomical references as a basis for image exploration. The importance of accurately depicting the human form is stressed through technical studies of
skeletal and muscular structures in a sketchbook format. Online resources are an active part of the course in learning terminology and functions of mechanical structure of the human form. Larger projects focus on the application and development of anatomical knowledge within specified fields of interests or majors. Other components of the course include sessions on structural relationships between animals and the human figure, biomechanics as a means of emphasizing how function influences form, and systemic functions of the body. Through work in sketchbooks and formal assignments, students develop the skills necessary to produce a series of anatomically correct figure drawings. This class is not intended for medical practice requirements.

2D 3303
Drawing Through a Lens
3cr.
See. Examine. Draw. Explore the microscopic world of plants and insects from direct observation through a lens and from rich, scientific, online databases of digitally captured magnifications. In this class, students explore the relationship between art and science through the close examination of botanical and insect life. The observed information is transformed into large- and small-scale drawings in a variety of media. Topics include natural formations of pattern, metamorphosis, artists who integrate science and art, and building a series of related works.

VS 1152
A Space of Possibility: Visual Journals
3cr.
The visual journal can be a place of exploration that is portable, economical, and inter/cross-disciplinary. In this course, students create daily journal entries that can include but are not limited to drawings, paintings, collages, digital renderings and photography, paper engineering, and written observations. Each journal’s overall form can be conventional or that of an artist’s book, website, or blog. In addition to creating thematic journals, students learn the historical and contemporary applications of sketchbooks and journals as research tools in the visual and performing arts, literature, media, science, and math via online research, readings, and discussions.

Additional Courses for Fine Arts Majors

DRPT 3087
Landscape Intensive
1cr.
This one-credit workshop introduces landscape as a catalyst for understanding atmospheric light and color relationships. Students will meet on Friday evening for a demonstration and discussion. On Saturday and Sunday, students will paint on location. This will be supplemented with slides and studio critique. Prerequisite: Introduction to Painting (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission

PPB 2510
Japanese Bookbinding Workshop
1cr.
Suitable for binding single and folded sheets, Japanese bookbinding encompasses many versatile techniques, from simple stab bindings to multiple signature books. A large selection of bindings will be covered, including decorative stitches and corners, closures, wrappers and hinged hard cover suitable for album structures. Students will complete a selection of sample books and will complete one creative project incorporating techniques from the workshop. Prerequisite: none

PPB 2520
The Folded Book: Accordions and Concertinas Workshop
1cr.
The folded accordion book is a simple yet highly expandable form that can be constructed from single sheets or linear strips. Accordions can be layered together to make more complex and decorative concertina books. This fast-paced workshop will include accordion variations along with nonadhesive covers and sewn binding options. Students will complete a selection of sample books and one creative project incorporating techniques from the workshop.
PPB 3082
Marbling on Paper and Cloth Workshop
1cr.
Marbling is a centuries-old art form for making decorative papers incorporated throughout bookbinding, collage, and other paper crafts. In this fast-paced, three-day workshop, students explore and experiment making both traditional and fantasy papers using contemporary materials. The workshop covers all aspects of the marbling process including vat and tool making, paint and carrageenan preparation, paper selection, basic patterns, and many variations thereof. There is also an opportunity to sample marbling on cloth. The workshop is led by internationally renowned marbler and visiting artist Stephen Pittelkow, who will also deliver a lecture on the history and use of paper marbling. Students gain a thorough understanding of all aspects of marbling on paper and produce a portfolio for reference to inform and inspire future work. This workshop incorporates a wet studio process, for which students should dress accordingly. One self-defined project using the paper marbling process is due within three weeks of the completion of the workshop. Prerequisites: One print, paper, book course

Foundation Studies—Studio

FDN 1111
Foundation: 2D
3cr.
Foundation: 2D is an introduction to creative thinking that develops students’ skills in research, observation, interpretation, and self-expression. An emphasis is placed on exploring new ways to read and see the world, as well as new ways to report on it. Students learn basic two-dimensional principles through the use of various media, tools, materials, and processes. As a result, students develop a visual and verbal language for analyzing, organizing, shaping, and communicating two-dimensional form and meaning.

FDN 1112
Foundation: 3D
3cr.
This course is an introduction to the understanding of visual creation in the development of knowledge, imagination, and perception. Students are introduced to basic three-dimensional concepts as well as materials and technical production processes. Classroom activities include shop demonstrations of tools and techniques, lectures, critiques and discussions appropriate to promoting the balanced fusion of practice and theory.

FDN 1211
Foundation: Drawing 1
3cr.
Foundation: Drawing 1 is an introductory drawing course designed to prepare students for study in all majors of the college. Students develop basic drawing skills, including the ability to perceive and express visual relationships, organize a two-dimensional composition, and depict and manipulate form, space, and light. Students work from direct observation of still life, interior space, and landscape.

FDN 1212
Foundation: Drawing 2
3cr.
Foundation: Drawing 2 is an observationally based drawing course designed to reinforce and develop the basic drawing skills established in Foundation: Drawing 1. Students work with a variety of subjects, including a substantial amount of drawing from the figure. In addition to working from direct observation, students explore drawing as a tool for invention, conceptualization, and idea development. The course also affords students an opportunity to investigate drawing materials in more breadth and depth than in Foundation: Drawing 1. Prerequisite: Foundation: Drawing 1
FDN 1311
Foundation: Media 1
3cr.
Students are introduced to the digital resources at MCAD while exploring digital media and laptop computing. Areas covered include the Service Bureau, student servers, Media Center, and digital resources. Students discuss media and media artists as well as study various software applications including Adobe Photoshop and web development tools. Prerequisite: None

FDN 1312
Foundation: Media 2
3cr.
Building on the skills acquired in Foundation: Media 1, this class takes up more advanced software applications. Through discussions and lectures, students explore various modes of media presentation, the power of moving images, and web work. Using a variety of software and hardware, students learn the basics of nonlinear editing, sound recording, and video recording. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

Sophomore Studio

FDN 1411
Ideation and Process
3cr.
Everything we make has its beginning as an idea, which takes form as an artist/designer makes a series of decisions to guide its creative evolution. This course is designed to help students explore the development of new ideas and their own process of making. Students also create visual tools to track their creative process from idea through construction and then to post production analysis. The course consists of discussions, critiques, exercises, and visual logs. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

FDN 1412
Sophomore Seminar: Contemporary Practice
1cr.
Practice is more than working methods: it’s the context, marketing, and creative space that maintain creative work. Contemporary Practice introduces students to the foundations, variety, and tools of a professional practice. Students upgrade websites and documentation, enter contests, and create professional presentations of their work. Classes consist of lectures, student presentations, and guest speakers from a wide range of disciplines. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

Liberal Arts

Liberal Arts Foundation

AH 1701
Introduction to Art and Design: History 1
3cr.
This course familiarizes students with the major stylistic, thematic, cultural, and historical transformations in art history from prehistoric times to the nineteenth century. Students develop critical tools for the interpretation and understanding of the meaning and function of art objects, architecture, and design artifacts within their original historical contexts. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion.
AH 1702
Introduction to Art and Design History 2
3cr.
This course introduces students to issues in modern art, popular culture, and contemporary art and design. Topics may include the expanding audience for art, the transformation of the art market, the impact of new technologies, the changing status of the artist, and the role of art in society. This course is taught as a seminar with some lecture. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design History 1

EN 1500
Writing and Inquiry
3cr.
Key to the creative and critical growth of the engaged, successful artist is participation in a culture of writing and inquiry. Students in this course focus on the kinds of writing they will encounter and produce in their coursework at MCAD and as creative professionals. Regular writing workshops allow students to concentrate on experiential and practical approaches to writing. Students explore a variety of texts and objects through class assignments, and then develop clear compelling essays employing a variety of rhetorical and narrative strategies.

Art History

All Liberal Arts Art History classes will require significant reading, writing, discussion, evaluative exercises, and will involve a research component.

AH 2101
Interrogating Post Modernity: The Fine Arts Since 1945
3cr.
This course introduces students to global fine arts production (drawing, painting, sculpture, artists books, performance, public, and socially engaged) since 1945. Using a series of case studies this class examines the historical, theoretical, and aesthetic developments in and relationships between fine arts media. Students engage with a combination of primary and secondary texts, apply visual analysis skills, contextualize artworks, and investigate various political and aesthetic points of view. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH 2103
Applied Arts and Designed Objects
3cr.
This course traces the history of applied arts and design objects through furniture, products, packaging, and multidimensional forms of graphic design. Students examine applied arts designed objects as part of an evolving human culture of habit, convenience, and status. Various movements and styles within the histories of design genres, as well as the processes and manufacturing of consumer objects are considered. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH 2105
Print Culture, Art, and Communication in the Age of Mass Reproduction
3cr.
Since the advent of print and the printing press, text, image, graphic design, comics, and advertising have played significant roles in our cultural formation. This course examines the history of mass reproduction of printed matter from the advent of modernity, including books and periodical designs, to the present. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.
AH 2107  
Photography, the Moving Image, and Digital Culture  
3cr.  
The production and reproduction of static, moving, and digital images have grown from work produced by an exotic technology used only by specialists to a socially ubiquitous representational form that generates millions of images, clips, cartoons, gifs, shorts, and films daily. This course surveys the development of (re)produced and moving images from their commercial applications, entertainments, and art to the all-pervasive media in which our popular cultures and artistic cultures exist. Individual artists and makers, as well as their works and contextualized movements within changing technological, economic, and institutional frameworks, are considered. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH 3365  
History of Animation  
3cr.  
This course surveys the history of the animation medium explored through various methods and techniques, as well as through shared themes from various countries and filmmaking traditions. Central topics include propaganda, personal filmmaking, abstraction, technical innovations, and politics and social protest. Connections between animation and editorial caricature, the fine arts, the avant-garde, illustration, and media other than film are made throughout the course. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH 3367  
History of Print Paper Book  
3cr.  
Printed books revolutionized the world, making information accessible to the public and advancing the cause of literacy and education across the globe. The invention of printmaking also made unique art forms possible. This course focuses on the history of creating images and objects in print and book form, from Medieval Codices to the present, by focusing on various techniques and media. Emphasis in class lectures is placed on discussions of artistic explorations and technical innovations across various artists and movements. Classes are primarily lecture with class and small group discussions. Students take examinations and complete research assignments. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH 3377  
History of Illustration  
3cr.  
This course celebrates artists as storytellers and illustrators. Students examine the history of visual communication produced by draftsmen from the early modern period to the present day. Course material combines a chronological overview with surveys of selected genres. Readings, discussions, and research projects concentrate on the results (styles and subject matter) of changing technology, historical events, contemporary art trends, cross-cultural influences, and changing reader expectations. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH 3378  
History of Web and Multimedia  
3cr.  
This course examines the artistic and technical evolution of electronic and digital media. Students explore how these media develop, as well as how artistic and technical practices merge. Students gain an in-depth knowledge of web and multimedia concepts through focused engagement with key artists, inventions, events, and experiments. This course seeks to map the impact of these media on art, technology, and daily life. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. Students take examinations and complete research assignments. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.
AH 3394
Focus on Film: Science Fiction
3cr.
Science fiction is the future talking to the present. It is the movie genre which was, at first, taken least seriously, and now is seen as not only a metaphor of where we are today but also a glimpse into the future. This class looks at science fiction films historically, artistically, philosophically, technologically, and even religiously. The class begins by looking at the earliest science fiction movies from the silent era. The course then proceeds decade by decade, from the Golden Age of sci-fi in the 1950s, to the archetypal adventures of the 1970s, to the present day with its investigations of humanity’s attempt to discern an ultimate reality. Each week students examine a seminal film that has mapped out new realms, both scientifically and thematically, in a journey that can lead us into the darkest reaches of our science and our souls. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH 3412
History of Furniture Design
3cr.
This course traces the evolution of furniture design as it follows the story of human history. Students examine furniture as part of an evolving human culture of habit, convenience, and status. Attention is given to various movements and styles within the history of furniture design and manufacture. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion and field trips. Students take examinations and complete research assignments. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH 3436
Contemporary Art
3cr.
This course surveys themes in global art practice from 1990 to the twenty-first century. Students examine the impact of globalism, identity politics, and new media on artists and curators. Lectures analyze these themes in conjunction with related social trends, theories, technological developments, and political/historical events. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. Students also visit local museums and galleries and attend relevant artist talks, lectures, and exhibitions. Students produce weekly writing assignments and complete a research paper. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

AH 3568
History of Sculpture
3cr.
Sculpture has its own language of form, and understanding this language yields insight into the history of art in general. This course begins by examining the sculpture of the Greeks and continues through to the present day. Special attention is given to the historic contexts of artistic production from the guilds to private studios, the examination of materials and techniques such as bronze casting or the carving of marble and limewood, and the context in which sculptures are viewed. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH 3600
History of Filmmaking
3cr.
This course explores the ways in which film styles, meanings, and uses have developed over time, from the medium’s earliest efforts to the present. Through screenings of narrative and avant-garde films in the form of excerpts, shorts, and feature-length films, students analyze the varied choices made by international filmmakers. The goal is to appreciate and understand differences in filmmaking traditions and techniques rather than to create a chronological survey of the art form. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.
**AH 3610**  
**History of Photography**  
3cr.  
Since its beginnings, photography has grown from an exotic technology used only by specialists to a socially ubiquitous representational form generating millions of images daily. This course surveys the development of the medium from an early commercial tool to its influence upon artistic trends and ultimately to an acceptance of photography as an aesthetic medium. Particular attention is paid to individual photographers involved in Pictorialism, Surrealism, Pop Art, Postmodernism, and digital media, and their works are contextualized within changing technological, economic, and institutional frameworks. Classes are primarily lecture with discussion. Students take examinations and complete research assignments. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

**AH 3657**  
**History of Comic Art**  
3cr.  
Although comics now include a vast collection of different articulations of image and text, their shared history reflects the movement from strictly pulp publications on cheap paper created by assembly-line artists to complex stories with provocative images. This course follows the history of comic art from The Yellow Kid to global manifestations of the art form, such as Japanese manga and French BD. The development and range of image and textual forms, styles, and structures that differentiate the vast compendium of such work inform the discourse in class. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

**AH 3659**  
**History of Graphic Design and Advertising**  
3cr.  
The fields of graphic design and advertising have altered and been altered by technological advances, and these transformations are ongoing. This course examines the history of the discipline of graphic design from its early practices to the present, emphasizing advertising as a primary expression of graphic design and the particular way in which the Internet has allowed for design to impact the culture at large. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. Students take examinations and complete research assignments. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission; Prerequisite for BSc students: faculty permission.

**AH 3660**  
**History of Drawing and Painting**  
3cr.  
In this course, students explore the art of drawers and painters. The course may focus on the work of individual artists, on particular movements and styles, or on the history of technical developments and trends in drawing and painting. Contemporary practices may also be addressed. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

**AH 3676**  
**Focus on Film: The Western**  
3cr.  
No movie genre (and no other art form) better describes the heart and soul of America than the Western; in fact, there is perhaps no truer way to understand what America is all about, for good and bad, than that greatest of contemporary mythologies. In this course, students examine the Western Film from its beginnings in the Silent Era, through its greatest period of invention in the late 1930s through the early 1960s, to its tragic demise in the 1970s and miraculous rebirth in the 1990s and beyond. Each week students watch one of the great Western Films and then examine it not only as a work of art, but also as a window into truths of American culture. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.
AH 4913  
Art History Seminar  
3cr.  
Cultural definitions of art shift from one historical moment to the next. The practice of and research in art history can help make these transformations explicit, understandable, and in some cases predictable. This course introduces the practice of art history through some of the significant theories and methodologies and key concepts that inform contemporary and historical art criticism. In completing this course, students conduct their own research in an art history topic and gain familiarity with the historical and theoretical frameworks within which to place art and artistic practice. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 or faculty permission.

The following courses are cross-listed with Humanities and Sciences and may be applied to either area.

All Liberal Arts HS and cross-listed AH/HS courses that fulfill the Histories, Philosophies, and Places requirement include at least one significant research project. The specific research project is determined by the teaching faculty, and may take the form of a traditional research paper, a researched comparative critical book review, a model research or grant proposal, a research presentation, a creative writing assignment or project grounded in research, among others.

