

GRAPHIC DESIGN, ONE-YEAR GENERAL CERTIFICATE

Curriculum Code #4104

Effective May 2026

Division of Arts and Humanities (<http://catalog.lorainccc.edu/academic-programs/arts-humanities/>)

The one-year certification in Graphic Design from the Department of Visual Arts signifies the successful completion of select courses in art, design, and digital art. This certificate prepares students for various professional contexts, including graphic design, packaging design, multimedia design, web design, editorial design, and user interface design. Graduates are equipped for employment in graphic design or further studies in art, design, or web development. This certification is also ideal for individuals with professional experience looking to enhance their skill set. Lorain County Community College has articulation agreements with various colleges and universities, including programs offered through its University Partnership. National Association of Schools of Art and Design plan approval is expected in 2024.

Preferred Sequence

Semester I		Hours
ARTS 161	DRAWING I	3
ARTS 165	TWO-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN	3
ARTS 176	GRAPHIC DESIGN I	3
ENGL 161	COLLEGE COMPOSITION I	3
SDEV 101	INTRODUCTION TO THE LCCC COMMUNITY ³	1
Select one of the following:		3
ARTS 266	HISTORY OF GRAPHIC DESIGN	
ARTS 280	COMPUTER PROGRAMMING FOR ARTISTS ⁴	
Hours		16
Semester II		
ARTS 277G	TYPOGRAPHY ²	3
ARTS 262	GRAPHIC DESIGN II	3
ARTS 168	DESIGN THINKING I	4
Select one of the following:		3
BADM 155	INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ⁴	
ENTR 200	ENTREPRENEURSHIP	
Select one of the following:		3
ARTS 151	PHOTOGRAPHY I	
ARTS 263	GRAPHIC DESIGN III ²	
ARTS 271	DIGITAL IMAGING ^{1,4}	
ARTS 274	WEB DESIGN I ²	
Hours		16
Total Hours		32

¹ Indicates that this course requires a prerequisite or may be taken concurrently.

² Indicates that this course requires a college level prerequisite.

³ A student must register for the orientation course when enrolling for more than six credit hours per semester or any course that would result in an accumulation of 12 or more credit hours.

⁴ Students transferring to Kent State University Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communication Design program should take this course.

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For information about admissions, enrollment, transfer, graduation and other general questions, please contact your advising team (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/admissions-and-enrollment/advising-and-counseling/>).

More program information can be found on our website.
(<https://www.lorainccc.edu/liberal-and-creative-arts/digital-arts/graphic-design/>)

Credit for Prior Learning (PLA) options may be available for your program. For more information, please visit our website: www.lorainccc.edu/PLA (<http://www.lorainccc.edu/PLA>)

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Defend choices and aesthetic judgements in own work.
2. Provide thoughtful analysis of the work of others.
3. Create visual solutions to problems presented.
4. Apply graphic design principles through client influenced interaction to develop, design and implement a print and/or digital media product.