Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design
The MFA in Graphic Design is recognized as the terminal degree in the field and requires a minimum of 64-credits. M.F.A. graduates in Graphic Design are skilled in communication design, problem solving, and are adept in the use of visual language, symbology, and interaction. Graduates are proficient in the design of communications and the use of technologies that incorporate human interaction with environments, objects, and electronic and traditional publications. Students and faculty work collaboratively on a required thesis; integrating theory, creation, research, and design problem solving.

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# Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

**Suggested Three-Year Course Sequence**

## Year One

### Fall
- ArtGr 510 Seminar: Graphic Design Theory: 3cr*
- ArtGr 511 Studio: Graphic Design Graduate Studio I: 3cr*
- ArtGr 512 Studio: Audience & Perception: 3cr*
- ArtGr 531 Seminar: Thesis Preparation: 1cr*
- Art H 501 Seminar: 3cr (odd numbered years)

ArtGr 587 Graphic Design History I: 3cr (May be required of some applicants)

### Spring
- ArtGr 520 Seminar: Design & Cultural Semiotics: 3cr*
- ArtGr 521 Studio: Graphic Design Graduate Studio II: 3cr*
- ArtGr 522 Studio: Critical Media: 3cr*
- Art History or other College of Design History Course: 3cr

ArtGr 588 Graphic Design History II: 3cr (May be required of some applicants)

### Summer (Optional)
- ArtGr 697: Internship: 3cr (May be required of some applicants)

## Year Two

### Fall
- ArtGr 530 (ArtGr 672A) Studio: User Engagement: 3cr*
- ArtGr 513 Seminar: Design Research Methods (or ArtID 660, IndD 631): 3cr
- Art H 501 Seminar: 3cr (odd numbered years)
- Elective Focus Area: 3cr
- Preparing Future Faculty (PFF): 1cr

### Spring
- ArtGr 540 (ArtGr 672B) Studio: Design for Behavioral Change: 3cr*
- ArtGr 610 Studio: Thesis Preparation Studio: 3cr*
- ArtGr 611: every other Spring: Teaching in Higher Education & Design Practice —or— Preparing Future Faculty (PFF): 3cr —or— Elective Focus Area: 3cr
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### Summer (Optional)
- ArtGr 699: Thesis: 3cr

## Year Three

### Fall
- ArtGr 620 Studio: Graduate Thesis Studio I: 3cr*
- Seminar in CoD such as ArtID 551A: 3cr
- Elective Focus Area: 3cr

### Spring
- ArtGr 630 Studio: Graduate Thesis Studio II: 3cr*
- ArtGr 699: Thesis: 3cr
- Art History or other College of Design History Course: 3cr

* = Required Sequence
# Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

*Suggested Two-Year Course Sequence (Optional, Full Admits Only)*

## Year One

### Fall
- **ArtGr 510 Seminar**: Graphic Design Theory : 3cr*
- **ArtGr 511 Studio**: Graphic Design Graduate Studio I : 3cr*
- **ArtGr 512 Studio**: Audience & Perception : 3cr*
- **ArtGr 513 Seminar**: Design Research Methods (or ArtID 660, IndD 631) : 3cr*
- **ArtGr 531 Seminar**: Thesis Preparation : 1cr*
- **Art H 501 Seminar**: 3cr (odd numbered years)

**13-16 Credits**

### Spring
- **ArtGr 520 Seminar**: Design & Cultural Semiotics : 3cr*
- **ArtGr 521 Studio**: Graphic Design Graduate Studio II : 3cr*
- **ArtGr 522 Studio**: Critical Media : 3cr*
- **ArtGr 610 Studio**: Thesis Preparation Studio : 3cr*
- Elective Focus Area : 3cr
- **Art History or other College of Design History Course**: 3cr

**18 Credits**

### Summer (Optional)
- **ArtGr 697**: Internship : 3cr
- **ArtGr 699**: Thesis : 3cr

**0-6 Credits**

## Year Two

### Fall
- **ArtGr 530 Studio**: User Engagement : 3cr
- **ArtGr 620 Studio**: Graduate Thesis Studio I : 3cr*
- **Art History or other College of Design History Course**: 3cr
- **Seminar in CoD such as ArtID 551A**: 3cr
- Elective Focus Area : 3cr — or — Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) : 1cr
- **Art H 501 Seminar**: 3cr (odd numbered years)

**15-18 Credits**

### Spring
- **ArtGr 540 Studio**: Design for Behavioral Change : 3cr
- **ArtGr 630 Studio**: Graduate Thesis Studio II : 3cr*
- **ArtGr 699**: Thesis : 3cr
- Elective Focus Area : 3cr — or — **ArtGr 611**: every other Spring : Teaching in Higher Education & Design Practice or Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) : 3cr

**15 Credits**

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