AH/HS 3325  
Native American Art  
3cr.  
Most Native American tribes do not have a word in their languages for “artist,” yet the arts are a living part of both daily life and ceremonial tradition. Focusing on the works of selected tribes, students in this course look at Native American art, architecture, and aesthetics. Emphasis is placed on the nineteenth century to the present. The impact of outside forces on continuities and changes in traditional forms is also explored. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3330  
Art and Social Change: Creating New Worlds  
3cr.  
Can art change the world? This course presents a history of artistic practice as a tool for social change. Presented both as a chronology and as a thematically organized set of forms that artists have mobilized (agitprop, activist, performance, participatory, ephemeral), students explore how artists have created new modes of life by considering the medium of life itself as that which requires change. Topics to consider: the use of art as a tool by social, civil, ecological, and economic movements; the use of art to envision futures during times of political transformation; the use of art to construct alternative ways of life and community; artists as alternative knowledge producers; the tendency of power to co-opt resistant practices; and the role of the (alternative) art school as crucible and catalyst. Students learn to contextualize art practices by considering theoretical questions regarding the artist’s role in society. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3430  
Neuroaesthetics  
3cr.  
Can a particular form or set of stimuli always or reliably bring about a particular result? While there is still divided opinion as to how far an understanding of neurological functions can go in explaining “how art works,” scientists and artists alike have turned to neuroaesthetics to develop a way to explain the aesthetic experience through a science of the mind. The new awareness of how cognition builds up, how synaptic leaps are created, and how viewers notice schematic elements in a given work are all evidence that neuroaesthetics provides an interdisciplinary nexus to bridge art and science, body and mind. This course fulfills a Histories, Places, and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.
AH/HS 3440
Curation and Conservation: Science in the Gallery
3cr.
This course allows students a close look at the materials and techniques used in both historical and contemporary art conservation. The class will work with conservators from the Midwest Art Conservation Center and items in local collections to gain an overview of the technical study of art history through hands-on experience studying and evaluating works of art, lab experiences, and readings and discussions of issues and debates in art conservation. Combining science, art history, and museum studies, this course seeks to explore the materiality of art-making from the perspective of both artist and audience. This course fulfills a Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: AH1702 or faculty permission

AH/HS 3500
Visual Perspectives
3cr.
Visual perspectives are systems for creating space and distance on a flat surface. Different cultures position the viewer in varied ways that condition what they see and the way they see it. Linear perspective is a seminal event in Western art history in which the position of the individual observer became an engine for the development of Modernity. This course focuses on the historical development of various visual perspective systems and their impact on conceptions of space and time. Class sessions are an equal mix of lecture and discussion. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3605
The Hollywood Musical Film
3cr.
Perhaps no genre better displays the brilliance of classic American filmmaking than the Hollywood musical. Examining these films, students explore the deeper social and cultural implications in the stories, music, and production qualities of each. Every week the class watches a major musical and then discusses the film, considering style, story, and social context. Among the films studied are 42nd Street, Singin' in the Rain, West Side Story, and Chicago. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3606
World Film: Art Film and Independents
3cr.
For the last half-century, the look, language, and subject matter of films have been blown wide open. This change is the work of dedicated and curious cinematic visionaries from every continent. This course explores several of their works, beginning in the 1950s and advancing to the present day. The ultimate goal is to see how these artists have challenged expectations of classical form or appropriated themes and how a globally interconnected world cinema has developed. Works by acclaimed directors are shown and compared to lesser-known filmmakers’ equally vital and influential works. Classes are primarily lecture and discussion. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3607
Great American Directors
3cr.
This course examines the work of expert American film directors from the dawn of the talkies to the present day and explores what made these individuals great filmmakers. The faculty may take a chronological, thematic, national, or international approach to the subject. Each week students study the work of a director and consider the technique, structure, and themes of the director’s work as well as the broader disciplinary and cultural significance of the work. Classes are primarily lecture-based with some discussion. This course fulfills a Histories, Places, and Philosophies
AH/HS 3618
Documentary Film in Focus
3cr.
In this course, students focus on non-fiction cinema. Examining different modes of documentary film which may include the expository, the observational, the participatory, the performative, the reflexive, and the poetic, students investigate how these modes shape manners in which non-fiction cinema may adopt a critical stance toward the presentation of an idea. Filmmakers and works analyzed in this course include a wide variety of perspectives from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries employing differing modes of documentary film. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3624
Gender, Art, and Society
3cr.
This course focuses on the idea of gender and its impact on the production, consumption, and analysis of art. Course topics may include gender and gender ambiguity in art and visual culture, the shifting definition of the artist in history, institutions that shape artists’ outlooks, and feminist and postmodern theories of gender. The relationships among gender, art, and society are examined by focusing on particular topics, such as fetishism and fashion, and these topics are analyzed from historical, theoretical, and cultural perspectives. This class includes lectures, discussions of required readings, and student presentations. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

AH/HS 3665
Art in the Cities
3cr.
Art in the Cities explores the relationship between art and urban space with the Twin Cities as its primary site of investigation. This seminar-style course focuses on current exhibitions and curatorial practices in museums, galleries, artist-run spaces, and other project spaces located throughout the Twin Cities. In-class discussions that examine the history and contemporary practice and politics of display in multiple urban contexts with some emphasis on social, public, interventionist, and community-based practices is equally balanced with activities outside the classroom such as exhibition visits, artist talks, and performances. The class culminates in student research-based projects. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3681
Topics in Cinema: Artists Film and Video
3cr.
This survey of Artists’ Film and Video offers an extensive history of how artists have brought various projected and moving-image practices into their work. Not just an introduction to "experimental film" or "video art," this course presents work being produced at the border between the fine arts and film production. Students look at the work produced in relation to historical artistic movements of the Avant Garde such as Constructivism, Dada, and Surrealism, then study work related to the Neo-Avant Garde with Pop, Fluxus, and Minimalism. The class contextualizes that work with lyrical, poetic, and structural approaches to filmmaking as discussed in the histories of experimental cinema. Students examine the relation of artists' film and video production to larger social and cultural issues such as feminism, postcolonialism, and globalization. Screenings include works by a range of artists such as Man Ray, Marcel Duchamp, Hans Richter, Dziga Vertov, Maya Deren, Andy Warhol, Nam June Paik, Yoko Ono, Richard Serra, and many others. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2
AH/HS 3722  
Asian Art History  
3cr.  
This course examines the art of Asia from its beginnings to the present day. It involves a regional approach, focusing on representative works from India, Southeast Asia, China, and Japan. While regional characteristics are emphasized, cross-cultural influences are also studied. Through a variety of media, including sculpture, architecture, and painting, students gain an understanding of the broad themes and concepts that run throughout Asian art. Students consider the role of religion, for example, and offer a basic comprehension of Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto. The structure of the class includes lectures, large and small group discussions, and several visits to the Minneapolis Institute of Art. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3725  
Islamic Art  
3cr.  
This course will examine Islamic art and architecture through religious, historical, political, and cultural practices from the seventh century to the present. Combining a thematic approach (such as kingship, gift exchange, identity, etc.) with the more traditional chronological and geographical approaches, this course will trace the visual and material culture of Islam and its global influence. This course fulfills a Histories, Places, and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: AH 1702 or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3728  
African American Art  
3cr.  
This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the visual art of African Americans from the Colonial period to the present. The course examines a variety of visual media from painting, sculpture, and photography to popular culture objects and mass media images. In addition, students critically examine the ways in which the constructed meanings of “blackness” intersect with representational practices of gender, sexuality, and class, as well as the training and education of artists, public and private patronage, and the history of arts criticism and art history. Class sessions include both lectures and discussions. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3729  
Art and Globalization in the Atlantic World  
3cr.  
This course examines the impact and effects of globalization on the visual culture of the Atlantic world (defined by Europe, Africa, and the Americas) from the period of the Columbian encounter to the contemporary moment. Students examine the circulation and exchange of goods, ideas, knowledge, culture, and peoples across the Atlantic world through an investigation of visual representations, performance, and collecting practices. The course narrative is guided by thematic issues of gender, race, the politics of display, and national and cultural identities, tracing the movement of visual cultures across the Atlantic through individual case studies. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3839  
The Body in Art and Visual Culture  
3cr.  
In this course students critically examine the cultural meanings of representations of the body in art and visual culture. Organized in roughly chronological order, the course comprises a series of case studies in the history of representation of the body in art, science, and popular culture. Topics that may be addressed include the classical nude in Greek sculpture, female saints, mystical visions of the body, aesthetic dismemberment of the body in modern and contemporary art, the transgender body, and cyber bodies. This course is taught as a seminar with some lecture.
This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

AH/HS 3862
Bauhaus Design
3cr.
Even after the Nazis closed its doors in 1933, the Bauhaus remains a fascinating cultural phenomenon. This experimental design school challenged the relationship between art, technology, and industrial production, creating a design philosophy that has been emulated across the world. Simultaneously a school, an idea, and a movement, the Bauhaus embodies a complex narrative shaped by contradictory responses to twentieth-century modernism. While focusing on the major designers whose works and artistic philosophies shaped the Bauhaus in Germany, this course also examines the dissemination of the Bauhaus idea in the United States. Students follow these discussions with an investigation into the role of the Bauhaus idea today. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3864
Readings in Photographic Culture
3cr.
This seminar-style course explores photographic culture through focused readings in the theory and history of photography, covering the period from 1839 to the present. These texts facilitate discussions of the ways in which technological transformations and concepts like truthfulness, documentary ethics, and authorship are presented and negotiated in the work of specific photographers. This course is an opportunity for students to discuss the historical and changing philosophical nature of the photographic medium. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

AH/HS 3867
Readings in Contemporary Art
3cr.
Since the 1960s new paradigms for art, its presentation, and its discussion have emerged. In this course students consider major issues in contemporary art through reading key critical texts and engaging with a selection of museum and gallery exhibitions. While not a historical survey, this course does address issues as articulated through critical texts and exhibitions, seeking to maintain historical contextualization. Class sessions consist of seminar-style discussions, some lecture, and museum visits. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

AH/HS 3868
Readings in Contemporary Design
3cr.
In this course students consider major issues in contemporary design through a select group of readings. Not a historical survey, this course addresses issues as articulated through critical texts and contemporary developments. Students examine contemporary design theory along with related work and processes. This course is taught as a seminar with some lecture. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

AH/HS 3875
Readings in the Graphic Novel
3cr.
The graphic novel is an art form that offers the best of both worlds. While gaining legitimacy as a literary/art form, it retains the excitement and unique properties of reading a comic book. Students in this course read, discuss, and analyze five graphic novels, as well as engage in extensively critical scholarship on and about the graphic novel form. Looking at graphic novels in the genres of mystery, superhero, manga, memoir, and works beyond categorization, students examine how these stories are structured: the forms of novel, novella, and short story help differentiate and
explain the subtleties of these forms. The class focuses on social, structural, and thematic issues of these specific texts and explores the possibilities of the form itself. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

Humanities and Sciences

Creative and Professional Writing

HS 3045
Introduction to Poetry
3cr.
In this hands-on class, students read the work and advice of contemporary poets, along with selected examples from the past, to hone the crafts of sound, the line, metaphor, voice, imagery, and revision in their own poems. Through guided exercises students deepen their understanding of the creative process. By viewing live and videotaped interviews and readings and exploring the publishing process, students gain a sense of the many forms in which contemporary poets appear. Class sessions are discussion-based. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry or faculty permission

HS 3065
Narrative and Storytelling
3cr.
Storytelling is humankind’s oldest art form, and in many ways we define and know ourselves best by the creation of a series of events that almost magically transform themselves into plot, characters, and themes. How we invent and tell a story is how we see the world. Narrative and Storytelling develops students’ appreciation for plot, story arc, and character development, and familiarizes students with the various techniques of sequential narrative, non-sequential narrative, and experimental narrative. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry or faculty permission

HS/ES 3240
Copywriting
3cr.
This course covers basic concepts of copywriting, including the relationships between image and text, concept and tagline, and media and message. Students concept, write, and revise while studying various contemporary case studies of the creative process of copywriting. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry

HS/ES 3242
Writing for the Voice
3cr.
This course explores the power of the spoken word. Students integrate the voice with visual communication utilized on social media platforms, the internet, TV, radio, and so forth, and attend recording studio sessions with professional voiceover talent. Students write various pieces for the voice and attain the skills necessary to develop any audio broadcast assignment from concept stage through final air-quality production without supervision. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry

HS 3509
Introduction to the Theatrical Process
3cr.
This unique class provides an introduction to the process theater artists engage in when mounting a professional production. Students read and analyze scripts; learn the ways theater artists collaborate to achieve a cohesive vision on stage; engage in discussions with playwrights, directors, and stage, lighting, and costume designers; receive tickets to see three theater productions (one at the Children’s Theatre Company); and practice responding to the
productions they have seen by writing reviews. Students are encouraged to learn from professional creative artists, to discover collaborative working methods and contemplate how those methods might be used in their own work, and to understand how artists in all mediums come together to create a theatrical production. This class requires students to travel in order to see three plays, two of which are off campus. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry or faculty permission

**HS 3905**  
**Beginning Screenwriting**  
3cr.
This class provides powerful tools that help students understand why a movie works or doesn’t work. It teaches the basics of film structure, of writing good dialogue, and of creating effective characters and dramatic situations. Class sessions are discussion-based. Students turn in weekly assignments, starting with short scenes and problems and moving on to several short scripts. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry or faculty permission

**HS 3915**  
**Science Fiction and Fantasy**  
3cr.
This class combines a close study of the works of classic and contemporary fantasy/science fiction writers with a writing workshop component. The primary focus of this class is the creation of altered realities—worlds that present a reality as different, yet connected and meaningful to our own. A series of assigned writing exercises give participants in the class the chance to build their own worlds and begin the process of peopling them with appropriate characters. Class exploration focuses on developing students’ own unique logic, questions, interrogations, and approaches to fantasy/science fiction genre writing. Class sessions are discussion-based. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry or faculty permission

**HS 3920**  
**Creative Writing**  
3cr.
This course investigates the aesthetic issues at the heart of writing as an art in itself. Course topics illuminate the kind of thinking that guides and inspires and require students to develop presentations and to explore creatively. Students engage in deep investigations into the nature of communication and inquiries about the role of language. The class may include trips to and possibly participation in local events to enhance the classroom experience and students’ understanding of the creative writing process. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry or faculty permission

**HS 4910**  
**Advanced Screenwriting**  
3cr.
In Advanced Screenwriting, each student develops and structures a conventional or alternative screenplay. Students who choose a mid-length format write the complete screenplay, while students who choose a feature-length format write a significant portion of the work. Students orally present their ideas for feedback from the class, then write iterative drafts of their scripts to be read for class critiques. Feedback is rigorous but supportive, and each student is expected to write at a high level. It is recommended that students complete Beginning Screenwriting before enrolling in this course. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Beginning Screenwriting or faculty permission.

**HS 4950**  
**Advanced Poetry Workshop**  
3cr.
The main undertaking in this class is to discuss, create, edit, critique, and revise poetry. Members of the advanced poetry workshop hone their craft and gain a deeper sense of themselves as poets through the analysis of their own
work, their peers’ work, and the work of practicing poets. Students are required to explore a variety of poetic voices and modes by writing and submitting one new poem each week and to perform in-depth, weekly critiques of their colleagues’ work. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Poetry or faculty permission

**HS 4960**  
**Advanced Writers Workshop**  
3cr.  
This course allows students working on short stories, novels, and memoirs, among other types of narrative types and forms, to benefit from an intensive workshop experience. (Note: Students who wish to pursue poetry or screenwriting at the advanced level should take Advanced Poetry Workshop or Advanced Screenwriting.) The course challenges students to create publishable literary works through analysis of works on a common reading list and an intensive process of drafting and critique. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students. Prerequisite: Completion of the Creative and Professional Writing requirement or faculty permission

**Histories, Places and Philosophies**

All Liberal Arts HS and cross-listed AH/HS and ES/HS courses that fulfill the Histories, Philosophies, and Places requirement include at least one significant research project. The specific research project is determined by the teaching faculty, and may take the form of a traditional research paper, a researched comparative critical book review, a model research or grant proposal, a research presentation, a creative writing assignment or project grounded in research, among others.

**HS 3043**  
**Magical Realism**  
3cr.  
This course focuses on novels and short stories that fit within the genre of magical realism. These works engage a combination of traditional realism infected with the fantastic, the mythical, and the nightmarish. Students read a number of novels and short fiction from different cultural contexts in order to compare the workings of magical realism around the world. Authors may include Salman Rushdie, Angela Carter, Gabriel Garcia-Marquez, Ursula Le Guin, Ben Okri, and Haruki Murakami, to name a few. Students also examine contemporary films that explore this genre, including the work of the Coen Brothers, Terry Gilman, Guillermo del Toro, and Charlie Kaufmann. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

**HS 3220**  
**Media Analysis**  
3cr.  
This course embraces and explores many forms of mass communication, applying theories to see how best to create, use, and understand everything from a news photo to a video game to a TV commercial to a political website. Students apply various media theories to a variety of examples, testing the abstract with the concrete. Additionally, the course assumes that knowing the conventions and traditions of media design, direction, and/or production is useful. Class sessions are a mix of lecture and discussion. Assignments include exams, short papers interpreting media messages, presentations exploring media theory, and a class project in audience measurement of media use or opinion. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

**HS/ES 3235**  
**Innovation and Progress**  
3cr.  
Creativity inspires innovative problem solving. This course explores the conditions of innovation and examines technological advances and the social and cultural conditions needed for innovations to be adopted. Students ideate innovations to solve problems large and small while considering social and environmental impacts. Students’ projects demonstrate the power of innovative thinking and its application to create change. This course fulfills a Histories,
Places and Philosophies requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

**HS/AH 3325**  
**Native American Art**  
3cr.

Most Native American tribes do not have a word in their languages for “artist,” yet the arts are a living part of both daily life and ceremonial tradition. Focusing on the works of selected tribes, students in this course look at Native American art, architecture, and aesthetics. Emphasis is placed on the nineteenth century to the present. The impact of outside forces on continuities and changes in traditional forms is also explored. Classes are primarily lecture with some discussion. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

**HS 3328**  
**Folk and Fairy Tales**  
3cr.

For generations, the transformative and magical powers of traditional folktales and fairytales have defined and shaped identities and characters. Indeed, these literary forms have become part of everyday culture. In this course students examine why these tales have had such staying power, the controversies that have surrounded them, and how they relate to the historical, political, and social issues of their times. From the bloody chamber of Bluebeard to the coming of age of Little Red Riding Hood, students trace the evolution of these folk narratives to the current retellings of these tales in both literature and film. Objectives of the class include gaining the ability to: read and analyze select, key examples of traditional folktales and fairytales; explain folktales and fairytales in relation to historical, political, and social issues; identify the ways in which folktales and fairytales reflect and influence everyday culture; understand and use the methods of literary analysis; and demonstrate an awareness of the transformation of folktales and fairytales up to the present day. Courses consist of discussion with some lecture. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

**HS/AH 3330**  
**Art and Social Change: Creating New Worlds**  
3cr.

Can art change the world? This course presents a history of artistic practice as a tool for social change. Presented both as a chronology and as a thematically organized set of forms that artists have mobilized (agitprop, activist, performance, participatory, ephemeral), students explore how artists have created new modes of life by considering the medium of life itself as that which requires change. Topics to consider: the use of art as a tool by social, civil, ecological, and economic movements; the use of art to envision futures during times of political transformation; the use of art to construct alternative ways of life and community; artists as alternative knowledge producers; the tendency of power to co-opt resistant practices; and the role of the (alternative) art school as crucible and catalyst. Students learn to contextualize art practices by considering theoretical questions regarding the artist’s role in society. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

