

GRAPHIC DESIGN (M.F.A.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2023 through summer 2024. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
Choose 30 credit hours of the following:		30
ARTS 501	Character Design	
ARTS 502	Sequential Art	
ARTS 524	Advanced Typography	
ARTS 532	Vector Illustration	
ARTS 540	Publication Design	
ARTS 542	Digital Imaging	
ARTS 561	Digital Photography	
ARTS 571	Advanced Graphic Design	
ARTS 573	3D Graphics	
ARTS 574	Interactive Game Design	
ARTS 578	Interactive Design	
ARTS 580	Interactive Publication	
ARTS 597	Special Topics ¹	
ARTS 600	Web and New Media	
ARTS 604	Visualization Illustration	
ARTS 661	Advanced Digital Photography	
ARTS 695	Directed Research ¹	
ARTS 697	Special Topics	
ARTS 700	The Photography Studio ¹	
ARTS 797	Special Topics ¹	
Total Hours		30

¹ Course offered in residential format only

Code	Title	Hours
Art History & Theory Courses		
ARTS 515	Issues in Contemporary Art	3
Choose six credit hours of the following:		6
ARTS 503	Advanced Studies in Baroque Art	
ARTS 504	Advanced Studies in Medieval Art	
ARTS 506	Advanced Studies in Arts of East Asia ¹	
ARTS 507	Advanced Studies in Arts in Latin America ¹	
ARTS 508	Advanced Studies in Italian and Northern Renaissance Art ¹	
ARTS 603	History of Graphic Design	
Total Hours		9

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Code	Title	Hours
Field Experience Courses		
Choose six credit hours of the following:		6
ARTS 596	Teaching Art in Higher Education ¹	

Code	Title	Hours
ARTS 598	Practicum ²	
ARTS 599	Internship	
ARTS 698	Practicum	
ARTS 699	Internship	
Total Hours		6

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² ARTS 598 Practicum (3 c.h.) may only be repeated once

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Courses		
Choose three 500-700 level ARTS electives not already applying to the degree		9
Total Hours		9

Code	Title	Hours
Thesis & Project Courses		
ARTS 780	Art and Design Research Methodologies	3
ARTS 790	Thesis/Portfolio Project ¹	3
Total Hours		6

¹ Any student who is not ready for enrollment in ARTS 790 Thesis/Portfolio Project (1-6 c.h.) after completing ARTS 780 Art and Design Research Methodologies (3 c.h.) may be required, as determined by the student's thesis or portfolio chair, to take ARTS 789 Thesis/Portfolio Research (3 c.h.) Thesis/Portfolio Research, and may be required to repeat ARTS 789 Thesis/Portfolio Research (3 c.h.) until deemed ready for enrollment in ARTS 790 Thesis/Portfolio Project (1-6 c.h.)

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Successful completion of the Oral Examination
- Thesis/Portfolio Artifact & Exhibit required
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Resident & Online Format