

Certificate

Design Communication Arts

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

Total Units: 48-52

There are 48 total required units if taking the Design Software Boot Camp, or 52 total required units if taking Photoshop I, Illustrator I, and InDesign as individual courses. Students choose two electives.

A quarterly course planning guide for full-time certificate candidates, including international students, may be found on page 2.

May be completed 100% online.

Start any quarter!

Required: Design Toolkit

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

Typically Offered*

COURSE NAME & NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Photoshop I DESMA X 481.11	4.0	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online	Online
Illustrator I DESMA X 481.47	4.0	In Person Online	Online	In Person Online	Online
InDesign DESMA X 481.99Z	4.0	Online	Online	Online	In Person
- or -					
Design Software Intensive Boot Camp DESMA X 481.60	8.0	In Person	Online	In Person	Online

Required: Core Design Concepts

Color Methodologies and Typography should be taken in the 1st or 2nd quarter. Portfolio should be taken in your final quarter.

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

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FOR FULL-TIME CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

Quarterly Course Planning Guide

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

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

Electives

Choose Two (2) Courses

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COURSE NAME & NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Advanced Typography DESMA X 479.4B	4.0		Online		Online
Advertising Design DESMA X 479.6D	4.0	Online			In Person
Design Thinking DESMA X 481.55	4.0		Online		Online
Entertainment Design DESMA X 479.6BB	4.0			In Person	
Graphic Design Career Launch Pad DESMA X 479.3AB	4.0		In Person		
Graphic Design for the Digital Media DESMA X 481.4AA	4.0		In Person		
Illustrator II DESMA X 479.47AA	4.0	Online		Online	
Internship DESMA X 479.7F	4.0	Internship	Internship	Internship	Internship
Introduction to Web3--Digital Experiences, NFTs (Non-Fungible Tokens) & Smart Contracts DESMA X 481.62	4.0	Online		Online	
Mentorship DESMA X 482.14	4.0	Mentorship	Mentorship	Mentorship	Mentorship
Motion Graphics I DESMA X 481.99QT	4.0	In Person		In Person	
Motion Graphics II DESMA X 481.99QU	4.0		In Person		In Person
Package Design DESMA X 479.6C	4.0	In Person			
Photoshop II DESMA X 481.43	4.0		Online		
Publication Design DESMA X 479.4D	4.0			In Person	

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Special Topics: Design Entrepreneurship DESMA X 479.8B	4.0		In Person		
Surface Design for Consumer Products DESMA X 479.9D	4.0		In Person		
Talking with Impact DESMA X 479.3A	4.0		In Person		
Web Design I: HTML, CSS and JavaScript DESMA X 481.24B	4.0			Online	
WordPress Theme Development: Deploy Professional Websites as a Front-End Developer DESMA X 481.22C	4.0	Online		Online	

Additional Electives

The following courses may also be taken for elective credit.

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COURSE NAME & NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
XR World Building I DESMA X 480.11	4.0	Online	Online	Online	Online
XR Experience Design I DESMA X 480.22	4.0	Online	Online	Online	Online
XR World Building II DESMA X 482.11	4.0	Online	Online	Online	Online
XR Experience Design II DESMA X 481.22	4.0	Online	Online	Online	Online
Unity I: 3D Game Design and Game Engines DESMA X 479.7K	4.0	In Person		In Person	
XR Business and Project Management DESMA X 481.12	4.0	Online	Online	Online	Online
Blender for Web3D World Building DESMA X 485.67	4.0	Online	Online	Online	Online
User Experience I: Survey DESMA X 481.99AF	4.0	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online
User Experience II: Iteration DESMA X 479.8K	4.0	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online
User Experience III: Applied DESMA X 489.5F	4.0	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online
User Experience IV: Capstone DESMA X 499C	4.0	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online
User Experience Research DESMA X 489.5G	4.0		Online		Online
User Experience Software DESMA X 481.99FG	4.0	Online	Online	Online	Online
Environmental Portraiture ART X 428	4.0		In Person		
Lighting I ART X 440.22	4.0	In Person	In Person	In Person	In Person
Photography I ART X 438.9	4.0	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online
Photography II ART X 439.90	4.0	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online	In Person Online
Chinese Brush Painting ART X 430	4.0	In Person	In Person	In Person	

Please Note:

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

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