**HS 3420**  
**Philosophy and Art**  
3cr.

Philosophy is based on a desire to understand history, the world around us, and the human condition. By studying these ideas, students can begin to develop contemporary questions about their world and interests. This class examines the history of philosophy and current philosophies, both Western and non-Western. Students propose philosophical and historical questions to better understand themselves and the arts in the twenty-first century. Class sessions are a mix of lecture and discussion. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.
HS 3426  
**Japanese for Art and Design**  
3cr.  
This introductory Japanese language course guides students through the complex, beautiful, and unique aspects of a culture that has deep roots in tradition and history. Students learn the Japanese language using the topics of theater, anime and manga, package design, gift giving, and food. The class involves engagements with the compelling social customs and cultural communities that have emerged as even more distinct in the globalization of Japanese popular culture. Class sessions are interactive involving some lecture but focused mostly on discussion and language use. This course fulfills a Histories, Places, and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS/AH 3430  
**Neuroaesthetics**  
3cr.  
Can a particular form or set of stimuli always or reliably bring about a particular result? While there is still divided opinion as to how far an understanding of neurological functions can go in explaining "how art works," scientists and artists alike have turned to neuroaesthetics to develop a way to explain the aesthetic experience through a science of the mind. The new awareness of how cognition builds up, how synaptic leaps are created, and how viewers notice schematic elements in a given work are all evidence that neuroaesthetics provides an interdisciplinary nexus to bridge art and science, body and mind. This course fulfills a Histories, Places, and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

HS 3432  
**World Literature**  
3cr.  
This course provides an introduction to literature from a global and historical perspective, from Gilgamesh to Gabriel García Márquez, and from the poetry of classical China to that of Stalinist Russia. In the four thousand years of literary history that this course covers, students read epic and lyric poems, religious tracts, philosophical dialogues, short stories, novels, and plays. Along with a survey of literature of the world, this course introduces students to the methods and concepts of literary studies and analysis. Class sessions are a mixture of lecture, discussion, and group work. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3448  
**French for Art and Design**  
3cr.  
In this French language course, students develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing competencies in order to explore more fully the art and design of French-speaking cultures. A communicative approach in French guides student progress, mixing everyday language with unique practices and objects. Course sessions include some lecture but are mostly discussion-based. Coursework includes examinations, workbook exercises, presentations, assignments on specific artistic topics, and visits to local exhibitions. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3511  
**History of Jazz**  
3cr.  
Duke Ellington once said, "the pull of jazz music in American culture is so strong that no one can resist it." Jazz is truly an American treasure that has influenced other cultures around the globe. Yet most Americans know very little about its history. This class explores jazz from its roots to its most current forms. Hear the music, study its contributions, and explore the cultural patterns and trends that surround its development. Class sessions are a mix of lecture and discussion, with some demonstrations of performance styles. This course fulfills a Histories, Places, and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.
HS 3520
Current Events
3cr.
This course examines through various lenses the ways in which contemporary events circulate in the news, from hard-copy newspapers to online blogs, from trained journalists to eyewitness observers, and from social media venues to emerging media forms. Individuals in this course engage deeply with the local, national, and international news and explore the many sides to contemporary issues, covering a range of events, topics, and regions. Key to understanding the contemporary news is not only developing a sense of how history can repeat itself but also learning to employ strategies of critical literacy in order to examine information in greater depth and detail. How do political speeches, authority figures, media pundits, and public opinion polls influence and get influenced by contemporary events as represented in the news? What strategies and paths might help the contemporary global citizen be accurately and also critically informed about the world today? This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3523
An Ethical Life
3cr.
What does it mean to lead “an ethical life”? This course covers the writings of ethicists from Aristotle to the present and helps students understand what they know and value. Students are challenged to realize and to act upon the principles of an ethical life in their personal and professional development. To these ends, individuals in this course explore the so-called enduring questions of truth, good, and beauty through close readings of key texts from the philosophical traditions of various cultures. Students at times employ a comparative approach, situating the Greeks as well as Enlightenment figures in relation to historical and emerging traditions, both in Western and non-Western contexts. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3525
History of Rock and Roll
3cr.
Rock and roll has played an essential role in the cultural history of the United States and much of the globe from the 1950s to the present. This course focuses on the evolution of this truly American art form and the way in which it has influenced and been influenced by cultures around the world. From its gospel and blues roots of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to its contemporary electronic and global manifestations, this course covers its history and variations including country and western, rhythm and blues, rock of the 1950s, Doo-wop, girl groups, the wall of sound, psychedelic, punk, and rap. Some of the material culture that rock and roll has produced is also examined. Class sessions are a mix of lecture and discussion with one 3D Shop activity. This course fulfills a Histories, Places, and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: 3D Foundations

HS 3530
Teaching Artist: Theory and Methods
3cr.
The first of a two-course sequence, this course engages undergraduate art and design students in the theory and practice of the teaching artist in schools and community and introduces professional opportunities in the field. Students explore teaching and learning theory in historical and contemporary contexts, applying theory in arts-infused peer presentations, peer teaching, classroom observation, and team teaching in K–12 classrooms. Teaching artists, arts administrators, and leaders in the art education community present models of teacher-artist collaborations, inquiry-based learning, arts-infused curriculum, arts and core content standards, organizational cultures, and teaching-artist residency opportunities. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Foundation-level coursework or faculty permission

HS/AH 3605
The Hollywood Musical Film
3cr.
Perhaps no genre better displays the brilliance of classic American filmmaking than the Hollywood musical. Examining these films, students explore the deeper social and cultural implications in the stories, music, and
production qualities of each. Every week the class watches a major musical and then discusses the film, considering style, story, and social context. Among the films studied are 42nd Street, Singin’ in the Rain, West Side Story, and Chicago. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission

HS/AH 3606
World Film: Art Film and Independents
3cr.
For the last half-century, the look, language, and subject matter of films have been blown wide open. This change is the work of dedicated and curious cinematic visionaries from every continent. This course explores several of their works, beginning in the 1950s and advancing to the present day. The ultimate goal is to see how these artists have challenged expectations of classical form or appropriated themes and how a globally interconnected world cinema has developed. Works by acclaimed directors are shown and compared to lesser-known filmmakers’ equally vital and influential works. Classes are primarily lecture and discussion. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission

HS/AH 3607
Great American Directors
3cr.
This course examines the work of expert American film directors from the dawn of the talkies to the present day and explores what made these individuals great filmmakers. The faculty may take a chronological, thematic, national, or international approach to the subject. Each week students study the work of a director and consider the technique, structure, and themes of the director’s work as well as the broader disciplinary and cultural significance of the work. Classes are primarily lecture-based with some discussion. This course fulfills a Histories, Places, and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

HS/AH 3618
Documentary Film in Focus
3cr.
In this course, students focus on non-fiction cinema. Examining different modes of documentary film which may include the expository, the observational, the participatory, the performative, the reflexive, and the poetic, students investigate how these modes shape manners in which non-fiction cinema may adopt a critical stance toward the presentation of an idea. Filmmakers and works analyzed in this course include a wide variety of perspectives from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries employing differing modes of documentary film. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

HS/AH 3624
Gender, Art, and Society
3cr.
This course focuses on the idea of gender and its impact on the production, consumption, and analysis of art. Course topics may include gender and gender ambiguity in art and visual culture, the shifting definition of the artist in history, institutions that shape artists’ outlooks, and feminist and postmodern theories of gender. The relationships among gender, art, and society are examined by focusing on particular topics, such as fetishism and fashion, and these topics are analyzed from historical, theoretical, and cultural perspectives. This class includes lectures, discussions of required readings, and student presentations. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2
HS 3627
Queer Media
3cr.
This course uses standards for information and media literacy (from the Association of College and Research Libraries and others) to explore issues related to queer identities, representations, methodologies, theoretical applications, and interpretations. Using the framework of literacy as a benchmark, students learn how to read “for and from the queer” in a variety of media.

HS 3630
Race and Ethnicity in the United States: A History
3cr.
Race and ethnicity have played significant, complicated, and more often than not misunderstood roles in the United States’ history. This course surveys the ways race and ethnicity have been constructed and understood by Americans from the colonial era to the present, focusing on the ways that class, gender, culture, and politics, as well as biology, have defined race and the way race and ethnicity have supported ideologies that have been used to both empower and subordinate the peoples of the United States. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3640
American Radicalism
3cr.
This course investigates the radical tradition in United States History. Starting with the foundation of the American Republic, students read canonical texts and utopian visions that have come to serve as the inspiration for radical movements worldwide. Students focus on movements ranging from abolitionism, women’s suffrage, and the early labor movement to anarchism, socialism, and the radical movements of the 1960s with their foci on race, gender, and class, and the accompanying new left and counter-cultural movements. The course also considers new directions of American Radicalism, such as environmental, queer, anti-globalization, and Black Lives Matter movements. Students learn the meanings and values associated with philosophical notions of freedom and equality and how they have changed over time through the intersection of discourses of rights and justice. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS/AH 3665
Art in the Cities
3cr.
Art in the Cities explores the relationship between art and urban space with the Twin Cities as its primary site of investigation. This seminar-style course focuses on current exhibitions and curatorial practices in museums, galleries, artist-run spaces, and other project spaces located throughout the Twin Cities. In-class discussions that examine the history and contemporary practice and politics of display in multiple urban contexts with some emphasis on social, public, interventionist, and community-based practices is equally balanced with activities outside the classroom such as exhibition visits, artist talks, and performances. The class culminates in student research-based projects. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 or faculty permission.

HS/AH 3681
Topics in Cinema: Artists’ Film and Video
3cr.
This survey of artists’ film and video offers an extensive history of how artists have brought various projected and moving-image practices into their work. Not just an introduction to “experimental film” or “video art,” this course presents work being produced at the border between the fine arts and film production. Students look at the work produced in relation to historical artistic movements of the Avant Garde such as Constructivism, Dada, and Surrealism, then study work related to the Neo-Avant Garde with Pop, Fluxus, and Minimalism. The class contextualizes that work with lyrical, poetic, and structural approaches to filmmaking as discussed in the histories of experimental cinema. Students examine the relation of artists’ film and video production to larger social and cultural issues such as feminism, postcolonialism, and globalization. Screenings include works by a range of artists such as
Man Ray, Marcel Duchamp, Hans Richter, Dziga Vertov, Maya Deren, Andy Warhol, Nam June Paik, Yoko Ono, Richard Serra, and many others. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

HS/AH 3722
Asian Art History
3cr.
This course examines the art of Asia from its beginnings to the present day. It involves a regional approach, focusing on representative works from India, Southeast Asia, China, and Japan. While regional characteristics are emphasized, cross-cultural influences are also studied. Through a variety of media, including sculpture, architecture, and painting, students gain an understanding of the broad themes and concepts that run throughout Asian art. Students consider the role of religion, for example, and offer a basic comprehension of Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto. The structure of the class includes lectures, large and small group discussions, and several visits to the Minneapolis Institute of Art. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission

HS/AH 3725
Islamic Art
3cr.
This course will examine Islamic art and architecture through religious, historical, political, and cultural practices from the seventh century to the present. Combining a thematic approach (such as kingship, gift exchange, identity, etc.) with the more traditional chronological and geographical approaches, this course will trace the visual and material culture of Islam and its global influence. This course fulfills a Histories, Places, and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: AH 1702 or faculty permission

HS/AH 3728
African American Art
3cr.
This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the visual art of African Americans from the Colonial period to the present. The course examines a variety of visual media from painting, sculpture, and photography to popular culture objects and mass media images. In addition, students critically examine the ways in which the constructed meanings of "blackness" intersect with representational practices of gender, sexuality, and class, as well as the training and education of artists, public and private patronage, and the history of arts criticism and art history. Class sessions include both lectures and discussions. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission

HS/AH 3729
Art and Globalization in the Atlantic World
3cr.
This course examines the impact and effects of globalization on the visual culture of the Atlantic world (defined by Europe, Africa, and the Americas) from the period of the Columbian encounter to the contemporary moment. Students examine the circulation and exchange of goods, ideas, knowledge, culture, and peoples across the Atlantic world through an investigation of visual representations, performance, and collecting practices. The course narrative is guided by thematic issues of gender, race, the politics of display, and national and cultural identities, tracing the movement of visual cultures across the Atlantic through individual case studies. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission
HS/AH 3839
The Body in Art and Visual Culture
3cr.
In this course students critically examine the cultural meanings of representations of the body in art and visual culture. Organized in roughly chronological order, the course comprises a series of case studies in the history of representation of the body in art, science, and popular culture. Topics that may be addressed include the classical nude in Greek sculpture, female saints, mystical visions of the body, aesthetic dismemberment of the body in modern and contemporary art, the transgender body, and cyber bodies. This course is taught as a seminar with some lecture. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

HS/AH 3862
Bauhaus Design
3cr.
Even after the Nazis closed its doors in 1933, the Bauhaus remains a fascinating cultural phenomenon. This experimental design school challenged the relationship between art, technology, and industrial production, creating a design philosophy that has been emulated across the world. Simultaneously a school, an idea, and a movement, the Bauhaus embodies a complex narrative shaped by contradictory responses to twentieth-century modernism. While focusing on the major designers whose works and artistic philosophies shaped the Bauhaus in Germany, this course also examines the dissemination of the Bauhaus idea in the United States. Students follow these discussions with an investigation into the role of the Bauhaus idea today. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission

HS/AH 3864
Readings in Photographic Culture
3cr.
This seminar-style course explores photographic culture through focused readings in the theory and history of photography, covering the period from 1839 to the present. These texts facilitate discussions of the ways in which technological transformations and concepts like truthfulness, documentary ethics, and authorship are presented and negotiated in the work of specific photographers. This course is an opportunity for students to discuss the historical and changing philosophical nature of the photographic medium. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission.

HS/AH 3867
Readings in Contemporary Art
3cr.
Since the 1960s new paradigms for art, its presentation, and its discussion have emerged. In this course students consider major issues in contemporary art through reading key critical texts and engaging with a selection of museum and gallery exhibitions. While not a historical survey, this course does address issues as articulated through critical texts and exhibitions, seeking to maintain historical contextualization. Class sessions consist of seminar-style discussions, some lecture, and museum visits. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

HS/AH 3868
Readings in Contemporary Design
3cr.
In this course students consider major issues in contemporary design through a select group of readings. Not a historical survey, this course addresses issues as articulated through critical texts and contemporary developments. Students examine contemporary design theory along with related work and processes. This course is taught as a seminar with some lecture. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2
HS/AH 3875  
Readings in the Graphic Novel  
3cr.
The graphic novel is an art form that offers the best of both worlds. While gaining legitimacy as a literary/art form, it retains the excitement and unique properties of reading a comic book. Students in this course read, discuss, and analyze five graphic novels, as well as engage in extensively critical scholarship on and about the graphic novel form. Looking at graphic novels in the genres of mystery, superhero, manga, memoir, and works beyond categorization, students examine how these stories are structured: the forms of novel, novella, and short story help differentiate and explain the subtleties of these forms. The class focuses on social, structural, and thematic issues of these specific texts and explores the possibilities of the form itself. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design: History 2

HS 3916  
Literature of the Americas  
3cr.
This course offers students a hemispheric perspective on the study of literature, focusing on a range of works from underrepresented, marginalized, and outsider authors in the Americas from the nineteenth century to the present. Students have an opportunity to challenge conventional categorizations of writers from across the Americas—not just in the United States—by fostering transnational and transhistorical perspectives while considering concepts including identity, race, citizenship, hybridity, and nationhood. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3918  
Children’s Literature  
3cr.
In this course students have the opportunity to read and discuss a variety of examples of children’s literature and discuss the issues and theories that drive the scholarly field. Are literary genres defined by readers or authors? By tradition, critics, or markets? Students explore these questions and others while gaining a working knowledge of the critical skills necessary to articulate in writing and presentations an informed aesthetic and critical response to literature for children. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning

HS 3233  
Ecological Issues  
3cr.
Human populations and cultures have always had an impact on land, climate, and plant and animal species, and in turn, the environment reciprocally has impacted humans and their cultures. In this course, students explore ecological anthropology, which focuses on these complex relationships. Class sessions consist of a mix of lecture and discussion. Students may also go on site visits. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3239  
The Human Animal  
3cr.
This course explores the ways in which humans imagine and represent themselves as both distinct from and connected to the concept of “animal.” The first part of this course covers anthropomorphism, the human-based perspective that projects “the human image” onto the “animal” world. The second part of this course examines representations of human and animal relationships. In the third part of this course, students read works by writers who explore the process of human-into-animal transformation and the animal-human hybrid. The exploration of the relationship between the animal and the human is both literary and philosophical. Class sessions are primarily discussion-oriented with some lectures. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.
HS 3317  
Myth, Ritual, and Symbolism  
3cr.  
By examining myth/ritual and its symbolization process, this course explores the significance of myth—spanning from ancient Greek stories to modern comics. Scholarly theories, especially from the social sciences, on the origins of mythology are emphasized. The course examines cross-cultural as well as comparative examples of myth, ritual, and symbolism from contemporary fine arts and popular culture. Class sessions are a mix of lecture and discussion. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3340  
Introduction to General Psychology  
3cr.  
Psychology is the science of behavior and mental processes. Psychologists use scientific methods to study the behavior and the mental activity of humans and animals. Psychologists search for the causes of behavior both within an organism (biology) and within the environment (experiences). This course introduces students to the broad discipline of psychology, focusing on theories and research explaining behavior. Major areas include, but are not limited to, motivation, sensation, perception, learning, cognition, development, stress and health, personality and psychopathology, and psychobiology. Students gain knowledge of the terminology and methods used in psychological science including fundamental principles, people, and theories important in the field while learning to analyze, synthesize, and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, theories, and opposing points of view regarding fundamental psychological principles. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3352  
The Five Senses  
3cr.  
The five senses are the filters through which the physical world enters the artist, but many artists have no idea how they work. This course explores the anatomy, physiology, evolution, and cultural shaping of the sense with history, science, folklore, and art as guides. Through readings, experience-oriented activities, projects, and guest experts, students develop a heightened sense of how they perceive. This class primarily consists of in-class discussion with some lecture. Students complete examinations as well as write some short and long essays. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3353  
Ethnography for Artists and Designers  
3cr.  
Ethnography is the primary tool of anthropologists and is a powerful method for analyzing cultural dynamics, objects, and settings. A basic understanding of ethnographic approaches enables artists and designers to work more sensitively, effectively, and ethically in the public sphere. This course introduces a variety of ethnographic methods, including traditional participant observation, life histories, interviewing, visual ethnography, and ethnographic marketing. Students achieve a basic understanding of ethnographic approaches and apply them in their own ethnographic fieldwork. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3356  
The Science of Superheroes  
3cr.  
In this course students examine fundamental scientific principles through the context of superheroes and science fiction, from the genetic mutations of the X-Men to the superhuman strength of Superman. Through the application of the methods of scientific inquiry, students explain and analyze the presupposed conditions for fantasy to be physically possible and evaluate the implications of these conditions. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.
HS 3357
The Natural World
3cr.
This course concerns itself with the great variety and the interdependence of species that live on this planet. Students discuss just how species evolve and grow and how they die and become extinct. Change over time in living organisms is a major theme of this course. Class sessions are primarily lecture-based with some discussion. Assignments include examinations and short essays. In addition, a biodiversity field trip gives students practical experience in observing the living and the interactive cycle of one species. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS 3419
Science and Culture in America
3cr.
This course introduces students to key concepts and issues in current science, as well as the relationship between science, art, and popular culture. This course utilizes popular media sources and programs and encourages a critical approach to science and culture. Students may be required to attend Café Scientifique presentations, sponsored by the Bell Museum of Natural History, as well as other relevant museum and gallery exhibitions, programs and films. The subjects covered in this course range from environmental research to bioethics to science policy. Class sessions consist of lecture with some discussion. Assignments include written responses to readings and discussions, as well as a short term paper. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS/AH 3440
Curation and Conservation: Science in the Gallery
3cr.
This course allows students a close look at the materials and techniques used in both historical and contemporary art conservation. The class will work with conservators from the Midwest Art Conservation Center and items in local collections to gain an overview of the technical study of art history through hands-on experience studying and evaluating works of art, lab experiences, and readings and discussions of issues and debates in art conservation. Combining science, art history, and museum studies, this course seeks to explore the materiality of art-making from the perspective of both artist and audience. This course fulfills a Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: AH1702 or faculty permission

