

Academic Learning Compact

Degree Program: Graphic Design (BS) (CIP Code 50.0409)

Intended Program Student Learning		Direct and Indirect Measures	
Outcomes	Academic Learning Compact(s)	Direct Method of	Indirect Method of
Outcomes		Assessment	Assessment
Describe, create and respond	Communication	Direct - Grading	
with communication solutions		with Criteria or	
targeting audiences and		Rubric	
contexts, by recognizing the		Direct - Pre and	
human factors that determine		Post-Tests	
design decisions.			
Demonstrate skills of problem	Critical Thinking	Direct - Grading	
identification, research and		with Criteria or	
information gathering, analysis,		Rubric	
generation of alternative		Direct - Pre and	
solutions, prototyping, user		Post-Tests	
testing, integration of feedback			

and the evaluation of outcomes.		
Understand the principles of information hierarchy, visual organization, symbolic representation, typography, aesthetics, and the construction of original meaningful forms.	Discipline Specific Knowledge	Direct - Grading with Criteria or Rubric Direct - Pre and Post-Tests
Understand business best practices and trade ethics related to graphic arts, including the ability to organize design projects and to work productively in OPC (Owner, Professional, Contractor) collaborative relationships, implementing and evaluating projects.	Discipline Specific Knowledge	Direct - Grading with Criteria or Rubric Direct - Pre and Post-Tests
Understand tools and technology, including their roles in the creation, reproduction, and distribution of visual messages. Relevant tools and technologies include drawing, offset printing, photography, and time-based and interactive media.	Discipline Specific Knowledge	Direct - Exam (Item Analysis) Direct - Grading with Criteria or Rubric Direct - Pre and Post-Tests
Be able both to determine the mode(s) of production required and demonstrate level-	Discipline Specific Knowledge	Direct - Exam (Item Analysis)

appropriate mastery of skills necessary to achieve end product. Apply and present design principles of color, composition, hierarchy, typography as they relate in the various media, digital, print, motion, 3-D, etc		Direct - Grading with Criteria or Rubric Direct - Pre and Post-Tests	
Recognize, understand, demonstrate, and apply social and cultural aesthetic principles from design history, theory, and criticism from varied perspectives, art history, linguistics, communication, information theory, and technology.	Discipline Specific Knowledge	Direct - Grading with Criteria or Rubric Direct - Portfolio Evaluation	Indirect - Exit Survey