Graphic Arts (Certificate of Technical Studies)

The Certificate of Technical Studies in Graphic Arts prepares students for work in the field of visual communication. Students who earn the certificate will also have a foundation of completed coursework for continued study toward an associate or bachelor degree. To receive this Certificate of Technical Studies in Graphic Studies, the student must complete the following program of study.

To receive this certificate, the student must:
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better in all credit hours to be used towards the degree.
- Earn a "C" or better in all courses that are prerequisites for other courses.
- Complete the coursework listed below.

Program Outcomes. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:
1. Demonstrate effective craftspersonship, creative problem solving, and critical thinking techniques by producing quality digital art projects.
2. Develop personal aesthetic and technical proficiency within the context of contemporary visual communication using professional-level design software.
3. Acquire practical and technical job skills necessary to secure entry-level employment in a graphic design field.
4. Develop professional application skills required to secure employment including a portfolio, curriculum vitae, and interviewing skills.

Program of Study

First Semester		Credit Hours
ARTS-Lecture	Any ARTS lecture elective (see below)	3
ARTS 1113	Introduction to Two-Dimensional Design	3
ARTS 1153	Introduction to Digital Photography	3
ARTS 2003	Digital Art	3
ARTS or ETEC or CSCI	Any Certificate Elective (see below)	3
	Semester Credit Hours	15

Second Semester		Credit Hours
ARTS 2203	Beginning Drawing	3
ARTS 2313	Introduction to Graphic Design	3
ARTS or ETEC or CSCI	Any Certificate Elective (see below)	3
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	Semester Credit Hours	15

	Total Program Credit Hours:	**30**

ARTS Lecture Electives
ARTS 1003 Non-Western Art
ARTS 1023 Introduction to Visual Arts
ARTS 2103 Art History I

ARTS 2113 Art History II

Certificate Electives
ARTS 1003 Non-Western Art
ARTS 2103 Art History I
ARTS 2113 Art History II
ARTS 2023 Relief Printmaking
ARTS 2123 Silkscreen Printmaking
ARTS 2323 Intermediate Graphic Design
ARTS 2333 Typography
CSCI 1923 Introduction to Computers: Programming Logic and Design
CSCI 1933 Software Design and Programming Logic I
CSCI 1943 Software Design and Programming Logic II
CSCI 1953 Society and Ethics in Computing
CSCI 1973 Emerging Technology
ETEC 2513 Web Development I
ETEC 2523 Web Development II

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