HS/AH 3500
Visual Perspectives
3cr.
Visual perspectives are systems for creating space and distance on a flat surface. Different cultures position the viewer in varied ways that condition what they see and the way they see it. Linear perspective is a seminal event in Western art history in which the position of the individual observer became an engine for the development of Modernity. This course focuses on the historical development of various visual perspective systems and their impact on conceptions of space and time. Class sessions are an equal mix of lecture and discussion. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Introduction to Art and Design History 2 (may be taken concurrently) or faculty permission

HS 3518
The Computer: History, Theory, and Culture
3cr.
Software plays an important role in our modern lives, subsuming vital subsystems in transportation, defense, and communications. How has software transitioned from an experimental tool to a trusted and crucial part of our modern infrastructure? This course examines both the technical and cultural changes necessary to acquire this trust and explores whether our society’s trust is well-founded. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.
HS 3519
Visual Geometry
3cr.
This course explores the languages, structures, and principles of mathematical systems as they relate to the visual arts. It offers a view of geometry’s pivotal role in giving form to fundamental postulates underlying the study of visual art and design, such as linear perspective, composition, the Fibonacci sequence, and the golden section. Through hands-on study supplemented by drawing and paper-folding exercises, students learn to translate geometry’s spatial concepts into visual forms, while also gaining an appreciation for this mathematical tool’s enduring utility at the hands of artists, architects, and designers since ancient times. This course fulfills the Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement for Humanities and Sciences.

HS/ES 3852
Creating and Running a Business
3cr.
This course covers the nuts and bolts of starting and managing a business from crafting a business concept, to analyzing market demand, to developing a marketing strategy, to establishing a legal entity as well as key elements of financing, budgeting, operating, and growing a business. In a workshop setting, students examine various types of arts- and design-related businesses and the range of issues associated with each as well as key aspects of freelancing, building a business firm, and growing a business operation. Through case studies and hands-on projects, students learn all the elements of a successful business enterprise. This course fulfills a Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students. Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing

HS/ES 3853
Economics for Artists and Designers
3cr.
This course combines basic economic principles with tools from the discipline of urban and regional economics. It focuses on ways in which artists and designers contribute to the prosperity of their city, and shows how their work can contribute to the economic success of potential employers, customers, or clients. This course fulfills a Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students.

Liberal Arts Capstone

HS 5010
Liberal Arts Advanced Seminar
3cr.
The Liberal Arts Advanced Seminar enables students to pursue their own research and writing goals within a seminar setting. Projects are student-originated and consist of both a written piece and a public presentation. Class sessions are discussion-based and interactive. Group learning is emphasized. Prerequisite: Junior standing

Media Arts

Animation

ANIM 2000
Introduction to Animation
3cr.
This course introduces students to production techniques of 2D and 3D animation. Students learn the basics of traditional character animation (i.e., Disney fundamentals) and experimental animation (i.e., cutout, rotoscoping, paint on glass) through a series of exercises including ball bounce, walk cycle, and sound sync. A cursory history of
animation through a series of screenings is included. Individual exploration is emphasized in assignments and critique, culminating in the creation of a final project. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1, Foundation: Drawing 1

ANIM 2500
Drawing for Animators
3cr.
Expanding upon Foundation Drawing 1, this class prepares students to draw characters that will work well for traditional character animation exercises. Students produce five to ten key pose animatics each with a described narrative over the course of the semester. Projects are based upon different drawing styles and designed to solve specific problems. Homework exercises are derived from Bruce McIntyre’s Drawing Textbook. Prerequisite: Introduction to Animation (may be taken concurrently)

ANIM 3010
Stop-Motion Animation
3cr.
This class provides a thorough understanding of stop-motion fundamentals with a focus on Claymation. Students explore the stop-motion toolbox including armature and character building, go motion, lip sync, replacements, simple casts, registration, photo cut, and strata cut. Students produce individual movies on Adobe After Effects and iStopMotion. Recommended readings, lectures, and demonstrations provide the critical skills to study a variety of stop-motion films screened in the course. Students produce a stop-motion short for their final project. Prerequisite: Introduction to Animation

ANIM 3020
Character Animation 1
3cr.
Believable characters remain the foundation and most difficult skill of successful animation. This course concentrates on creating credible characters that can walk, talk, and think, depicted through the techniques of timing, staging, and acting. Students begin with a basic drawing method for describing gesture and form, and then go on to produce pencil tests, animatics, and finished movement animations. Beginning with structured projects aimed at specific animation principles, students eventually develop their own scenarios and final project. Lectures, in-class drawing time, and weekly assignments are augmented by occasional demonstrations and visual aids. Students also analyze basic animation principles from single-frame viewing of short selected segments of classic animated shorts and features. Weekly group critiques and individual consultation during in-class work are also provided. Prerequisite: Introduction to Animation

ANIM 3023
Character Design
3cr.
Students study various models of character creation, including realistic, heroic, exaggerated, and invented form, in addition to a variety of body expressions, facial expressions, and locomotion. Discussions and assignments in character creation for the narrative are explored. Lectures and discussions cover historical and contemporary animation. Weekly journals and exercises are assigned so that students may develop observational and invented figure drawing skills. An emphasis is placed on reducing detail to make a character suitable for animation and developing character sheets to help visual rotations in perspective space. Prerequisite: Introduction to Animation

ANIM 3027
2D Digital Animation
3cr.
In this class Adobe After Effects is taught as a tool for creating limited styles of 2D animation. Exercises are conducted in motion graphics, kinetic typography, cut-out puppet animation, and 2D visual effects. Students research contemporary studios doing innovative work in the field and complete a final project. Prerequisite: Media One
ANIM 3030
3D Animation
3cr.
In this course students are introduced to the software toolset of Maya. Students apply their knowledge of the Disney Fundamentals for character animation through models created by the faculty. Simple exercises reinforce general animation principles in the beginning, building up to character animation later in the course. The course concludes with students creating a short animation with multiple characters aligned within a soundtrack. Prerequisite: Introduction to Animation

ANIM 3033
Visual Effects
3cr.
This class is designed for both film and animation students. The focus of the class is to incorporate visual effects into live-action footage and the best practices for achieving good results. Students learn how to best shoot footage for visual effects shots. Once the footage is created, they learn how to track the footage to get a 3D camera. They create 3D objects to place into the scene and color and light them so that they integrate properly. They also learn matte cutting and compositing techniques to properly integrate live-action and 3D elements into finished scenes. Prerequisite: Introduction to Animation or Introduction to Film

ANIM 3040
3D Modeling
3cr.
Ideally taken in sequence after 3D Animation, this course introduces students to all three types of models: NURBS, Polygon, and SubD. Students focus their energy on building a character using both NURBS and Polygon modeling and then build all of the necessary shapes for animating their character's face as outlined in the book Stop Staring. Topics covered include character models and topology, the whole-face expression, visemes and lip sync techniques, mouth and mouth keys, eye-and-brow emotion, and model-connection and control interfaces. Prerequisites: Introduction to Animation, 3D Animation

ANIM 3043
3D Rigging/Rendering
3cr.
3D Rigging/Rendering is part of a series of classes that form an introduction to the world of 3D using Maya software. The first part of the semester focuses on rigging. Students put a rig on a character completed in 3D Modeling so it is ready to use in an animated film. They also build a rig from scratch on a simple character. The second part of the class focuses on color, lighting, and rendering. Students learn how to light a still scene and put simple color and texture on objects. They then learn how to put complex textures on objects. Finally, students learn how to render an animation. Prerequisites: 3D Animation and 3D Modeling (3D Modeling may be taken concurrently)

ANIM 3050
Storyboard
3cr.
This course is designed for animation, filmmaking, and comic art students. Working from preexisting and student-created scripts and narrative ideas, students analyze the various techniques involved in the visualization of stories and sequences for film and animation production. Coursework includes script and story adaptation, continuity, camera placement, image sequencing, shot composition, styling, and mood. Students apply the visual "language" of storyboarding and continuity sketching. Vigorous in-class critiques address storyboard effectiveness with strong emphasis on the process of revision and refinement. Assignments include the development of several short animation and film storyboards, and a final project consisting of a two- to five-minute production storyboard from the student's own script or story. Prerequisite: Introduction to Animation
ANIM 3070
Intermediate 3D Animation
3cr.
The focus of this class is to put everything students have learned in the three intro classes into practice by making a short film using the character developed in the modeling and rigging classes as the main character. They will go from storyboard to a short finished animation during the semester. In addition, there is a demo in each class of one of the more advanced features in Maya. There will be demos of a wide variety of techniques like adding cloth and hair to characters and other features like fluid and particle effects. Prerequisites: 3D Animation, 3D Modeling, 3D Rigging/Rendering

ANIM 3075
Character Animation 2
3cr.
This course builds upon the traditional character animation content (i.e., Disney Principles of Animation) taught in Character Animation 1. Students develop sophisticated secondary movement and overlapping action through several five- to ten-second animation assignments focusing on acting and physicality. Projects are based on everyday scenarios and require the student to produce industry-level animation evoking believable character movement, thought, and emotion. While this is a 2D animation class, students who have completed the 3D Animation course may choose to work with Maya software with faculty permission. Prerequisite: ANIM 3020 Character Animation 1.

ANIM 3080
Experimental Animation
3cr.
After a brief study of the history of process-oriented animation, students engage in experiments with camera and physical materials. Techniques may include, but are not limited to, pixilation, stop motion, direct animation, straight ahead drawing, and sand and paint animation. With the vocabulary they develop, students plan and execute one larger structured piece. The class then addresses software-based experimental animation also directing their work toward one larger project based on small exercises. The final project of the class is a collaborative piece based on sound.

ANIM 4000
Professional Practice
3cr.
This course provides animation students with the tools to enter professional practice immediately following graduation. Each student is required to produce a polished resume, artist statement, website, professional identity system, and portfolio. Topics include long-range goal creation and planning; financial, legal, and other business considerations; grant writing; and communication and marketing skills demonstrated via verbal, written, and visual presentations. Topics are investigated through a series of lectures, critiques, and presentations by experts in the field. Prerequisite: Junior standing

ANIM 4010
Internship
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice
ANIM 4020
Animation Collaboration
3cr.
Students in this class work in groups of four to realize several short-duration projects in conjunction with commercial clients. Student groups select story content and character designs from material provided by the client. Groups are responsible for weekly presentations and responses to the client producer, delivering a finished QuickTime file as the schedule demands. Coursework and assignments simulate a small studio production model and prepare students for the collaborative work environment of professional animation. Prerequisite: Introduction to Animation (students who have taken 3D Animation may use this course as internship credit)

ANIM 5010
Advanced Animation Seminar
3cr.
Advanced Animation Seminar is designed for students to develop individual or group projects in close conjunction with faculty guidance. Individual projects evolve through a detailed and continuous process of presentation, critique, and revision. In addition, a wide variety of animation is screened and discussed with regard to production issues, context, and story. All students are required to complete two minutes of animation. Prerequisites: Character Animation 1 or 3D Animation, successful Junior Review

ANIM 5020
Advanced 3D Animation Seminar
3cr.
Advanced 3D Animation Seminar is a continuation of 3D Animation and 3D Modeling. Designed for students with a working knowledge of Maya software, this course includes classroom demonstrations of advanced Maya features. Students use the entire semester to create a short animated film using a character model they have built and rigged. Critiques cover technical considerations and concentrate on contextualizing student work and innovative storytelling. Prerequisites: 3D Animation, 3D Modeling

ANIM 5100
Senior Project
6cr.
During senior year, each media arts major is required to develop and complete a substantial body of work in his or her major. This course provides a forum for the critical evaluation of this work and curatorial guidance in preparation for the Commencement Exhibition. Course content includes critical readings, position paper, individual and group discussion, school presentation, and informational meetings. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

MA 3045
Studio and Set
3cr.
This course is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the aesthetic, technical, theoretical, and conceptual issues related to artificial lighting used in the various aspects of still and moving image production. Technical information covered includes portrait lighting, studio set lighting, architectural lighting, electronic flash, continuous light, camera movement, blocking for actors, and color compensation. In addition to the technical and practical aspects of this course, students are expected and encouraged to develop a personal aesthetic and a conceptual foundation for their images. Prerequisite: Photography 1, or Introduction to Animation, or Introduction to Film, or Web + Screen

MA 3065
Sound
3cr.
Designed to acquaint students technically and conceptually with the medium of sound, this course provides a basic working vocabulary for understanding, discussing, and producing sounds. Topics covered include basic perceptual concepts and fundamentals of composing sound such as pitch, rhythm, duration, and volume. Students complete a
series of assigned projects designed to demonstrate and assess competencies with microphones, studio recording, and digital editing, mixing, and processing. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2

Filmmaking

FILM 2000
Introduction to Filmmaking
3cr.
This course is an introduction to telling stories in film. It introduces historical and critical issues of film language and provides a theoretical and technical foundation for future work. Principles of cinematography and continuity editing are applied through assignments in the forms of documentary, narrative, and music video. Technical processes and practices demonstrated include preproduction planning, shooting, basic lighting, sound recording and mixing, and digital editing. Equal attention is availed to technical and artistic concerns in screenings, lectures, discussions, technical demonstrations, and evaluations. Each student develops their own creative work through the completion and critique of individual and group projects and exercises. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

FILM 3010
Narrative Filmmaking
3cr.
This course is an introduction to professional narrative production. Students learn the fundamentals of the narrative filmmaking production processes through the completion of a series of short films and exercises. Topics covered include methods of narrative production, assembling and working with a crew, scripting, preproduction planning, production, and post production. Techniques taught include digital cinematography using Red, Sony F3, and DSLR cameras, follow focus, composition, camera movement, editing, portable lighting, and sound production. The course provides students with the skills they need to complete their work through lectures, demonstrations, screenings, critiques, and visiting artists. Prerequisite: Introduction to Filmmaking

FILM 3020
Documentary Filmmaking
3cr.
Through the production of a series of short films, students explore various forms of documentary production, including newsreel, reportage, cinema-verite, reality television, and modern documentary forms. Students learn how to make films from life and the limits, ethics, and opportunities of depicting reality. Techniques taught include research, preproduction, working with small crews, field video production equipment, sound recording techniques, lighting, and editing. In addition to critiques, discussions, and technical demonstrations, a selection of films are screened and analyzed during the course. Prerequisite: Introduction to Filmmaking

FILM 3023
Experimental Filmmaking
3cr.
This course is an introduction to experimental film and video production. Key topics and techniques covered include experimental production methods, the hybridization of genres, and alternative modes of distribution and exhibition. Additional techniques taught include but are not limited to 16mm film processes, found footage, field recording, and DIY technology. Readings and screenings contextualize the course’s experimental production techniques, offering an overview of the history of experimental cinema and exploring a range of cultural, formal, political, and historical issues emerging from alternative filmmaking practices. Each student develops short films and videos through the completion of group and individual projects. Prerequisite: Intro to Filmmaking
FILM 3040
Editing and Post Production
3cr.
This class provides a comprehensive overview on the post production process for moving-image work, including film, video, and animation. Each step of the post process is examined—including planning productions with the edit in mind, file management, logging and ingestion, rough- and fine-cut editing, color correction and grading, integrating audio and visual effects, and mastering and output of the finished work. Students develop an understanding of pacing, montage, rhythm, and two- and three-dimensional continuity of the cut, as well as specific techniques to solve difficult post production issues. This class examines the technical and theoretical considerations of editing and post production for a wide variety of genres such as narrative, experimental, documentary, commercial, and industrial, and it provides students with the skills to apply them to their own work. Class instruction includes screenings, group and individual projects, visiting professionals, critiques, and readings on the theories of prominent editors, filmmakers, and theorists, both historical and modern. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2

FILM 3050
Directing for Actors and Acting for Mediamakers
3cr.
Directing Actors is an acting class for directors. Students learn a variety of classic teaching methods including The Method by Stanislavski and contemporary techniques of acting for the camera. Students participate in acting exercises, observe one another’s abilities to stay in the moment, learn the vulnerabilities of being a professional actor, and prepare a complete scene for a final video project. Prerequisites: Intro to Film, Intro to Animation, or Intro to Comics

FILM 4000
Professional Practice
3cr.
The primary focus of this class is to provide media arts students with the tools that will enable them to enter professional practice immediately following graduation. Each student is required to produce a polished resume, artist statement, website, professional identity system, and portfolio. Topics include long-range goal creation and planning; financial, legal, and other business considerations; grant writing; and communication and marketing skills involving verbal, written, and visual presentations. Topics are presented through lectures, critiques, and presentations by experts in the field. Prerequisite: Junior standing

