

DESIGN & MEDIA STUDIES (A.A.) +

CCV's Design & Media Studies program allows students to combine their skills in creativity, communication, design, and technology to find employment in the broad area of arts and media. All students will get a firm grounding in visual and verbal communication, design software, drawing, and the creation of a professional portfolio. Students will expand on this foundation with design & media elective choices that prepare them for further education and career opportunities.

All associate degrees include completion of general education requirements which, together with program requirements, constitute a minimum of 60 credits. In some cases program requirements also fulfill general education requirements. You may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements. Students in the Design & Media Studies degree program may choose to pursue one or more of the following certificates while obtaining their degree: digital marketing, digital media production, graphic design, content creation and digital media, or studio art.

General Education

Complete at least one course in each of the following:

- First Semester Seminar
INT 1050 - Dimensions of Self & Society
- Introductory Written Expression – VSCS
ENG 1061 - English Composition
- Digital and Computing Literacy – VSCS
ART 1210 - Introduction to Adobe Creative Cloud
- Mathematics - VSCS

- Natural Science - VSCS

- Social Science - VSCS

- Arts & Aesthetics - VSCS
COM 1045 - Introduction to Visual Communication
- Humanistic Perspectives - VSCS

- Communication
Meets graduation standard in oral communication
COM 1180 - Storytelling through Media
- Research & Writing Intensive

- HUM 2010 - Seminar in Educational Inquiry
Meets graduation standard in writing and information literacy
- Quantitative Reasoning Assessment
Meets graduation standard in quantitative reasoning

**You may use a course to meet both a program requirement and a general education requirement; however, you may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements.*

Minimum Total Credits in Degree: 60

Program Requirements

Courses are listed in the order in which we recommend you take them.

- COM 1045 - Introduction to Visual Communication*
- ART 1210 - Introduction to Adobe Creative Cloud*
- ART 1011 - Drawing I or ART 1060 - Two-Dimensional Design
- COM 1180 - Storytelling through Media*
- ART 2170 - Portfolio & Project Development

Design & Media Electives

Choose at least 15 credits from any:

- ART (Art), ARH (Art History), FLM (Film)
- or:
- BUS 1115 - Initiating and Managing Entrepreneurial Growth
 - BUS 1117 - Law for Entrepreneurs
 - BUS 1119 - Finance for Entrepreneurs
 - BUS 1125 - Startup 802: An Entrepreneurial Mindset
 - BUS 1135 - Introduction to Digital Marketing
 - BUS 2245 - Search Engine Marketing & Optimization
 - CIS 1151 - Website Development
 - CIS 1152 - Advanced Web Development
 - CIS 1170 - Introduction to Web Analytics
 - COM 1070 - Social Media & Communication
 - ENG 2145 - Writing for Multimedia
 - MUS 2160 - Music and Audio Recording

Electives: 6 credits _____

+ This program can be completed fully online.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the Design & Media Studies program will be able to:

- demonstrate fluency with technical, conceptual, and formal visual problem-solving skills through the creation of art, design, and/or media projects;
- demonstrate effective use of digital technologies to create art, design, and/or media projects that incorporate design thinking, visual storytelling, and interactive communications;
- curate a professional portfolio of selected finished works that effectively communicates readiness for employment or further education;
- demonstrate academic knowledge required of all CCV graduates, including competency in writing, information literacy, oral communication, and quantitative reasoning; and
- explore pathways and demonstrate preparedness for educational and career development in the student's field of study.

The Design & Media Studies program is great for you if:

- you want to turn your passion for art, design, technology and communications into a career;
- you enjoy using art, text and images to communicate visual messages;
- you are preparing for a career in advertising, publications, marketing, or media;
- you are preparing for a career in visual arts, art education, art therapy, or technology for teaching & learning.

Key information and advice for students in the Design & Media Studies program:

- Many of the courses in this program are widely available online and throughout the state and are often taught by professionals in the field.
- Transfer agreements make it possible to transfer easily to a number of four-year colleges.
- The degree provides practical experience with industry-standard computer graphic software.
- Students will learn foundational drawing, design, and technical skills that will help them to create visual solutions for their personal vision and/or potential clients.
- The required Portfolio & Project Development course provides practical experience and can be a stepping stone to employment in the field.
- The student will create a portfolio of work that can support application into a bachelor's degree program or direct employment.
- The associate degree in Design and Media Studies is the perfect balance of liberal arts courses and workplace preparation that will allow students to further their education in a four-year program or join the workforce at an entry level.
- The Vermont State Colleges System's (VSCS) Direct Admissions program gives CCV students guaranteed transfer admission to all VSCS schools, saving them time and money. Visit ccv.edu/transfer for more information.

The Design & Media Studies program prepares you for careers such as:

- Graphic designer for newspaper, advertising, publishing firm or department.
- Multimedia Designer at a communications agency
- Web Publisher
- Multimedia Educational Specialist
- Illustrator for Periodicals and Newspapers
- Gallery Worker

For up-to-date Vermont labor market information, including salary information and growth projections, view the Economic and Labor Market Information on the Vermont Department of Labor Website <http://www.vtلمي.info/>.

DESIGN AND MEDIA STUDIES (A.A.) -- CREATE A FOCUS AREA

The Design & Media Studies (A.A.) program provides flexibility to explore and creatively craft your degree. The 15 credits of Design & Media electives allow you to customize your degree to meet your career goals and/or prepare for transfer to a bachelor degree. You can choose electives to focus on a specific area such as Digital Media Production, Graphic Design, Content Creation, or Studio Art.

Recommended courses for Design & Media Studies focus areas:

Digital Media Production	Graphic Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLM 2050 - Introduction to Film Study • FLM 1050 - Digital Filmmaking I • ART 2090 - Motion Graphics • FLM 2060 - Digital Filmmaking II • FLM 1070 - Audio for Film and Visual Media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART 1310 - Digital Photography I • ART 1111 - Graphic Design I • ART 1112 - Graphic Design II • ART 1350 - Typography <p>also consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An art history course or ART 2090 - Motion Graphics
Content Creation	Studio Art
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COM 1070 - Social Media & Communication • BUS 1135 - Introduction to Digital Marketing • COM 2180 - Content Creation for Social Media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART 1170 - Foundations of Sculpture or ART 1231 Ceramics I • ART 2211 - Painting I • Art History or Art Appreciation Course • 2nd level Studio Art Electives