FILM 4010
Internship
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

FILM 5010
Advanced Filmmaking Seminar
3cr.
In Advanced Filmmaking Seminar, students complete semester-long projects with faculty guidance. Individualized consultations alternate with group lessons, screenings, readings, and critiques to address scriptwriting, idea development, character development, and style. The class includes instruction in the interface of film and video in post production. Students develop professional techniques for production planning and budgeting, scripting, casting, location, set etiquette, and editing. Advanced students complete a film that is ten minutes (minimum) in length. All students are required to assist other students in their productions and attend all classes. Papers and presentations on relevant artists, themes, and films are required contextual research. May be repeated. Prerequisites: All 3000-level filmmaking courses, successful Junior Review
FILM 5100  
Senior Project  
6cr.
During senior year, each media arts major is required to develop and complete a substantial work or body of work in his or her major. This course provides a forum for the critical evaluation of this work and curatorial guidance in preparation for the Commencement Exhibition. Course content includes critical readings, position paper, visiting artists, individual and group discussion, and informational meetings. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

MA 3045  
Studio and Set  
3cr.
This course is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the aesthetic, technical, theoretical, and conceptual issues related to artificial lighting used in the various aspects of still and moving image production. Technical information covered includes portrait lighting, studio set lighting, architectural lighting, electronic flash, continuous light, camera movement, blocking for actors, and color compensation. In addition to the technical and practical aspects of this course, students are expected and encouraged to develop a personal aesthetic and a conceptual foundation for their images. Prerequisite: Photography 1, or Introduction to Animation, or Introduction to Film, or Web + Screen

MA 3065  
Sound  
3cr.
Designed to acquaint students technically and conceptually with the medium of sound, this course provides a basic working vocabulary for understanding, discussing, and producing sounds. Topics covered include basic perceptual concepts and fundamentals of composing sound such as pitch, rhythm, duration, and volume. Students complete a series of assigned projects designed to demonstrate and assess competencies with microphones, studio recording, and digital editing, mixing, and processing. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2

Photography

MA 3045  
Studio and Set  
3cr.
This course is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the aesthetic, technical, theoretical, and conceptual issues related to artificial lighting used in the various aspects of still and moving image production. Technical information covered includes portrait lighting, studio set lighting, architectural lighting, electronic flash, continuous light, camera movement, blocking for actors, and color compensation. In addition to the technical and practical aspects of this course, students are expected and encouraged to develop a personal aesthetic and a conceptual foundation for their images. Prerequisite: Photography 1, or Introduction to Animation, or Introduction to Film, or Web + Screen

PH 2000  
Photography 1  
3cr.
This class introduces students to important ideas and work from the history of photography as a means of contextualizing and articulating their own work. Utilizing the digital photography workflow, Photography 1 moves from camera operation through Photoshop processing to various output formats from web to paper. Emphasis will be placed on the way decisions made at each step of this process contribute to photographic form, function, and meaning. Photography 1 consists of technical demonstrations, readings, visual lectures, and group and individual critiques. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1
PH 3015
Photography 2
3cr.
This course is a thorough exploration of the materials, processes, and techniques of analog photography. Students acquire a thorough working knowledge of roll film and large-format photography. This course emphasizes advanced understanding of negative exposure, film processing, tonal-range manipulation, digital scanning, and large-format output. Contemporary issues and concepts are explored through reading, visual research, and discussion and then applied through a series of visual problems. Students are evaluated on individual projects, critiques, a final portfolio, discussions, and quizzes. Prerequisite: Photography 1

PH 3035
Documentary Style
3cr.
This course is an introduction to documentary traditions and contemporary considerations in photography. Students access difficult subject matter and learn the ethics of real-world engagement through several long-term projects undertaken in the course. Students learn to research and write about their subject matter while using DSLR, analog, or video cameras to complete their assignments. Historical and contemporary issues are explored through readings and discussions. Students are evaluated on individual projects, critiques, a final portfolio, discussions, and quizzes. Prerequisite: Photography 1

PH 3050
Photo Book
3cr.
The central goal of this class is the understanding and shaping of photographic meaning through book conception and production. Projects and exercises develop skills in sequence, image layout, image and text relationships, and physicality. A major portion of the class is devoted to producing a book of one’s own work. Creative use of page layout software, refinement of digital printing techniques, and the use of online publishing software are explored. Activities also include critiques, image and book lectures, technical demonstrations, field trips, and student presentations. Prerequisite: Photography 1

PH 3055
Photographic Systems
3cr.
This course is designed to develop and expand the strategies of photographic representation through projects, readings, writing assignments, critiques, and visual image presentations. Photography is explored as a visualizing medium for related fields: sculpture, performance, literature, science, psychology, social media, etc. Contemporary interest in the materiality of photographic processes including non-camera image making and abstract photography are also explored. Attention to display possibilities as a means to construct context and shape meaning is emphasized. Digital and analog imaging techniques introduced in Photography 1 are further explored. Prerequisite: Photography 2, may be taken concurrently

PH 3060
Digital Photography Studio
3cr.
This course provides students with an opportunity to extend their knowledge and expertise of digital image making beyond what they have applied in previous photography classes. Through a series of in-depth demonstrations and lectures, students examine advanced issues of image capture, image enhancement, and image output. The course contains a series of assigned exercises and projects including a semester-long photographic portfolio project. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2
PH 3070  
Expanded Processes  
3cr.  
This course concentrates on hand-coated photographic prints using historic and contemporary chemical recipes and high UV light sources, including the sun. Using large--format negatives, students utilize a variety of processes, including cyanotype, salt print, palladium/platinum print, gum print, and liquid light. Emphasis is placed on chemistry, safety, and the relationship of print syntax to photographic meaning. Prerequisite: Photography 2

PH 4000  
Professional Practice  
3cr.  
The primary focus of this class is to provide media arts students with the tools that enable them to enter professional practice immediately following graduation. Each student is required to produce a polished resume, artist statement, website, professional identity system, and portfolio. Topics include long--range goal creation and planning; financial, legal and other business considerations; grant writing; and communication and marketing skills involving verbal, written, and visual presentations. Topics are presented through a series of lectures, critiques, and presentations by experts in the field. Prerequisite: Junior standing

PH 4010  
Internship  
3cr.  
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on--the--job skills. Internships may be arranged by the director of career services or initiated by students. All internships must be pre-approved through the MCAD Career Services Office and by the chair of the department. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three--credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Successful Junior Review

PH 5010  
Advanced Photography Seminar  
3cr.  
This course is designed to enable and support students working on independent projects in photography. Students are encouraged to articulate concerns and shape them into a body of work. Appropriate advanced technical skills and readings are introduced with particular attention to verbal and written critical skills. Critiques, image lectures, discussions, technical demos, student presentations, journals, and exhibition/publication submissions encourage individual investigation and creative expansion. Prerequisite: Successful Junior Review

PH 5100  
Senior Project  
6cr.  
During senior year, each media arts major is required to develop and complete a substantial body of work in his or her major. This course provides a forum for the critical evaluation of this work and curatorial guidance in preparation for the Commencement Exhibition. Course content includes critical readings, position paper, individual and group discussion, and informational meetings. Prerequisite: Senior standing

Web and Multimedia Environments

MA 3065  
Sound  
3cr.  
Designed to acquaint students technically and conceptually with the medium of sound, this course provides a basic working vocabulary for understanding, discussing, and producing sounds. Topics covered include basic perceptual concepts and fundamentals of composing sound such as pitch, rhythm, duration, and volume. Students complete a
series of assigned projects designed to demonstrate and assess competencies with microphones, studio recording, and digital editing, mixing, and processing. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2

WMM 3010
Installation + Performance
3cr.
This class offers an in-depth exploration of the art and design concepts related to physical space: whether defined as an art installation, live performance, museum exhibition design, or retail environment. Participants study a variety of points of intersection between human interaction, physical spaces/objects, and technology. A variety of sensing and tracking technologies are surveyed and implemented. High and low technologies are reviewed from the perspective of various modes of artist/performer/audience-customer interaction. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2

WMM 3020
Web + Screen
3cr.
Building on their initial exposure to web design and development in Foundation: Media 1 and 2, students engage in a thorough examination of current web-publishing standards, concepts, and development tools. Topics covered in this course range from web design and development—including Internet-based art practices, interactive screen-based publication formats, commercial websites, generative and algorithmic art, information design, and digital storytelling—to broader screen-based aesthetics and practices. Machine-to-machine as well as human-machine interactions are presented. Creative and investigative approaches to network-driven concepts are encouraged. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2

WMM 3030
Virtual Environments
3cr.
This class is concerned with virtual worlds developed entirely within the digital realm. Students learn how to write and develop ideas for nonlinear narratives and characters as well as how to build and/or modify fully functional virtual environments for single and multiple users. Issues covered include interface design, interaction, character design, animation, nonlinear structure, rules, and algorithms. Additionally, the class offers a thorough survey and study of programming concepts related to development of games and simulated environments. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2

WMM 3040
Coding Concepts
3cr.
This course further supplements the programming needs of students enrolled in all web and multimedia environments classes. Students are taught a range of practical programming skills and concepts and are exposed to the creative approach of recognizing programming and computational experimentation as an art medium. Coding structures, data organization, and generative and algorithmic strategies are emphasized. This course provides an opportunity for in-depth investigation of topics and programming problems of special interest to students developing interactive environments, multimedia installations, and screen-based works. Some topics covered include generative algorithms, data-mining, random events, interactive states, user input, physics, the systematic combination of media, and artificial intelligence. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2

WMM 4000
Professional Practice
3cr.
This course addresses processes needed to succeed in the contemporary professional field of interactive multimedia. Topics include interviewing, documentation, marketing and promotion, and the preparation of a professional portfolio. Guest lecturers cover business setup, copyright issues, and tax and legal documents. Visiting-artist presentations connect abstract information with real-world experience. Prerequisite: Junior standing
Internship
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All internships must be preapproved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite: Professional Practice

Advanced Installation + Performance
3cr.
This course expands the technical expertise, creative vocabulary, and conceptual sophistication of students interested in installation and performance. While working on substantially more complex and individualized projects, students are encouraged to develop a more personal direction and sensibility. Special emphasis is placed on an investigation of practical concerns related to positioning and implementation of the projects in specific environments such as galleries, museums, performance venues, or retail environments. Prerequisite: Installation + Performance

Advanced Web + Screen
3cr.
Building on the cumulative experiences of web and multimedia environments students, this course presents an opportunity for students to engage in and develop a more specific and individualized body of work in screen- and web-based practices. Critical class reviews and discussions, readings, lectures, and demonstrations support the development of large-scale projects. Students are encouraged to further identify and develop specific career goals in their field of practice. Prerequisite: Web + Screen

Advanced Virtual Environments
3cr.
This class provides students with an opportunity to further refine their creative, technical, and programmatic skills while working on larger-scale, sophisticated projects. Students engage in studies of theoretical, critical, and cultural concepts relevant to the design, development, implementation, and impact of games in contemporary society. Students are encouraged to investigate and identify their career plans and recognize their potential role in the context of the gaming industry. Specific career models and skill sets are discussed in relation to specialized aspects of game design and development. Prerequisite: Virtual Environments

Advanced WMM Seminar
3cr.
In this seminar students expand their understanding of practice within a cross-media platform. Students engage in intensive theoretical and critical studies in tandem with the development of advanced projects. Special emphasis is given to hybrid media and experimental exploration. Given that this course is open to all majors, students have an opportunity to engage and interact with those studying different fields, challenge and expand their knowledge and vocabulary, and gain a deeper understanding of interdisciplinary practice. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

Senior Project
6cr.
During senior year, each web and multimedia environments major is required to develop and complete a substantial project in a specific field of study. This course provides a forum for the critical evaluation of this work and curatorial guidance in preparation for the Commencement Exhibition. Course content includes critical readings, position paper,
individual and group discussion, informational meetings, and a presentation to the college on this work. Required for all seniors. Prerequisites: Successful Junior Review, senior standing

Online Courses for Media Arts Majors

VC 4208
Portfolio.net
3cr.
The web is the standard for the promotion of professionals, students, and artists alike. In this forum each participant generates a web-based portfolio. Through personal research, online discussions, video lectures, and experimentation students explore how Internet-specific designs can accomplish goals of promotion, communication, and art. Primary concerns are audience (designing for them with look/feel, technology, and bandwidth), identity (creating both a professional and personal feel), and impact (what you want your audience to do once they've visited your site). Students should have a comfortable working knowledge of their own computer and the Internet, as well as a familiarity with photo editing and design software. Experience with HTML, SFTP software, image scanning, and formatting are preferred, but not assumed. Time is spent working through basic and advanced Internet technologies. MCAD provides each student with a web account for the duration of the course. Prerequisite: Prior experience with image scanning and any photo editing and/or design software is highly recommended.

VS 2750
Books Unbound
3cr.
Books can provide all makers an exploration of image, text, and materials. Artists' books as a medium allows for pushing boundaries and expanding the definition of what a book is—whether it be graphic or conceptual, handmade or printed, narrative or stream-of-consciousness, photocopied or collaged, political or autobiographical, analog or digital. In this course theme-based projects are instigated by the faculty with media and materials selected by the student. For example, students make a virtual book, use found images, reinterpret a news event, and make a visual adaption of a poem, among other thematically focused assignments.

VS 2940
Master Critique
3cr.
In the online Master Critique class, high profile professionals conduct critique sessions drawing from their area of expertise. This is an opportunity to participate in a critique experience with practitioners who are unable to come to campus from locations outside of the Twin Cities. Expect critical dialogue, discussions of how studio work is related to historic and contemporary issues, technical and process advice, and self-discovery. Students submit a running visual progress report on a semester-long studio project as well as additional pop-up assignments assigned by the faculty. Leading questions and the structure of the critiques will be determined by the Master Class faculty. Work submitted to this class must be new work generated for this course based on both previous student work and additional assignments by the faculty.

Additional Courses for Media Arts Majors

ANIM 3012
Visual Effects Production
1cr.
This is the first of a two-part workshop that focuses on the production side of generating visual effects. In this workshop students create elements to be used in VFX scenes. Students are introduced to all major components of a VFX scene from film, 2D, and 3D elements to practical (real world) elements. Prerequisite: Introduction to Film and/or Introduction to Animation and/or Introduction to Graphic Design
ANIM 3015
Maya for Non-Animators
1cr.
This workshop helps non-animators gain a basic understanding of Maya software—how it works and how it can be incorporated into their practice. Topics covered include modeling objects, color, and light applications as well as rendering images. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

ANIM 3035
Visual Effects Post Production
1cr.
In the second half of this two-part workshop students learn how to manipulate background plates and incorporate additional elements such as green screen to both 2D and 3D. By the end of this workshop, students are able to assemble all of the elements collected in the Visual Effects Production workshop into a final product. Prerequisite: Introduction to Film and/or Introduction to Animation and/or Introduction to Graphic Design

ANIM 3061
Video Game Design with Unreal 4 (Game Engine)
1cr.
In this course students learn the basics of creating playable, first-person video game levels using the Unreal 4 game engine software. Students construct a basic level layout and learn simple theory regarding the design of those assets. Classroom activities include Unreal 4 tool demonstrations, design theory, lectures, gameplay video, and discussion regarding game design. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2 or faculty permission

ANIM 3062
Sound Design for Time-Based Media
1cr.
This course explores the use of sound as a major narrative and environmental component for visual time-based media including film, animation, game, and video installation. Through editing and manipulating audio to establish tone, space, realism (or surrealism), and intensity, students design sound that takes their visual work to the next level. The course covers the full range of sound design from single sound effects to six-channel ambience and from acquisition to final implementation. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

ANIM 3063
Surround Sound Mixing
1cr.
Sound effects, ambient tracks, foley, dialog, and music must work together to support any visual media and the secret to success is in the mix. This course provides students hands-on experience with mixing automation, equalization, compression, mastering, and final output in 5.1 surround sound using the M/LAB audio studio and exhibition space. Students create an array of challenging individual projects to increase their skills in mixing for auditorium, home theater, and gallery exhibition. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

ANIM 3066
Architectural Photography Workshop
1cr.
In this five-week entry-level architectural workshop students examine and apply lighting techniques for creating natural looking interiors and exteriors. Methods include the use of color balance for mixed lighting, tips and tools for exterior daylight timing, shooting at night, lighting interiors with natural and artificial light, lenses and equipment, developing an editorial style for shooting residential interiors, and set dressing. In addition, business practices related to architectural photography are analyzed. Students are required to produce a portfolio of images derived from the course projects. Prerequisite: Studio and Set (may be taken concurrently)
ANIM 3081
Experimental Animation: Material
1cr.
After a brief study of the history of process-oriented animation, students engage in experiments with camera and physical materials. Techniques may include but are not restricted to: direct animation on film stock, paint/sand/ink on backlit glass, pixilation, and straight-ahead improvisational drawing. With the vocabulary they develop, students plan and execute one larger structured piece. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

ANIM 3082
Experimental Animation: Digital
1cr.
After a brief study of software-based experimental film, students engage in experiments using the computer and software as laboratory tools. Students are taught motion graphics techniques in Adobe After Effects but are encouraged to work with whatever software is most familiar to them: Maya, Flash, Premiere, etc. With the vocabulary they develop, students plan and execute one larger structured piece. Prerequisites: Foundation: Media 1 and Experimental Animation: Material

ANIM 3083
Experimental Animation: Sound
1cr.
The history of experimental animation is rich with examples of “visual music,” responses in animation to an analysis of sound. In addition to conducting sound collage exercises, students work together as a group creating a visual compliment to Kurt Schwitters’s Ursonata. Prerequisites: Foundation: Media 1 and Experimental Animation: Material and Digital

FILM 3061
Video Game Design with Unreal 4 (Game Engine)
1cr.
In this course students learn the basics of creating playable, first-person video game levels using the Unreal 4 game engine software. Students construct a basic level layout and learn simple theory regarding the design of those assets. Classroom activities include Unreal 4 tool demonstrations, design theory, lectures, gameplay video, and discussion regarding game design. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2 or faculty permission

FILM 3062
Sound Design for Time-Based Media
1cr.
This course explores the use of sound as a major narrative and environmental component for visual time-based media including film, animation, game, and video installation. Through editing and manipulating audio to establish tone, space, realism (or surrealism), and intensity, students design sound that takes their visual work to the next level. The course covers the full range of sound design from single sound effects to six-channel ambience and from acquisition to final implementation. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

FILM 3063
Surround Sound Mixing
1cr.
Sound effects, ambient tracks, foley, dialog, and music must work together to support any visual media and the secret to success is in the mix. This course provides students hands-on experience with mixing automation, equalization, compression, mastering, and final output in 5.1 surround sound using the M/LAB audio studio and exhibition space. Students create an array of challenging individual projects to increase their skills in mixing for auditorium, home theater, and gallery exhibition. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1
FILM 3066
Architectural Photography Workshop
1cr.
In this five-week entry-level architectural workshop students examine and apply lighting techniques for creating natural looking interiors and exteriors. Methods include the use of color balance for mixed lighting, tips and tools for exterior daylight timing, shooting at night, lighting interiors with natural and artificial light, lenses and equipment, developing an editorial style for shooting residential interiors, and set dressing. In addition, business practices related to architectural photography are analyzed. Students are required to produce a portfolio of images derived from the course projects. Prerequisite: Studio and Set (may be taken concurrently)

FILM 3083
Advanced Post Production Workshop
1cr.
This five-week workshop provides students with an opportunity to explore advanced post production techniques and apply them to their time-based film and animation projects. Students workshop edits-in-progress. Topics covered include post production scheduling and coordination, advanced color grading, sound tracking and mixing, project archiving, project delivery, and editing refinement through critique and test screenings. Prerequisite: Junior standing

FILM 3084
Cinematography
1cr.
This workshop explores the role of a cinematographer during the production of a film. This includes choices in lighting, lens selection, and framing and movement as ways of both making and communicating. Students work on exercises, collaborate on group projects, view films, and discuss work.

FILM 3085
Handmade Cinema: Film, Camera, Darkroom, Projector
1cr.
This five-week workshop explores the medium of analog filmmaking in the tradition of the experimental and avant-garde. Focus is placed on the physicality of the film stock, the basic mechanics of the camera and projector, and how these elements translate into a visual language and aesthetic. This workshop balances the technical, conceptual, and historical aspects of small-gauge or amateur analog filmmaking and addresses what it means to work in this medium at the beginning of the 21st century. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

FILM 3087
Adobe After Effects Workshop
1cr.
In this workshop students receive an introduction to the vocabulary of motion design, its uses, and its applications and methodologies through one of the main industry-standard tools: Adobe After Effects. This five-week course covers the fundamentals of this animation and compositing program, as well as a few advanced techniques, through a series of short animation assignments. Assignments span a gamut of styles, techniques, and skills needed to have a basic working knowledge of After Effects and a basic understanding of what this vast and robust program can do. Additional topics include: working with sound and video, compositing, special effects, animated type, working with 2D elements like photographs or illustration, working in three-dimensional space, etc. Basic working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator are helpful. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2

FILM 5010
Advanced Film Seminar
Special Topic: The Mystery Behind the Screens—The Art of Motion Picture
3cr.
This course includes a complete overview of producing for feature films, short films, commercials, television, and web. It explores the various roles of a producer and the producer’s team—production managers, associate producers, and assistant directors. Students are given the ability to successfully analyze problems and to develop
solutions related to financing, time constraints, budget, equipment, and weather. Prerequisites: All 3000-level filmmaking courses, successful Junior Review

MA 3005
Art, Media, and the Archive
3cr.
This team-taught course explores the relationship between art, media, and archiving practices. Students consider the question of the archive in the context of digitized media and analyze the potential and promise of digital archiving in relation to questions of power and knowledge. Students develop either group or individual projects to be housed within the Internet Archive, a nonprofit organization that works with libraries, institutions, and individuals to amass digital information for the use of researchers, activists, and the public. Inspired by media theory and methods, including media ecology and media archaeology, and art practices that involve archive construction and archival practices, students create new content by working with mined material from existing historical records, as well as create new documents reflecting the contemporary moment. Students learn to see themselves as agents shaping cultural memory for future use both by participating in and questioning processes of storage, access, communication, and curation of media. Prerequisites: Foundation: Writing and Inquiry or Reading and Writing 2, Foundation: Media 1

PH 3061
Video Game Design with Unreal 4 (Game Engine)
1cr.
In this course students learn the basics of creating playable, first-person video game levels using the Unreal 4 game engine software. Students construct a basic level layout and learn simple theory regarding the design of those assets. Classroom activities include Unreal 4 tool demonstrations, design theory, lectures, gameplay video, and discussion regarding game design. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2 or faculty permission

PH 3062
Sound Design for Time-Based Media
1cr.
This course explores the use of sound as a major narrative and environmental component for visual time-based media including film, animation, game, and video installation. Through editing and manipulating audio to establish tone, space, realism (or surrealism), and intensity, students design sound that takes their visual work to the next level. The course covers the full range of sound design from single sound effects to six-channel ambience and from acquisition to final implementation. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

PH 3063
Surround Sound Mixing
1cr.
Sound effects, ambient tracks, foley, dialog, and music must work together to support any visual media and the secret to success is in the mix. This course provides students hands-on experience with mixing automation, equalization, compression, mastering, and final output in 5.1 surround sound using the M/LAB audio studio and exhibition space. Students create an array of challenging individual projects to increase their skills in mixing for auditorium, home theater, and gallery exhibition. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

PH 3066
Architectural Photography Workshop
1cr.
In this five-week entry-level architectural workshop students examine and apply lighting techniques for creating natural looking interiors and exteriors. Methods include the use of color balance for mixed lighting, tips and tools for exterior daylighting, shooting at night, lighting interiors with natural and artificial light, lenses and equipment, developing an editorial style for shooting residential interiors, and set dressing. In addition, business practices related to architectural photography are analyzed. Students are required to produce a portfolio of images derived from the course projects. Prerequisite: Studio and Set (may be taken concurrently)
PH 3082
Intermediate Post-Production Workshop
1cr.
This five-week workshop concentrates on digital photography skills required to produce the highest quality digital prints. Topics extend the technical skills introduced in Photography 1, including: image capture using digital cameras, color, and black-and-white film scanning; image enhancement through color correction and image retouching; and image output through the digital inkjet printing process. This course consists of demonstrations, in-class exercises, problem-solving discussions, and critiques.

PH 3083
Advanced Post-Production, Digital Photography
1cr.
This five-week workshop expands on knowledge acquired in Intermediate Post-Production Workshop with an emphasis on advanced digital post-production to include workflow protocol and retouching skills. This course consists of demonstrations, in-class exercises, problem solving discussions, and critiques.

PH 3085
DSLR Video Production
1cr.
This five-week workshop explores in-depth the tools and techniques for using DSLR cameras and accessories to produce high quality video for a variety of purposes including filmmaking, installation, documentation, and more. The topic will be covered in a cross-disciplinary fashion and students from all majors are encouraged to enroll. Through demonstrations, lectures, and hands-on exercises, students examine critical considerations such as choosing and outfitting a DSLR camera rig, lens selection, microphones and sound recording, production planning, post production editing and color grading, and final video exporting and delivery. Students complete a final assignment designed to demonstrate an understanding of the material covered.

PH 5010
Advanced Photography Seminar
Special Topic: Object as Subject Fall 2014
3cr.
This course considers various approaches to the representation of objects through photography. Building on the notion that objects/things are variously sites of creative invention and unnecessary waste, the embodiment of cultural values, needs, goals, and symbols, and conveyors of history and memory, students explore various approaches to photographic representation of objects. In so doing students stretch the definitions of what constitutes a photograph and challenge ideas about photography. Class sessions include non-camera indexical image production, strategies of still life, object-image recontextualization, object construction, crossover with sculpture and other art-making activities, as well as related studio practices and are coupled with readings, assignments, object journal, slide lectures, field trips, critiques, and discussion. Picture technologies include the full range of current photographic tools including analog and digital, simple object making, and still-life lighting. Prerequisites: Introduction to Photography, one 3000-level class.

PH 5010
Advanced Photography Seminar
Special Topic: Photographic Time/Cinematic Event
3cr.
Concentrating on both photographic and cinematic histories, this seminar examines the relationship between still and moving images and the artists that explore time through their work. Focusing on digital video and installation techniques, students explore the critical issues of idea generation, process, and reception with an eye toward experimentation. Critiques, discussions, readings, writing, visual lectures, and field trips augment assignments and projects as well as a technical foundation in the use of the digital video lab and cameras. Prerequisite: Approval by faculty.
PH 5010  
Advanced Photography Seminar  
Special Topic: Surveys and Archives  
3cr.
This course investigates the survey as a documentary practice and the archive as a form of photographic expression. Students study historical and contemporary examples, examine best practices, and construct an analog and/or digital archive as a final project. Course activities include lectures, field trips, readings, technical tutorials, and individual and group written and oral critiques. Prerequisites: Three 3000-level photography courses, successful Junior Review

VC 4690  
Street Lab  
3cr.
This class does not meet at MCAD. It is conducted entirely outside of the school environment. For the duration of the class, the city becomes the studio, where observation, exploration, inspiration, and interventions of varying sorts take place. Students of art and design practicing in any media are encouraged to participate. Individually and as a group, students roam urban and rural environments armed with cameras (photo and video) and other gear (or none at all) that might be useful for creating and documenting/capturing various "engagements." The course is guided by four primary goals: One, to reconsider the definition of the art studio (where art is made vs. where it could be made); Two, to reconsider the definition of artwork (precious art object vs. temporary ephemeral occurrences); Three, to reconsider the differences between life and art (art in your life vs. your life in art); and Four, to directly affect the world with work. Work produced in the above framework may range from manipulation of found, natural, and/or machine-hand-made objects and materials to temporary installations or sculptures to situations, performances, and actions executed in public spaces.

VC 4695  
Collaborative Processes  
3cr.
This two-week summer intensive course is an interdisciplinary exploration, examination, and activation of the collaborative process in art/design making. Participants produce an overarching project with each student contributing to both form and content. Students generate themes, materials, and outcomes through a variety of cooperative ventures taking place throughout the Twin Cities as well as within MCAD's campus. Students strengthen their ability to communicate, problem solve, and enhance their leadership skills. As a group, students plan, curate, and produce an exhibition as part of the collaborative engagement. This workshop is open to all majors. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

WMM 3015  
Exploring Non-linear Narrative in Experimental Video and Installation  
Two-Week Summer Intensive  
3cr.
In this course students explore the creation of non-linear narratives through the integration of video/audio techniques, interactive software, installation, and written material. Class meetings address issues of ideation and process and provide significant in-class studio time to allow students to work on projects in an faculty-supported environment. Exercises and prompts facilitate students' project development and individual conferences and small group workshops help them hone and deepen their conceptual and technical work. In addition to time spent in the studio, students work outside, capturing imagery and inspiration from the local built and natural environment, as well as working hands-on with visiting artists from the Walker Art Center and the Northern Spark Festival (a world-class event that focuses on Minnesota-based artists, pushes the boundaries of contemporary art, and transforms the urban environment into a city-wide art gallery). Questions such as the following will be addressed: How much visual information do you need in order to communicate an idea? How can you communicate in visually indirect ways without simply showing a literal representation? What role does the surrounding environment play?
WMM 3061
Video Game Design with Unreal 4 (Game Engine)
1cr.
In this course students learn the basics of creating playable, first-person video game levels using the Unreal 4 game engine software. Students construct a basic level layout and learn simple theory regarding the design of those assets. Classroom activities include Unreal 4 tool demonstrations, design theory, lectures, gameplay video, and discussion regarding game design. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 2 or faculty permission

WMM 3062
Sound Design for Time-Based Media
1cr.
This course explores the use of sound as a major narrative and environmental component for visual time-based media including film, animation, game, and video installation. Through editing and manipulating audio to establish tone, space, realism (or surrealism), and intensity, students design sound that takes their visual work to the next level. The course covers the full range of sound design from single sound effects to six-channel ambience and from acquisition to final implementation. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

WMM 3063
Surround Sound Mixing
1cr.
Sound effects, ambient tracks, foley, dialog, and music must work together to support any visual media and the secret to success is in the mix. This course provides students hands-on experience with mixing automation, equalization, compression, mastering, and final output in 5.1 surround sound using the M/LAB audio studio and exhibition space. Students create an array of challenging individual projects to increase their skills in mixing for auditorium, home theater, and gallery exhibition. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

WMM 3066
Architectural Photography Workshop
1cr.
In this five-week entry-level architectural workshop students examine and apply lighting techniques for creating natural looking interiors and exteriors. Methods include the use of color balance for mixed lighting, tips and tools for exterior daylight timing, shooting at night, lighting interiors with natural and artificial light, lenses and equipment, developing an editorial style for shooting residential interiors, and set dressing. In addition, business practices related to architectural photography are analyzed. Students are required to produce a portfolio of images derived from the course projects. Prerequisite: Studio and Set (may be taken concurrently)

WMM 3081
Max/MSP/Jitter Workshop: Introduction to Visual Programming
1cr.
This five-week workshop dives head first into the world of Max/MSP/Jitter, a visual programming and software development tool. Students create applications that dynamically generate sound, on-screen visuals, manipulate video, and combine multiple types of media. This workshop is intended to build comfort with Max/MSP and the visual programming workflow. Prerequisite: Web + Screen

WMM 3082
Arduino Workshop: Introduction to Physical Computing
1cr.
This workshop provides an introduction to the Arduino electronics prototyping platform. Students engage the Arduino system through the processing programming language and/or Max/MSP and learn basic electronic circuits through the use of transistors, resistors, sensors, motors, and more. This workshop is intended to be the first step toward connecting ideas between the computer and physical world. Prerequisite: Web + Screen
WMM 3085  
**Experimental Sound Design**  
1cr.
This hands-on workshop emphasizes creative practice as a way to explore the tangible properties of sound and learn a foundation of technical skills for working with it. Students complete a series of individual and collaborative projects that explore both performance and recording. The class uses digital recording tools to capture and edit work, but focus is placed on ways to physically produce and manipulate sounds outside of the computer (with bodies and an array of tools, both hand-made and high-tech). Whether students are interested in music performance, sound effects for film, or sonic sculpture, this workshop introduces an array of hybrid techniques for audio investigation.  
Prerequisite: Media One

WMM 5040  
**Advanced WMM Seminar**  
**Special Topic: Class in Residence**  
3cr.
Class in Residence will use Mia and its surrounding environs as a meeting place, catalyst, and site of production for art and ideas. Public spaces, private areas, collections, staff, audience, and a range of unanticipated resources invite students to create work with the contemporary art center serving as a hybrid art school, studio, laboratory, and urban public sphere. The class meets at Mia. Prerequisite: Approval by faculty

WMM 5040  
**Advanced WMM Seminar**  
**Special Topic: Class in Residence**  
3cr.
Class in Residence uses the Walker Art Center, outdoor campus (Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and Open Field), and surrounding environs as a meeting place, catalyst, and site of production for art and ideas. Public spaces, private areas, collections, staff, audience, and a range of unanticipated resources invite students to create work with the contemporary art center serving as a hybrid art school, studio, laboratory, and urban public sphere. The class, which is itself a kind of experiment, begins each week by meeting at the Walker Art Center. Prerequisite: Approval by faculty

WMM 5040  
**Advanced WMM Seminar**  
**Special Topic: Mobile App Design**  
1cr.
This is a collaborative, project-based course focused on hands-on development of a mobile app for iOS. Students work with software developers and client representatives/project managers as they develop an understanding of the importance of user experience and user interface design unique to mobile devices. They learn such practices as paper prototyping, screen-based prototyping, screen layout and graphics preparation for mobile app use, and how to integrate their design work with the developer's programming. In the process, they become familiar with the nature of collaboration and the necessity for strong communication and project management.
Bachelor of Science

Entrepreneurial Studies

*Courses with an ES/HS prefix are cross-listed with BFA Humanities and Sciences and will fulfill those requirements as indicated for BFA students.*

**ES 1160**
*Color Marketing and Forecasting*
1cr.
Choosing the right color for a product, website, or brand identity program might at first seem like a frivolous concern, but research has shown that the reaction to color is emotionally based, and it has a direct impact on consumer choice. Color is one of the most powerful selling tools available to the designer and marketing professional. It is important to know from a commercial aspect the way color can spell success or failure for a package, poster, logo, display, or digital or retail store environment. This course is designed to expose students to the realm of color marketing. Students gain a basic understanding of color strategies used in brand identity and product design. Successive classes culminate with students creating their own color forecast study and collage based upon findings and ideas taught in class. Weekly topics include: the personality and language of color, the role of demographics in defining cultural color preferences, color in branding and corporate identity, packaging, product and website design, retail color, and future trends and influences. Required hardware: flatbed scanner or a digital camera properly configured to work with your computer. Required software: experience with design software is helpful but not required. (If not comfortable with design software such as Adobe Illustrator, please be prepared to draw out ideas in other ways, such as with pencil on paper.)

**ES 1501**
*Creative and Critical Thinking*
3cr.
This course is designed to help students enhance their creativity as they apply it to their own areas of visual communication and/or entrepreneurial studies. Various problem-solving techniques are examined. Topics explored include creativity (what it is, what enhances it, what can inhibit it), how to confront the creative void and take the next step, creativity and time, creatively working with others, and contrasts and complementary aspects of the creative vs. critical mind (how they can be made to work together).

**ES 1935**
*Biological Systems*
3cr.
The science of biology, its methods, and its contexts provide insights into the commonalities of patterning in the natural and social worlds. Biology as a life science reveals nature’s endless capacity to evolve within changing environments. System thinking helps students explore the complexities of the natural world and human societies. Students learn concepts and approaches to scientific inquiry and taxonomy based on observation and through practical experience.

**ES 2100**
*Arts Entrepreneurship Essentials*
1cr.
Arts Entrepreneurship Essentials is a fast-paced introduction to the process of ideation, development, preparation, and presentation required to launch a creative venture. The course emphasizes the basic strategies successful artists and designers use to assess the viability of creative ventures. Students develop their own ideas for creative ventures and are guided through the steps to refine ideas; identify clients or markets; perform basic budgeting; determine funding opportunities; consider marketing, production, and distribution; and practice in pitching and presenting creative ventures. Prerequisite: Completion of 12 credits
ES 3025  
**Marketing Concepts and Analytics**  
3cr.  
This course focuses on the theory and practice of marketing. Dissecting the emergence and role of marketing in society, students develop an understanding of marketing processes and terms. Through researching existing companies and developing a marketing strategy to support these organizations, students learn the importance of market segments, target audiences, and demographics. The course also examines how psychology and consumer behavior influence both marketers and consumers and the growing role that data plays in companies’ marketing strategies.

ES/HS 3235  
**Innovation and Progress**  
3cr.  
Creativity inspires innovative problem solving. This course explores the conditions of innovation and examines technological advances and the social and cultural conditions needed for innovations to be adopted. Students ideate innovations to solve problems large and small while considering social and environmental impacts. Students’ projects demonstrate the power of innovative thinking and its application to create change. This course fulfills a Histories, Places and Philosophies requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

ES/HS 3240  
**Copywriting**  
3cr.  
This course covers basic concepts of copywriting, including the relationships between image and text, concept and tagline, and media and message. Students concept, write, and revise while studying various contemporary case studies of the creative process of copywriting. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement for Humanities and Sciences. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry

ES/HS 3242  
**Writing for the Voice**  
3cr.  
This course explores the power of the spoken word. Students integrate the voice with visual communication utilized on social media platforms, the internet, TV, radio, and so forth, and attend recording studio sessions with professional voiceover talent. Students write various pieces for the voice and attain the skills necessary to develop any audio broadcast assignment from concept stage through final air-quality production without supervision. This course fulfills the Creative and Professional Writing requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students. Prerequisite: Writing and Inquiry

ES 3301  
**Account Planning and Management**  
3cr.  
Students in this course study the planning process to uncover the marketing insights that make consumers take notice and change their behavior to meet an objective. Account planners are the voice of the consumer within business. They constitute the crucial link between client objectives, account management, and the creative development team. Account planners are inherently curious strategists that are particularly attuned to the emotions and thoughts of the target audience and demographics. They are driven to obtain and analyze key kernels of knowledge to make advertising campaigns successful. Students leave with a better understanding of the backroom reasons why advertising and marketing decisions are made before the creative begins.

ES 3354  
**Futures for Societies and Individuals**  
3cr.  
This course explores the scientific, technological, and social forces that shape society, life, and work.
Thinking in systems, students research the existing state of specific topics to develop forecasts for society’s future. The first half of the semester focuses on society while the second half explores framing the individual student’s goals and aspirations. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

**ES 3360**  
**Leadership and Professional Development**  
3cr.  
Leadership and professional development are essential to creating and running teams, working with clients, and managing elements of creative projects or businesses. This course introduces students to methods of self-discovery that inform attentive and collaborative leaders. Students examine methods of leadership used for working on creative projects and investigate how the understanding of team dynamics and change management can be used to foster a productive team in a creative work environment. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

**ES 3370**  
**Financing Innovation**  
3cr.  
Grant writing, crowdfunding, and project proposals all require both creative and financial narratives. Students in this course develop the essential financial skills needed for grant writing, crowdfunding, creative proposals, arts-based businesses, consulting, and agency budgeting. Student-developed project proposals are written with matching budget projections, and a variety of funding sources are explored. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

**ES 3414**  
**Infographics: Visualizing Data**  
3cr.  
Collecting data is easier than ever before, and making sense of that data seems harder than ever. This course covers techniques of data analysis and visualization. Students develop visual literacy and explore the information experience and the history, theory, and methods for graphical presentation of data. Experience in Adobe Illustrator is helpful. Prerequisite: Foundation: Media 1

**ES 3430**  
**Human Factors**  
3cr.  
Human behavior is at the center of all art, design, and business. This interdisciplinary course combines physical, psychological, social, and cultural aspects of the human animal. Students in this course apply this information to find new ways of expression in their personal work. Throughout the second half of the semester, students test this new knowledge by collaborating with clients on real projects, ranging from product design, to communications, to community and environmental wellness. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

**ES 3825**  
**Client Studio**  
3cr.  
In the professional world, projects are successfully completed through the efforts of teams by effective leadership, collaboration, planning, innovation, structure, and flexibility. In this course, students experience the processes and approaches that are used while working with a team on real-world client projects such as websites, multimedia presentations, and environmental design. Coaches serve as mentors to guide teams in the project’s process throughout the semester. This course is open to second-year BSc students and BFA students with junior or senior standing. This course must be taken concurrently with ES 3850 Project Tracking.

**ES 3850**  
**Project Management**  
3cr.  
This course is a study of modern management techniques and systems needed to execute a project from start to finish, to achieve predetermined objectives of scope, quality, time and budgetary cost, to the equal satisfaction of those involved. Relevant speakers, technical readings/discussions, and practical work on concurrent projects
underway elsewhere in the curriculum prepare students for responsible and successful project planning and
navigation in their careers. This course must be taken concurrently with ES 3825 Client Studio.

ES/HS 3852
Creating and Running a Business
3cr.
This course covers the nuts and bolts of starting and managing a business from crafting a business concept, to
analyzing market demand, to developing a marketing strategy, to establishing a legal entity as well as key elements
of financing, budgeting, operating, and growing a business. In a workshop setting, students examine various types of
arts- and design-related businesses and the range of issues associated with each as well as key aspects of
freelancing, building a business firm, and growing a business operation. Through case studies and hands-on projects,
students learn all the elements of a successful business enterprise. This course fulfills a Scientific and Quantitative
Reasoning requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students. Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing

ES/HS 3853
Economics for Artists and Designers
3cr.
This course combines basic economic principles with tools from the discipline of urban and regional economics. It
focuses on ways in which artists and designers contribute to the prosperity of their city, and shows how their work can
contribute to the economic success of potential employers, customers, or clients. This course fulfills a Scientific and
Quantitative Reasoning requirement in Humanities and Sciences for BFA students.

ES 3857
Aesthetics of Sustainability
3cr.
This course looks at how can we use our creative powers to “meet the needs of the present without compromising the
ability of future generations to meet their own needs” in line with the goals of sustainable development. Designed for
students from all MCAD disciplines, this course reviews a brief history of sustainability through the lens of creativity
and visual aesthetics. Students will examine existing sustainability frameworks that seek to balance the social,
environmental, and economic goals of the world we live in. The course also looks at current events and terminology
related to climate science, social equity, and the circular economy. Throughout the second half of the semester,
students work in teams with clients to find solutions for aspects of sustainability for individuals, citizens, and
consumers.

ES 4000
Professional Practice
3cr.
This course assists juniors and seniors in preparing for and finding their careers. Students explore techniques to land
their dream job, develop creative resumes, create and update professional portfolios, and gain experience networking
in order to broaden connections from which to get a job. Students explore processes around personal branding,
social media best practices, marketing their unique skills, and talking about what they do. This course is for students
who are concentrating on finding a job with an organization as well as those who are creating their own job in the
creative economy. Prerequisite: BS junior or senior status or faculty permission

ES 4010
Internship
3cr.
Internships provide an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in a particular career area and valuable
on-the-job skills. Internships may be arranged by the Director of Career Services or initiated by students. All
internships must be pre-approved through the Career Services Office. For an internship to be approved, a mentor
relationship and learning experience should exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit internships
require working 120 hours at the internship site and keeping a journal of hours and activities. Prerequisite:
Professional Practice
ES 5103
Entrepreneurship Studio
3cr.

Entrepreneurship is about more than starting a business; it's a mindset used to create change. Entrepreneurship Studio offers students the unique opportunity to acquire and apply the advanced concepts needed to prepare to launch an arts-based business, a social venture, or their careers. This capstone course allows students working alone or in teams to develop a semester-long project, evolve and evaluate ideas, conduct extensive research, and determine the project's viability. Student projects culminate in an installation and presentation. Graduating seniors may create individual installations as part of the senior show. Faculty provides coaching for individuals or teams to help focus their ideas, develop a clear value proposition, and generate a clear business plan. Prerequisites: Juniors or Seniors from all majors welcome; completion of or concurrent enrollment in one or more of the following courses required: Creating and Running a Business, and/or Financing Innovation, and/or Economics for Artists and Designers, and/or Marketing Concepts and Analytics
Master of Fine Arts

GRLA 7011
Interrogating the Modern
3cr.
A primary concern for artists and designers is the ability to narrate, analyze, and discuss the contexts of their own work in relationship to historical and Modernist discourse. This course introduces and analyzes the visual and textual methods and theories through which artists and designers work and understand the meanings of “art” and “design.” This investigation provides the basis for students to think of themselves and their ideas as belonging to histories of culture and work. Through a seminar-style method of readings, discussion, assignments, and studio visits with the faculty, students position themselves and their work through the context of histories and cultures. This course also serves to provide students a forum for developing and utilizing art and design vocabulary when critiquing each other’s studio work.

GRLA 7012
Entering the Contemporary Field
3cr.
Students build upon their interrogation of the historical discourse of Modern art and design and enhance their skills in critique and analysis in the articulation of works of 21st century Contemporary art and design as the context for their own work. To be able to identify the discursive, artistic, and cultural ground in which their work will be understood, necessitates that students learn to better present their own works through an expansion of discursive concepts. The course fosters literacy and imparts a vocabulary of contemporary theories, forms, and practices. Students read and discuss the contemporary cultural and critical theories used to analyze and critique contemporary art and design, and identify specific theories that inform their practice. Through focused assignments requiring a critical and analytical response, they will achieve deeper understanding of their place as makers within their Contemporary cultural discourses and the stakes of their practice. This course will prepare the student for the Mid-program Review.

GRLA 7013
Researching the Thesis: Methods for Drafting, and Revision
3cr.
This course is designed to help students articulate the theoretical basis of their work and write artist or designer statements requiring a critical assessment of their practice in relation to acknowledged contemporary works and culture. Students write a “Statement of Practice,” a final essay concerning the context, the content, and the theoretical and conceptual influences of their current work. This constellation of concerns is then collated into a cogent thesis statement on the nature of the student’s current practice. Using the assistance of mentors, faculty, critics, and peers in the formation of a thesis statement of practice, students leave this course with a refined and practical aid for their final thesis paper and assumption of the professional life beyond the MFA studio.

GRLA 7014
Writing and Presenting the Final Thesis Paper
3cr.
The initial emphasis of this course is devoted to refining the student’s Public Presentation of their Thesis Proposal. The balance of this course is designed to guide students through the process of Final Thesis development. Students will complete their required thesis paper under the guidance of their mentor and their Thesis Committee with support from this class, which assists students in the timely completion of recommended revisions. Finally, this course guides graduate candidates through the process of finalizing the Thesis Paper after their defense to meet the requirements for submission of their Final Thesis Paper to the college.
GRLA 7015
Graduate Thesis Paper Class
3 cr.
Students complete their required thesis paper under the guidance of their mentor with support from this class. Process is guided by the graduate candidate in consultation with their mentor and the Thesis/Exhibition Review Committee. This requirement is for graduate candidates in their final semester. Students may take this class or enroll in 7014 Graduate Thesis Paper with Mentor.

GRLA 7016
Graduate Teaching Seminar: Theory and Methods
2cr.
This two-week summer intensive exposes students to teaching and learning theories and history as they develop professional practice skills. The seminar introduces graduate students to general teaching pedagogy, course planning, resources, classroom and course management, levels of learning, and critique methodology. The course prepares graduate students for fall semester teaching assistantship positions and post-degree teaching. This seminar is taught in conjunction with a subsequent semester assisting with teaching and attending bi-weekly sessions with the MFA teaching assistant cohort. See GRLA 7017.

GRLA 7017
Graduate Teaching Practicum
1cr.
This semester-long practicum is part of the Graduate Teaching package. Students who completed the seminar coursework of GRLA 7016 over the summer are placed as teaching assistants with an appropriate faculty member in a fall studio course. During the teaching assistant semester, graduate students meet every other week to discuss and troubleshoot classroom issues while serving as TAs and develop professional practices documents and strategies for teaching job applications, including teaching philosophies, teaching resumes, cover letters, and interviews. Prerequisite: Graduate Teaching Seminar: Theory and Methods

GRST 7002
Graduate Critique Seminar (Semester One)
3 cr.
The Graduate Critique Seminar provides all graduate students structured group critiques of their work and that of their peers. Students develop a methodology of critique and the ability to discuss work across disciplines. A rotation of guest artists, designers, and critics visit throughout the semester. The visitors present their own work and discuss their practice and then participate in student critiques. Each student has a minimum of two formal critiques each semester with options for additional critiques throughout the semester as time permits. The seminar includes contemporary readings and conversations about contemporary art, successful critiquing strategies, and methods for describing intent, content, meaning, and form of presented artwork.

GRST 7003
Graduate Critique Seminar (Semester Two)
3 cr.
The Graduate Critique Seminar provides all graduate students structured group critiques of their work and that of their peers. Students develop a methodology of critique and the ability to discuss work across disciplines. A rotation of guest artists, designers, and critics visit throughout the semester. The visitors present their own work and discuss their practice and then participate in student critiques. Each student has a minimum of two formal critiques each semester with options for additional critiques throughout the semester as time permits. The seminar includes contemporary readings and conversations about contemporary art, successful critiquing strategies, and methods for describing intent, content, meaning, and form of presented artwork.
GRST 7004
Graduate Critique Seminar (Semester Three)
3 cr.
The Graduate Critique Seminar provides all graduate students structured group critiques of their work and that of their peers. Students develop a methodology of critique and the ability to discuss work across disciplines. A rotation of guest artists, designers, and critics visit throughout the semester. The visitors present their own work and discuss their practice and then participate in student critiques. Each student has a minimum of two formal critiques each semester with options for additional critiques throughout the semester as time permits. The seminar includes contemporary readings and conversations about contemporary art, successful critiquing strategies, and methods for describing intent, content, meaning, and form of presented artwork.

GRST 7018
Graduate Thesis Exhibition
3 cr.
This capstone project is the completion of the student’s required studio work for the Thesis Exhibition under the guidance of his or her mentor in preparation for the final thesis review. Graduate candidates navigate this process in consultation with their mentor and the Thesis/Exhibition Review Committee.

GRST GM99
Mentored Credits
6-9 cr.
Mentorship is regarded as the core of the MCAD graduate curriculum. Each semester the student and mentor determine its content, which is summarized in a Learning Contract in context with the student Long-Range Learning Plan. Students work one-on-one with their mentor in the advancement of studio work, studio research, and professional practice. Mentor Credits coursework is structured to facilitate discussions and assess goals on a weekly basis. Credits may also include attending visiting-artist/designer lectures, exhibitions and workshops, audited courses, seminars, and internship and externship opportunities.
Master of Arts

Graphic and Web Design

GWD 6405
Design in Context
3cr.
Because the outlines of the profession continually change, the graphic designer must know how to integrate an understanding of visual literacy with broad-based cultural knowledge. This seminar examines the theoretical basis of graphic design, defining basic concepts and vocabulary used within the profession, such as information architecture, pattern-recognition, grids, proportion, rhythm, sequence, and gestalt. In addition, the course explores the contemporary history of graphic design from the mid-nineteenth century to the present, with an emphasis on cross-disciplinary inspiration, varied cultural influences, technological innovation, and expanded applications. Great emphasis is placed on thorough research as an integral part of the ideation process. Throughout the course, weekly exercises and small projects that build on one another provide the student with a comprehensive understanding of the discipline of graphic design.

GWD 6420
Typography
3cr.
This course incorporates research, ideation, and application within large-scale branding, publications, signage, mapping projects, and identity systems. Students investigate conceptual possibilities utilizing research; knowledge of historical and contemporary perspectives; experimental strategies using hand tools and digital software; and personalized design methodologies. Identification of real-world challenges and typographic solutions are explored through professional experiences with external designers. The assignments challenge students to develop and apply visual sensibilities through original solutions. Projects are designed to advance the understanding of how typography can be used to articulate meaning as it relates to a variety of topics including typographic and language systems, identity, conceptual narratives, and sequential implementation.

GWD 6610
Web Development
3cr.
In this course students learn how to create visually appealing, well-organized web pages using the fundamental languages for creating content and style on the web: HTML and CSS. The class begins with HTML and is introduced to tags, links, lists, tables, forms, web standards (old, new, and evolving), and the foundation of web page construction. Using CSS, students then apply style sheets to HTML, using fonts, colors, divs, spans, layout, and positioning to create a well-crafted web page.

GWD 6620
Programming for the Web
3cr.
This course introduces the fundamentals of programming using the language of the web, JavaScript. Students explore topics through a variety of projects, including creating interactive web components and building a simple web application. The course progresses towards a student-selected final programming project. Topics include program and data structures, objects and arrays, functions, bugs and error handling, the Document Object Model (DOM), event handling, drawing using HTML5 canvas, data fetching, and using common libraries and tools.

GWD 6810
Design Studio
3cr.
Design Studio focuses on the development of research-oriented projects with logical design solutions for broad audiences ranging from personal initiatives to public forums. The culmination of students’ knowledge and skillsets is
further refined throughout the long-form research, studio projects, and portfolio with a focus on the final project that is completed parallel with the Capstone course. Networking strategies are utilized to connect with industry representatives and a professional practice strategy is implemented.

GWD 7410
Web Design
3cr.
In this course, students will apply both traditional and web-specific concepts, best practices, and strategies as they learn advanced concepts and skills in web design. Topics covered include: advanced techniques for page layouts; building responsive web pages; and universal design concepts. From concept to delivery, students will work to develop a fully developed website, through each step of the design process including ideation, wireframing, using advanced design tools and techniques, and preparing and presenting a design for client review. Students will complete a final web design project and continue building and refining their web portfolio. Prerequisites: Typography, Web Development

GWD 7415
Motion Design
3cr.
This course focuses on movement with a time-based application of established graphic form to enhance communication delivery. Through broadcast, video, and web technology-based practices, students advance their capstone project proposal as part of a multi-faceted design approach. Animation and motion graphics are utilized as practical solutions to ongoing design challenges.

GWD 7460
User Experience Design
3cr.
In this course students will acquire the basic UX design skills, including: methods of conducting user and stakeholder research, persona and scenario development, and content organization techniques. An overview of the best practices in the field will also be explored.

GWD 7800
Capstone
3cr.
In consultation with faculty and the coordinator, students complete a final project as a culmination of research and studio work that has been assembled and produced throughout their progression in the program. The project is documented and presented as part of a final web portfolio displaying and articulating the arrival at a solution to an in-depth design problem. Features of the project and process are utilized to discuss best practices for career networking, client communication, and connecting with an audience.
Sustainable Design

SD 6500
Fundamentals of Sustainable Design
3cr.
In this foundational course students are introduced to hands-on and holistic approaches to sustainability. This course covers current sustainability frameworks, principles, and materials assessments, as well as the history and logic behind them, providing students with useful research tools to apply to the ever-changing demands of sustainable design, business, development, and policy-making.

SD 6510
Systems Thinking
3cr.
We are transitioning from the age of design for the part to the age of design for the whole. Systems thinking, languages of design, and product life cycles are integrated and they form the solid foundation for innovative products. This course provides students with the tools required to succeed in today's dynamic market and a world of uncertainty. Actionable theory is absorbed through market-specific projects.

SD 6540
Nature’s Design Rules for Sustainability
3cr.
At a fundamental level, sustainability is working with nature by integrating our activities into natural cycles. In this course students learn how natural systems can inform our design and practice. Weekly assignments cover the principles of design science, the geometry of nature, and ways to put these principles to work.

SD 6560
Ethics-Based Marketing
3cr.
From production methods, business practices, and stakeholder relationships to corporate giving and vendor associations, people are paying attention to who is serving their needs as much as to what they are being sold. More and more, consumers are searching for ethical values in the products and services they are buying. In this course, students discover opportunities for applying ideas based on corporate values as well as how to establish and profit from healthy and long-term stakeholder relationships.

SD 6600
Innovation Tools and Techniques
3cr.
Innovation is applied creativity. Designers need to know personal practice, innovation techniques, and how to implement their ideas. This course teaches all three techniques through a combination of reflection, focused exercise, and the creation of plans. Each week, students learn one technique for idea generation along with one technique for sustainable innovation. Students reflect on their personal practices (e.g., how they reflect sustainability, what their best practices are, and how they can improve) and engage in ongoing dialog with fellow students to learn and critique their practices. The course projects stress multiple approaches to design situations, focusing on the design customer and implementation of ideas.

SD 6610
Biomimetic Design
3cr.
In this course students learn how to abstract functional strategies from nature to apply to the process of innovative design. This project-oriented studio course covers core biological principles, astounds students with the wealth of design solutions available in nature, and provides numerous case studies of innovative designs inspired by natural models. Overall, this course provides powerful metaphors and methods for looking to nature as model, mentor, and measure in our designs.
SD 6700  
**Visual Communications for Sustainability**  
3cr.  
We are increasingly surrounded by data, and information is collected and categorized in the smallest of increments. Data on sustainability is no exception. How do we use and present data in a way that is relevant for consumers? In this course students learn about the growing field of information design and critically evaluate how it relates to communicating sustainability. Customized project-based assignments take students deeper into real-life situations.

SD 6710  
**Design for Community**  
3cr.  
Sustainability is the commonsense notion that long-term prosperity, social equity, and ecological health not only go together but also depend on one another. Making a sustainable way of life requires changes in the design of most everything. In this introduction to sustainability, students look at how to do this within their businesses, considering energy and materials use, how our cities and buildings are constructed, and how we live day to day. Students study sustainability frameworks and patterns in economics and habitation in preparation for critiquing and redesigning organizations and places in their own communities. Design projects, weekly online discussions, essay quizzes, and brief visual presentations make up the course assignments.

SD 6740  
**Design for Global Change**  
3cr.  
Designers, brand leaders, and manufacturers can play a powerful role in effecting change on both local and global levels. Design roles shift when we view design as a tool or opportunity to enrich and add value to people's lives. Designers can use their communication skills and talents not only to create or sell products but also to educate, engage, and inform society through design. Students in this course further explore both past and current discourses on design roles and responsibilities within the context of sustainability, and they work together as a creative team to create and implement a project or campaign that raises awareness and inspires social, global, and environmental change.

SD 6750  
**Creative Leadership**  
3cr.  
Economic, environmental, and ethical crises present leaders with new and complex challenges. Effective, resilient, and agile leaders employ a diversity of skills, experience, and resources to respond to humanity's greatest challenges with creative, innovative, and humane solutions. Students build their capacities to become creative leaders and to work constructively as part of dynamic and collaborative teams through the integration of an ecological perspective for their work, organizations, communities, and the planet.

SD 6810  
**Packaging Sustainability**  
3cr.  
We handle packages every day and they account for a third of our waste stream. Using the format of a product-repositioning study, students in this course examine the core ideas of consumer perception and market triggers, material selection, environmental impact, and long-term strategic thinking. By the end of this course, students are able to maximize a package's appeal while minimizing environmental impact.

SD 7010  
**Graduate Sustainability Practicum**  
3cr.  
This professional practicum provides an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in the evolving field of sustainable design and innovation. The practicum may be arranged by the director of career services, the sustainable design program office, or initiated by students, and all practicums must be preapproved by the sustainable design
For a practicum to be approved, a mentor relationship and learning experience must exist beyond a simple employment opportunity. Three-credit professional practicums require working 120 hours toward the practicum project (can be accomplished remotely) and keeping a journal or blog to document hours, activities, and learning process.

**SD 7020**  
**Graduate Sustainability Thesis Project**  
6cr.  
Course content is the completion of the graduate project in the field of sustainable design and innovation determined by the student and his or her mentor in consultation with the sustainable design program office.

**SD 7030**  
**Global Design Challenge**  
3cr.  
This studio course provides students with the foundation for a cohesive, high-quality e-team learning experience that is grounded in positive collaborations and dynamic problem-solving opportunities. Through student-driven projects, participants move from a design challenge to a design concept. Students work in small, collaborative, and interdisciplinary teams to arrive at novel, accessible, and affordable solutions that address current global human needs and environmental issues in the form of new products, processes, systems, or services.

**SD 7530**  
**Making the Business Case for Sustainability**  
3cr.  
How do market forces shape the way we live, work, and even play? Students in this course look at business through a designer’s eye to understand the interplay between producers and consumers, governments and people, stockholders and stakeholders, man and the environment, and how all of these factors interconnect and ultimately direct how our products, processes, and systems are created. Students gain an understanding of the implications of their decisions, how to identify risk areas, long-term thinking strategies, and best practices for sustainable business models through weekly exercises, special projects, and the creation of a business plan.

**SD 7620**  
**The Practice of Sustainable Design**  
3cr.  
How do we actively design to create truly sustainable results? In this course students examine this question and apply leading-edge practice methods for innovative sustainable and regenerative design solutions. Recommended for novice and veteran designers and innovators alike, this course explores the theoretical frameworks, green standards, and practice techniques used by leading sustainable designers, thinkers, and architects. The design methods applied in this studio course fit any discipline at any scale, from the smallest object to the most complex system. Through studio projects and exercises, students learn to integrate the theory of sustainable design frameworks into their practices (i.e., systems thinking, life-cycle analysis, material health, green standards, eco-labels, supply chain topics, etc.).

**SD 7630**  
**Collaborative Product Design**  
3cr.  
How do we design real products for real companies, benefiting customers, the companies themselves, and the rest of the world? And how do we know they are better? This studio course provides tools for sustainable design innovation and metrics to measure success. Students use creative and analytical skills, generating new ideas and 3D CAD renderings and evaluating designs with screening-level life-cycle assessments and two eco-labeling systems (Cradle to Cradle and EPEAT). Green innovation tools taught include systems thinking, energy effectiveness, lightweighting, design for lifetime (repair, recycling, etc.), material choice, biomimicry, and persuasive design. Some assignments are individual and theoretical, but the bulk of the course is spent working in groups, using tools such as message boards and screen-sharing video chats. Prerequisite: Introduction to Sustainable Design.
Post-Baccalaureate Certificates

Graphic Design Certificate

GD 6405
Design in Context
3cr.
Because the outlines of the profession continually change, the graphic designer must know how to integrate an understanding of visual literacy with broad-based cultural knowledge. This seminar examines the theoretical basis of graphic design, defining basic concepts and vocabulary used within the profession, such as information architecture, pattern-recognition, grids, proportion, rhythm, sequence, and gestalt. In addition, the course explores the contemporary history of graphic design from the mid-nineteenth century to the present, with an emphasis on cross-disciplinary inspiration, varied cultural influences, technological innovation, and expanded applications. Great emphasis is placed on thorough research as an integral part of the ideation process. Throughout the course, weekly exercises and small projects that build on one another provide the student with a comprehensive understanding of the discipline of graphic design.

GD 6410
Print Foundation
3cr.
The production of high-quality printed materials requires the graphic designer to possess a well-developed understanding of prepress requirements and equally well-developed computer skills. This course focuses on the production of print-ready files using Apple hardware, Mac OS X, and the Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, and Acrobat). Students work with the capture, transfer, manipulation, and delivery of images, as well as the production of print-ready electronic files, while learning various aspects of prepress such as color management, bleeds, image resolution, preflighting, proofing methods, and RGB vs. CMYK vs. Pantone usage. Students visit a printing firm to discuss these topics, including technological innovations in the printing industry, further with a print vendor.

GD 6420
Typography Foundation
3cr.
This course covers research, ideation, and application related to branding, publications, systems, signage, mapping, and other information architecture projects. By the end of the class, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in the handling, use, and application of typography.

GD 6425
Projects Studio
3cr.
This class covers the development of research-oriented projects, varying from personal to public audiences, with an emphasis on the ability to logically and thoroughly communicate proposed design solutions to a broad spectrum of audiences. Projects rely on the accumulated skills and knowledge students have obtained and cultivated.
Prerequisite: Enrolled in Post-Baccalaureate Graphic Design Program

GD 6500
Professional Practice Seminar
3cr.
This class offers advanced work in audience research and extensive portfolio preparation with an emphasis on interaction with outside organizations, corporations, and design studios. Students are expected to produce professional, high-quality presentations of their work and accompanying process papers. Prerequisite: Enrolled in Post-Baccalaureate Graphic Design Program
GD 6515
Advanced Projects Studio
3cr.
Student-selected capstone projects, which may vary from mapping to packaging, print to new media, are produced. Each project requires an accompanying high-quality presentation and process paper. The scale of proposed projects and their final articulation are to be developed and executed during the course in consultation with faculty. Prerequisite: Enrolled in Post-Baccalaureate Graphic Design Program

GD 6520
Typography Studio
3cr.
This course covers large-scale projects in branding, publications, signage, mapping, and identity systems and includes work experience with outside professionals to explore real-world needs. Prerequisite: Enrolled in Post-Baccalaureate Graphic Design Program

IDM 6610
Web Development: HTML + CSS
3cr.
In this course students learn how to create visually appealing, well-organized web pages using HTML and CSS, the fundamental languages for creating content and style on the web. The course begins with HTML, and students are introduced to tags, links, lists, tables, forms, web standards (old, new, and evolving), and the foundation of web-page construction. Then, using CSS, students apply style sheets to HTML, using fonts, colors, divs, spans, layout, and positioning to create a well-crafted web page. The course is geared toward the beginning to intermediate web developer or designer.

IDM 6710
Web Design: Principles
3cr.
In this course students are introduced to designing for web and screen. This includes web-specific design fundamentals, best practices, and a review of current web design trends. From ideation to client review, students are guided through each step of the design process, including wireframing, use of design tools, and the preparation of a design for client review. Students complete a final web-design project and continue building and refining their web portfolios. Prerequisites: Web Development: HTML + CSS (may be taken concurrently)

Specialization Courses

GD 6413
Adobe Illustrator Workshop
0cr.
This workshop provides an introduction to Adobe Illustrator along with more advanced drawing techniques and tools. A great deal of emphasis is placed on workflow and how to move seamlessly from Illustrator to the rest of the Adobe Creative Suite, as well as integrating hand-made elements. In addition, students learn when to use Illustrator over InDesign, or InDesign instead of Illustrator.

GD 6511
Portfolio Documentation Workshop
0cr.
This workshop gives students instruction and guidance in the final preparation and documentation of an individual portfolio. The portfolio is a vital self-promotional tool that can aid in job interviews, portfolio reviews, and presentations of personal work for years to come. The portfolio will be a continually expanding representation of your artistic career, and it must exhibit exquisite technical prowess. In this workshop, students refresh the basics of photography, camera, lens, lighting, post-production, and file management techniques. These skills are applied while demonstrating the best practices and techniques of documenting 2D and 3D works of art.
Elective Course

GD 6415
Motion Graphics Foundation
3cr.
This class directs efforts to understand typography as both image and message that can be enhanced through the manipulation of motion, timing, and sound. Students work on broadcast, film, and video-based motion graphics projects, exploring aesthetic possibilities and practical solutions.

Interactive Design and Marketing Certificate

Required Courses

IDM 6510
Collaborative Workflows
3cr.
This course introduces students to an overview of the interactive world by immersing them in current technologies and trends. Aspects of design, development, and marketing converge to illustrate the workflow process of interactive projects. The project management skills covered in this course guide students from the ideation process to project launch. A review of the career paths possible in the field of interactive prepares students for later courses in the program. Students practice using industry standard web communication tools and project management strategies to present their research. The processes established in this course will be used throughout the program.

IDM 6610
Web Development: HTML + CSS
3cr.
In this course students learn how to create visually appealing, well-organized web pages using HTML and CSS, the fundamental languages for creating content and style on the web. The course begins with HTML, and students are introduced to tags, links, lists, tables, forms, web standards (old, new, and evolving), and the foundation of web-page construction. Then, using CSS, students apply style sheets to HTML, using fonts, colors, divs, spans, layout, and positioning to create a well-crafted web page. The course is geared toward the beginning to intermediate web developer or designer.

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IDM 6810
Digital Marketing: Principles
3cr.
In this course, students learn the fundamentals of marketing and how it relates to the design and development process. Students connect the marketing concepts learned in previous courses to the larger concepts of marketing and advertising as a whole. Interactive channels open a new world of connecting with a target market. Marketing concepts of ROI, the marketing mix, and business objectives are blended with new ways of connecting with engaging
target markets. In their final project, students apply skills learned throughout the course by building an interactive marketing plan.

**IDM IN99**  
**Internship/Practicum**  
3cr.  
In today's competitive interactive market, real experience in the field provides students with a significant advantage in starting a career. In this final course, students intern at a company in a related field. Students work with the college and industry companies to acquire a position. Students must have complete resumes and portfolios available for internship interviews. Students also have the option to build interactive projects for nonprofit organizations or to complete practicum projects within their current workplaces. Prerequisite: Completion of at least 21 credits

**Elective Courses**

**GD 6420**  
**Typography Foundation**  
3cr.  
This course covers research, ideation, and application related to branding, publications, systems, signage, mapping, and other information architecture. By the end of the course, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in the handling, use, and application of typography. Prerequisite: Web Development: HTML + CSS

**IDM 6515**  
**Advanced Projects Studio**  
3cr.  
In this course, students submit a proposal for an individualized interactive design or development project to take place over the course of the semester. Working with the program coordinator, the student receives periodic feedback as his or her project progresses. If the project feedback requires specialized expertise, a consultant may be brought in to assess. The student completes a project learning plan, which includes a description of the project, the outcomes to achieve, benchmarks for these outcomes, and how the project should be assessed. Throughout the project, the student reflects on the process of creating interactive applications, incorporating the project and experiences into his or her portfolio. Prerequisite: Project approval by program coordinator

**IDM 6620**  
**Web Development: Javascript + jQuery**  
3cr.  
In this course students expand on HTML and CSS skills by bringing projects to life with JavaScript and JavaScript libraries. These languages are used as the vehicle to add interactive and rich experiences to websites. Topics include: fundamental programming concepts, best practices for interactive development, coding for interactive design, JavaScript, jQuery, AJAX, and related technologies. Prerequisite: Web Development: HTML + CSS

**IDM 6630**  
**Web Development: PHP + Wordpress**  
3cr.  
This course introduces students to server-side/backend web development via PHP and the Wordpress content management system (CMS). Students learn how these tools can be used to create dynamic pages and templates that allow for creating and publishing content without repetitive page development. They are introduced to version control using Git and integrate that into their development workflow. Students learn how to translate design comps and static HTML/CSS mockups into a dynamic site using Wordpress. They customize Wordpress to match their content using page/post templates as well as custom fields and content types, and they demonstrate skills learned in Web Development 1 within the context of a CMS. Prerequisite: Web Development: HTML + CSS
IDM 6660
Responsive Design
3cr.
Build your website to work with multiple devices and screen sizes: laptops, tablets, and smartphones. In Responsive Design, students learn the principles of Mobile First design and progressive enhancement, ultimately building their own quality multiplatform experience regardless of screen size. Topics include: CSS3 media queries, flexible grids and elements, touchscreen versus cursor, and jQuery Mobile. Prerequisite: Web Development: HTML + CSS

IDM 6720
Web Design: Branding + Systems Design
3cr.
This course builds on the design fundamentals, and tools covered in Web Design: Principles and Collaborative Workflows. Students are introduced to branding for the web, motion design, designing for applications and content management. Students also design for multiple platforms, emphasizing the constant state of change in the interactive field. A final design project incorporates these feature-rich interactive elements into a formal specification ready for programming. Prerequisites: Web Design: Principles, Web Development: HTML + CSS

IDM 6730
Experimental Interaction
3cr.
This course introduces users to design options outside of the web space. As interactive concepts move beyond the computer and into everyday experiences, technology allows us to engage and interact with users in ways never imagined. Possibilities include data visualization, native applications, generative art, and 3D. Students learn how to weave interactivity with visualization through a variety of media. Using design fundamentals covered in earlier design courses, students work through the ideation process, designing a final project using one of the technologies learned in the course as a final project. Prerequisite: Web Design: Principles

IDM 6760
User Experience Design
3cr.
Have you ever used a website or app that makes it hard to do what you want? This course explores the UX Design process and leverages it to bridge the gap between functionality and aesthetics, creating a better experience for users. Guided by user-centered design processes, students design visual and experiential systems for web and mobile apps that are shaped by such things as stakeholder interviews, requirement gathering, usability testing, competitor benchmarking, and analytics. In the process, visuals such as task maps, customer experience maps, user journeys, personas, wireframing, quick sketches, and prototypes are developed to communicate and generate ideas. Prerequisites: Web Design: Principles, Web Development: HTML + CSS

IDM 6820
Digital Marketing: Research and Analytics
3cr.
This course allows students to extend the interactive marketing principles learned in Digital Marketing: Principles by integrating them with an overall marketing strategy. An analysis of traditional media channels, interactive media channels, and their interaction introduces students to the comprehensive marketing of tomorrow. Students apply critical-thinking skills to incorporate interactive experiences into broader marketing efforts by completing comprehensive marketing plans, weaving traditional and interactive marketing strategies together. Prerequisite: Digital Marketing: Principles